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Next Meeting:
January 8, 2009
7:15 PM

CRM&HA 2009
Train Show
Easley, SC
Feb 28 - Mar 1



Scranton, PA, October 10, 2008

Photo: Rob Seel

Canadian Pacific 4-6-2 #2317 spins on the turntable at Steamtown National Historic Site prior to Rob Seel taking his first-ever steam locomotive cab ride. The 2317 was built by MLW in 1923.

CRM&HA NEWSletter, The Next Generation

By Rob Seel

Well, I did it again and could not say "no." Believe me, I tried. But as Dennis was ready to pass the newsletter torch I figured this would be a good way to redeem my absence on Saturday mornings and do something fun while everyone else runs trains at home. So, please indulge me as I tinker with the format a bit: freshening up here and there while continuing the quality features you've come to expect. We will still run club announcements, meeting minutes, and interesting articles. I would like to, however, experiment with a new **monthly issue schedule**. This will help us to stay current on events and announcements. The length will vary according to content, but likely be eight pages or less each month. And so, I continue Dennis Moriarty's traditional call for articles: stories of your rail and railfan trips, historical tidbits, memories, and how-to's. I'll do what I can to make it all look good, but you all get to fill the pages. Thanks for your encouragement and support - **LET'S ROLL!**



APPROACHING HEADLIGHTS

Upcoming Events for the
Central Railway Model & Historical Association
For other shows and events, please see the list at the end
of the newsletter.

February 28 – March 1, 2009

ANNUAL CENTRAL TRAIN SHOW
Bagwell Gymnasium, Easley, SC

May 1 – 2, 2009

CENTRAL RAILROAD DAYS FESTIVAL
Central, SC

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

January 8	Rob Seel presents D&R Canal Railventure 2008
February 5	Bruce Gathman & Friends Easley Train Show Planning
March 5	Sandy Eustis presents Scenery Clinic: Forming Terrain
April 2	Ron Keith & Cast of Dozens Central Festival & Museum Opening
May 7	Dale Reynolds w/ Bob Folsom Railfanning the N&W and Clinchfield
June 4	<i>Open</i>
July 2	<i>Open</i>
August 6	<i>Open</i>
September TBA	Annual Picnic Hosted by Dale Reynolds
October 1	<i>Open</i>
November 5	<i>Open</i>
December 3	Christmas Dinner Hosted by Bob Folsom



SERVES THE UPSTATE

MEETING MINUTES

By Brian d'Entremont, Stationmaster

6 November 2008 Regular Meeting
Central Railway Museum

CEO Jim Reece called the meeting to order at 7:19PM. One guest, Ralph Watson, was in attendance. Sandy Eustis brought up the difficulty of new members remembering names. In response, station master Brian d'Entremont offered to bring name badges to the next meeting and suggested a pictorial directory for the members on the club web site.

Insurance

There was continued discussion of how obtaining personal property insurance independently would compare in price to NRMA membership for all CRM&HA members. Glenn Nasworthy indicated that insurance for \$15000 of property with a \$500 deductible would be \$750 per year in addition to the \$360 per year that we currently pay for liability. While it was indicated that NMRA insurance would cover us for up to two events per year, there was some uncertainty as to whether it would cover the day-to-day operations of the museum. Mr. Nasworthy agreed to look into this.

Officer Nominations

It was proposed that Rob Seel and Howard Garner be nominated to continue as Division Superintendent (Vice President) and Paymaster (Treasurer) respectively. However, this proposal was in violation of term limits in the articles of association. There was also a motion to nominate these candidates for each other's current positions, but the nomination failed to be seconded and two new candidates were put forward. Ron Keith was

nominated for division superintendent and Bob Folsom for Paymaster. Mr. Eustis moved and Mr. Gathman seconded a motion to close nominations, which passed unanimously.

Newsletter

Mr. Reece called for a new editor of the newsletter and Mr. Seel agreed to take this one in exchange for removal from consideration as officer.

February Train Show

Advertising was discussed and there was general interest in replicating last year's successful advertising campaign. Richard Nichols moved to authorize \$1200. There was discussion over whether pre-authorization of the spending was required by the by-laws. To settle the issue Steve Zonay put forth a motion to approve \$1500 in advertising, which was seconded by Ron Keith and passed unanimously.

