

THE FLATWHEEL

The Official Monthly Publication of the Central Florida
Railway Historical Society, Inc.



June 2015

June 2015 Meeting

Monday, June 8th at 7:00 PM
Central Florida RR Museum
101 S. Boyd St., Winter Garden, FL
Program: The Flying Scotsman
By: Jarrod Reynolds
Refreshments: Irv Lipscomb

July 2015 Meeting

Monday, July 13th at 7:00 PM
Central Florida RR Museum
101 S. Boyd St., Winter Garden, FL
Program: Classic Florida Rails — Part 2
By: Irv Lipscomb
Refreshments: Phil Piet

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Central Florida RR Museum Host Duty Schedule — June 2015

DAY	DATE	HOURS	MUSEUM HOST
Saturday	6/6/15	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Clem Kruse
Sunday	6/7/15	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Gary Dettman
Saturday	6/13/15	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Irv Lipscomb
Sunday	6/14/15	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Phil Piet
Saturday	6/20/15	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Lloyd & Sylvia Brown
Sunday	6/21/15	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Closed—Father's Day
Saturday	6/27/15	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Clem Kruse
Sunday	6/28/15	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Clarence Hurt
Saturday	N/A	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	N/A
Sunday	N/a	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	N/A

June Birthdays

Craig Murdock 6/1
David Peterson 6/12
Laura Ansell 6/16
Addison Austin 6/16
Bill Cogswell 6/24

June 2015 Museum Work Session

Saturday, June 20, 2015

8:30 AM to 3:30 PM

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



ACL Depot at Tavares, FL in 1911. Photo courtesy of Taplines.



SAL RY Mainline looking north at Brooksville, FL, 1929.
Photo courtesy of Historic Florida Photos VII.

This Is The Way It Was

May 2015 Museum Report

By Ken Murdock, Museum Curator

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



Our founding organization made at least two visits, once in 1976 and again in 1977, to San Antonio, Florida to ride the Trilby, San Antonio & Cypress Railroad which operated over a small segment of the original Orange Belt RR. This trip was diesel powered with a single heavy weight Pullman car. - E. S. Green photo



The TSA&C, also known as the Orange Belt Route, operated this beautiful 2-8-0 and several GE 44 ton side rod locomotives. The ride was thru a very hilly, rural, undeveloped part of the state. Unfortunately, the operation lasted only a couple of years. - E. S. Green photo



This scene finds our much younger Clayton Bishop flagging for the crossing. The round trip from San Antonio, east to Blanton, was approximately 5 miles. Trilby was an additional 5 miles to the east. The line encountered a fairly steep grade which taxed the small locomotives to their limits with the heavy weight passenger cars. - E. S. Green photo

Al Sharp and I have continued our Wednesday inventory workdays throughout the month. I really want to thank Al for sticking with me steadily for the past 3 ½ years. Together, with a little help from several others, we have inventoried all of our displayed collection. We are now concentrating on new donations, items in storage and the items at Lakeville Elementary School.

Clem Kruse has continued organizing of our enormous collection of menus and timetables. Clem has been arranging them in expandable binders so that they can be easily viewed while sitting comfortably at a table. He is doing a great job with them! Clem also regularly donates supplies that he purchases to do this job. Thank you Clem for the great job that you are doing!!

Jerry Honetor continued with the seemingly, never ending, library inventory. He is putting the recently donated books, 31 boxes of them, into the inventory system and putting them on the library shelves. He is making space for them by removing and boxing duplicate copies. Ginger continued with housekeeping chores on Wednesday mornings and hosted in the afternoons. Jarrod Reynolds also made it out to help on inventory the last Wednesday of the month.

David Rhea and William Walter took on the job of restoring a ground-throw, tall switch stand and a Hayes derail stand (see photos herein) that were donated several months ago by Tom Langford. The switch stand originally belonged to the late Dick Dewitt who once owned Dewitt's Model Train Shop. Dick was an avid Pennsy fan, so this unusual switch stand is thought to have come from the PRR. David took the parts to William's place where William did a magnificent job of restoration. They are now tackling the restoration of two of our highway crossing signals donated several months ago by Randall Thornton. Our caboose yard is getting full!! I built the concrete form work at home, complete with anchor bolts, so that we can pour the foundations for the signals. Clarence Calloway has been coming by after work and spiking our growing collection of items to cross ties.

