

THE FLATWHEEL

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Railway Historical Society, Inc.



December 2015

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Monday, December 14th at 7:00 PM

Central Florida RR Museum

101 S. Boyd St., Winter Garden, FL

Program: RRs In/Around Perry/Live Oak—Pt. 2

By: Ken Murdock

Refreshments: Jerry & Ginger Honetor

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Central Florida RR Museum Host Duty Schedule — December 2015

DAY	DATE	HOURS	MUSEUM HOST
Saturday	12/5/15	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Irv Lipscomb
Sunday	12/6/15	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Ross Marvin
Saturday	12/12/15	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Jarrod Reynolds
Sunday	12/13/15	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Phil Piet
Saturday	12/19/15	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Jerry & Ginger Honetor
Sunday	12/20/15	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Sharon Lamb
Saturday	12/26/15	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Phil Baker
Sunday	12/27/15	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Phil Piet
Saturday	N/A	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	N/A
Sunday	N/A	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	N/A

December 2015 Museum Work Session

Saturday, December 19, 2015

8:30 AM to 3:30 PM

**Please come out and help with the
many chores that need to be done!!!!**



Society Member Irv Lipscomb provided the photo above and said he never recalled seeing a SAL Alco RS-3 painted in the jolly green giant paint scheme. Your editor doesn't recall this paint scheme either, but it sure looks good. The engine belongs to the Florida Railroad Museum at Parrish. Running soon???



SAL E-4 A-B-A set built by EMC circa 1938. Thanks to Society Member Irv Lipscomb for this photo. Photo from the Warren Calloway collection. Colorized by Tom Alderman.

December Birthdays

Allen Quinn 12/2

Janet Crusie 12/8

Clem White 12/17

This Is The Way It Was

This monthly photo column by Ken Murdock features railroad scenes of the past, a look back into railroading's history.



This early 1940s photo finds ACL #807 extra, an M-S class 2-8-2 Mikado, running west bound (RR south) and switching customer's sidings in Plant City. Built with D-slide valves by Baldwin in 1911, she was later superheated and provided with modern piston valves using the same cylinders. Boiler pressure was increased from 185 to 200 psi which then provided a tractive effort of 43,690 pounds. *Sam Appleby photo,*



This photo, also from the early 1940s, captures sister ACL #810 M-S class extra crossing the SAL diamond east bound (RR north) in Plant City. The SAL tracks cross between the two towers and the tower farthest away was on the top of Plant City Union Station and was later removed. The closest tower was moved across the tracks to the north side of Union Station. *Sam Appleby photo, CFRHS collection*



Here is more action at Plant City with SAL #865 P class 4-6-2 Streamlined Pacific stopped at Union Station with the Silver Meteor. The train is across the diamond of the ACL main line and the locomotive is beginning its curve to the west to continue its short run to Tampa Union Station. The SAL streamlined three of these Pacifics to handle the expanded west coast Meteor service from Wildwood due to the backlog of diesel orders. *Sam Appleby photo, CFRHS collection*

November 2015 Museum Report

By Ken Murdock, Museum Curator

I'm pleased to report that our monthly museum workday on November 7, 2015 was an outstanding success with 9 members participating who included Phil Cross, Allen Quinn, Lloyd Brown, Ross Marvin, Joe Lehmann, Irv Lipscomb, Jerry and Ginger Honetor and your curator.

The morning started out with Jerry and Ginger meeting me at Tom Langford's home in Orlando to pick up a very nice donation which required Jerry's pickup truck. Tom's donation included a 6' long wood and glass display case with two glass shelves, a Seaboard Air Line Conductor's hat with a brass badge, one Pennsylvania RR and one Great Northern RR brass switch lock keys, a complete set of Pennsylvania RR passes from 1918 to 1951, two Canadian Pacific RR commemorative porcelain plates and 74 VHS RR tapes. My son, Craig, met us at Tom's place to help load the display case since four were needed to move the monster. The plates, in their original boxes, will be sold in our gift shop.

Meanwhile, back at the museum, Phil, Allen and Lloyd were busy taking care of cleaning up around the outside and taking care of the much needed housekeeping chores inside. Ross is setting us up as a store on eBay and he will be selling many of our items that are now in storage. Ross and Irv started working to identify items for sale and get them ready to sell. Many of these items having been in storage in the Roper Building are very dusty and needed to be cleaned before they can be photographed and listed.

Joe worked on solving my printer problems and I now have two printers working again. Without printers, I can't make inventory labels or signs explaining about the displayed items, which basically stops many of the things I do on Wednesdays.

