

# THE FLATWHEEL

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



## June 2016

### June 2016 Meeting

Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM  
Central Florida RR Museum  
101 S. Boyd St., Winter Garden, FL  
**Program:** Firing a Grand Canyon Ry. Steamer  
**By:** Phil Piet  
**Refreshments:** Ken Murdock

### July 2016 Meeting

Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM  
Central Florida RR Museum  
101 S. Boyd St., Winter Garden, FL  
**Program:** Steam in the Summer  
**By:** Jarrod Reynolds  
**Refreshments:** Phil Piet

## Central Florida RR Museum Host Duty Schedule June 2016

DAY	DATE	HOURS	MUSEUM HOST
Saturday	6/4/16	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Jarrod Reynolds
Sunday	6/5/16	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Mike Kelly
Saturday	6/11/16	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Phil Piet
Sunday	6/12/16	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Dan & Janet Crusie
Saturday	6/18/16	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Jerry & Ginger Honetor
Sunday	6/19/16	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	<b>CLOSED—Fathers' Day</b>
Saturday	6/25/16	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Irv Lipscomb
Sunday	6/26/16	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



N&W 611: Roanoke - Lynchburg

N&W 611 photographed recently as she operated special passenger train out of Roanoke, Virginia to Lynchburg, Virginia and return, where many vintage N&W color position light (CPL) signals continue in service, soon to be replaced. Photograph by Thomas R. Schultz. Photograph courtesy of Society Member Addison Austin.

## June 2016 Museum Work Session

**Saturday, June 25, 2016  
8:30 AM to 3:30 PM**

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

## June Birthdays

**Craig Murdock 6/1  
Ross Marvin 6/9  
David Peterson 6/12  
Addison Austin 6/16**

# 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 was the Seaboard Air Line's depot in the center downtown Dade City, circa 1920. The wood frame structure was built following the standard plan for many of Seaboard's small towns, and was very similar to the one that remains in Apopka today. *Irv Lipscomb photo found on Facebook*



This photo shows Seaboard's replacement depot in Dade City, built in the 1930s. The Mediterranean stucco structure followed the architectural style of many of their replacement depot and new depots built on their extensions to the east and west coasts of Florida. After the SCL merger, the ACL line was used and the SAL line was removed and the depot was demolished for a parking lot. *Society files*



This is an early photo of the Atlantic Coast Line's depot in Dade City that continued to serve the SCL and Amtrak after the SAL's depot was demolished. The ACL main line was to the east of downtown and had fewer grade crossings to deal with. Amtrak discontinued service on the S line in 2004, leaving the depot as only a storage area for the signal maintainer. *Alvin Lederer's Facebook collection*

## May 2016 Museum Report

By Ken Murdock, Museum Curator

On Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, while working at the museum, we had two unexpected visitors whom we were very delighted to see. They were Al Pfeiffer and William (Bill) Cogswell. Al and his wife, now of Mena, Arkansas, were in Florida visiting friends. Al left his wife on the west coast with friends and he drove to DeLand to visit Bill and Mary and brought Bill over to visit the museum. Al had also gone over to New Smyrna to visit John Richeson's widow and brought back three boxes of John's railroad books that she wanted to donate to the museum. We had a most enjoyable visit and Al had to show us photos of his train chasing in Western Arkansas.

Al is involved with a railroad museum in Mena which is located on the Kansas City Southern main line in one of their former depots. Al is also involved with the KCS Historical Society and is working on a committee to host the society's annual meeting in Mena this year. Al, after much resistance as some of you may remember, has finally gone digital. Believe it or not, he has already worn out his first Canon single lens reflex digital camera with over 50,000 photos taken. He already has almost half that number of photos taken on his second SLR camera.

We had a number of very nice donations during this month. One was from Mary Hartman of Oviedo who donated her late husband's toy train collection which included a very, very large collection of prewar Marx, American Flyer and Lionel items plus a few very nice railroad memorabilia items. Another donation was from Patricia Perkins of Gainesville who donated her late husband's (Dick) items which included numerous books, handbooks and manuals on steam and diesel locomotives, several railroad memorabilia items and three railroad radios.

Frank Brubaker called several months ago and told me that he had a VHS tape of Dick Perkins' steam engine that he wanted to donate to the society. The video is of a group of guys, many from our group, operating Dick Perkins' steam engine in Oviedo in 1985. Frank's wife Evelyn, brought the cassette to Orlando recently on one of her trips to see family, and brought it by my place. The video, nearly an hour long, was made by the late Don Toler, brother of retired Amtrak engineer Jerry Toler, who some of you know. I have since contacted Neil Aly, a former member and past president, and he has agreed to edit the video and convert it to a DVD. This will make a great future program.

