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Next
Meeting
March 5,
2015

7:10 PM

at the
Central
Railway
Museum

2015 CRM&HA Train Show Report

Article by J.T. Thorpe

Another successful train show was put on by the CRM&HA! This year, we had 6 operating layouts on display: The CRM&HA's portable HO-scale layout, the Dambridge Loop, and the Thomas the Tank Engine layout were all in evidence as well as the Piedmont S-scale layout, the Live Steamers group, and the Piedmont 'N' Southern's N-Trak layout.



David Leaphart fires up his replica of a Disneyland and Santa Fe narrow gauge locomotive, named "Roy".
Photo: J.T. Thorpe

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Upcoming Events for the

Central Railway Model & Historical Association

as well as regional shows and events worth mentioning

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

2015 is wide open!

MUSEUM OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
Every Saturday of the Month
9am to 2 pm

OPERATING SESSIONS Second Thursdays (usual l y) 7PM

March 12, 2015
April 9, 2015

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.

Program Nights
Third Thursdays @ 7:15pm
90 minute model railroading clinics
and other programs

> SCHEDULED EVENTS & SHOWS §

March 6 - 7, 2015

New Bern, NC – Carolina Coastal Railroaders Model Train Show

Riverfront Convention Center
203 E. Front Street

Saturday: 10:00am – 5:00pm

Sunday: 10:00am – 4:00pm

Admission: \$6.00, Children under 12 with Adult: Free. Ticket good for both days.

<http://carolinacoastalrailroaders.org/2015.asp>

March 6 - 7, 2015

Fletcher, NC – Asheville Train Show

WNC Agricultural Center

Friday: 12:00 -7pm

Saturday: 9:00am - 5:00pm

Admission: no info

<http://asheville-trainshow.com/index.html>

March 14–15, 2015

Marietta, GA – Model Train Show, Piedmont Division, NMRA

Cobb Galleria Center, Two Galleria Parkway

Saturday: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Sunday: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Admission: TBA

March 21, 2015

Columbia, SC – Model Train Show, Palmetto Chapter of Train Collectors Association

National Guard Armory, 1225 Bluff Road

Saturday: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Admission: Adults \$4, Under 12, Free

<http://www.palmettoTCA.com>

March 21, 2015

Greensboro, NC – Carolina Model Railroaders Train Show and Swap Meet

Greensboro Amtrak Station, 300 East Washington St

Saturday: 10:00am - 3:00pm

Admission: \$5, Children under 12 with adult: Free

<http://www.carolinamodelrr.org>



**Meeting Minutes
By Ralph Watson
Stationmaster
February 5, 2015**

Meeting was called to order on time by President Dan Marrett. Twenty four members were in attendance.

President – Dan Marrett

Good news!!!!!! The train show is behind us. It was one of our best because of the members that worked it. I can't name all that helped because I would leave someone out but I do appreciate those of you that did work. It takes a long time to get ready and then three complete days to set up, operate and shut down. I do want to personally thank Howard Garner for organizing the show and taking care of our vendors. We are already planning for next year's show.

The Steering Committee had a very nice meeting today to talk about our future. One of the things we discussed was better organization of the jobs that need to be done. There is a new priority list being developed with many new things to be added. As President, it is my responsibility to prod everyone along to make sure these jobs take place. If I see you standing around enjoying yourself rest assured I will point you to something that needs to be done. We have walls that need painting, fascia that needs finishing, storage areas that need to be cleaned out and organized in addition to all of the work that needs to be done at the museum and Function Junction. I will send out the priority list to everyone as soon as it is completed.

The officers each commented on various aspects of the Train Show just completed; Estimated net \$7100 with some figures still in flux. The company store was a HUGE success due mostly to a large effort to categorize and display MANY Heritage and HO donated items. The Dambridge layout was popular and performed

flawlessly, garnered many inquires - exactly the reason it was built.

Five new members took advantage of the reduced dues at the show. On30 modules made a first Train Show appearance. This could be the start of something new for CRMHA. Kids (and adults) really liked seeing Thomas on the HO portable layout. Vendor comments were reviewed, and were mostly favorable. The hours of operation on Saturday could be lengthened into to the early evening and possibly a soft pre-opening on Friday. The Sunday hours were incorrectly listed in ads and fliers.

Property Inventory Administrator—Steve Humphrey

The bad order car repair slip system is working well and the database is being kept up to date.

Dambridge Layout - Rob Seel

The layout is booked at the Pickens Senior Center on 2/28 as part of the Appalachian Life program. We have declined the invitation because covered transportation is not available.

Portable Layout—Dan Marrett

Our portable HO layout will be gone over carefully prior to remounting at Function Junction to make sure all wiring is correct. Additional modules are being planned for the closed end to make the internal aisle wider. The existing former end modules will be updated to allow display of multiple configurations based on the size of the location. We have been invited to set up in Mauldin in September. The trailer is being fitted with CRMHA logo graphics decals.

Rolling Stock—Jim Mcinnis

A fleet of tank cars to service the Michelin plant on the portable layout have been added to the roster and an additional locomotive.