After finishing his housekeeping chores, Allen installed LED bulbs in another chandelier in the front room and put the donated VHS tapes in storage in the new office in the Roper Building. Lloyd, Phil and I moved the Gift Shop shelf unit from the Operator's Office to the wall behind the host's desk as requested by David Rhea. We also moved the pigeon hole form storage unit back into the Operator's Office and filled it with railroad forms and a few Official Guides to give the room a more authentic appearance. Lloyd and I made a concerted effort to clean up the room which had gotten quite messy. It now looks much better. Jerry continued with his eternal job of working on inventory in the library and Ginger helped with the house cleaning chores before hosting in the afternoon.

Jerry, Ginger and I continued our Wednesday workdays throughout the month and Ginger hosted on Wednesday afternoons. Al Sharp returned from North Carolina and re-joined our Wednesday inventory workdays once again. Al worked on inventory and I encapsulated a number of our large format items, such as maps, between two layers of archival grade acetate, thus making them bug proof and easy to handle without fear of tearing or damaging the items. I have also been putting weather-stripping around the front opening showcase doors to make them more dust proof.

Thanks to each of you who came out to work or hosted and helped to make this another great month of progress for our museum.

Upcoming Events

December 5 & 12, 2015 — St. Marys, GA — Santa Steam Express at the St. Marys RR.

December 8, 2015 — Monthly Meeting of the Central Florida Railway Historical Society at 7:00 PM in the Central Florida Railroad Museum, 101 South Boyd Street.

December 19-20, 2015 — Tampa, FL — 14th Tampa Train Show & Sale, Florida State Fairgrounds Special Events Center, 9 AM to 5 PM Saturday, 10 AM to 4 PM Sunday. Contact: Charles Miller, 386-736-8185, rrshows@aol.com. Website: <http://www.gserr.com>.

January 9, 2016 — Clermont, FL — Annual Meeting of the Central Florida Railway Historical Society at the 801 City Grille, beginning with a social hour at 6 PM.

January 9 & 10, 2016 — Deland, FL — 54th Florida Rail Fair, Volusia County Fairgrounds, 3150 East New York Avenue, 9 am – 4 pm and 10 am– 3:30 pm. Contact: Charles Miller, 386-736-8185, rrshows@aol.com. Website: <http://www.gserr.com>.

January 16, 2016 — Atlanta, GA — 49th Atlanta Model Train Show, North Atlanta Trade Center, Atlanta, GA. Contact: Charles Miller, 386-736-8185, rrshows@aol.com. Website: <http://www.gserr.com>.

February 8, 2016 — Monthly Meeting of the Central Florida Railway Historical Society at 7:00 PM in the Central Florida Railroad Museum, 101 South Boyd Street.

February 13, 2016 — Jacksonville, FL — 38th Jacksonville Rail Fair, Railroadiana and Model Train Show, 9:00 to 5:00. Prime Osborn Convention Center, 1000 Water Street (former Jacksonville Terminal). Details: Charlie Miller, (703) 536-2954, rrshows@aol.com. Website: <http://www.gserr.com>.

March 14, 2016 — Monthly Meeting of the Central Florida Railway Historical Society at 7:00 PM in the Central Florida Railroad Museum, 101 South Boyd Street.

April 9, 2016 — Deland, FL — 55th Florida Rail Fair, Volusia County Fairgrounds, 3150 East New York Avenue, 9 am – 4 pm and 10 am– 3:30 pm. Contact: Charles Miller, 386-736-8185, rrshows@aol.com. Website: <http://www.gserr.com>.

April 11, 2016 — Monthly Meeting of the Central Florida Railway Historical Society at 7:00 PM in the Central Florida Railroad Museum, 101 South Boyd Street.

May 9, 2016 — Monthly Meeting of the Central Florida Railway Historical Society at 7:00 PM in the Central Florida Railroad Museum, 101 South Boyd Street.

September 23, 24 & 25, 2016 — Tavares, FL — Rifles, Rails & History 2016, Wooten Park, Downtown Tavares.

Society Member Irv Lipscomb visited the Golden Spike National Historic Site at Promontory Summit, Utah in September, while on an Amtrak "Training Exercise".



Once each morning and afternoon, the locomotives trek into the original meeting point to reenact the 1869 ceremony of the joining of the first transcontinental railroad.



This plaque is attached to the replica of the last tie where the Union Pacific and Central Pacific were joined.



#109 approaches the meeting point.



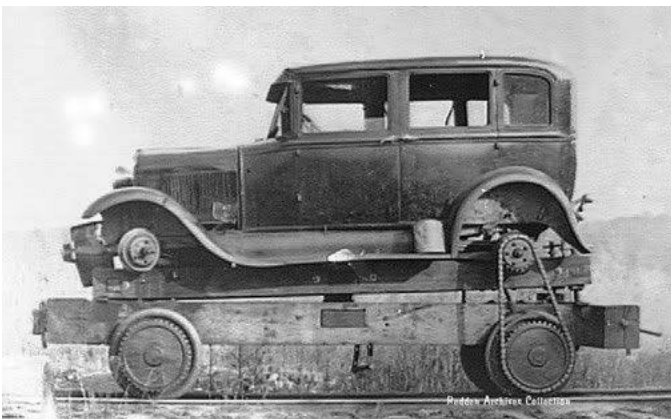
A close up view of #109.