Central Railroad Festival

Mr. Keith reported that collaboration with the business council and chamber of commerce on the railroad festival was moving forward. Plans were for Friday night to be oriented toward young people with Saturday's entertainment focus being bluegrass music. The organizing committee is to indicate expectations from the club shortly. There was discussion as to whether the firehouse could host our portable layout or whether we could fit it in the museum at that time.

Website

Mr. d'Entremont indicated that he had recently opened a new website for the club at <http://www.crmha.org>. He is seeking submissions for additional content including member photos or articles.

IRS Tax Status

We received notice from the IRS indicating that they had received our letter, but received no decision yet our status. Our last articles of association were reinstated by unanimous vote of the present members following Mr. Garner's discovery that our merger with CRM&HA, Inc. had rendered them invalid. Advance notification of the vote was provided via e-mail on 3-October 2008.

Museum

No material costs were reported for September. Richard Nichols reported that a single commercial phone line from AT&T would cost \$43 per month, making this prohibitively expensive for the alarm system only. Rob Seel indicated that he was OK with being added to the call list as suggested in his absence last month. Mr. Reece reported the fire station across the street is only manned on weekdays and could not be counted on to monitor the alarm. It was suggested that the phone line might be cheaper as a city installation and Mr. Reece agreed to investigate this. Mr. Garner asked if we intended to submit all our bills for renovation to the city by the end of the year. However, Mr. Reece suggested that until the city asked, it was not advantageous to give ourselves an arbitrary deadline on building expenses.

On the subject of layout development, Mr. Reece suggested that the club defer to the experience of the selected layout planning committee, but also said that the committee needs to more consistently schedule meetings for specific times. Mr. Garner, chairman of the layout committee, suggested that the two "blobs" in the main room could be in place by the festival in May. Mr. Seel offered assistance with scenery and Mr. Eustis offered to build a branch line. There was discussion as to why the area between the two peninsulas was not going to be open to the public. Mr. Garner indicated that he had no problem with the public in this area, but that it was not feasible to make it handicap accessible. Mr. Seel suggested that the situations would fall under the status of "reasonable accommodation" and thus be legal despite inaccessibility of part of the public area.

Future Meetings

Rob Seel agreed to take the program for January. It was also agreed that we would each personally reimburse Bob Folsom \$5 per person for the meat at the Christmas party, as 501.c3 status does not allow us to take party expenses out of club funds.

Portable layout

A motion was passed to approve the purchase of Jim McInnis's trailer for up to \$4000.



A new, unassisted J-class model leads the Birmingham Special up one of four helixes on Bob's layout at the Christmas party.
Photo: Brian d'Entremont

4 December 2008 Regular Meeting Bob Folsom's House

Jim Reece called the meeting to order at 8:15PM during the annual Christmas party at Bob Folsom's house. No new members or guests were in attendance.

Newsletter

At the previous meeting Rob Seel volunteered publish the newsletter. Mr. Seel thanked Mr. Moriarty for his ten years of service in this role and indicated that he was going to alter the publication schedule. The newsletter will now be published monthly, one week prior to the next month's meeting and content will be due 2 weeks after the previous meeting.

Elections

Mr. Reece read the sections of the articles of association relating the responsibilities of each officer. Ron Keith and Bob Folsom were unanimously elected to the positions of Division Superintendent and Paymaster respectively. These positions become effective Jan. 1. There were questions concerning the fiscal year of the club and whether 501.c3 status would require annual audits. Current Paymaster Howard Garner indicated that the fiscal year ran from January to January. The question of audits was deferred.

Central Railway Festival

Mr. Keith indicated that the festival planning committee is "really cranking." Bands have been

lined up to perform on Friday night and a list of 7-8 critical tasks has been compiled. It was suggested that Maria, owner of Pancho's Mexican Restaurant, owned several of the empty store fronts downtown and that these might be suitable locations for the portable layout and/or vendors. Mr. Keith said that the firestation would also be available, but that it would be off the beaten path. There was a proposal to offer some local vendors free tables to accelerate the growth of the show. Steve Zonay suggested that he had a list of loyal train show participants who should be first on that list. The planning committee has a person in charge of children's activities, in addition to our planned Thomas the Tank exhibit. We also need docents to man the caboose.

