

# THE FLATWHEEL

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



## December 2016

### December 2016 Meeting

Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM  
Central Florida RR Museum  
101 S. Boyd St., Winter Garden, FL  
**Program:** Street Railways/Railroads  
in the State of Florida in the 1800s -1900s  
**By:** Warren Jennison  
**Refreshments:** Jerry & Ginger Honetor

### January 2017 Meeting

Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM  
Central Florida RR Museum  
101 S. Boyd St., Winter Garden, FL  
**Program:** Shooting Video of Trains In the  
YouTube Age  
**By:** Danny Harmon  
**Refreshments:** Phil Piet

## Central Florida RR Museum Host Duty Schedule December 2016

DAY	DATE	HOURS	MUSEUM HOST
Saturday	12/3/16	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Irv Lipscomb
Sunday	12/4/16	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Sharon Lamb
Saturday	12/10/16	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Ginger Honetor
Sunday	12/11/16	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Mike Kelly
Saturday	12/17/16	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Patrick Smith
Sunday	12/18/16	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Phil Baker
Saturday	12/24/16	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Museum Closed — Christmas Eve
Sunday	12/25/16	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Museum Closed — Christmas Day
Saturday	12/31/16	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Museum Closed — New Year's Eve
Sunday	1/1/17	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Museum Closed — New Year's Day

**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
AND  
HAPPY  
NEW YEAR**



ACL RR (predecessor??) in 1885. Location unknown.

## December 2016 Museum Work Session

**Saturday, December 10, 2016  
8:30 AM to 3:30 PM**

**Please come out and help  
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## December Birthdays

**Jim Crescitelli 12/01  
Allen Quinn 12/02  
Janet Crusie 12/08  
Clem White 12/17  
Jack Litteral 12/24**

# 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.



Do you remember the Florida Fun Train of 1997? This train left from Poinciana, just below Kissimmee, for an entertaining ride to Miami. Their motto was "Soon you can trade 200 miles on the Florida Turnpike for 200 smiles on the Florida Fun Train". The fare was \$69.95 for adults and \$49.95 for kids over 2 years old. It made one round trip on Monday and Saturday and one and a half round trips on Friday and Sunday. This photo finds the train with F40PH 358 in Auburndale passing an Amtrak train. – *Bill Schnaiter photo*



The Train was a full dome car consist of one and two level cars. It was loaded with entertainment such as a video and virtual reality game arcade plus a professional cast of strolling musicians, singers, comedians, magicians, and clowns. There was a beer and wine pub and dining was on white linens in four person booths in the dome. This scene is also in Auburndale with F40PH 374 on the headend. - *Bill Schnaiter photo*



The train also had tropical island themed restaurants and lounges and a kid's play area. The kids could chow down on pizza and ice cream in a 50s-style diner with a soda fountain and stools. The motive power was leased Amtrak F40PH locomotives. This is F40PH 354 passing thru Winter Park, apparently returning from Sanford where it was probably serviced. With all these amenities, it still didn't last long. Can FEC's Bright Line make it? I'm doubtful, but I hope it does. - *D. Snyder photo*

## November 2016 Museum Report

By Ken Murdock, Museum Curator

We have continued the month with Wednesday workdays except for Thanksgiving week. We have done less construction work this month because interior framing is completed for phase one. We had to wait on the electrical and air conditioning contractors to finish their work. The air conditioning contractor did finish his rough-in and the electrical should finish his rough-in by the end of November. Then we can schedule a rough-in inspection. Once we pass the inspection, we can proceed with the sheetrock work.

Meanwhile, Jerry Honeter, Al Sharp, Irv Lipscomb and I turned back to doing some more inventory work. Ginger Honeter continued her never ending task of polishing silver and cleaning showcases, then hosting in the afternoons. Irv continued inventorying items in our flat files such as maps, calendars, artwork and posters.

We held our monthly museum workday on November 12, 2016, and had 5 members participating. Those who came out and pitched in were Joe Lehmann, Jarrod Reynolds, Jerry and Ginger Honeter and your curator. Joe took care of several computer issues and the rest of us took care of a variety of tasks including the very necessary housekeeping chores. Then we worked on inventory. Jerry finished his library inventory on all books recently donated and Al and Jarrod and I also finished our inventory of all recently donated museum items.

