



The LANTERN

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NEXT MEETING

Jan 20, 2004

Myers Park

Sam Miller's Christmas Open House: On behalf of the BBMRA, I would like to thank Sam and Linda for opening their home and for their hospitality last December 12th for their Christmas Open House. A lot of people showed up to look at Sam's layout decorated for the Christmas season. There was plenty of food and drinks and a good time was had by all.

2004 Elections: Elections will be held during the BBMRA's January Annual Business meeting. The nomination slate is as follows: President - Evan Hughes; Vice-President - Jeremy Shaw; Treasurer - John Sullenberger; Secretary - Larry Benson. The N, HO and Large Scale Divisions will elect their respective Coordinators during the January meeting.

Nominations for the above listed positions can be made at any time from now until the elections are held. You may place your own name in nomination or have another BBMRA member place your name in nomination for you. Nominations and elections for the Division Coordinators will only be taken during the January 2004 Division meetings.

2004 Membership Dues are due: Membership dues are now due for the BBMRA's 2004 fiscal year. Dues for returning members are \$20. Families are included in the \$20. Dues must be paid by March 31st to remain on the 2004 roster.

If you have any questions, please contact me (John Sullenberger) at 562-5137 (h) or 410-8425 (w) or via e-mail at sullyjws@aol.com. I have voice mail on both phone lines, so please leave a message if I'm not in.

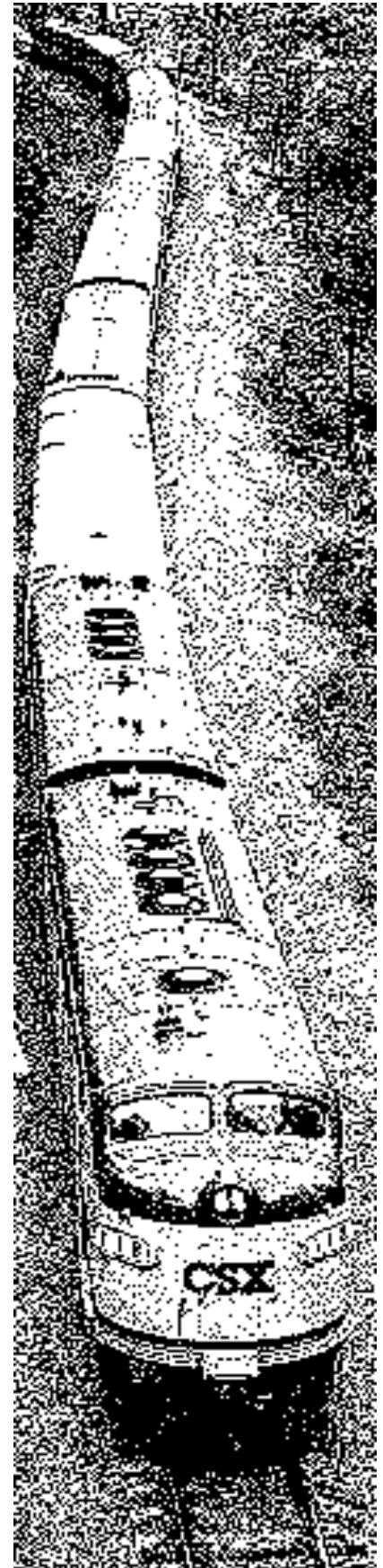
Museum of Florida History's "Children's Day" Festival: The Museum of Florida History is sponsoring their "Children's Day" Festival on Saturday, January 31, 2004 and the BBMRA's "traveling show" has been invited back. The HO Division volunteered to set up and run a smaller version of its layout (just the four corners). Set up in the first floor lobby will commence at 9 am Saturday morning and tear down will commence at 4 pm. The Festival is scheduled to run from 11 am to 4 pm. A decision on whether to bring the "Time-Saver" will be made at the January meeting.

If you would like to volunteer to help set up, operate the layout or tear down, please contact me (John Sullenberger) at 562-5137 (h) or 410-8425 (w). I have voice mail on both lines, so please leave a message if I'm not in.

Official Notification of Proposed Bylaw Changes- submitted by Evan Hughes:

At the beginning of the January meeting the members will be asked to vote on several bylaw changes to do two things. The first will provide that "The Lantern" and other publications could be sent by e-mail. The current bylaws only provide for printed media and mail. Second, the bylaws provide that Directors for the Board be elected at large by the membership and the BBMRA has not done this in the last few years. The proposed amendment would change the bylaws to follow our current practice of electing the Directors from the three divisions. The officers would still be elected at large by the total membership.

PDF Lanterns: The BBMRA is looking to "computerize" the newsletter as much as possible. We are going to try and e-mail it to those members with computers using Adobe Acrobat in a PDF format. With that in mind, rosters will be placed on the tables at Myers Park for members to validate all of their data (especially their e-mail addresses) on the roster. Changes are to be made on the roster as needed.



2004 TALLAHASSEE MODEL RAILROAD SHOW & SALE

PRESENTED BY
THE BIG BEND MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION, INC.

Saturday, July 31, 2004

10 AM to 5 PM

**Location : North Florida Fairgrounds, Building #2
441 Paul Russeell Rd, Tallahassee, Florida 32301**

FEATURING :

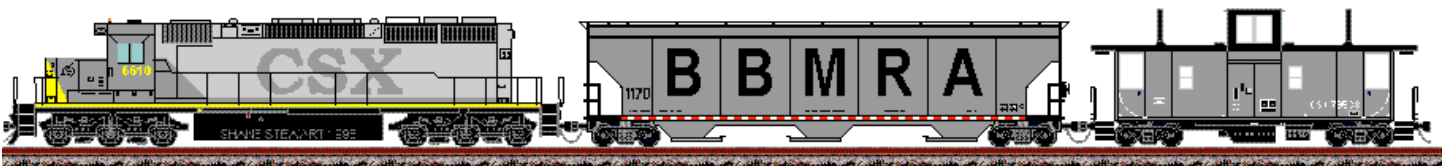
N, HO & Large Scale Modular Layouts

LOCAL AND OUT-OF-TOWN VENDORS

FREE PARKING

**Admission : Adults and children 13 and older - \$5.00,
no charge for children twelve and under**

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