Central Railway Museum

Bob Folsom, chairman of the Interior Renovation Committee, said that the handicap restroom was painted and that the last areas of the museum were getting finished up. Mr. Garner, chairman of the layout planning committee, said that a lot of discussion had occurred and that the first rail had been laid at the prior work session. Sandy Eustis said that he had laid out the first industrial area and was looking for people to construct industries. Mr. Garner indicated that all buildings must including lighting. The club will be conducting an order of Digitrax equipment for the layout this month.



Bruce Gathman ventured into The Dugout for a while at the Christmas party to rescue his Hi-Cube boxcar that needed "helper service." Besides double-stacks, Hi-Cubes are now also prohibited on Bob's layout **Photo: Brian d'Entremont**



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

CEO Comments By Jim Reece

Once again the Folsom family hosted a wonderful Christmas Party. Jeanne was not with us this year, but she was in our thoughts. Thanks to Bob and Frosty for all your hard work. It was a great party.

The New Year is now upon us. After one and a half years of remodeling the Railroad Museum that work is just about done. It has taken a large effort and a lot of cooperation by the whole club for it to be the success it has become. We told the city we would do a first class job of remodeling and we can all be proud of the finished product.

With the completion of remodeling, the joy of building a model railroad in the Museum can become a reality. Effort and cooperation made the remodeling happen. Even more effort and cooperation will be required over the next few years for the railroad to become the centerpiece of the Museum. As we enter this stage of the clubs growth we need to make sure we maintain the joy in building a railroad. We do this by cooperation and keeping in mind our goal of building a museum quality railroad. And designing it to meet our purposes of providing education, letting members operate their own equipment and having club scheduled/hosted operation sessions.

I will close by quoting myself from the past two end of year CEO Comments. "The future for CRM&HA Inc. looks bright. This coming year can be one of the best in the club's history. With a new home we have the opportunity to grow as a club. Which includes larger active membership, develop and build a show class model railroad and the ability to make an impact in the upstate."

I look forward to working with each of you in 2009 as we work and play to meet our goals. Janie and I want to wish you and yours the best in the New Year.

NEW MEMBER:

MR. RALPH WATSON

Ralph has joined the CRM&HA as of December 2008. He is an HO scale modeler and he also collects posters and prints. Like many of us, Ralph does not have a home layout but is ready to join in on club projects and train shows. Welcome, Ralph!

EASLEY TO SEE On The Pickens / NS Interchange



BEFORE: CLCX #8128 (ex-JRWX 117; ex-LRS 117; nee Union Railroad SW1 465) seen in Easley, SC on 11/09/2008 awaiting movement to Chattahoochee Locomotive Company in Pickens for rebuilding.
Photo: Bruce Gathman



AFTER: Remote radio control unit CLCX 5119 (ex-G&O 8314; ex-ICG 8314; nee UP GP9B 188B) awaiting delivery to Alcoa Terminal Railroad in Alcoa, TN as seen in Easley, SC on 8/18/2008. **Photo: Bruce Gathman**



The new logging spur snakes through the woods above the wye that leads to the new interior staging yard. **Photo: Rob Seel**

Modular Layout Undergoes Major Remodeling Effort

By Rob Seel

Many of us know that our old trusty HO layout has been the focus of attention on Monday evenings. Little did this writer know just how much attention it's gotten! In fact, nothing has been left untouched from wiring to trackwork to scenery. On Monday evening, 12/29/08, for example, Bob Folsom was soldering rails above and wires beneath and Glen Nasworthy was repairing ballast while Bruce Gathman, Jim "Doc" McInnis, and Sandy Eustis continued work on the new logging branch.



Located on the end and corner where the dairy farm and rock mountains had been, the new spur will

feature sidings for a small engine house and a few log cars, as well as a winding track up a steep grade into the woods.