I talked with Susan Skolfield, director of the Winter Park Museum, recently. She had called asking to extend their railroad display, which uses many of our loaned items, until next April. I approved the extension because it has been good advertising for our museum. They continually promote our museum to their visitors. Susan told me that this display has generated substantially more interest than any display that they have had in the past, generating more than 9000 visitors since it opened on May 8th of last year.

On Saturday, May 30, we had our monthly museum workday with 9 members participating who included Phil Cross, Jarrod Reynolds, Clem Kruse, Jerry and Ginger Honetor, Al Sharp, Allen Quinn, Irv Lipscomb and your curator. We tackled a variety of projects which included the normal housekeeping chores of vacuuming, mopping and cleaning the rest room. Other projects included running a Cat5 cable under the building from the router to the server, cleaning out the Agent's Office and desk, re-securing of a glass top on a showcase, installing more LEDs in two showcases, re-keying the deadbolt for the exterior door in the T&G Room, pressure cleaning the sidewalks and cleaning displayed items and glass shelves in the showcases. Jerry Honetor continued his work in the library and Clem Kruse continued his work of organizing timetables. After lunch several of us worked on our computers, writing thank you letters, working on inventory and items for the Flat Wheel. We had a very productive day and I want to thank all who came out and helped make it a success.

Upcoming Events

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

July 11, 2015 — Deland, FL — 52nd Florida Rail Fair, Volusia County Fairgrounds, 3150 East New York Avenue, 9 am – 4 pm. Contact: Charles Miller, 386-736-8185, rrshows@aol.com. Website: <http://www.gserr.com>.

July 13, 2015 — Monthly Meeting of the Central Florida Railway Historical Society at 7:00 PM in the Central Florida Railroad Museum, 101 South Boyd Street.

August 3, 2015 — Winter Garden, FL — Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting of the Central Florida Railway Historical Society at 7:00 PM in the Central Florida Railroad Museum, 101 South Boyd Street.

August 10, 2015 — Monthly Meeting of the Central Florida Railway Historical Society at 7:00 PM in the Central Florida Railroad Museum, 101 South Boyd Street.

September 14, 2015 — Monthly Meeting of the Central Florida Railway Historical Society at 7:00 PM in the Central Florida Railroad Museum, 101 South Boyd Street.

October 3, 2015 — Deland, FL — 53rd Florida Rail Fair, Volusia County Fairgrounds, 3150 East New York Avenue, 9 am – 4 pm. Contact: Charles Miller, 386-736-8185, rrshows@aol.com. Website: <http://www.gserr.com>.

October 12, 2015 — Monthly Meeting of the Central Florida Railway Historical Society at 7:00 PM in the Central Florida Railroad Museum, 101 South Boyd Street.

November 9, 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 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>.



Hayes derail that has been recently restored by Society Members David Rhea and William Walter. *The unit was mounted on cross ties by Society member Clarence Calloway. Museum Curator Ken Murdock says the Society is very fortunate to have members with skills to complete this restoration.*



Tall ground-throw switch stand that has been recently restored by Society Members David Rhea and William Walter. The unit was mounted on cross ties by Society member Clarence Calloway. Museum Curator Ken Murdock says the Society is very fortunate to have dedicated members like David, William and Clarence.

Central Florida Railway Historical Society
Quarterly Board Meeting Minutes
Central Florida RR Museum
May 4, 2015
7:00 PM

