

# THE FLATWHEEL

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



## March 2016

### March 2016 Meeting

Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM  
Central Florida RR Museum  
101 S. Boyd St., Winter Garden, FL  
Program: 1 Day of Grand Canyon Ry. Steam  
By: Phil Piet  
Refreshments: Jerry & Ginger Honetor

### April 2016 Meeting

Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM  
Central Florida RR Museum  
101 S. Boyd St., Winter Garden, FL  
Program: White Pass & Yukon Railway  
By: Clarence Hurt  
Refreshments: Ross Marvin

## Central Florida RR Museum Host Duty Schedule March 2016

DAY	DATE	HOURS	MUSEUM HOST
Saturday	3/5/16	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Irv Lipscomb
Sunday	3/6/16	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Mike Kelly
Saturday	3/12/16	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Dan & Janet Crusie
Sunday	3/13/16	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Phil Piet
Saturday	3/19/16	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Jerry & Ginger Honetor
Sunday	3/20/16	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Clarence Hurt
Saturday	3/26/16	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Jarrod Reynolds
Sunday	3/27/16	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	<b>CLOSED—EASTER</b>
Saturday	N/A	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	N/A
Sunday	N/A	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	N/A



Engines stored at Hamlet, NC. Photo courtesy of Society Member Roger Wilson.



Amtrak Inspection Train at Crestview, FL on February 19, 2016. Photo courtesy of Society Member Irv Lipscomb.

## March 2016 Museum Work Session

**Saturday, March 19, 2016  
8:30 AM to 3:30 PM**

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

## March Birthdays

**Richard Creedon 3/5  
Jerry Honetor 3/16  
Mike Ryan 3/22  
Jim Shoemaker 3/29**

# 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 month takes us to several very colorful Georgia short lines, all photographed by the Sanborn brothers of Lakeland, about 1950. This photo captures Sylvania Central 4-6-0 #103 spotting cars at customer's sidings in Sylvania in southeast Georgia. This 15 mile line, from Sylvania to Rocky Ford, was controlled by the Central of Georgia and was abandoned in 1954. - *Lakeland Public Library, Sanborn collection*



This southeast Georgia short line is the Louisville & Wadley and their 4-6-0 #42 has stopped at their Wadley depot with its mixed train. Wadley was an early capital of Georgia. This 10 mile line was also owned by the Central of Georgia. It was sold in 1961 and was abandoned by 1971. The L&W interchanged with the C of G and the Wadley Southern in Wadley. - *Lakeland Public Library, Sanborn collection*



This photo finds Georgia Northern's railcar #527 kicking up dust as it rolls to a stop in an unidentified town, possibly Moultrie. This 67.5 mile southwest Georgia short line ran from Boston, north thru Moultrie, to Albany and was one of several southwest Georgia short lines owned by Pidcock family. The line was sold to the Southern Railway in 1966. *Lakeland Public Library, Sanborn collection*

## February 2016 Museum Report

By Ken Murdock, Museum Curator

On Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, the Winter Garden Heritage Foundation held their annual Volunteer Appreciation event in their new building and recognized the volunteer of the year for the WG Heritage Museum and the Railroad Museum. Al Sharp was named the volunteer of the year for the Railroad Museum. Congratulations Al!!! It was well deserved!

We have had some very productive Wednesday workdays during this month with several things being done other than inventory. I think the inventory team was looking for a temporary change of pace. Jerry Honetor has been making good progress in relocating the power supply and timer for the Plant City interlocking signal from the southeast corner to the northeast corner inside the Roper Building. He plans to completely rewiring the signal and install the devices necessary to have it change aspects periodically. Al Sharp and I installed wheels on the showcase, recently donated by Tom Langford, and I refinished the wood perimeter that supports the glass top. I also ordered a 4' LED light fixture for this showcase and Al and I installed it.

Then it was back to the grind on inventory. We have been fortunate to have Jarrod Reynolds helping us on the inventory until he landed a better paying part time job. Ginger Honetor has been faithfully cleaning the inside and outside of our showcases. We have been complemented by several visitors on how clean and well organized our showcase were, so people do notice! Ross Marvin usually comes by on most Wednesdays to round up more items to sell on our eBay store. Ross has already been very successful in turning many of our surplus items, just gathering dust, into much needed cash for our construction project. It looks like our first month of sales will exceed \$1000.00!