Ross Marvin has continued selling donated items on eBay and all of this money goes into the building fund. The last total that Ross reported since he started our eBay Store was more than \$4000 and climbing! All items sold were donated! This is pure profit and it all goes into our building fund! Thank you, Ross, for taking on this fund-raising effort and doing it so well!

We had a few donations during the month. Al Sharp donated a red, tall globe for a Dietz lantern with New York Central cast in the glass. Now we need to find a lantern for it. The second donation was a railroad depot freight cart made by Fairbanks. It was donated by Greg & Lisa Bennett of Winter Garden. It needs some restoration work and David Rhea and William Walter have volunteered to do this work at David's home. Thank you, David and William!

David and William also removed the rotting steps from the east side of the Roper Building. This will help us when we bring sheetrock into the building. We can back Jerry's truck up to the double doors and unload directly inside. Once we no longer need the doors for unloading, David and William will rebuild the steps since the doors will be required as an emergency exit.

## Upcoming Events

**December 12, 2016** — Monthly Meeting of the Central Florida Railway Historical Society at 7:00 PM in the Central Florida Railroad Museum, 101 South Boyd Street.

**December 15-18, 2016** — The Villages Christmas Model Train Show, Colony Cottage Rec Center, 510 Colony Blvd., The Villages, FL, 32162. 9 AM to 4 PM December 15-17. 10 AM to 3 PM December 18. FREE

**December 17-18, 2016** — Tampa, FL — 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:rrshows@aol.com). Website: <http://www.gserr.com>.

**January 9, 2017** — Monthly Meeting of the Central Florida Railway Historical Society at 7:00 PM in the Central Florida Railroad Museum, 101 South Boyd Street.

**January 14 & 15, 2017** — Deland, FL — 58<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:rrshows@aol.com). Website: <http://www.gserr.com>.

**January 21, 2017** — Atlanta, GA — 51<sup>st</sup> Atlanta Model Train Show, North Atlanta Trade Center, Atlanta, GA. Contact: Charles Miller, 386-736-8185, [rrshows@aol.com](mailto:rrshows@aol.com). Website: <http://www.gserr.com>.

**February 11, 2017** — Jacksonville, FL — 39<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:rrshows@aol.com). Website: <http://www.gserr.com>.

**February 13, 2017** — Monthly Meeting of the Central Florida Railway Historical Society at 7:00 PM in the Central Florida Railroad Museum, 101 South Boyd Street.

**March 13, 2017** — Monthly Meeting of the Central Florida Railway Historical Society at 7:00 PM in the Central Florida Railroad Museum, 101 South Boyd Street.

**April 8, 2017** — Deland, FL — 59<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:rrshows@aol.com). Website: <http://www.gserr.com>.

**April 10, 2017** — Monthly Meeting of the Central Florida Railway Historical Society at 7:00 PM in the Central Florida Railroad Museum, 101 South Boyd Street.

**May 8, 2017** — Monthly Meeting of the Central Florida Railway Historical Society at 7:00 PM in the Central Florida Railroad Museum, 101 South Boyd Street.

**June 3-4, 2017** — Tampa, FL — 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:rrshows@aol.com). Website: <http://www.gserr.com>.

**June 12, 2017** — Monthly Meeting of the Central Florida Railway Historical Society at 7:00 PM in the Central Florida Railroad Museum, 101 South Boyd Street.

**July 8, 2017** — Deland, FL — 60<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:rrshows@aol.com). Website: <http://www.gserr.com>.

**July 10, 2017** — Monthly Meeting of the Central Florida Railway Historical Society at 7:00 PM in the Central Florida Railroad Museum, 101 South Boyd Street.