1. Call to Order – Bill Dusenbury.
 - Board Members in attendance were Bill Dusenbury, Irv Lipscomb, Jerry Honetor, Joe Lehmann, David Rhea, Ken Murdock, Frank Milmore, Phil Piet and Phil Cross. Members present were Clarence Hurt, Al Sharp, Roger Wilson and Ginger Honetor.
2. Opening Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance – David Rhea.
3. Treasurer Report – David Rhea & Frank Milmore.
 - Society 2015 Budget Update
Frank Milmore reported on the budget status and the society is solvent.
 - Society Certificates of Deposit
Frank also reported on the Certificates of Deposit.
4. Vice President of Membership & Programs Report – Jerry Honetor.
 - Membership for 2015 – 70 members (55 renewals and 3 new members)
 - * Third & final membership renewal for 2015 has been sent to those 13 members who have not yet renewed.
 - * Discussion on retaining and renewing of members.
 - * Discussion on the society sponsoring Clayton Bishop's membership for the remainder of his years. A donation is being collected by Jerry Honetor from the membership to pay his dues for this year.
 - Society Field Trips & Other Activities
 - * Gold Coast Railroad Museum in Miami, FL (Suggested)
 - * St. Marys Railroad in St. Marys, GA (Suggested)
 - * 253 Steam Association Museum in Ft. Pierce, FL (Suggested)
 - 2015 Annual Meeting.
 - * Scheduled for January 9, 2016 at 801 City Grille in Clermont. No program. Will have Armando Valesquez at the piano again.
 - Programs & Refreshments Hosts for 2015
 - * Programs are needed for July through October and December 2015.
 - * Irv Lipscomb volunteered to do the July program Classic Florida Rail Part II.
 - * Refreshments Hosts are needed for September and October 2015.
5. Museum Curator Report – Ken Murdock.
 - Museum Update — Nothing to report.
 - Recent Donations.
 - * Donation of HO model trains and buildings was received.
 - * Irv Lipscomb passed on some HO trains, an SAL RS2, SAL wide vision caboose and two SAL boxcars, given to him by Skip Penny. Trains to be used for museum's layout after the expansion.
 - Past Perfect Database Update — Photos have not been transferred to the society server. There was a discussion to have Joe Lehmann talk with Ken Lyons to get the files transferred.
 - Library Committee Update — Jerry Honetor reported Clem Kruse has been organizing menus and timetables in the library.
 - Technology Committee Update — Al Sharp is arranging to run category 5 network cable from the network hub to the library server.
 - Website Committee Update — New Calendar replaced the events calendar.
 - Computer Security—No Report.
 - Expansion Plans for the Central Florida Railroad Museum — Contractor reported that the architect is preparing drawings for review of WGHF and City of WGARB and drawings may be ready by the end of this week.
 - Next Museum Work Session — May 30th 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM
 - Other items.
 - * All the fluorescent showcases have been converted to LED lights. This was done to reduce maintenance issues, UV lighting concerns, heat and increase efficiency.
 - * Due to high price of some items, it was agreed that gift shop case would be locked and the key will be placed on the ring with the caboose key and hung on the wall in the old library adjacent to the key cabinet.

6. CFRR Museum Facebook Page – Bill Dusenbury.
 - No Report
7. FCRR, FMRR, FNRR and SunRail Update (Including FCRR Track Upgrade Update) – Bill Dusenbury.
 - No Report
8. Tourist Train Operations on the Florida Central Railroad – Bill Dusenbury.
 - No Report
9. Items from Attending Board Members.
 - Phil Cross reported WGHF is reorganizing the Board of Directors and downsizing to about 9 members. The CFRHS by agreement currently has 4 seats on the board. Discussion on changing the by-laws to state if the Society disbands that the Society collection will be offered first to the WGHF.
10. Items from Attending Members.
 - Clarence Hurt and Ken Murdock sent a letter seeking donation from the Root Foundation for the museum expansion. They had no response and are drafting another letter as a follow up.
 - Discussion on attempting to secure a grant from Dailey Foundation.
11. Selection of Date for the 3rd Quarter 2015 Board Meeting – Bill Dusenbury.
 - Phil Cross motioned, second by David Rhea the meeting be August 3rd at 7:00 PM. The motion was approved unanimously.
12. Meeting Adjournment — Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

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Central Florida Railway Historical Society, Inc.
Combined Board & Regular Meeting Minutes
 Central Florida RR Museum
 May 11, 2015
 7:01 PM