The last donation came by way of Irv Lipscomb. While he was hosting a lady came by and donated a sizable collection of railroad VHS cassettes and DVDs. We have reached the point where we don't have space to continue accepting VHS cassettes and I recommend that we only accept DVDs in the future. I need someone who would be willing to organize the ones that we have and cull out the duplicates to sell in the gift shop. Any volunteers?

Wednesday workdays have continued during most weeks throughout the month with Jerry and Ginger Honetor, Al Sharp, Jarrod Reynolds, Irv Lipscomb and me participating. We have spent much of our time sorting through the donations to see what should be kept for the museum or library and what should be sold in the gift shop or on eBay. Irv has been organizing and inventorying the flat files. These files are more than half full, mainly with large format items that we have had on hand for years with no permanent place to file them. Ross Marvin usually comes by on Wednesdays to gather more items for eBay and photograph them.

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## Upcoming Events

**June 4-5, 2016** — Tampa, FL — 15<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 13, 2016** — Monthly Meeting of the Central Florida Railway Historical Society at 7:00 PM in the Central Florida Railroad Museum, 101 South Boyd Street.

**July 9, 2016** — Deland, FL — 56<sup>th</sup> Florida Rail Fair, Volusia County Fairgrounds, 3150 East New York Avenue, 9 am – 4 pm. Contact: Charles Miller, 386-736-8185, [rrshows@aol.com](mailto:rrshows@aol.com). Website: <http://www.gserr.com>.

**July 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.

August 1, 2016—Quarterly Meeting of the Central Florida Railway Historical Society Board of Directors at 7:00 PM in the Central Florida Railroad Museum, 101 South Boyd Street.

**August 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.

**August 27, 2016** — Atlanta, GA — 51<sup>st</sup> Atlanta Model Train and Railroadiana Show, INFINITE ENERGY CENTER, 6400 Sugarloaf Parkway, Duluth, GA 30093, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Contact: Charles Miller, 386-736-8185, [rrshows@aol.com](mailto:rrshows@aol.com). Website: <http://www.gserr.com>.

**September 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.

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

**October 1, 2016** — Deland, FL — 57<sup>th</sup> Florida Rail Fair, Volusia County Fairgrounds, 3150 East New York Avenue, 9 am – 4 pm. Contact: Charles Miller, 386-736-8185, [rrshows@aol.com](mailto:rrshows@aol.com). Website: <http://www.gserr.com>.

**October 10, 2016** — Monthly Meeting of the Central Florida Railway Historical Society at 7:00 PM in the Central Florida Railroad Museum, 101 South Boyd Street.

**November 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.

**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 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>.

## May 2016 Museum Report

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Our monthly museum workday was held on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> and members participating included Phil Cross, Al Sharp, Jerry and Ginger Honetor, Allen Quinn, Jarrod Reynolds, Phil Piet, Roger Wilson, Joe Lehmann and your curator. Phil Cross & Ginger took care of the housekeeping chores and Phil cleaned up around the outside.

Several of us poured the last concrete foundation for the RR crossing signals. We will now be able to display all of the crossing signals that have been stored on the ground by the caboose. Afterwards we retreated to the cool museum to work on the Flat Wheel or recently donated items, inventorying some that will be added to our displays and getting others ready to sell on eBay.

Allen Quinn installed a new paper towel dispenser in the restroom that was acquired by Jerry Honetor. Check it out. It really works great! Roger Wilson loaded his car trunk with a number of boxes of New England related slides and other data. Roger is taking them to a museum in that area that will have more interest in them than we do. This freed up a lot of leg room under the desk in the New Office, making it usable once again. Thanks Roger!

We had a very good month and many things were accomplished to improve our museum. Thank you to each of you who pitched in and helped with this effort.

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Society Member Ginger Honetor is employed by the Winter Garden Heritage Foundation as the host on Wednesdays at the Central Florida Railroad Museum. Ginger also volunteers many hours each month helping to maintain the Museum's collection and keep the building in top notch shape. Thanks Ginger for all that you do!!! Photo courtesy of Society Member Irv Lipscomb.