## **Central Florida Railway Historical Society, Inc. Combined Board & Regular Meeting Agenda Central Florida RR Museum November 14, 2016 7:00 PM**

1. Call to Order – Jerry Honetor
  - Board Members present: Jerry Honetor, Irv Lipscomb, Ross Marvin, David Rhea, Joe Lehmann, Roger Wilson, Ken Murdock, Phil Piet and Phil Cross.
  - 14 members present.
2. Meeting Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance – David Rhea
3. Recognition of Visitors – Jerry Honetor
  - Addison Austin's Wife
4. Recognition of Members/Friends Concerns – Jerry Honetor
  - Dwight Stoffel is in a rehab center in Lady Lake.
5. Museum Host Schedule for December 2016 – Irv Lipscomb
  - Irv secured a number of members for the Saturdays and Sundays in December. Only a few more to fill.
6. Tonight's Program: **Steam Railroading in Oviedo by Ken Murdock**
7. Tonight's Refreshments Provided By: Sharon Lamb & Mr. & Mrs. Addison Austin.
8. Approval of the October 10, 2016 Combined Board & Regular Meeting Minutes – Jerry Honetor
  - A motion by Irv Lipscomb second by David Rhea to accept the minutes, the motion carried unanimously.
9. October 2016 Treasurer's Report – David Rhea & Roger Wilson
  - David Rhea reported the Society is solvent.
  - Two new Members this evening, Everett Lee & George Sheldon.
10. Vice President of Membership & Programs Report – Ross Marvin
  - **Membership Report**
    - \* Currently 75 Members.
  - **Field Trips Suggested/Planned for 2016 / 2017**
    - \* Florida Railroad Museum – November 19<sup>th</sup>, Jerry Honetor is coordinator. Leaving the museum by 8:00 AM
    - \* Gold Coast Railroad Museum in Miami, FL (Suggested).
  - **Programs & Refreshments Hosts for 2017:**
    - \* Programs Slots for the first 5 months of 2017 and November 2017 have been filled. The remaining 6 slots are open. Jarrod Reynolds took June; Patrick Smith took September; Phil Piet took October.
    - \* Refreshments Hosts slots for the first 4 months of 2017 and December 2017 have been filled. The remaining 7 slots are open. Ross Marvin took July.
  - **E-Bay Store Report**
    - \* As of today's date in 2016 we have made \$4,643.39 through our eBay store.
    - \* 88 total sales in 2016.
    - \* 50 feedbacks with 100% positive rating from customers Sales slowed down in October due to Hurricane Matthew and lower priced items for sale.
    - \* As of today we have 17 items for sale on our eBay store.
11. Museum Curator Report – Ken Murdock
  - **CFRR Museum Report** – 362 visitors during September and 6,384 visitors for 2016 to date. 296.75 hours donated by the membership during September and 2,894.25 hours donated by the membership for 2016 to date. Gift shop sales \$1,623.