Newsletter—JT

Please submit photos articles modeling tips and other items rail related items. Your newsletter is only as good as you make it.

Museum Education Coordinator—Sandy Eustis

Third Thursday evening modeling clinics start this month. Sandy will send out specifics via email.

American Flyer—Sage Viehe
Everything Works!

Lionel Layout—Mac McMillin

PLEASE do not use the Lionel Room and benchwork as a catch-all for stray items. Junk left here will be disposed of unmercilessly. The layout tables are being made wider to allow for a smoother track plan. Mac is committed to have trains running for the Central Railroad Festival in April.

Rail Fan Report

N&W J-611 is expected to roll out of boiler rehab in April.

Anthony Smith is beginning Engineer training at the Southeastern railway museum in Georgia

Interior Construction ---Jim Alexander

A long list (VIEWABLE?) of projects are in the works. Please try to clean as you go at Function Junction.

Scenery—Jim Reece

More areas are moving toward completion on the Museum layout.

OLD BUSINESS

Spare parts for the mast signal are still on the ground in Seneca, we still are negotiating permission to harvest them.

Our use of Function Junction in the future is still uncertain.

The Museum will continue to be open for the public every Saturday. Operators are needed. Anyone who has a good paper or

digital copies of our various printed forms and office stationery please get copies to Jim Alexander.

Ralph Watson is missing his copies of Great Model Railroads 2015 and Model Railroad Planning 2015. Sharing is OK but he was not done reading them yet himself.

Our latest grant request to Wal-Mart has been rejected.

The Central Railroad Festival is April 25. Some of our former duties are being shifted to other groups.

Great Escape stores in Greenville and Spartanburg are closing and we have been asked to demolish the multiple layouts in various scales.

NEW BUSINESS

Rob Seel has a 24 inch square acrylic covered model base that would make a nice N scale diorama.

Ralph Watson asked for help in establishing Google Voice phone service to the Museum.

Motion to adjourn was made seconded and passed.

PROGRAM

Don Baldwin showed railfan slides of his trips to Austria including a cog railway.

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Local Rail fanning



Howard Garner recently caught couple of Blue Ridge Southern's GP39-2s: #3939 and #3940.

Don Baldwin reports on some foreign power rolling through Central (see below)



Dateline: Tuesday the 10th. 2pm (or so)

I saw a northbound freight go by at 2pm when leaving the museum. Since I was watching thru the bank area, I noticed some bathtub cars sitting on track 2.

Went down toward the Central PO, and found the front end of the southbound train. TWO Kansas City Southern diesels were on the point, waiting to go south.

Long story - He waited for two more northbound freights, then received a clear signal to proceed.

Layout Tour: Glenn Nasworthy

Photos by Don Baldwin



During Glenn's birthday celebration this February, he invited folks to see his home layout. Don Baldwin shared a few photos of the experience. Observant readers may notice that Glenn's layout looks really huge in this shot, thanks to a wall-mounted mirror that effectively doubles the apparent size of the space.



2015 Train Show



> Did You Know Š

We have a new railroad in the area!



The Blue Ridge Southern Railroad (reporting mark **BLU**) is a Class III shortline railroad operating over 91.8 miles (147.7 kilometres) of track in Western North Carolina. The railroad is owned by Watco of Pittsburg, Kansas and operates three lines that connect in the Asheville area that were previously owned by Norfolk Southern. The railroad is based out of Canton, NC and utilizes 10 locomotives. Operations began on 26 July 2014.

The Blue Ridge Southern Railroad was formed on June 25, 2014 when WATCO reached a definitive agreement with Norfolk Southern for the purchase of 91.8 miles of branchlines in Western North Carolina. The railroad began operations with a fleet of 11 diesel electric locomotives, which consist of three SD40-2's, four SD40M-2 rebuilds, and four GP39-2's.

The announcement to sell the lines that would become the Blue Ridge Southern Railroad was made in a Norfolk Southern corporate meeting in April 2014.

Source: Wikipedia.org

Photo: Howard Garner

> MODELER'S TIP Š

A trip to the model train show can yield some interesting finds. This year, I found a number of vintage Athearn tank cars in various conditions. Some of them had acquired a bit of rust that looked like authentic weathering. A couple had some corrosion—"white rust"—on the "pot metal" frames that I'd like to clean up, seal with paint and then "weather" in the traditional modeler's technique—with paint and or chalk.



A quick Internet search turned up a lot of information on dealing with corrosion and rust of various metals. Most diecast toys and models are composed of a zinc alloy. "White rust" forms because the item was stored in damp and poorly ventilated conditions. Coral-like corrosion forms on the metal's surface.

To stop the corrosion from continuing, the metal just needs to be aired out to remove any moisture and allow the normal layer of protection to form. Washing and a wire brush will remove most of the corrosion. For complete removal, 10% acetic acid (such as common pickling vinegar) can be used. It requires a thorough water rinsing afterward and does not restore the smooth finish.

