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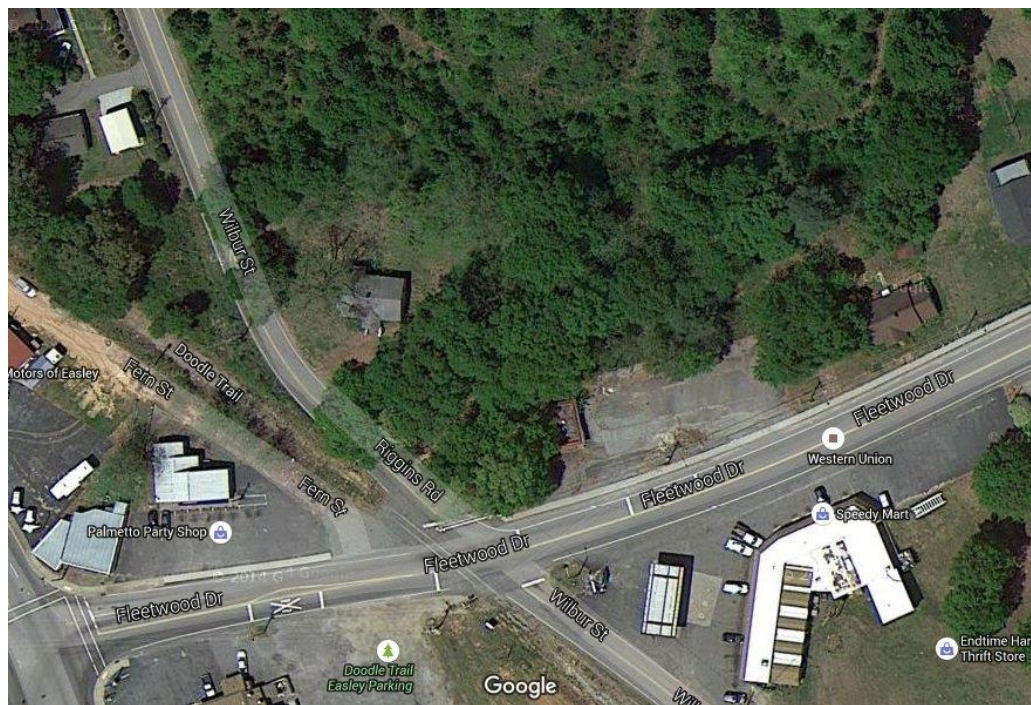
DOODLE TRAIL

Photos by J.T. Thorpe

The Greenville News reports that the Appalachian Regional Commission has approved a \$250,000 grant to be applied to a \$500,000 project to create a trailhead in Easley for the Doodle Trail. The other half of the funding will be through Easley's hospitality tax revenues.

A small park—more than one acre—is being planned at the Fleetwood Drive terminus of the Doodle Trail—the former Pickens Railroad line from Easley to Pickens that has been given over to recreational use via the Rails to Trails program. The “Doodle Head” park (as the city is currently calling it) will include a picnic shelter, paved nature trail, and a playground. Two boxcars, currently at the Pickens end of the trail, will be moved and renovated. The plan also calls for 25-30 parking spaces. According to Easley mayor, Larry Bagwell, he hopes the project will be put out for bids soon.

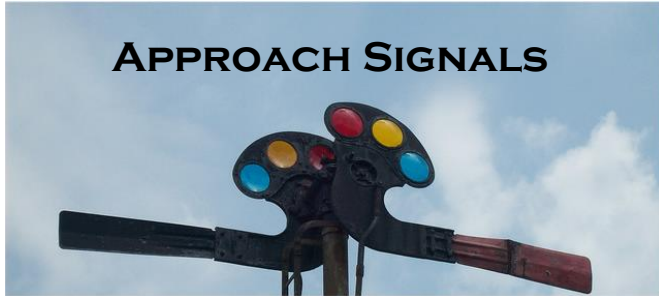
The city of Pickens has also been planning its own trailhead to be at the site of the former depot in Pickens. The \$2.4 million plan calls for renovating Pickens Railroad locomotive #2 and a boxcar, demolishing the deteriorating depot, and creating a community building and several outdoor recreation features.



