



The CRM&HA Newsletter

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Meetings are held at 7:15 PM on the 1st Thursday of the month at the Central SC Library

Headline: The Annual CRM&HA Train Show is February 19th.

Please mark Feb 19 on your calendar. We need **EVERYONE** in the club to help at the train show.

Editorial By Dennis Moriarty

As editor of the CRM&HA Newsletter I want to thank you for your support throughout the year submitting articles, pictures and comments. Our newsletter is only as good as the members make it. The time that you spent writing articles is greatly appreciated and makes my job much easier.

Congratulations to Vice-President General Interest Rob Seel, and Treasurer Howard Garner on your election at the December meeting. By the way Howard has been in the club longer than any other member and is still willing to spend his time helping the club.

I am sorry that some of you had to miss the Christmas Party December 2nd. There was a great quantity of very good food and Dwayne and Joshua Lusk brought their model layout for everyone to admire and play with.

As all of you know our annual train show will be February 19 at the Seneca Armory. This is our main moneymaker and is an important event for the welfare of the club. I hope all of you can help in some way. There are many jobs to fill. For those of you that cannot carry heavy objects or do not care to operate the layouts, there are many other things that you can help with. The fellowship and camaraderie that occurs at this event is special. I hope if you are available that day or the evening

before that you will consider joining in. See the President's Report for more information.

Please submit your dues as soon as possible so that the 2005 membership list can be completed to put in a future newsletter. Still only \$20.00.

We will need a new home for the **HO layout** after the train show. Now is a chance for you to use the layout in your own home until needed for a future event or if you have a place to store it please let Bob Folsom know.

Some of you may have gotten a new digital camera or scanner for Christmas. Please consider e-mailing some train or train layout pictures to be used in the newsletter. This is a great way to learn how to use your new camera. If you have a PC, it is best to put your pictures in the **MY PICTURES FOLDER** under my documents. Start your e-mail connection, and then from MY PICTURES, use the **send e-mail icon** on the left side of the screen. This allows you to reduce the size of the picture for sending by e-mail. The picture will be automatically put in the e-mail window for sending.

Please support your newsletter by submitting articles, news and or information. If you do not wish to write, please give me a phone call. E-Mail, copy on disk and written contributions are most appreciated. My address is Dennis Moriarty, 519 Beacon Shores Drive, Seneca, SC 29672. Phone 864-888-2332. **New E-Mail** MQK@CHARTER.net

If you received a snail-mail issue of the newsletter and have an E-Mail address, please send your E-Mail address to me.

Thank you, Rob Seel, Bob Hanson, George Stoudenmire and Bob Folsom for your contributions to the newsletter this month. ALSO, thank you Howard Garner for printing and mailing of the snail mail newsletters and managing the club website.



**CEO's Corner
PRESIDENT'S REPORT
By Bob Folsom**

2004 has been quite a year for the CRM&HA in many respects. In terms of membership we have gone from one extreme to another. We were saddened by the loss of Joe Stribling but we have also had a number of new members. We not only had our annual train show in Seneca last February but also participated in the revived Heritage Days Festival in Central. We brought the Central Museum Layout to a plateau in time for the Central High School Reunion in May. Club members participated in community activities at the Woodburn Plantation and the Cub Scouts, and took a trip to the Spencer Museum. We had a great variety of programs ranging from historical and educational presentations to having an entire HO gauge railroad brought to a club meeting! We continue to have a newsletter that is second to none thanks to Dennis and all those of you who contribute. Many of us have learned a great deal from other members and some of our members have been recognized in the newspapers. As this year draws to a close, I wish to express my gratitude and good fortune to be part of this organization. Thanks to all who have helped to make all these events a success.

Our focus now has to be on our 2005 Train Show. First of all, we need every member on hand on Saturday, February 19. Activities include placing direction signs and picking them up after the show; serving at the show entrance, company store, and dining car; helping to set up the HO and N layouts and operate them, and helping set up dealer tables and taking them down afterwards. Equally important is helping to get the word out about the show. Start talking it up at your workplace, church, grocery store, and neighborhood. **MENTION IT TO EVERY PERSON YOU HAVE A CONVERSATION WITH!** E-mail your friends to tell them about it. We will be having flyers at our next club meetings,

but if you want to make up some kind of flyer for your own neighborhood, please do so. It is a simple thing; the show is at the Seneca Armory on February 19, 2005 from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM. There will be display layouts, hobby dealers, and good food. Incidentally, they still have a lot of equipment from the Hogue collection to be had at bargains, and I believe that Joe's collection or at least part of it may be for sale. What an opportunity!

