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Next Meeting:
February 3,
2011
7:15 PM

TRAIN SHOW
PLANNING &
DETAILS



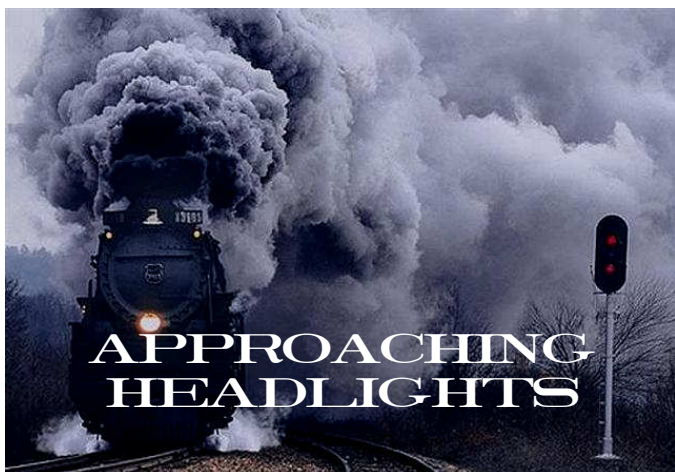
TRAVELING? TAKE YOUR CAMERA ALONG!



IT'S SHOW TIME
AGAIN, Y'ALL!

By Bruce Gathman. Over the Christmas Holidays my wife and I drove to California to celebrate the holidays with family. This and the photos on Page 5 are of some of the sights we saw along the way. First of all we drove to Tuscaloosa, AL where we got on US Hwy 82 and drove most all of the way to Phoenix on non-interstate roads. Across Arkansas and Texas we saw several short line roads; i.e., the CAGY and the WAMX to mention a couple. In New Mexico we were on the I-10 for a short ways and saw this first photo (above). After exiting the interstate again to go over the mountains we saw the AZER in Globe, AZ. **Photo by Bruce Gathman.**

ALSO, it's that exciting time of year again ~ Save the dates and eat a good breakfast on Feb. 25-27! **Left Photo by Brian d'Entremont.**



Upcoming Events for the
Central Railway Model & Historical Association
 as well as Regional shows and events worth mentioning

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

February 3, 2011	Train Show Details & Coordination
March 3, 2011	2010 National Narrow Gauge Convention, St. Louis Bruce Gathman
April 7, 2011	Revival of the Maine Two-footers Dale Reynolds
April 23, 2011	CENTRAL RAILROAD FESTIVAL
May 5, 2011	Call Dale before he calls you
June 2, 2011	Mystery Speaker - TBA!

SCHEDULED EVENTS & SHOWS

February 12 – 13, 2011

ATLANTA, GA

World's Greatest Hobby on Tour

Cobb Galleria

10:00 AM – 6:00 PM Sat, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM Sun.

\$10.00 w/ children 16 and under Free

www.wghshow.com



March 4 – 5, 2011

FLETCHER, NC

Asheville Train Show

Western North Carolina Agricultural Center

12:00 PM – 7:00 PM Fri, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM Sat.

\$5.00 w/ children 13 and under Free

www.asheville-trainshow.com

March 19 - 20, 2011

ATLANTA, GA

The Model Train Show (Piedmont Div. NMRA)

Cobb Galleria

10:00 AM – 5:00 PM Sat, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Sun.

\$8.00 w/ children 12 and under Free

www.themodeltrainshow.com

April 30, 2011

HENDERSONVILLE, NC

Spring Rails (French Broad E'N'pire)

Whitmire Activity Center

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM www.fbe-ntrak.com

\$5.00 / Children 14 and under, Scouts in uniform Free

2ND SATURDAY

**MUSEUM OPEN TO
THE PUBLIC**

COME RUN TRAINS & HAVE SOME FUN

FEBRUARY 12, 2011

MARCH 12, 2011

APRIL 9, 2011

MAY 14, 2011



SERVES THE UPSTATE

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

By Glenn Nasworthy,
Stationmaster

January 6, 2011

Regular Meeting at the Central Railway Museum

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Reece. Twenty-seven members were in attendance.

Our new member, Kevin Campbell was introduced and another new member, David Graley, who could not be present, was recognized. David lives in Columbia.