**NEXT
 MEETING
 DEC. 3, 2015**

7:10 PM

**AT THE
 CENTRAL
 RAILWAY
 MUSEUM**



APPROACH SIGNALS

Upcoming Events for the

Central Railway Model & Historical Association

as well as regional shows and events worth mentioning

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

**MUSEUM OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
EVERY SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
9AM TO 2 PM**

OPERATING SESSIONS SECOND THURSDAYS & FOURTH TUESDAYS 7PM

**DECEMBER 10, 2015
DECEMBER 22, 2015
JANUARY 7, 2016**

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

December 5, 2015

Central, SC – Central Christmas Parade

Function Junction, Main Street & 108 Werner St
Saturday: 9am – 5pm

Admission: free

<http://crmha.org/>

December 5, 2015

Alpharetta, GA – Terminus Chapter Holiday Toy Train Swap Meet

American Legion Post #201, 201 Willis Rd
Saturday: 9am – 2pm

Admission: \$3 TCA members, \$7 general public, Children under 16 free

<http://dixiedivisiontca.com/category/events-terminus/>

December 5-6, 2015

Raleigh, NC – TCA Southeastern Division Toy Train Show & Sale

NC State Fairgrounds, Kerr Scott Building,
Hillborough St. & Blue Ridge Rd
Saturday & Sunday: 10am – 3pm

Admission: \$6, Children under 13 accompanied by an adult free

<http://www.se-tca.org/raleighflyer2.htm>

December 19, 2015

Columbia, SC – South Carolina Trade Shows, Columbia SC Train Show

Jamil Temple, 306 Jamil Rd

Saturday & Sunday: 9am – 3pm

Admission: \$5, Children under 12 accompanied by an adult free

<http://www.southcarolinatradeshow.com/>

December 4-6, 11-13, 16-22, 2015

Spencer, SC – The Polar Express

Historic Spencer Shops

See site for times

Admission: Adults \$12, Seniors/Active Military \$10, Children 3-12 \$8, Children under 3 free

<http://www.nctrans.org/>

HOLIDAY TRADITIONS

Photos & Article by J.T. Thorpe

Most of us who do model railroading have some sort of holiday tradition with regard to displaying trains. My uncle's first purchase after being discharged from the Navy in the early 1970's was a Lionel train set that he would put out on display around the family Christmas tree every year. Each year he would buy a new car to add to the set until he had to add more track to accommodate the train.



I started my own tradition with an LGB Christmas Train set in 1994, but unlike the traditional red and white sets, I preferred the blue and white passenger set. My first Christmas "on my own" was around the time the collectible ornament craze hit, and sure enough, I started collecting the ornamental locomotives and cars to hang on my tree. Steve Zonay had a similar idea, but found a much less expensive route and bought several N-scale cabooses for \$1 each and hung them on his tree.



RAILFANNING IN GEORGIA

Photos by Ed Painter, Jr.





**Central Railway Model &
Historical Association
Regular Meeting Minutes**
By Dan Marett, Jr Watson
November 5, 2015

Called to Order at 7:10 pm by
President Dan Marett.

Again we have made good progress on the museum and Function Junction. Thanks to all who are making it happen.

I had a unique experience last month. I went on a motorcar or speeder ride with Mac Macmillan on the Hiawasse loop in Tennessee. If you ever get the opportunity to make a motorcar trip I heartily recommend it. It is like riding on the rails in a golf cart. Also if you ever get the opportunity to spend some quality time with Mac I highly recommend that. He is a very interesting person with tons of railroad information. I found that if I just sat back and listened I would gain a lot of information on our hobby, railroad facts and how to live life without getting stressed. I will forever cherish that experience.

We will have our annual Christmas party and meeting at the Central Station restaurant on December 3. A menu has been chosen and we will be served buffet style. I will need to know if you plan to attend. An email has been sent out. We will gather at the museum for a social hour at 6 PM and move to the restaurant for the meal and meeting at 7 PM. We will elect our officers for the next term at that meeting. Nominations will take place.

OFFICER REPORTS

Treasurer's Report—Jim Alexander

Jim asked all members to submit paperwork on club credit card purchases, several charges showed up on a recent bank statement but no

paperwork has been received. This may require the card to be recalled and not used until the requisition paperwork has been signed by appropriate personnel. Current Bank Balance is \$10,031.

1st Vice President—Joe Fitzpatrick

Much good work has been done on lighting and scenery to include recent work on the logging camp. Also many people have been added to numerous areas on the layout. The recent lighting of the vehicle traffic bridge in the Atlanta terminal area is fantastic.

Electrical Committee—Howard Garner

A great deal of progress has been made on the electrical and signal systems; some of areas covered included the full size signal and the repeater in the Lionel Room, layout wiring to include logic and programming, tracking programs and Suds Bucket sounds. Howard thanked David and Jerry for their assistance. A UR-92 has been installed.

Programs and Operations-- Sandy Eustis

See Sandy's recent e-mail for upcoming programs plus he needs programs for next year. Mac will provide a program on the Lionel Dealers display next year so we need 10 additional programs. Five to six members have shown up for the past several operating sessions. Please follow the rules when you run the trains and get them back to where they are supposed to be.

Portable Layout—Dan Marett

We are taking our time about putting up the portable unit and correcting and cleaning up as we go. We will have it up and running for the December visitors and the town parade. I would like to thank "LiL Deb" for her donation of a play set for the girls.