Have you noticed the model trains mounted on wood bases and displayed around the museum as being "For Sale"? Well, David Rhea came up with this idea and has had William Walter making the wood bases. David and William have made twelve of these out of donated locomotives and cars and ten have been sold, depending on size, from two to twenty dollars each!! This was a great idea and great way to turn our junk into dollars!! Thank you David and William!!

On Saturday, February 13, we had an extremely successful museum workday with 10 members participating. They included Phil Cross, Allen Quinn, Jarrod Reynolds, Al Sharp, Jerry & Ginger Honetor, Joe Lehmann, Irv Lipscomb, Ross Marvin and your curator.

Phil was there early and took care of cleaning up on the outside and the housekeeping chores on the inside. Allen, Al, Jarrod and I installed one crossing signal pole on the foundation poured several months ago on the northeast end of the caboose and then poured another concrete foundation on the southeast end of the caboose for another crossing signal. These two crossing signals were donated to us almost a year ago by society member Randall Thornton.

Jerry Honetor, Jarrod and Al pulled seven new wires thru the conduit from the Roper Building to the Plant City interlocking signal, getting the hardest part on this project completed. Joe worked on our two printers, getting one to work in the present library and the other in the Roper Building. This required three computers to connect to them in both locations. Ginger cleaned showcases and Irv filed maps and documents. Ross worked on things related to our eBay Store, getting more items ready to advertise.

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## Upcoming Events

**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** — 55<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 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.

**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 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.

**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.

## Former Central Florida Chapter NRHS Member John Richeson Passes Away

By Ken Murdock  
February 22, 2016

I received a phone call today from Bill Cogswell who informed me that John Richeson, a long time member of our organization, had passed away last week. John had suffered with Alzheimer's for a number of years but still came to our meetings when Al Pfeiffer lived in Daytona and would bring both John and Bill Cogswell. A number of John's photographs were published in articles that I wrote for Lines South magazine and many of his photos are in our photo archives.

### John Marvin Richeson Obituary



John Marvin Richeson, age 66, of New Smyrna Beach, died Thursday, February 19, 2016 at Ocean View Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Born in Silver Springs, Maryland to Marvin and Sarah Ruhlman Richeson, Mr. Richeson came to this area when he was five years old and graduated from Deland High School. He earned an associates degree from Daytona Community College, served in the United States Navy for 20 years during the Vietnam War, and later worked as a letter carrier for the United States Post Office from 1988 until 2006. John was a member of Edgewater Alliance Church and the National Train Society, as he was a train enthusiast. Survivors include his wife of 28 years, Marilyn Jean Richeson; son, Matthew Luke Richeson; grandson, Mason Richeson; grand-daughter, Violet Richeson; sister, Patricia Richeson of Deland; and brothers, Thomas, Michael, and Donald Richeson. Funeral service will be 1:30 p.m., Saturday, February 27, 2016 at Edgewater Alliance Church, with Pastor Kyle McQuillen officiating. John's family will receive friends at the church, from 1:00 p.m. until the service begins. Condolences may be made online at [www.settlewildfuneralhome.com](http://www.settlewildfuneralhome.com).



**Central Florida Railway Historical Society, Inc.**  
**Combined Board & Regular Meeting Agenda**  
Central Florida RR Museum  
February 8, 2016  
7:05 PM