Doc touches up the sky blue on a backboard while Sandy prepares a batch of vermiculite groundcover. **Photo: Rob Seel**

Also of note are full-length modules up the center of the layout containing several staging tracks. Connected to the main line by a large wye beneath the logging spur, the staging yard will allow us to reserve the freight yard for operations and not tie up tracks for staging as we always had before.

Meanwhile, yours truly was learning a new trick. Doc offered up a job of painting clouds onto the freshly painted, all-new backboards and even provided an inexpensive airbrush for the task. I had painted clouds before with brushes, sponges, or spray cans, but this was my first attempt at airbrushing. Judging by the on-the-spot reviews, I believe I passed the audition for the rest of the job.



New clouds above the freight yard are painted with Rob's air brush and paper towel technique. **Photo: Rob Seel**

First Rails Laid on Museum Layout

Edited by Rob Seel

The following is based around work progress notes sent in by Bob Folsom on 12/18/08.

Apparently, we've had very good turnouts lately, pun intended! Not only have both the Heritage and HO layouts begun construction, but we've even had some new folks joining the effort. One such fellow modeler is none other than Bob Eflin, who is one of Rob Seel's former architecture studio professors!

It was decided by those Layout Committee members present that we should use local town names for locations on the railroad, and it was also agreed that we should assign code numbers to "control points" (junctions, branches, anywhere the main line has switches). These code numbers will be in the hundreds. For example, the staging yard switches will be numbers in the "one hundreds" (101, 102, etc.) The next most important control point will be in the "two hundreds" (201, 202, etc.). Less important control points will be assigned higher numbers, possibly "eleven hundreds" (1101, 1102, etc.) or "twelve hundreds" (1201, 1202, etc.).

Lumber was purchased for the scenery/supporting walls of the HO layout, so construction of the supporting grid can begin.



And as for turnouts, the HO Layout work has concentrated around building Central Valley turnout kits and laying rail on the staging area. Tie strips are being adhered to the roadbed and then painted for a varied, weathered appearance. Then, soldered lengths of rail are then adhered to the ties. Many of us in the CRH&HA have never built our own track before, and this method is remarkably easy with a bit of careful attention.



Whether your fancy is carpentry, wiring, simple running, or track modeling, come on out to the work sessions and learn some new tricks! There will be work sessions this Saturday, 1/3, and then back in the groove on Thursday, 1/8, the day of our January club meeting.



Howard Garner brought in this "against the wall" structure for use on the museum layout. **Photo: Rob Seel**

Train Up a Child in the Way He Should Go . . .

Our Own (Re)Members' Heritage Layouts

Many of know first hand that model and toy trains are a way of life. How many of us can describe in detail the trains we had when we were youngsters barely old enough to lift an eight-pound locomotive? Perhaps seeing the work go on in the Heritage Room brings back memories of your childhood railroads and the fascinating contraptions that got you hooked into this lifetime hobby. Please write and tell us YOUR heritage!

This month's feature is from **Bob Folsom**, who sent in these photos and brief remarks. Judging by the way a space was left for Bob's bed, can you imagine being lulled to sleep by the clatter of American Flyer buzzing past your pillow?

*I found two old pictures taken at the apartment we lived in on Chicago's far south side from 1941 to 1947. My father had built an O gauge layout around three walls of my bedroom. In the pictures you can see the American Flyer Royal Blue and a non-descript Lionel 2-4-2 with some freight cars. I was nine when we moved from there but I remember helping scenic this layout and also assembling an S gauge brass Mikado kit. ~ **Bob Folsom**, 12/29/08*





**ATLANTA, GEORGIA
SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2009**

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Sunday, January 25th – 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.



Admission

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\$3.00 Children

Children 5 & Under Free



Location

American Legion Post 10
702 Pine Grove Drive
Wilmington NC 28409

For more information, please call Ben Jackson at (910) 270-2696
Phil Bernard at (910) 371-9595 or Pat Finnerly at (910) 200-6556

www.capefearmodelrailroadclub.org

Free Clinics by Tom Staley from Tom's Train Station of Cary NC
"O", "HO" and "N" scale operating layouts