Thanks to Doc and Dan for repairing the Thomas layout. Please note the controls for Thomas are now on the other end of the layout away from the door. The Portable layout has

been reworked in many areas to include work on the transfer carts and brackets rebuilt for steel plant and port areas allowing them to be loaded easier.

Dan also asked Jim and Don to report on the progress on the Function Junction bathroom upgrade. Jim indicated the floor is close to completion. Don reported the door for bathroom has been sanded, repainted, hinges installed and the door rebuilt to allow for a new lock. He also reported he just received an estimate of \$2550 for the plumbing cost. This caused much discussion on how we can find a way to complete this project at a lesser cost. Any suggested would be appreciated.

Rolling Stock---Jim Mcinnis

Several new engines are awaiting decals; including the 911 and the Veteran's units.

Webmaster—Ed Welch

Sandy and David are assisting Ed in redesigning the website and will meet again in December. Sandy reported he hopes the new site will have links to other organizations such as suppliers, other rail links plus have photos submitted by members. There will also be an area for rail fans. Ed added the site will be Smartphone friendly.

Newsletter—JT Thorpe

JT reported that the December edition will be his last so we need a new Editor for our newsletter.

American Flyer—Sage Viehe

Redesign of the layout continues and he asked for suggestions from the members.

Lionel Layout—Mac McMillin

Currently reworking several Lionel engines and talked about Roger's 1947 NYC engine. Mac then asked Bill Fogerty to chat about several pieces of 50+ year old WWII Lionel Engines and rolling stock.

Track Work—Bob Folsom

Much additional track has been ballasted. He asked for additional members to get involved in working on the layout.

Jim Reece-- Scenery

Please help other folks learn how to do scenery. Much new scenery has been completed to include a number of trees and a special thanks to Bob Earle for his tree making efforts. Glenn, Roger, and Joe were also thanked for their efforts.

OLD BUSINESS

Please take some of the flyers for the Train Show and share them with businesses and folks you know.

Please clean up any area you work in, our facilities were not very pleasing to the eye last Saturday when we had visitors.

We need a representative for the Central Train Festival, please contact Dan if you can assist.

NEW BUSINESS

Sandy Eustis asked for nominations for the office of President, 1st Vice President and Secretary. He also stated that the current President and 1st VP are willing to serve another term. Nominations will remain open until the election at the meeting on the 3rd of December.

Photo contest. Anthony Smith asked for judges for a photo contest being conducted by the Train Chasers. There will be 5 levels of competition; one for each of the 4 seasons plus and overall winner. The club agreed to provide the judging.

PROGRAM

A super program by David Mead which included a number of very interesting photos of our layout. You will soon be able to see these photos on our website.

DID YOU KNOW?

LGB trains are responsible for introducing "G" scale to model railroading. The scale ratio used by LGB is nominally 1:22.5, yet many dimensions are often changed to allow operation on very tight R1 curves. American prototypes especially suffer from this. Other G-scale (and Gauge 1) manufacturers produce products that range from 1:20 to 1:32, and for the most part, all use the same track and are compatible with one another. Though they can all run on the same track (45 mm gauge), models representing narrow-gauge versions of trains or locomotives would not normally be run together with models of larger full-scale vehicles. To fit the same standard track the latter must be built using different scales. To illustrate the point, 1:22.5 scale passengers and/or train crew are somewhat oversized when displayed in proximity with 1:32 models. Though the models may be physically compatible, many people choose a style or era to fit their desires and pick one ratio (in the range of 1:20.3 to 1:32) to model all of their trains.

The first loco made under the LGB brand was a model of a small Austrian 0-4-0 named "Stainz." This loco appears in the LGB logo and is still in production today, although it now has a sound system and other mechanical differences to the original 1968 model. Most garden railway enthusiasts have at least one example of a Stainz in their collection as it tends to be a robust loco with good pulling power.



Source: Wikipedia.org

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

I had wanted a train set on Christmas for several years, and then that special morning finally arrived. Oh yeah, it was a real Lionel set with an engine, coal tender, four freight cars and a caboose. The sad part that followed the next year, was, I didn't receive anything to add to my layout. It was kind of a Blue Christmas with no train reminder gifts, so I sat out to remind mom and dad several times during the next year that I needed to complete my little railway under the bed.

