



CENTRAL CROSSINGS

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FROM THE EDITORS:

Welcome to the latest issue of Central Crossings.

Joanne and I have stepped up to take on the role of Editors, one which we are both very excited to be in.

The leadership of the CMR has decided that, for the time being, the newsletter will be published on a Quarterly basis. The Monthly Business meeting notes will still be published on a monthly basis, on the website, so we will no longer be including them in the Quarterly issue of CC.

We hope to use this Newsletter as a creative way to update Members of the happenings within the CMR, as well as provide interesting information on various events and shows happening in the Southeast Region.

IN MEMORANDUM:

June 3rd, 2018:

From Sandy Eustis,

"I'm saddened to report the passing of long time Central Railway Museum member and volunteer *Glenn Nasworthy*. Glenn served an extended stint as our Secretary, was almost solely responsible for modeling the Town of Central, the farm on the end of the front peninsula, the Seneca Passenger Station area, and several other wonderful scenes on our HO museum layout. In recent years, Glenn sat on our Steering Committee as our Building Manager, in which role he absolutely excelled. Glenn was a soft spoken but knowledgeable and very talented HO modeler as well, and I consider my self lucky to have been invited to see his home layout a couple of years ago. We'll really miss Glenn!"

Services were held June 5th and the Central Railway Museum was well represented with over 20 members and their spouses on hand to say farewell to our friend and member. - Wayne

NEXT MEETINGS

7/5, 8/2,
9/6

@ 7:00 PM
AT THE
CENTRAL
RAILWAY
MUSEUM
ANNEX



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

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

June 28th @ 7pm: Modeling Skills Workshop
Locomotives and Rolling Stock

July 26th @ 7pm: Modeling Skills Workshop
Scenery and Landscaping

August 23rd @ 7pm: Modeling Skills Workshop
Buildings, Structures and Detailing

REGIONAL SCHEDULE

June 16th - 9am - 3pm
TrainMaster Models - Buford, GA
Indoor Show and sell

June 23rd - all day
NC Transportation Museum - Spencer, NC Fire
Fest (including the NS OAR Safety Train) - [LINK](#)

June 30th / July 1st
Gastonia Convention Center - Gastonia, NC
Charlotte Area Rail-Strava-Ganza - [LINK](#)

August 25th - 9am - 4pm
Infinite Energy Center - Duluth, GA
Atlanta Model Train Show

MUSEUM OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
EVERY SATURDAY
9AM TO 2 PM

↻ SCHEDULED EVENTS & SHOWS ↻

CRM 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.

2019 CRM MODEL TRAIN EXPO

Add the date to your calendar now, the dates have been confirmed for the 2019 Model Train Expo.

The second weekend in February 8th and 9th (Friday and Saturday), 2019 are the dates and we will be at the same location as last year. Impact Center at Rock Springs Baptist Church
207 Rock Springs Rd, Easley, South Carolina 29642. More info to follow.

OPERATING SESSIONS SECOND THURSDAY @ 7PM

JUNE 14TH

JULY 12TH

AUGUST 2ND

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.

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

CENTRAL RAILWAY MUSEUM 2018 GOALS

During our 2018 January and February Steering Committee meetings, various CRM members suggested and then we discussed what the CRM should try to accomplish in the next year. Two clear priority goals emerged, with a laundry list of smaller or stalled projects we've all talked about for a while. There's certainly no shortage of stuff to be done! So here's what this group of Officers, Committee Chairs, and Members agreed that we should work on between now and 2019. Will YOU volunteer to work toward any of these goals? Please contact me if interested, Sandy Eustis, CRM President, seustis@crmha.org.

CRM 2018 Priority Goals

Attract more members and get more participation per member. How?

- Improve our website
- Have more educational programs
- Invite new members to dinner / assign mentors to new members
- Focus on getting younger members (students)

Focus on our museum mission – to preserve and to educate. How?