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- **Library Update** - Jerry Honetor reported he has entered everything that has been received.
  - **Technology Update** - No report.
  - **Recent Acquisitions & Donations**
    - \* Al Sharp donated 6" globe for Dietz lantern.
    - \* Greg & Lisa Bennett donated a depot freight cart.
  - **Expansion Plans for the Central Florida Railroad Museum**
    - \* HVAC installation started today.
    - \* Electric is 60% completed.
  - **Fundraising Efforts to Support the Museum Expansion:** See Item 17 below.
  - **The Next Museum Work Session:** The next work session is scheduled for **December 10<sup>th</sup>**, beginning at 8:30 AM.
12. President's Report – Jerry Honetor
- **Winter Garden Heritage Foundation Board of Directors Activities for October 2016**
    - \* Presenting the Annual Music Fest Event in downtown Winter Garden on October 8 and 9, 2016.
    - \* Finalizing plans for the construction of the Courtyard between the History Center and the Heritage Museum.
13. CFRHS Facebook Page – Jarrod Reynolds
- 4 page views, 1 page like, 32 people reached, and 185 post engagements.
14. Nominating Committee Report – Les Westlake
- The following members are recommended to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors for 2017 are:
    - \* President: Jerry Honetor
    - \* VP – Membership & Programs: Phil Piet
    - \* VP – Education & Public Relations: Irv Lipscomb
    - \* Secretary: Joe Lehmann
    - \* Treasurer: David Rhea
    - \* Asst. Secretary: Jarrod Reynolds
    - \* Asst. Treasurer: Roger Wilson
    - \* Museum Curator: Ken Murdock
    - \* Historian: Phil Cross
    - \* Immediate Past President: Bill Dusenbury
  - The President opened for nominations from the floor. No nominations from the floor.
15. Election of Officers for 2017 – Jerry Honetor
- Les Westlake made a motion the secretary cast the ballot for all unopposed positions. Second by Alan Quinn and the motion carried. The Board of Directors for 2017 are:
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16. Presentation of Updated Constitution & Bylaws – Jerry Honetor, Phil Cross and Clarence Hurt
- Motion by Alan Quinn second by Jarrod Reynolds to add Emeritus Member status. The motion was unanimously approved.
  - Motion by Mike Ryan to accept the amendments to the constitution and by-laws as proposed including the new Emeritus Member designation inserted in the appropriate places. Second by Eric Carboneau. The motion was unanimously approved.
  - Motion by Mike Ryan to accept the Constitution and By-Laws as amended. Second by Eric Carboneau. The motion was unanimously approved.
17. Items from the Board of Directors
- Irv Lipscomb presented the photos of the new signs to be erected on the outside of the museum.
  - Al Sharp made a motion to pay the City for permits for the signs. Second by Phil Cross. The motion was unanimously approved.
  - Fund Raising: Irv Lipscomb read a letter he proposed to send to the Winter Garden Heritage Foundation seeking funds to assist with matching funds for seeking grants. Following a brief discussion, Irv Lipscomb made a motion to table any action until the next Board Meeting. Second by David Rhea. The motion carried unanimously. Ross Marvin reported speaking with the Rotary as a follow up to a meeting with them to assist with fund raising.
18. Items from the Membership
- Patrick Smith recommended we have a twitter account. Jarrod Reynolds made a motion to create a twitter account. Second by Patrick Smith. The motion was unanimously approved.
19. Meeting Adjournment
- A motion by Irv Lipscomb second by David Rhea to adjourned the meeting. The motion carried.



# Orlando Amtrak Station At Thanksgiving

By Society Member Patrick Smith  
Wednesday, November 23, 2016

I thought I'd share some photos I took today with the Society.

Today at the former Atlantic Coast Line station in Orlando, Amtrak's southbound and northbound Silver Meteors, trains 97 and 98, met on the platform. Hundreds of passengers, traveling for the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, crowded the station and platforms. If you include the brief SunRail stop and Conrad Yelvington working their rock train on the far tracks with their veteran EMD SW9, there were no less than four trains in the platform today! This was the busiest I have ever personally seen the Orlando station, and it filled me with joy to see so many people still taking the train. I also ran into Dave Rhea and his grandkids when they got off the SunRail. (They are visible in the foreground in one photo, walking away from the camera.)



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On Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, Central Florida Railway Historical Society Members Add Austin, Roger Wilson, Jerry & Ginger Honeter, Patrick Smith, and Phil Piet travelled to the Florida Railroad Museum (FRRM) in Parrish, Florida, for a delightful field trip.

The members rendezvoused at the FRRM in time for the 10:30 excursion on a beautiful fall day. It was perfect weather for a ride in the open-air gondola at the front end of the train. The motive power was FRRM #8330 (EMD GP-11). The unit was originally built in the 1950s for Union Pacific as a cabless 'booster' or B-unit, and was later given a cab and made able to operate on its own. It worked for the Illinois Central for quite some time, which is where it first received its current road number. Most recently, it worked on the former Inland Lakes Railway in Mt. Dora before being sold to the FRRM .

The group's day of railfanning ended with a late lunch at a delightful Italian restaurant in Bradenton. More pictures of the day's activities can be found at the beginning of the Rail News section of *The Flatwheel*.



## 2016 CFRHS Membership Statistics

Society Members	26
Society Century Members	14
Ward Britt	
Phil Cross	
Ann Cross	
Bill Dusenbury	
Charles Hanus, Sr.	
Chuck Hanus	
Linda Hanus	
Andy Healy	
Jerry Honetor	
Clarence Hurt	
Ross Marvin	
Ken Murdock	
Al Sharp	
Jim Shoemaker	
Society Friends	20
Society Family Members	13
Society Student Members	0
<b>Total Members</b>	<b>73</b>

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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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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