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**NEXT
MEETINGS**

**2/3, 3/3, 4/7
@ 7:00 PM**

at the
Central
Railway
Museum
Annex

FROM THE EDITORS:

Welcome to 2022! Well, we are a month into the new year, but still - Welcome. Hopefully it has been good so far.

In about 2 weeks, the CRM will host our biggest event of the year - the 2022 Model Railroad Expo. The dates and all other information can be found on Page 3 of this newsletter or on our Website - CRMHA.ORG/Trainshow. Now, most of the folks on the list over there <----- (on the left side of this babble) really would find it in poor taste if I did not mention that our show is always the best in the Upstate if not the entire State of South Carolina. They would also be disappointed if I did not mention that ALL the members put in a lot of work to make it the best, but I won't say any of that.

What I will say is this - if you are free on Friday February 18th or Saturday February 19th, come on over to Easley and find out for yourself.

You like real Trains? Good - we got you covered, we have multiple vendors selling Railroad themed collectibles from your favorite prototype road. You like model trains? Well, that is great cause I would wonder why you are reading my babble if you didn't, but moving on, we have tens of thousands of models in every scale from almost every road you have heard of and many that you haven't. You like layouts - that's awesome, cause we have some of the best from the entire South East region. You have kids that like trains? That's great, cause we have lots to keep them interested and we also have our Kids Zone featuring Thomas and Friends that the kids can operate themselves.

The cost for the weekend is \$8.00. 8 bucks to shop, look at, enjoy, walk around and hang out for the entire weekend. Kids (physically) 10 and under are always free to attend with a paying adult. Now, we do have to ask that adults not try to pass themselves off as kids - we are all kids at heart, but someone still has to be adultish...

The last thing I will say is this - if you can and do come out and visit us - enjoy yourselves. Enjoy our amazing hobby.



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↻ SCHEDULE OF EVENTS & SHOWS ↻



Upcoming Events for the Central Railway Museum as well as regional shows and events.

CRM&HA EVENT CALENDAR

Give it a [click!](#)

When the calendar opens click on an event to get more details and click on the arrows at the top left to move to another month.

If you would like to have your event added to our calendar, give us a shout at centralcrossings@crmha.org.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

OPERATING SESSIONS Second Thursday @ 7PM

February 10th, March 10th, April 14th

The Central Railway Museum holds regular operating sessions on our museum HO layout from 7-9pm(ish) on the second Thursday evening of most months. This is when we use our unique "scenario card" system to assemble and run trains around the layout, setting out or picking up loads at industries, clearing the main for a crack passenger train to roll by, etc. etc. So if you're interested in realistic railroad operations, or if you just want to learn how to run trains on the museum layout, you're encouraged to attend these sessions. No experience is necessary; rookie engineers are routinely paired with experienced ones.

MUSEUM OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Thursdays - Work Day
9am(ish) - ??
(lunch in there at some point)

Saturdays - Train Operations
9am to 2 pm
The cost is always FREE!!

Save the Date!

Central Railway Museum's



Model Train Expo 2022

Fri – Feb 18th 12:00 – 6:00 pm

Sat – Feb 19th 9:00 – 3:00 pm

Rock Springs Church – Impact Center

207 Rock Springs Road

Easley, South Carolina 29642

Admission \$8.00 Adults

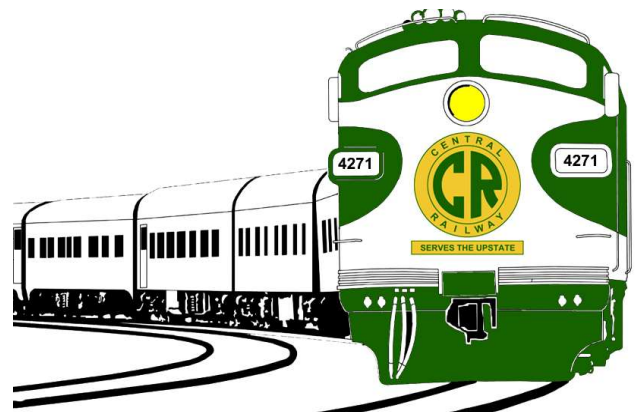
Under 10 **Free** with adult

Admission good both days

Operating Model Railroads

KidZone with Thomas & Brio

160+ Dealer Tables



COMPLETE INFO AT: WWW.CRMHA.ORG

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CLOSING THOUGHTS...

Something that I want to talk about today is membership.

Membership is something that makes every organization flourish and continue down the road. Let's face it, if a group cannot attract new members, that group will eventually cease to be. This is a fact of life in every group, from Facebook groups, to Railroad clubs, to Fraternal type of groups.

The two biggest questions groups like ours ask is how and what... How to attract new members and What do we do to keep them involved. Here at the CRM&HA we have been blessed with some very dedicated and hard working members that have kept things going for years, but who do we pass the torch to? Who keeps building upon our legacy and keeps running the trains?

Late last year, we had several groups of elementary and Jr. high school age kids tour our museum. We found something interesting during these tours. First, we have some very knowledgeable folks involved with our group and second, kids like real and model railroads. Not sure why this was a surprise to us, but it was.

After adding several new members within our Youth Program (I didn't even know we had one), we found the joys and excitement of seeing all our work through the eyes of the kids.

Now, for any of you that have kids of your own, you know they are smarter than we are and can pick up things in a snap. So after spending about 5 minutes learning the DCC controllers that many of us still haven't mastered, they were running trains like seasoned pros. Heck, it takes me 5 minutes just to remember how to turn on the power to the DCC system...

I guess to get to my point - find a way to get those young, new members into your groups. Find a way to keep them interested and teach them the ropes. The excitement they bring and the energy that they have will get passed on to the other members, the enthusiasm that they have to learn will help us remember why we got involved, the ideas that they bring will spark new projects and discussions, and ways to do things.

If you love or even like trains, both model or real, and you are not part of a group - whether on social media or with your friends in a nearby town, as yourself why that is. Belonging to a group of like minded folks, sharing experiences, stories, and a love of a common hobby is a pretty good way to spend some free time. You get to meet new folks, learn new things and be that excited new member.

One day, hopefully they will continue what you started...

Until next time, be healthy and keep running those trains,

Wayne & Joanne