Again, thanks for a great year, and best wishes to every member for the New Year!

**HO DIVISION REPORT
By Bob Folsom**

We were so fortunate to have had the HO layout on display at Rail N' Spike for the better part of the past two years. Thank you Michael for this opportunity. The entire club also benefited from this because a number of persons found out about the club as a result of the layout being there. We had a very successful moving of the layout to Tom Barnshock's garage in Greer. Thanks to all who participated in the move. Two of the six-foot modules had to be left out of the new set-up in order for it to fit, but it is definitely operable and we will be able to keep it in good shape for the Train Show. There is still some ballasting to do, and I am recommending that we install the connector sections semi-permanently and cut them right at the joints so we won't have to go through that ordeal when we move the layout. I will be in touch regarding an HO layout work session or two before the show. Tom will host the layout temporarily until the Train Show. We will decide at that time where it may go next, keep your ears open for opportunities. I have had a few suggestions that I will follow up on in the meantime. Anyway, please be ready to help move the layout to the show on Friday, February 18, and then to its next home on Saturday after the show.

**Minutes of Meeting
November 2004**

Pres. Bob called the meeting to order at 7:13 PM and noted the change in the agenda allowing the Railfan reports to be given first while officers met in executive session. Stacey Smith was tasked with giving a report on his research done on the Blue Ridge Railroad during the Railfan report session. Bob, Howard, and Rob met briefly to discuss disposition of the HO layout and some future

possibilities of the club website. The HO layout situation was to be brought before the club this evening, and the website may become an agenda item in the future.

Upon conclusion of the executive meeting, other Railfan reports were given by Rob, Bob, and Mac.

Al Shanks was introduced as the club's newest member. In all, 18 members were present.

Minutes of previous meetings were approved with one correction in that it was Dale Reynolds, not Stacey Smith that made a motion to give the N division a budget of \$150 towards a modular layout to be at the February show.

Howard gave the first ever treasurer's report directly from a computer file and projected onto a screen for all to see. Howard also mentioned that 2005 dues may now be paid. A few members turned in their dues at that time.

Rob Seel volunteered to the January program.

There is no report yet from Bob regarding t-shirts and hats, but the goal is to have them available to club members in time for the February show.

The February show was discussed briefly, especially regarding direction signs. The duty sheet was passed to the membership and President Bob strongly urged everyone to plan to be there. Howard will be watching for "sale" prices on "campaign" style signs and when prices look good, we will have simple "train show" signs made with the provision of changing the arrow directions.

Nominations for Treasurer and General Interest Vice President were opened. The slate presented by the nominating committee was presented: treasurer - Howard Garner, and Gen. Int. VP - Rob Seel. A motion to accept the slate was passed unanimously. There were no other nominations made and a motion to close the nominations was passed unanimously. Elections will be held at the December meeting.

President Bob made a presentation regarding a Cub Scout program. Pack 235 from Fort Hill Presbyterian Church had contacted Bob to see if CRM&HA could put on a program at their November 16th meeting. Bob suggested that a T-Track module demonstration would be made and instructions be handed out giving required dimensions and list of needed materials. Those Cub Scouts completing modules according to

specs would be given certificates and their modules would be assembled into an operating railroad at the February show. Some discussion followed which included the Boy Scout merit badge program. There was no official motion made but there was general affirmation that the idea was good and that the Cub Scout program should take place in some form. Pete Delorme had already volunteered to take part, and Rob Seel volunteered at the meeting.

The subject of the Blue Ridge Railroad was opened for discussion. Stacey had already briefed the club on his findings of the condition of former company buildings in Anderson. Dale Reynolds stated that he was already scheduled to give a presentation regarding the Blue Ridge Railroad at the Woodburn Plantation in the near future. The general subject of how to instigate the preservation of former railroad structures came into the discussion. The discussion concluded with President Bob suggesting that Stacey, Dale, and Mac continue to find out more about these buildings with the idea that the CRM&HA could possibly act corporately in an appropriate manner to support preservation efforts.