- Have more educational programs
- Clean up the museum / get rid of stuff we don't want/need
- Improve the HO layout (better locos, cleaner track, electro-static air cleaner, etc.)
- Improve our website / external communication channels (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram)

Other CRM 2018 Goals

Layouts:

- Complete the National Guard Armory area on the HO Layout
- Revitalize the narrow gauge on the HO Layout
- Get the signaling system running on the HO Layout
- Improve the Lionel layout (get rid of excess stuff, improve our collection, etc.)
- Finish the G gauge loop
- Find a permanent place to set up the portable
- Redo the portable (scrap ours and build new, or revitalize ours??)
- Conceal all wiring for the upper level of the HO layout

Non-layout Projects

- Update the bylaws
- Re-paint outside, touch up inside
- Clean out the jail and fire dept. storage areas
- Find more/better storage space in town.
- Improve the fire dept. meeting room (floor covering, décor)
- Add display shelves in several places
- Add walkways to front door from both parking areas
- Install direction signs to the museum in/around Central
- Get a new printer and one good computer
- Get trackside video feed up and running

MEMBER FOCUS:

So, I was thinking that an interesting item to add to the newsletter would be a section that highlights a member of the Central Railway Museum. Basically, an interview of sorts, a way to get to know each other a little better, what got them started in the hobby and also highlight their personal layout (if they have one).

I presented the idea at the June 2018 Business meeting and it was well received. The suggestion for the first Member and Layout focus is a possible tour of member Glenn Nasworthy's beautiful home layout.

To do this story justice, I cannot rush it. Due to that, that story will not appear in this issue of CC, however it will appear in it's own CC Special edition. Also in that edition I will have photos showcasing his work on the Central Railway Museum layout as well as interviews and memories from fellow members.

CENTRAL RAILROAD FESTIVAL 2018

On April 28th of this year, the Town of Central hosted their annual Railroad Festival in the Downtown area. We were pleased to participate again, opening our doors for the day from 8am until 5pm. We counted over 1,400 visitors to the Museum during that time, with many more visiting the Red Caboose attraction on Hwy 93. I want to thank everyone that joined us that day for a fun day of running trains, socializing and educating folks on the history of the Town and its connection to the railroad. Also, thanks to the members that kept everything running that day.



IT'S A BIRD, IT'S A PLANE... IT'S A G SCALE LAYOUT?

Up in the sky, way up high - okay, not really way up high, but close enough for a train. Next time you visit, check out our newest display layout at the Central Railway Museum. Several members got the track hung, tunnels cut and made it all safe for all to enjoy.

On a side note, watch low too, as I have found that the kids love to run around railfanning this train.



MAINTENANCE OF WAY:



Recently, the signals around the museum were repaired and are now working properly. The equipment is operating during club meetings and open house events, so check it out next time you are by.

Speaking of signals, several member have been working long and hard on getting various projects further along. Projects include the track side signaling, updating several areas of the Museum layout electrical, more scenery and detailing around the layout, as well as some changes on our Heritage layouts.



CENTRAL CROSSINGS REACH AND WRAPUP

Well, hopefully this has not been too painful to read through. If you have made it this far, you have our thanks. According to our Marketing Director John, we are now sending our correspondence to over 500 non-members who have put themselves on our mailing list -- mostly by entering the fishbowl raffle at our annual Model Train Expo in 2017 or 2018.

John wanted to remind everyone that receives our email correspondence that we only send out emails maybe a dozen times a year, that may increase if we can find more to publish, but that we do not want to fill your in-boxes with useless fluff. He also wanted us to be very clear in this, we will NEVER sell our email lists to anyone, ever. Our membership and the Historical Association value each one of you and will not betray the trust you have given us.

Remember to visit to visit our Facebook page, as we will be posting new and interesting content there between issues of CC.

If you have comments, concerns, ideas, information or anything else that you want to give us, see us at one of the meetings or operation sessions, or send us an email at centralcrossings@crmha.org.

Tax Status:

The Central Railway Museum has tax exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Your donations to support the Central Railway Museum may now be tax deductible, including retroactively to our filing date of September 10, 2008. Please contact treasurer Jim Alexander or museum curator Jack Green for details about making a donation.

Membership and Meetings:

Membership is open to modelers of all scales and all experience levels as well as railfans. Business meetings are conducted on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00PM and are open to the public. Following each meeting is an educational presentation on railroads or modeling. Presentations made by guest speakers will be before the business meeting. Museum work sessions are held most Saturdays and Thursdays.