**SAVANNAH, GEORGIA
20TH Annual Train Show
Coastal Rail Buffs**

January 17-18, 2009

**National Guard Armory
1248 Eisenhower Dr
Savannah, GA 31406**

Saturday & Sunday: 10 am to 4 pm

\$5.00 General Admission
\$4.00 Senior and Students
Children under 12 free

Dealer Displays and Merchandise
North East FL model RR club HO layout
Travel-N-Scale Trains, N scale layout
Whistle Stop Cafe

Contact Info

Coastal Rail Buffs

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Website

<http://coastalrailbuffs.org>

CENTRAL CROSSINGS, the CRMHA Newsletter

**KINSTON, NORTH CAROLINA
Railroad Exhibition**

February 7-8, 2009

Kinston Community Council for the Arts

400 N. Queen Street
Kinston, NC 28501

Saturday and Sunday: 10 AM - 4 PM

Free Admission

Open house and train exhibition. Train layouts in HO, G,
and Z scale. Modular layouts plus Kinston Area Railroad
Modelers permanent layout.

Corner of Queen and Blount Streets. Where the railroad
track crosses Queen Street. Downtown Kinston.

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Central Railway Model and Historical Association, Inc.

2009 Annual Train Show

**New
Locations!**

J.B. Owens Sports Complex
Bagwell Gymnasium - 111 Walkers Way
Easley, South Carolina 29642

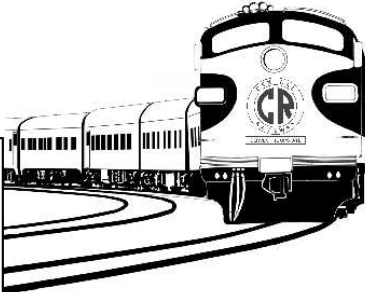
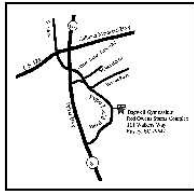
Saturday February 28th 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
Sunday March 1st 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Admission: \$5.00 Adults

Children under 10 free w/ paid adult.
Admission good for both days.

Hands-On Thomas the Tank model trains
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Web Site: www.crmha.org

Show Information: Bruce Gathman 864-850-3642 shaygearhead@bellsouth.net

GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA Carolina Model Railroaders Train Show and Swap Meet

Saturday, March 14, 2009
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Model Railroad, Operating Exhibit, Swap Meet

Douglas J. Galyon Depot (formerly Southern R'wy
Station

Corner Of Washington & Church Sts.
Greensboro, NC 27401

Admission: \$5.00 for adults, under 12 Free

The Club's large "HO" layout (under construction) & "N"
scale will be operating. Dealers will also be present.

Contact Info

stemjobe@bellsouth.net or

Ben Stemkowski at (336) 540-1543

ATLANTA (MARIETTA), GEORGIA The Piedmont Division NMRA Model Train Show

March 14-15, 2009

Cobb County Civic Center
548 South Marietta Pkwy
Marietta, Southeast, GA 30060

Saturday 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM,
Sunday 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

\$8.00 per person (both days), kids under 12 free

The Piedmont Division of the NMRA is sponsoring The Model Train Show. The show will be held at the Cobb County Civic Center in Marietta GA. Reserve the dates on you calendar for March 14th and 15th 2009 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM Saturday and 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Sunday. There will be over 200 vendor tables, operating layouts, kids layout, a complete fully operational layout will be raffled, model contest and door prizes. For more information visit the website www.themodeltrainshow.com.

WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA The Great Train Expo

March 28-29, 2009
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Model Railroad, Operating Exhibit, Toy Train /
Collectibles, Workshops and Clinics

Dixie Classic Fair
421 W. 27th Street
Winston-Salem, NC 27101

\$7.00 for adults, Kids under 12 are FREE

The Great Train Expo is the premiere train-oriented marketplace show with nationwide coverage. The shows feature large train and toy marketplaces, operating layouts and displays, workshops and demonstrations and much, much more!

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The Great Train Expo

April 4-5, 2009
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
North Atlanta Trade Center
1700 Jeurgens Court
Norcross, GA

Model Railroad, Operating Exhibit, Toy Train /
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COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA
Toy & Model Train Show

Saturday, May 2, 2009
9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

SC State Fairgrounds / Ruff Building
1200 Rosewood Drive
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

\$5.00, 12 & under free

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