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Next
Meeting
**Oct. 3,
2013**
7:10 PM
at the
Central
Railway
Museum

EMD MP-15 Spotted at Mil epost 510



Don Baldwin has been keeping a sharp eye for unusual moves on our local segment of the Norfolk Southern. On 4:45pm Monday, September 9th, he reports: "Look what I found parked on the Central Plaster siding in Central MP 510.

I think this may have been sitting there since Saturday. Thought I saw something up there from the Banks Street Crossing."

Don's wife, Sue also notices things out of the ordinary, and caught the following image of the engineer trying to fix something that had broken or gotten caught in the visor.



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Upcoming Events for the

Central Railway Model & Historical Association

as well as regional shows and events worth mentioning

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

October 4: TBD

The rest of 2013 is Wide Open

2nd SATURDAY
MUSEUM OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
October 12, 2013
November 9, 2013

OPERATING SESSIONS

Second Thursdays (usual l y) 7PM

October 10, 2013
November 14, 2013

The CRM&HA has begun regular operating sessions on the Thursday preceding our Museum's open house each month. Club members interested in learning how to operate the layout and gain their certification in order to be able to run trains on the museum layout are encouraged to attend these sessions.

If you have locomotives equipped with DCC decoders and/or you have a Digitrax handheld throttle, please bring them. This way, we can be assured of having enough equipment to run.

> SCHEDULED EVENTS & SHOWS §

October 4-5, 2013

Spartanburg, SC – Train Days

Sponsor: Hub City Railroad Museum

Headquarters Library of Spartanburg County, 151 Church Street

Times: Friday 1pm-6pm, Saturday 10am-3pm

Admission: free

October 12-13, 2013

Fletcher, NC – Autumn Rails 2013 All Scales Model Railroad Show

Sponsor: French Broad e'N'pire NTRAK Club Expo Building, Western NC Agricultural Center, 1301 Boyleston Highway, Gate 5

Times: Sat. 10am-5pm, Sun. 12pm-4pm

Admission: 12 and up: \$6, Children under 12 and Scouts in uniform: free

<http://www.fbe-ntrak.com>

October 12, 2013

Spencer, NC – Virginia Autumn Special

North Carolina Transportation Museum

Times: Departs Spencer 7am and Greensboro, NC 8am. Returns from Charlottesville, VA 3pm

Prices vary from \$150-\$265 depending on seating. <http://nctrans.org>

October 13, 2013

Spencer, NC – The Blue Ridge Special

North Carolina Transportation Museum

Times: Departs Spencer 7am. Returns from Asheville, NC 3pm

Prices vary from \$150-\$265 depending on seating. <http://nctrans.org>

October 26-27, 2013

Myrtle Beach, SC – 4th Annual Grand Strand Model Railroaders, Inc. Train Show & Sale