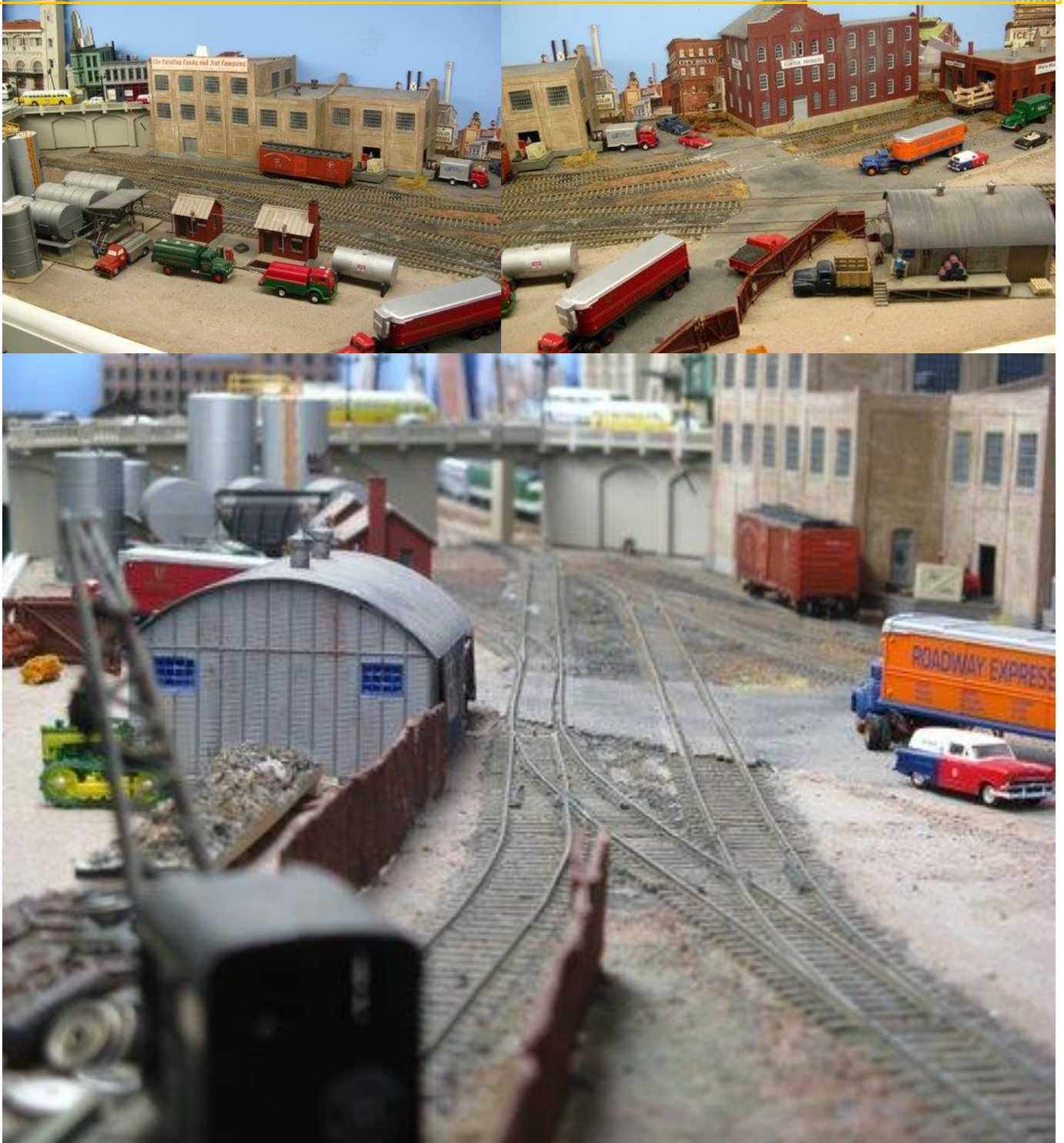
But since that time of my life, I've noticed many things that reminded me of a Blue Christmas. Even now a number of churches are even holding Blue Christmas services for those faced with grief and loss. The normal Christmas emphasis is on Happiness and Good Cheer. But often, for the person with despair and loneliness, it's like dealing with a heartache, or some times, even worse than that. You may even find yourself shedding a tear or two, and that's ok. Remember, you wouldn't do it if you didn't need to, so do it and be happy about it. Fellows and ladies, please don't forget to cry once in a while, it's good for you, but don't cry if on Christmas morning, you don't get another locomotive, or a new freight car of some kind.

But it's that time of the year when you pull out the old railroad set from under the bed for the grandchildren to play with, and you sit there reminiscing about days of yesteryear. They were all good days and even today, bring many hours of joy. Please don't let Santa (or Jesus), hear you talking about a Blue Christmas because for me and my house, they don't exist! And if you find one coming on, just reach down beside the recliner, and grab an old, Model Railroader magazine, etc., kick your heels up, and have yourself a Very Merry Christmas, and a Happy Holiday Season.

Chaplain Fred

AROUND THE MUSEUM: PEACHTREE INDUSTRIAL

Photos by Sage Viehe



END OF THE LINE

Photos by John Thorpe