Central Florida Railway Historical Society, Inc.
Combined Board & Regular Meeting Agenda
Central Florida RR Museum
November 9, 2015
7:00 PM

1. Call to Order - Bill Dusenbury — Board Members present: Bill Dusenbury, Jerry Honetor, Irv Lipscomb, Joe Lehmann, David Rhea, Phil Piet, Ken Murdock and Phil Cross.
2. Meeting Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance – David Rhea
3. Recognition of Visitors – Bill Dusenbury — None present.
4. Recognition of Members/Friends Concerns – Bill Dusenbury
 - Apopka Boys bowling team won state championship for third year in a row.
 - Donna, daughter of Clem and Carole White had been diagnosed with celiac disease, doing just great.
 - Richard Bazzo had a surgery to remove a growth under his eye.
 - Bill Cogswell's wife triple by-pass and doing well.
 - Clayton Bishop is doing okay.
 - Bill Dusenbury's mother is progressing.
 - Frank Brubaker, former Chapter member and President, riding motor car, car jumped track, thrown off and broke shoulder. He is home and doing well after surgery, thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers.
 - Gary Dettman recently had surgery.
5. Approval of the October 12, 2015 Combined Board & Regular Meeting Minutes – Bill Dusenbury — A motion by Irv Lipscomb second by Jerry Honetor to accept the minutes, the motion unanimously carried.
6. October 2015 Treasurer's Report – David Rhea — David Rhea reported the society to be solvent.
7. Vice President of Membership & Programs Report – Jerry Honetor
 - **Membership Report**
 - * Currently 67 Members
 - **Field Trips Suggested/Planned for 2016**
 - * Gold Coast Railroad Museum in Miami, FL (Suggested)
 - * 253 Steam Association Museum in Ft. Pierce, FL (Suggested)
 - * Roger Wilson reported they were talking about going to see Clem Kruse collection. There is a train show in the development where he lives coming up in a few weeks. Suggest they combine the trip.
 - **Programs & Refreshments Hosts for 2016:**
 - * Programs are needed for March 2016 and June 2016 through the end of the year.
 - * Refreshments Hosts are needed for June 2016 through the end of the year except November.
8. Museum Curator Report – Ken Murdock
 - **CFRR Museum Report** – 372 visitors during September and 6,588 visitors for 2015 to date. 239.50 hours donated by the membership during September and 2,785.25 hours donated by the membership for 2015 to date.
 - **Library Update Jerry Honetor reported that he is continuing to process recent donations.**
 - **Technology Update:** The printers were fixed during the work session.
 - **Recent Acquisitions & Donations**
 - * Tom Langford donated glass showcase, Seaboard Airline conductors' cap, PRR passes and 2 switch lock keys.
 - * Lloyd Brown donated book *Passage of Time*.
 - **Expansion Plans for the Central Florida Railroad Museum**
 - * Phil Cross and Ken Murdock met with Architectural Review Board architect Mike Morrissey to discuss the breezeway's proposed enclosure. The meeting went very well and Ken believes they are now ready to proceed to obtain formal approval.
 - * Phil Cross reported the City has completed replacing the screen on the front doors and windows. They also completed the re-glazing of one window needing repair.
 - **The Next Museum Work Session:** The next work session is scheduled for **December 19th**, beginning at 8:30 AM.
9. Museum Host Schedule for December 2015 – Irv Lipscomb — A number of hosts volunteered for December.
10. President's Report – Bill Dusenbury
 - **Winter Garden Heritage Foundation Board of Directors Activities for October 2015** – Had a successful Music Fest on October 9th, 10th and 11th.
 - **CFRHS Facebook Page Update** — No Report

