



The LANTERN

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NEXT MEETING

Sept. 21, 2004

Myers Park

Six BBMRA Members Visit Pensacola Train Show

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Six BBMRA members, Shawn Vann, Randy Lombardo, Bob Woodard, Ray Mantooth, Garth Easton and Evan Hughes, attended the Pensacola Train Show on Saturday, September 11th. The Pensacola club ran both N-scale and HO at the front of the show. Other nearby clubs had Lionel, S-scale, garden rail layouts displayed.

As you walked in the door and paid your entrance fee, they offered you tickets for a coffee table, N-scale layout under glass. It was running a small train through a loop and figure eight track. They sell raffle tickets at \$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00 and will draw the winner at the fall county fair. Several BBMRA members believe they will have a new coffee table for winter.

The Pensacola club N-scale layout ran four ovals on the N-Trax standards. The back oval was the mountain line of N-Trax. Any of the four tracks could be powered by either analog (DC variable) or DCC with the flip of a switch.

The scenery was well done. One of the modules was a

fire scene that included fire trucks, police cars and rescue vehicles with flashing lights everywhere.

The HO layout was also ovals with a bridge on two sides of the oval for easy entrance. The bridges made for a very easy duck and enter door. The bridges blended very well with the total layout.

The number of vendors was about the same as the BBMRA show but Pensacola has more local vendors in attendance. Several of us went to Trains by Johnson and Bob's Hobby to find more values with their 10% discount.

Photo Winners

The last BBMRA meeting included a photo contest for pictures of prototype and model trains. The members present judged the contest and the results are as follows:

PROTOTYPE:

1st Charles Francis;
2nd and 3rd Larry
Benson.

MODELS:

1st Sal Martocci;
2nd and 3rd Harold
Odom.

Model Contest and "How to" Videos September program

Remember to bring your finished models of the boxcars purchased last year from Inter Mountain to the September 21st meeting at Myers Park at 7:30 p.m.. Models will be displayed and the members present will vote on the model in HO and N-scale.

"How to" modeling videos will be shown.

"Lantern" Articles

"Lantern" articles are welcome from anyone and a couple are ready for the next edition. If you have done some modeling or railfanning tell us about it. We hear about members riding trains all over the world but don't receive articles. Send articles to:

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