1. Call to Order – Jerry Honetor
 - Board Members in attendance were Jerry Honetor, Irv Lipscomb, Joe Lehmann, David Rhea, Frank Milmore, Ken Murdock, Phil Piet and Phil Cross.
2. Meeting Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance – David Rhea
3. Recognition of Visitors – Jerry Honetor
4. Recognition of Members/Friends Concerns – Jerry Honetor in the absence of Bill Dusenbury
 - Frank Milmore’s asking for prayers for his brother-in-law who has terminal cancer.
 - Clem and Carol White emailed saying they would not be in attendance for the next few months for various reasons but are asking for prayers for their daughter Donna who is still having pancreatic issues.
 - Roger Wilson said Dwight Stoffel was unable to attend, he is not feeling well.
 - Jerry Hardwich’s wife is doing better.
 - Jarrod Reynolds received a 10 week internship at the Nevada Northern Railroad
5. Approval of the April 13, 2015 Combined Board & Regular Meeting Minutes – Jerry Honetor
 - Motion by Irv Lipscomb second by Phil Piet to approve the minutes. The motion unanimously carried.
6. April 2015 Treasurer’s Report – Frank Milmore
 - Reported the society is solvent.
7. Vice President of Membership & Programs Report – Jerry Honetor
 - Membership Report
 - * Currently 70 Members
 - * 57 Members have renewed for 2015
 - * 3 new members for 2015
 - * 10 members have not renewed for 2015

- **Society Events for 2015**
 - * None are scheduled at this time.
 - **Field Trips Suggested/Planned for 2015**
 - * Gold Coast Railroad Museum in Miami, FL (Suggested)
 - * St. Marys Railroad in St. Marys, GA (Suggested)
 - * 253 Steam Association Museum in Ft. Pierce, FL (Suggested)
 - **Programs & Refreshments Hosts for 2015:**
 - * Programs are needed for July through October, and December 2015.
 - * Refreshments Hosts are needed for September and October 2015.
8. Museum Curator Report – Ken Murdock
- **CFRR Museum Report** – 827 visitors for April; 3,712 visitors for 2015 to date. 374.75 volunteer hours donated by the membership during April; 1,236.50 hours donated for 2015 to date.
 - **Library Update - Jerry** Honetor reported they are putting the Richard Taylor books into the inventory system and then in the library.
 - **Technology Update** - no updates.
 - **Recent Acquisitions & Donations** – no recent donations.
 - **Expansion Plans for the Central Florida Railroad Museum**
 - Phil Cross has plans from the architect to close in the breezeway.
 - **The Next Museum Work Session:** The next work session is scheduled for **May 30th**, beginning at 8:30 AM.
 - Ken Murdock thanked Al Sharp for his assistance with completing the inventory and for his help changing over the showcase lights to L.E.D. lights.
9. Museum Host Schedule for June 2015 – Irv Lipscomb
10. President’s Report – Jerry Honetor in the absence of Bill Dusenbury
- **Winter Garden Heritage Foundation Board of Directors Activities for April 2015** – WGHF annual golf tournament was today, May 11th.
 - **CFRHS Facebook Page Update** – No update.
 - **FCRR, FMRR, FNRR & SunRail Update** – no update.
 - **Tourist Train Operations on the Florida Central RR** – no update.
11. Items from the Board of Directors
- Ken Murdock – asking if anyone has been to Lake County Old Court House museum to check our display.
 - Irv Lipscomb contacted Robyn Banks to see about getting the station sign on the east end of the building painted.
12. Items from the Membership
- Clarence Hurt mentioned he tried the old keys he had on the left door on the front of the building. The next work session, they will remove the lock and have it re-keyed.
 - Clarence Hurt brought a card to send to Clayton Bishop who is an assisted living facility.
 - Clarence Hurt also commented on getting the current membership to attend the meetings.
 - Lloyd Brown was asking about our display in Lakeville School. There was discussion on going to the school to retrieve our collection.
13. Tonight’s Program: **New England Railroading & Folkston Rail Watch 2015 By Patricia & Patrick Smith**
14. Tonight’s Refreshments Provided By: **Patricia & Patrick Smith**
15. Meeting Adjournment
- Motion by Ken Murdock second by Phil Piet for adjournment. The motion unanimously carried.

2015 CFRHS Membership Statistics

Society Members	33
Society Century Members	13
Ward Britt	
Phil Cross	
Ann Cross	
Bill Dusenbury	
Chuck Hanus	
Andy Healy	
Jerry Honetor	
Clarence Hurt	
Clem Kruse	
Frank Milmore	
Ken Murdock	
Al Sharp	
Jim Shoemaker	
Society Friends	11
Society Family Members	15
Society Student Members	0
Total Members	72

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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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