The HO layout will need to be moved out of Rail N' Spike by Thanksgiving as Michael needs more inventory space in time for the Holidays. November 20 will be the moving date. The new location will be decided upon before that date depending on storage facility prices or any other possible new locations that become known by then. Howard noted that the club has been very fortunate to have had the layout there for almost two years and CRM&HA owes Michael our thanks for this opportunity.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM and after a break, Howard gave a computer-projected-on-screen presentation on his NMRA clinic on how railroads provide appropriate rail equipment to customers for their shipping needs. The ProTrak program was the computer tool demonstrated along with much other information using photos and diagrams.

*Respectfully submitted, Bob Folsom, CEO acting for
the Station Master*



Minutes of Meeting December 2004

President Folsom called the meeting to order and announced that since this was our annual Holiday party we would only attend to an abbreviated agenda.

The following guests were present---Wayne Sheriff, Janet Moriarty and Lorraine Garner.

Newsletter deadline was set at December 12---this would be the last issue before the February Train Show.

The Nominating Committee's report from the last meeting was again presented and since there were no competing candidates for the offices up for election it was moved by Hanson and seconded by Zonay that the following be elected by acclamation--Vice-President, General Interest---Rob Seel, and Treasurer---Howard Garner.

Annual dues are now due and payable----\$20.00.

Howard Garner's Annual Open House would be on Saturday, December 5 featuring trains and refreshments. Hours are open---just come and enjoy.

On behalf of our Club, Seel and Hanson will bring N and G scale layouts to the Hospice show at the Hartwell Inn, also on December 5. Hours, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., with a paid reception following from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Other happenings and Railfan "stuff": Moriarty reported that on the RFD network on Direct TV there are some train shows that would be of interest to members.

Garner showed the group a "fantastic" newspaper article that featured him and his layout---Nice Going, Howard.

Pete and guest Wayne Sheriff had recently taken a 7-1/2 hour trip on the Great Smoky Mountain Railway---went first class all the way.

Mac McMillin on November 15 took his unit to the "Rail Dog Festival" and enjoyed an on-rail trip from Bryson City to Andrews.

Seel recently made a presentation on T-Trak to the Fort Hill Cub Scouts---hopefully some of these young ones will take up training and modeling and be future members of CRM & HA.

As the meeting was pulling to a close and we were about to adjourn for refreshments and a look at Dwayne and Joshua Lusk's portable layout---nice going guys---we were joined by two late comers---Tom and Marion Barnshock from Greer. Tom met some of our members over at the Rail & Spike and has joined our Club. Welcome aboard, Tom.

After adjournment, we were treated both to outstanding refreshments---mostly home made---and a look at operations on the Lusk's layout; also we were entertained by our annual gift exchange---a no preview affair that keeps us all on our toes with new and unexpected train related "stuff".

Respectfully submitted, Bob Hanson Station Master

A Letter from G. Stoudenmire

Hi Guys,

My brother sent me this link. It is very interesting, and I thought that the club would like to know about it. So put it in the newsletter for all to see, and go see it yourself.

<http://abandonedrailroads.homestead.com/>

Have A Great and Safe Day,

George Stoudenmire

South Carolina Railroad Museum By Rob Seel

In the past the CRM&HA has donated funds to the South Carolina Railroad Museum for equipment and maintenance purposes in order to keep trains running. The North Carolina Transportation Museum in Spencer is now asking us for help. Since they are a partially state-supported organization I felt it appropriate to ask, what's in it for us if we do?" The museum sent me the following information that I would like or us to consider and vote on this spring:

A group of our size qualifies for the "Corporate Sponsor" donation level. For a donation of \$600 the CRM&HA would receive:

1. 12 transferable membership cards that may be used for train rides
2. 6 Rail Days passes (Bob Folsom, Stacey Smith and I went last year for one day of this 2-day event and it was exciting!) This year it will be April 30 – May 1, 2005.
3. Copies of their semi-annual magazine "Shop Talk"
4. Name recognition in, and a copy of, the museum's annual report
5. President's Circle reception

With all of this considered I suggest this is a fair value exchange for both the CRM&HA and the NCTM. Please consider this and visit the NCTM's website as I wish to bring this for discussion and vote in February. Thank you!