**Central Florida Railway Historical Society, Inc.**  
**Combined Board & Regular Meeting Agenda**  
Central Florida RR Museum  
May 9, 2016  
7:00 PM

1. Call to Order – Jerry Honetor
  - Board Members present: Jerry Honetor, Irv Lipscomb, Ross Marvin, Joe Lehmann, David Rhea, and Roger Wilson.
2. Meeting Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance – David Rhea
3. Recognition of Visitors – Jerry Honetor
  - Eileen Weber wife of Al Weber.
  - Longtime member Addison Austin was present for the meeting.
4. Recognition of Members/Friends Concerns – Jerry Honetor
  - Jarrod Reynolds reports he lost his grandfather on April 27<sup>th</sup> from pancreatic cancer. Family is doing well.
5. Approval of the April 11, 2016 Combined Board & Regular Meeting Minutes – Jerry Honetor
  - A motion by David Rhea second by Irv Lipscomb to accept the minutes, the motion carried by unanimous vote.
6. April 2016 Treasurer's Report – David Rhea & Roger Wilson
  - David Rhea reported the Society is solvent.
7. Vice President of Membership & Programs Report – Ross Marvin
  - **Membership Report**
    - \* Currently 60 Members, with 3 un-renewed members
    - \* 57 members have renewed for 2016.
  - **Field Trips Suggested/Planned for 2016**
    - \* Gold Coast Railroad Museum in Miami, FL (Suggested)
    - \* 253 Steam Association Museum in Ft. Pierce, FL (Suggested)
  - **Programs & Refreshments Hosts for 2016:**
    - \* Programs are needed for October 2016 through December 2016.
    - \* Refreshments Hosts slots for 2016 have been filled.
  - **E-Bay Store Report**
    - \* Ross Marvin reported that we have \$2,728.26 gross income. Approximate net income is \$2,500 after fees.
8. Museum Curator Report – Ken Murdock
  - **CFRR Museum Report** – 1,031 visitors during March and 2,845 visitors for 2016 to date. 282.75 hours donated by the membership during February and 933.00 hours donated by the membership for 2016 to date.
  - **Library Update** — Jerry reports they received more book donations.
  - **Technology Update** — Joe Lehmann reported we will be securing cloud storage space for the backup.
  - **Recent Acquisitions & Donations**
    - \* Patricia Perkins – a number of manuals and several old railroad radios.
    - \* Photo collection received by Irv
    - \* Frank Brubaker donated a video of Dick Perkins' operating 0-4-0 locomotive.
    - \* Mary Hartman donated a number of antique toy trains which we may sell on eBay.
  - **Expansion Plans for the Central Florida Railroad Museum** — Not much has changed, still awaiting approvals.
  - **The Next Museum Work Session:** The next work session is scheduled for **May 21<sup>st</sup>**, beginning at 8:30 AM.
9. Museum Host Schedule for June 2016 – Irv Lipscomb
  - Volunteers were requested for June.
  - Only two volunteers for dates in June.
  - Lengthy discussion on securing volunteers for museum.
10. President's Report – Jerry Honetor
  - **Winter Garden Heritage Foundation Board of Directors Activities for April 2016** – Participating in Spring Fever in the Garden on April 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> and planning for the annual golf tournament on May 9<sup>th</sup>.
  - **Next Quarterly Board Meeting** – Date for the Third Quarter 2016 Board Meeting is August 1, 2016 at 7 PM.
  - **Jarrod Reynolds** graduated Magna cum Laude from Rollins College this past Saturday.

11. CFRHS Facebook Page – Bill Dusenbury
  - Discussion on getting updates on the Facebook Page. Jarrod Reynolds would like to take it on.
12. Central Florida Railroading Update – Bill Dusenbury
13. Items from the Board of Directors
  - Motion by Irv Lipscomb second by Ross Marvin to put a sign on the northwest corner of the building. The motion carried. Suggested sign would be the same size as the one on the front that says “Winter Garden” and would hang from the eaves in the same manor.
14. Items from the Membership
  - None
15. Tonight’s Program: **Big Power by Patrick Smith**
16. Tonight’s Refreshments Provided By: **Ross Marvin**
17. Meeting Adjournment
  - A motion by Irv Lipscomb second by Al Weber to adjourned the meeting. The motion carried.

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Depot at Garrison, New York, circa 1899. Garrison was on the Hudson Division of the New York Central RR, 50 miles above New York City. 8x10 glass negative, Detroit Photographic Company. Check the wire lead-ins ("drops" or "down wires") at this station. Office call sign was "GS". Photo courtesy of Society Member Warren McFarland.

## 2016 CFRHS Membership Statistics

Society Members	31
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	8
Society Family Members	13
Society Student Members	0
<b>Total Members</b>	<b>67</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.

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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