Lakewood Conference Center, 5873 S Kings Hwy

Times: Sat. 10am- 5pm, Sun. 10am – 4pm

Admission: Adults \$5, Children under 12 free

<http://isfans.com/gsmrc>

› Dispatcher's Office š

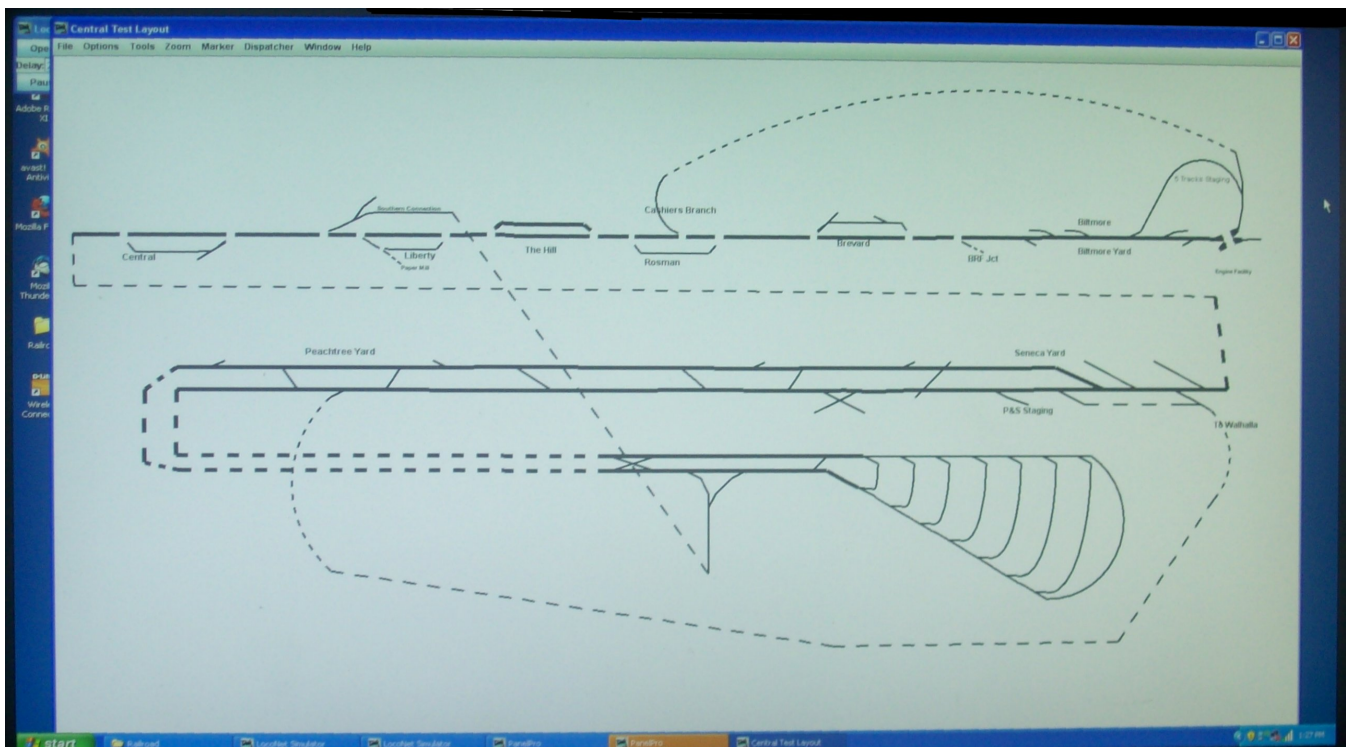
Report & Photos by J.T. Thorpe

A side effect of moving the rolling stock workbench from the kitchen to the Lionel Room is that we were able to set up the Dispatcher's Office in the vacated space. Howard Garner ran the wires for the LocoNet and power while J.T. moved and the computer from the helix to its new location. With some updates to the rolling stock database and the addition of a printer, switch lists can be more easily generated.



Howard also took the opportunity to demonstrate JMRI's Panel Pro software and show a handful of folks the plan for using the new detection and signaling hardware that is being installed to work with the Panel Pro software. The dispatcher can monitor the position and speed of trains on the layout and we have the potential for a centrally controlled signaling system.

Howard has created a rough mockup of the museum's layout in Panel Pro. Not all of the turnouts are shown on the plan, but those can easily be added later. Z



> Layout Progress š

Report & Photos by J.T. Thorpe

All around the museum layout, progress is being made. From new rolling stock and locomotives, the addition of a new track and staging under the Central-Clemson viaduct to the completion of various scenes.

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The engine terminal at Little River is as pretty as a picture.— especially at the angle shown below. Refueling stands and a sandbox complete the scene. All that is left is weathering the locomotives.

Most of the Seneca Yard has been completed and is in the process of being ballasted. The engine terminal has yet to be created, as are some of the sidings. Valley Lumber is the latest industry that has been put in place, and like the town, it has been wired for lights.



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General Meeting Minutes

By **Ralph Watson**,
Newsletter Editor
September 5, 2013

Regular Meeting at the Central Railroad Museum

Meeting called to order on time at 7:10 PM by President Dan Marett. Twenty four members were present

President - Dan Marett

Opened with observations on the many changes in the past month at the museum.

Flooring is down in the Lionel Room giving a green light for that layout to progress. One section of the modular layout has been moved to the Museum to allow for scenery work to continue on the port and grain transload areas.

Steve Zonay continues his post-surgical care at Capstone in Easley, please visit. A group of volunteers has taken down Steve's HO layout and it is in storage.

An Ice Cream Social is being planned for October.

Treasurer – Christine Grewcock

Bank balance of +/- \$6314. All areas are within budget except rolling stock.

Secretary – Ralph Watson

2013 membership cards available on top of the 4 drawer file.

Ralph, Jim and Fred attended Newcomers Club in Seneca on 3 September to 'show the colors'. There were 150-200 new residents at the meeting learning about the many organizations and activities to enjoy in this area.

Member Mac McMillin would like for everyone to note the spelling of his last name.

First Vice President – Joe Fitzpatrick

Lionel Room flooring is done. Next work benches and layout benchwork.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Museum Building – Glen Nasworthy

New air filters have been installed. Please do not obstruct air flow at the intakes with under layout storage.

Museum Curator – Jack Green

A new CRMHA brochure is nearly ready. A visit by Eighth Grade History students is being planned.

Property Inventory – Steve Mills

Seventy five new photographs have been added to the inventory program.

Rolling Stock – Jim McInnis

Central RR locomotives will be painted in the 'Tuxedo' paint scheme. More locomotives are needed to fill the roster for operations.

The donate/lend/lease program has allowed for multiple Alco RS units to be obtained painted and decoders installed. The program is still active; members may 'buy' a locomotive to be kept on the museum layout.

A test run of a 12 foot train has demonstrated that double heading will be Standard Operating Procedure for traversing the helix ("The Hill").

Trackwork – Bob Folsom

Mostly caught up with some switches to be built in Helix/staging and the Central stub line is incomplete.

Computer – Howard Garner

A new computer donation is to arrive soon. When the current work bench in the kitchen is cleared out the space will be set up as a dispatcher's office.

Operations – Howard Garner

Detector coils for the signaling system are being installed.