<http://www.ci.salisbury.nc.us/nctrans/>

HO HO HO By Dennis Moriarty

I guess by the title of this article that I should have included it in the December issue. However, it does not have anything to do with Santa Clause. I was curious about what the letters HO in HO scale model trains stood for. After doing some research I found some interesting things about model railroad scales.

In the early years model railroads were mostly homemade and the scale was whatever the builder decided to use. Probably the earliest manufacturer of electric toy trains is a German company called Marklin. Previous to this period carpet trains were manufactured. These had wind up engines and were meant to be used on the floor. Marklin started it all in 1891 with the first standard track scales. Their first scales were called **1** (1/32), **2** (1/20), and **3** (1/16). These sold well and after a few years they decided to add a smaller scale and called it **0** (1/43.5 Eur or 1/48 US). This stood for zero the one size smaller than one. Today we call it "oh" scale.

The Bing and Basset-Lowke Co., designed by Henry Greenly started what they called tabletop trains in Britain. Their tooling was used for UK, US and German trains. They introduced even smaller trains than Marklin. They called the new scale half-0 or 1/87 scale. Hence we finally get the answer to

our question – **HO stands for half-0 scale**. Which we call H-"oh" (HO) today, They also introduced an 00 scale which is 1/76 scale. 00 is the most popular scale in the UK while HO is the most popular in the US. In the US the first standards were set up by the formation of the NMRA in 1934.

By the way, there is a difference between scale and gauge. Scale is the relationship of the size to the original prototype train while gauge is the measurement between the rails of the track.

Some of the other popular scales have letters to define them.

G scale 1/22.5 (LGB) 1/32 (Gauge 1) was derived from the "G" in **G**ross which means big in German. Some people think it stands for G in Garden railway since it is often used for narrow gauge prototypes and uses the same track as Gauge 1.

S scale 1/64 was originally called H-1 because it was half the size of Gauge 1. The name S came from the "S" in **S**ixty-fourth from 1/64 scale.

N scale 1/148, which is the second most popular scale used today, got its name from the "N" in **N**ine-millimeter track gauge. It was developed in the UK in the 1960's.

Z scale 1/200, which is almost our smallest scale, (Zm is smaller) was introduced in Germany by Marklin in 1972. It is sometimes called the cockroach scale. I have not been able to find the origin of the Z. Maybe the German name for cockroach starts with a z. If anyone knows, send me the information and I will report it in a future newsletter.

This Month's Tip By Dennis Moriarty

When searching the internet for information some of the dimensions are given in centimeters. Divide the centimeters by 2.54 to convert to inches.

Welcome New Members

**Tom Barnshock
Al Shanks**

CMR&HA TRAIN CREW

**Engineer and CEO: Bob Folsom
General Division Super: Rob Seel
Stationmaster: Bob Hanson**

Paymaster: Howard Garner
HO Division Super: Bob Folsom
Large Scale Division Super: Bob Hanson

Web Site
<http://www.cwrail.com/crmha/>

Future Meetings Programs
January: Rob Seel
February: Volunteer Needed
March: Volunteer Needed
April: Volunteer Needed



Central Railway Model & Historical Association
Membership Application

Name: _____ Member # _____
Address: _____ Phone: _____
City: _____ State: _____
E-Mail Address: _____

1. Declared Interest Group: HO N General (Circle one)
 2. Other Railroad Interests: Modeling Collecting Railfanning History
Other? _____
 3. Modeling Scale: Z N HO S SN3 O G (Circle yours)
 4. Railroad Memberships: NMRA NRHS Other? _____
 5. Do you have a home layout? Y N Open to Visitors? Y N
 6. I can help the Association by:
 - () Working on one of the modular projects
 - () Helping with set-up and operation of layouts at shows.
 - () Organizing an excursion to a show or museum.
 - () Serving on a committee (i.e. Audit, Publicity, etc.)
 - () Serving as Officer or Director.
 - () Preparing a short program for monthly meeting.
 - () Other: _____
 7. Please record my membership in the Association for the year. Enclosed is my (check) or (cash) for \$20.00, Send to CRM&HA, PO Box 826, Pickens, SC 29671-0826. Phone (864) 878-4705
- Signature _____
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