11. Discussion Regarding the Upcoming Society Annual Meeting & Election of Officers Scheduled for Saturday, January 9, 2016 - Bill Dusenbury and Phil Cross
 - Motion by David Rhea second by Irv Lipscomb to cancel the annual banquet and have a regular meeting on January 11th, 2016. The motion unanimously carried.
 - Motion by Irv Lipscomb second by David Rhea to swear in the new officers after the December meeting. The motion unanimously carried.
12. Presentation of Plan to Dispose of Excess/Surplus Items Owned by the Society – Ken Murdock and Ross Marvin
 - Ken reported Ross Marvin had volunteered to help the society sell surplus items for society on eBay.
 - Motion by Irv Lipscomb second by Jerry Honetor to allow Ross to setup eBay store to sell the excess inventory. The motion unanimously carried.
13. Presentation of Plan to Dispose of Excess/Surplus Model Trains Owned by the Society – David Rhea
 - David Rhea reported the Fire Department inspected the building and passed the inspection.
 - David also reported on his vacation trip and rail fan locations he visited.
 - David said he was going to work with Ross to see what can be sold on eBay and the others will be sold in the museum store. He showed 2 model train displays, each mounted on a nice wood base made by Bill Walters.
14. Nominations Committee Presentation of Nominations for Officers for 2016 – Roger Wilson
 - Roger resigned from the committee since he accepted a board position.
 - Lloyd Brown announced the following
 - * President - Jerry Honetor
 - * Vice-President Education and Public Relations - Irv Lipscomb
 - * Vice-President of Membership and Programs – Ross Marvin.
 - * Secretary – Joe Lehmann
 - * Assistant Secretary - Phil Piet
 - * Treasurer – David Rhea
 - * Assistant Treasurer – Roger Wilson
 - * Museum Curator – Ken Murdock
 - * Immediate Past President – Bill Dusenbury
 - * Historian – Phil Cross
 - Motion by Phil Piet second by David Rhea for the secretary to cast a unanimous ballot for all the unopposed positions. The motion unanimously carried.
15. FCRR, FMRR, FNRR & SunRail Update – Bill Dusenbury. No report.
16. Tourist Train Operations on the Florida Central RR – Bill Dusenbury. No report.
17. Items from the Board of Directors
 - Richard Cronin is a guest speaker Friday November 13, 6:30 to 7:30 at the Winter Garden Heritage Foundation. He will speaking about Central Florida towns and Railroads.
 - Ken Murdock reported that November 7, 2015 was the 45th anniversary of our organization. He plans to provide a program in January looking back at the best field trips that we have had through the years.
18. Items from the Membership. No items were presented.
19. Tonight's Program: **Ken Murdock - Railroads in and Around Live Oak & Perry - Part 1**
20. Tonight's Refreshments Provided By: **Sharon Lamb**
21. Meeting Adjournment — Motion by Jerry Honetor second by Phil Piet to adjourn the meeting, the motion carried.

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Highly Modified

There's more sophistication here than meets the eye. Loosen the jacks at the back, undo chains, spin car around, redo --now you're facing the other way!

Photo and Information Courtesy of Greg Robinson, Railroad Glory Days.

2015 CFRHS Membership Statistics

Society Members	32
Society Century Members	15
Ward Britt	
Phil Cross	
Ann Cross	
Bill Dusenbury	
Charles Hanus, Sr.	
Chuck Hanus	
Linda Hanus	
Andy Healy	
Jerry Honetor	
Clarence Hurt	
Clem Kruse	
Ross Marvin	
Ken Murdock	
Al Sharp	
Jim Shoemaker	
Society Friends	7
Society Family Members	13
Society Student Members	0
Total Members	67

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The Central Florida Railroad Museum is located at 101 South Boyd Street, Winter Garden, FL, 34787 (downtown Winter Garden, immediately north of the water tower).

The Museum is open daily from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM (excluding selected holidays) or by special arrangements. Large groups are encouraged to contact the Museum at 407-656-0559 to arrange for their tour in advance.

The Central Florida Railroad Museum is operated under a cooperative agreement between the City of Winter Garden, the Winter Garden Heritage Foundation and the Central Florida Railway Historical Society, Inc..

The Central Florida Railway Historical Society, Inc. meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 PM at the **Central Florida Railroad Museum**. The Museum is located at 101 South Boyd Street in downtown Winter Garden immediately north of the water tower. Guests and visitors are welcome and encouraged to attend.

All correspondence and other materials for the Society should be mailed to:

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Mission: The mission of the Central Florida Railway Historical Society, Inc. is: Promoting railway heritage and preservation and educating members and the public about rail transportation, its history and impact, with a focus on Central Florida.

Purpose: The purpose for which this Society is formed and the business or objects to be carried on and promoted by it are mainly historical, educational and not-for-profit. The more particular objects are:

- Preserve the historical materials of rail transportation of all kinds and issue publications relative to the subject.
- Acquire by donation, purchase, lease or otherwise, real or personal property, and to maintain, sell, lease, deed or otherwise manage in a manner appropriate for the Central Florida Railroad Museum and the above mentioned purposes.
- Plan and run a series of programs and events for Society members' education and participation.
- Work and support the activities of the Winter Garden Heritage Foundation. Assist in any and all group projects which benefit the goals and activities of the Society and the Winter Garden Heritage Foundation.

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