Webmaster – Ed Welch

Content about the education activities we provide and operations training have been added at CRMHA.org

Newsletter Editor – J.T. Thorpe

Thank you for the articles and PLEASE keep the content coming. Railfan reports and photos as well as layout tours are great newsletter articles.

Railfan Reports

Four 16 wheel flat cars with concrete bunkers such as those for transporting spent nuclear fuel rods were spotted at Newry siding. A 40 wheel ‘Schnabel’ type car was used to deliver a large transformer to Duke Energy.

A new streetcar line is under construction in Atlanta near the Americas Mart. See ‘Streetcars in Atlanta’ on wikipedia for route maps and a history of Atlanta area urban rails.

For information on urban light rail under construction in Charlotte, Google CityLYNX Gold Line.

The NS Heritage units can be tracked using heritageunits.com.

Comment was made about the progress in moving UP Big Boy 4014 from Los Angeles to Wyoming.

Lionel Room

Ready for benchwork to begin, lumber will be needed.

Scenery – Jim Reece

The rock quarry with early stages of I-26 construction included is underway.

Operations – Sandy Eustice

Operations are on the second Thursday of each month. Get your certifications signed off so you can run trains.

OLD BUSINESS

The green cloth skirting still needs to be made. Dan will check again with Cheryl Keith.

Useful discussions have been held concerning our use of Function Junction. Final resolution is pending. Members are encouraged to patronize Maria’s restaurants in Central Pickens and Liberty and thank her for the use of the building.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion was made and seconded that the portable layout be taken to the Spartanburg Library for CRHA Train Days October 4th and 5th.

There was discussion on the history and what should be done with the Lionel MAGNETRACTION dealer demonstration layout donated by Ron Keith’s family. The layout may have considerable cash value and it is also an artifact worthy of preservation by the Museum. No conclusion was reached. The layout is in storage at Mac McMillin’s home.

PROGRAM

Meeting adjourned with no program. The Program Chairman position is open (?), if so a volunteer is needed urgently.

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> Lionel Room Progress Š

Report & Photos by Don Baldwin

Thought you all would like to see the progress in the Lionel room. Alex and I worked on it.

The photo shows the new counter top, one of the two cabinets below the counter, and the new 2 level dual-gauge test track in place. Thanks to Howard and Jerry who installed all of the power strips at the counter, top and bottom. Thanks to Steve Zonay for the dual gauge test tracks.

Work will soon begin on the frame for the Lionel layout.



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Don is also in the process of building a display shelf for the Lionel Room, and provided the following report:



Construction is going well. Needs gluing, sanding, and some shellac / varnish applied. I may bring it this Thursday [to the meeting] to show but not to mount on wall yet. I will be working on a filler for the 4 inch open space at the end of the countertop and the wall.

Shelf unit is approx. 36 inches long, 15 in tall with 4 double tracks on each shelf. Z

> Mal function Junction š

Last month's description of the Pickens Railroad WWII-era kitchen car, now the property of the cities of Pickens and Easley, seems to have lacked precision. The car is an outside-braced boxcar that was *converted* to use as a kitchen car rather than being *originally* built as a kitchen car.

The description of a 1969 photo of 3 steam locomotives in Anniston, Alabama from Dr. Harshman's collection incorrectly identified the center locomotive as belonging to the MKT. It was Savannah & Atlanta Railroad #750.



> Modelers' Tip š

Dry transfer posters help provide a time and place for our model railroads, but sometimes finding that vintage sign we remember from our childhood or one from days gone by isn't possible due to copyright issues or that our favorite decal manufacturer hasn't gotten around to producing it yet.

If you have access to a color photocopier, you can resize and reproduce ads from old magazines. If you have access to the Internet, a decent image editing program, and a color printer, odds are someone out there has posted an image of that vintage advertisement you've been looking for that you can tweak to the right color or orientation. In either case, once you have the image sized for the billboard or wall you want to post it on, make your copy of it. Most printer paper is a little thick, so you can gently sand away the backside of the paper until you have a very thin layer of printer paper. A little dilute white glue, or spray adhesive, and you've got your bill to post!

> Did You Know š



The American Locomotive Company (ALCO) manufactured produced 1,418 RS-3 locomotives from May 1950 to 1956. Slightly more powerful than its predecessor, the RS-2, it boasted a 1,600 HP 12-cylinder diesel-electric engine with a tractive effort of 61,755 pounds. Intended for road-switching duties, its primary competitors were the EMD GP7 and GP9, Fairbanks-Morse's H-15-44 and H-16-44, and Baldwin's DRS-4-4-15 and AS-16

The Southern Railway and its subsidiaries (primarily Central of Georgia) took delivery of 111 of these locomotives between 1950 and 1956. The vast majority of the fleet was retired in 1976.

Sources: wikipedia.org and *Southern: A Motive Power Pictorial 1968-198*, Paul K. Withers & Tom L. Sink
Photo © 2007, Harvey Henklemann

> Welcome š Jaxon Shally

The CRM&HA welcomes new junior member Jaxon Shally. Already, Jaxon has become a regular attendee of our Saturday work sessions, has been certified on a few layout operations, and is eagerly learning more. Z