The Treasurer reported that all bills were paid to date. He said that he may transfer some money from other budgets to the scenery budget. By doing this we should be all right until the Train Show. We are receiving money for table rentals.

OLD BUSINESS:

There have been no material invoices to the City in November. We need any invoices for December turned in if any are due. To date we have been reimbursed \$1,4176.12

President Jim has talked to the Mayor of Central about our receiving in-kind recognition for work making the bathroom handicap assessable. He has written a letter requesting the same to the City Council.

The possibility of our hosting the fall 2011 meeting of the Palmetto Division of the NMRA was discussed. It was agreed this would be a good idea. We have to be sure to schedule this when there is no Clemson home football game and we have to find a location large enough to accommodate the group.

It appears we will be getting a \$500 grant from Wal-Mart, according to Ginny Marhanka. We voted to split this \$250 to the scenery budget and \$250 to the general fund.

Ed Welch will make the necessary changes to the web site to reflect the By-Law changes that were passed in November.

The Treasurer reminded everyone that it was time to get their dues in and for committee heads to start planning their budgets for 2011.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Train Show: The work schedule is being prepared by Ron Keith. Please get your information to him as to when and where you want to work. We need everybody to help! We still have some posters available for windows. We need Michael Childress to help with the sound system as Richard is having some health problems. Jim Kimble has volunteered to redo the Function Junction window. Ette Rupert is taking care of the print advertising and Rob Seel will do the radio advertising. (So far we have 134 tables rented.)

Museum Building: Nothing new to report

Central Railroad Festival: Ron reported that planning is going on. We are to mark our calendars for April 24th 2011 now so we can be sure to be able to help.

Portable Layout: We plan check out the layout Saturday to see what if anything needs to be done before the Show.

Lionel Heritage Room: This is at a standstill until the HO layout is finished.

American Flyer Heritage Room: Nothing new to report.

Programs: Dale Reynolds said Roger Smith will have to program tonight and that February will be on train show preparation.

Webmaster: Ed Welch will check out our domain name registration. He also said the web site is current as to Train Show contacts.

Newsletter: **Rob Seel asked again for material for the newsletter (hint).**

Museum Curator & Property Inventory

Administrator: Jack Green reported he has received a 1956 teachers' pack that was available then to aid teachers wanting to teach about railroads in their class. Jack said he will start Saturday on property inventory.

Computer administrator: Howard Garner reported nothing new.

HO Layout:

Benchwork: When the upper level is done we can start on the lower level for the Central area. There is discussion going on about lowering this level to provide a better view.

Wiring: Nothing new.

Scenery: The addition of \$250 to the budget will be a big help and should get us though the train show. A lot of progress has been made.

Rolling Stock: Jim asked everyone to please be careful handling the models.


Trackwork: Bob Folsom said there is still track work to do but we need code 55 track which is not available right now.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sandy Eustis explained that a group in Wilmington NC is trying to get the record for the longest model train. This will be tried April 23 which is the date of the Central festival.

Mac reported the Greenville and Western Santa Train was a big success. They gave out door prizes at each stop which were Lionel Polar Express and Lionel Christmas trains.

The meeting was adjourned.

Roger Smith presented a program on the trips he and Sue made across Canada on the Rocky Mountaineer and VIA train from Vancouver to Montreal. This was an excellent program enjoyed by all *(with some fantastic photos, the likes of which are very well suited for the Newsletter! ~ ed.)* 

**2011 CRM&HA
RAMBLE 1**



Dale Reynolds is asking for ideas for our first Ramble of the New Year. Several members have expressed interest, mostly for the mountains and coalfields, but the weather won't be conducive until later in the spring. Dale has heard no interest in going back to Savannah, Folkston & Jacksonville for the 3rd time, so ideas about going somewhere warmer in the first quarter would be welcome. Wherever we go, take you cameras -- like Bruce Gathman did for this issue of the Newsletter! **2010 Ramble 1 photo by Roger Smith.**

