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Thank you from Sam and Linda: We had a Wonderful Time with Special Friends!

We always say it, but this year's Holiday Reception was the best ever and we think had the most BBMRA members, their families and friends. This has become a big highlight of our Christmas/Holiday season and we are honored to be able to host you.

It also provides cover for the special purchases I make around this time of the year, including two Christmas train sets from Lionel and MTH a few weeks ago.

Sam

*** BBMRA Meetings ***

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Happy Holidays from BBMRA President Andy Zimmerman, Vice President Paul Schnieder, Treasurer Drew Hackmeyer, Secretary Ed Schroeder and the rest of the club board – N Scale Coordinator Garth Easton, HO Coordinator Art Wilson and Large Scale Coordinator Sam Miller.

Special Holiday Modeling Railroad Events Planned for December

Woodgate Lionel Trains Thursday, December 15, 6 to 8 p.m.

Sam Miller operates his Lionel Christmas layout for fellow residents of the Woodgate Neighborhood each year in conjunction with the opening night of Woodgate's Luminaries and Elf Night at nearby Dorothy Oven Park. This year it is Thursday, December 15, from 6 to 8 p.m. Another chance if you missed the holiday reception.

Lionel Christmas Layout, MOSH, Jacksonville

Toy Train Collectors of Jacksonville operates a wonderful Lionel Christmas Layout December 19 through January 7 at the Museum of Science and History in Jacksonville. The museum is on the Southbank Riverwalk, 1025 Museum Cir, Jacksonville, 32207. (904, 396-6674). The layout runs during total museum hours, which are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.

From Chuck Bryner, Jacksonville TCA president. "We have been at MOSH during the holidays for four years now. This year's layout will have either six or seven O gauge trains running on separate loops. Last year's layout and this will be the same size at 22 by 38 feet."

BBMRA's Large Scale Division will organize a trip to Jacksonville Wednesday, January 4, if there is sufficient interest. Contact Sam Miller at smiller@flains.org

West Florida/East Alabama Holiday Model Trains

West Florida Railroad Museum, Milton. Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., until New Year's. Annual Lionel Christmas, which entails Christmas decorations along with some extra O gauge trains in the Freight House.

Wales West in Silverhill AL will have Christmas theme train rides, sometimes with Santa. <https://www.waleswest.com/> is their website with much better detailed info.

Foley RR Museum has special activities: <http://www.foleyrailroadmuseum.com/>

A Large G Gauge train is part of **the Niceville Christmas Lights Display**, in the old Kmart building in Niceville. 6 to 9 p.m. each night through December 27. See <http://thenicevillechristmaslady.com/> for details and pictures.

Veterans Memorial RR "Polar Bear Express"

Celebrate the Winter Holiday Season with the Polar Bear Express at Veterans Memorial Railroad in Bristol through December 23. Many of the trains will be powered by VMRR's two-foot gauge Crown Live Steam Locomotive. The Crown will be running Friday through Sunday, December 16-18; and Thursday and Friday, December 22-23. Diesel trains will be running Friday & Saturday, December 16-17; and Thursday and Friday, December 22-23.

Fast Track tickets are available online at: <http://www.VeteransMemorialRailroad.org>. For additional information, go to the Internet site or call: (850) 643-6646. VMRR is located at Veterans Memorial Park, 10561 NW Theo Jacobs Way, Bristol, FL 32321. Although pretty far west of here, it remains in Eastern Standard Time.

Christmas and Trains – as Good as Egg Nog and Bourbon!



Doug Gyuricsko's tree, with antique bubble lights and, of course, Lionel trains at the base



From Bill Reschke in Donalsonville, GA

Jack Herzog's Lionel & Marx Christmas Village



From Jack Herzog.



From Mike Sassard in California.



From Sam Miller & Linda Medlin

BBMRA Important Events for 2016/2017!!

BBMRA Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of each month, 7:30 p.m., Old Antique Car Museum, 3550 Mahan Drive.

Lionel Interest Group Operating Sessions: These resume Sunday, January 1, with the special added feature of bowl games on the garage TV. Sam Miller's house in Woodgate. Call 459-3012 or more information.

December 2016: Polar Bear Express, Veterans Memorial Railroad, Bristol. Non-steam trains, December 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23. Steam trains December 16, 17, 22, 23. 7p to 10p, \$8 admission for diesel trains and \$12 for the steam train. Children 2 and under are free at all times. Twenty-five minute ride around the park from Tom Keenan Station.

December 17-18: 16th Tampa Model Train Show, Florida State Fairgrounds, Tampa.

January 10, 11, 2017: 50th Florida Railfair & Train Show & Sale, Volusia County Fairgrounds, 3150 East New York Avenue., Deland, FL, 32724. Saturday, 9am to 4pm, Sunday, 10am to 3:30pm. Admission is \$8.

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January 28, 2017, 34th Annual Children's Day, Museum of Florida History, Tallahassee, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. BBMRA set-ups, including the Time Saver, and Thomas the Tank Engine and Large Scale's Disney II.

February 4-5, 2017: The Villages Spring Train Expo, Savannah Center, 1545 Buena Vista Blvd., The Villages, FL 32162. Saturday, 9am to 4pm, Sunday, 10am to 3pm.

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June 24, 2017: BBMRA's 26th Annual Model Railroad Show & Sale, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., again at the North Florida Fairgrounds in Tallahassee. Setup will be the day before, Friday, June 23.

July 30-August 6, 2017: NMRA International Convention, Orlando; The Rosen Plaza Hotel, International Drive, Orlando, NMRA National/International convention.

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