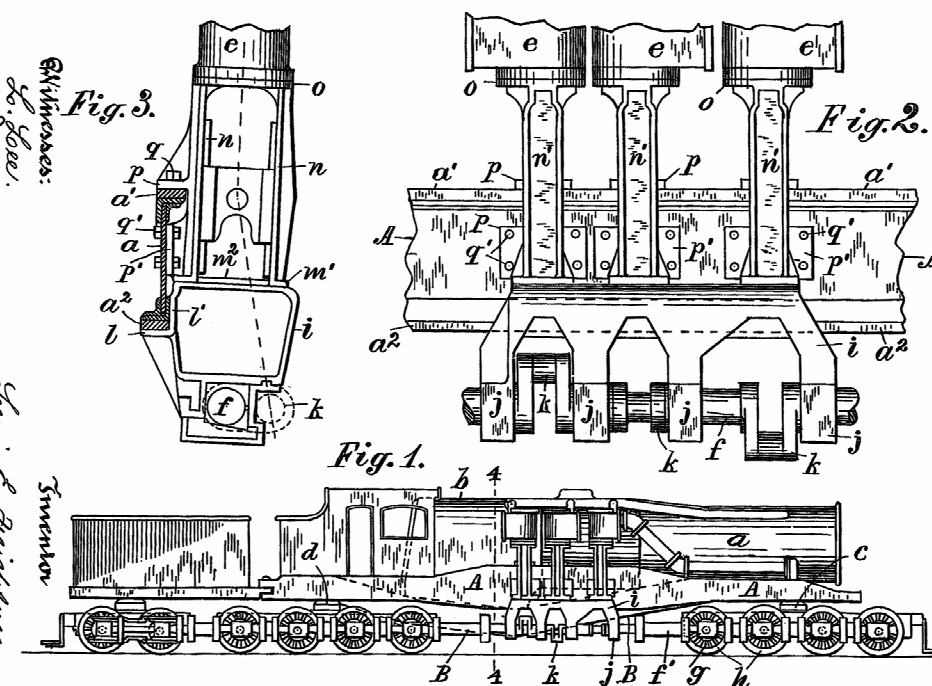
Oh, Shay Can You See?

Bruce Gathman sent in this image (to the right) of a US Patent Office record drawing of a "Steam Engine Mounting for Geared Locomotives," dated October 14, 1913 by L. E. Feightner. This is one example of thousands of archived materials available online. It's a great information resource!

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Guller, Dunsen*

Simon

*Simon C. Feightner
for Thomas S. Evans, atty*



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L. E. FEIGHTNER.
STEAM ENGINE MOUNTING FOR GEARED LOCOMOTIVES.
APPLICATOR FILED JULY 25, 1913.
Patented Oct. 14, 1913.
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A DAY ON THE ARIZONA EASTERN

By Bruce Gathman



Above: The Arizona and Eastern Railway was operating a tourist train the day we were through Globe, AZ, the afternoon of December 19, 2010. It consisted of an E-unit, full length dome car, and a round-tail Norfolk & Western observation car. *The E8 is ex-Chicago & North Western 5029B, blt 1953, and the observation car appears to be Roanoke Chapter NRHS' ex-Illinois Central "Mardi Gras" – ed.*



Left: Also, we found this steam powered Heisler locomotive and a couple of more diesels sitting in the yards at Globe, AZ. *The 1917 Heisler, ex-Craig Mountain Lumber Co. No. 3, is on loan from the National Railroad Museum in Green Bay, WI. It ran excursions in 2009. Video can be seen at <http://glennrail.blogspot.com> Behind the Heisler is ex-Texas North Eastern GP7 No. 115 ~ ed.*

UPDATES FROM THE RMS ARCHITECTURE MODEL SHOPS GE 70-Ton SWITCHERS



By Rob Seel

Some time last year Dale Reynolds asked me if I would assemble for him two S-scale locomotive kits, produced by Smoky Mountain Model Works. I had built several car kits for him before, as well as a few paint and decal jobs. These, however, required a bit more research and custom artwork. The decals were printed by Highball Graphics from my artwork in the two schemes Dale requested: The Greenville & Northern and the Belfast & Moosehead Lake (Maine). The BML unit is an “early phase” 70-tonner, and the GRN is “late phase.” The difference is obvious by the headlights, nose louvers, and hood access door arrangement. And yes, all of the handrails are stick-built, formed, and soldered. Good news is that on the same 8 1/2 x 11 decal sheet I was also able to fit ten sets in HO scale, five sets for each railroad. At the same time I was able to produce HO versions from Bachmann models, with DCC factory-installed. I am pleased to say that seven of the ten sold within one week, but decals may still be available for a short time. 