1. Call to Order – Jerry Honetor
  - Board Members present: Jerry Honetor, Irv Lipscomb, Ross Marvin, Joe Lehmann, David Rhea, Phil Piet, Ken Murdock, Roger Wilson and Phil Cross.
2. Meeting Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance – David Rhea
3. Recognition of Visitors – Jerry Honetor
  - Roger Wilson introduced Greg Stiles
4. Recognition of Members/Friends Concerns – Jerry Honetor
  - Jarrod Reynolds reported his grandfather took a turn for the worse, request prayers.
  - Clarence Hurt provided an update on Diane Hardwich. She is very weak and confined to a wheelchair but they are reporting the outlook is good.
  - Thank You from Bill Dusenbury for the card we sent for the passing of his mother.
5. Approval of the January 11, 2016 Combined Board & Regular Meeting Minutes – Jerry Honetor
  - A motion by David Rhea second by Phil Piet to accept the minutes, the motion unanimously carried.
6. January 2016 Treasurer's Report – David Rhea & Roger Wilson
  - David Rhea reported the Society is solvent.
  - Roger is using a new accounting program and provided written reports.
7. Vice President of Membership & Programs Report – Ross Marvin
  - **Membership Report**
    - \* Currently 67 Members.
  - 44 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 June 2016, July 2016 and September 2016 through December 2016.
      - \* Phil Piet will be doing the program for the March meeting. One day with the Grand Canyon Railway.
      - \* Refreshments Hosts are needed for July 2016 thru October 2016 and December 2016.
    - **E-Bay Store Report**
      - Ross Marvin reported the society's net income for the first month \$381.88.
8. Museum Curator Report – Ken Murdock
  - **CFRR Museum Report** – 823 visitors during December and 8,576 visitors for 2015. 273.50 hours donated by the membership during December and 3,589.75 hours donated by the membership for 2015.
  - **Library Update**
    - \* Jerry Honetor reported he is entering in the Piet donation.
    - \* Jerry is also working to rewire the signals.
  - **Technology Update**
    - \* Installed Wi-Fi in the Roper Building.
    - \* Updated all the forwarding email addresses to the new officers.
  - **Recent Acquisitions & Donations**
    - \* Ken purchased Pullman china and it has been put in the Pullman showcase.
  - **Expansion Plans for the Central Florida Railroad Museum**
    - \* Ken prepared 8 ½ by 11 drawings that were taken to the city for building permits.
  - **The Next Museum Work Session:** The next work session is scheduled for **February 13<sup>th</sup>**, beginning at 8:30 AM.
9. Museum Host Schedule for March 2016 – Irv Lipscomb
  - Motion by Irv Lipscomb second by David Rhea to make Clayton Bishop a member emeritus. The motion carried unanimously.

10. President's Report – Jerry Honetor
  - **Winter Garden Heritage Foundation Board of Directors Activities for December 2015** – Hiring a Development Director, finalizing the reorganization of the board and preparations for the Annual Meeting on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Our own Al Sharp was chosen as WGHF Volunteer of the Year for 2015 for the Railroad Museum.
11. CFRHS Facebook Page – Bill Dusenbury
  - No Report.
12. FCRR, FMRR, FNRR & SunRail Update – Bill Dusenbury
  - No Report.
13. Tourist Train Operations on the Florida Central RR – Bill Dusenbury
  - No Report.
14. Items from the Board of Directors
  - David Rhea reported on the donation of a lamp determined to be a lamp from an automobile. Will be put on the eBay store.
15. Items from the Membership
  - Clarence Hurt inquired if the Telegraph group was meeting in April. It is believed that they will no longer be meeting here due to lack of attendance.
  - Les Westlake reported that on April 16<sup>th</sup>, the motor cars will be coming into Winter Garden around noon as part of the group's weekend events.
16. Tonight's Program: **Jarrold Reynolds – My Adventures on the Nevada Northern**
17. Tonight's Refreshments Provided by: **Irv Lipscomb**
18. Meeting Adjournment
  - A motion by Phil Piet second by Ken Murdock to adjourned the meeting. The motion carried.

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### **Note From Society Supporter Russell Tedder**

Phil, thanks for the videos. I always enjoy them.

Regarding the Lindberg Special, I know what I am about to say has nothing to do with this particular train. However, prior to 1927, when the Atlantic Coast Line built its Perry Cutoff to close a 35 mile gap between Monticello, Fla., and Perry, Fla., the ACL ran a passenger train from Jacksonville to Perry, Florida. It was originally the Jacksonville & Southwestern built by the Cummer & Sons Lumber Company, and which ran from Jacksonville, through Baldwin (to the north of the SAL) and on down through Lake Butler to High Springs and then to Newberry and four miles beyond to a station named Anderson. It was at that point in 1904 when the ACL bought the line and upgraded it to ACL standards, and also ACL continued building this line through Trenton, Wilcox, and Cross City to Perry, where it arrived in 1908. I don't know exactly how many years or when it started and stopped, but during the period 1908-1927 when the Cutoff was operated (I believe it was at least in the 20s) this passenger train from Jacksonville to Perry each way daily was called the **Lindbergh**.

Just a little trivia. I don't recall where I got this info, but it is probably somewhere in my ACL files.

Thanks,  
Russell Tedder

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## **February 2016 Museum Report—Continued from Page 2**

After lunch several of us returned to inventory work and Ginger hosted the museum with Jarrod assisting her. We had a large number of visitors. Speaking of visitors, we had 8,576 visitors that signed the book last year. That is a new record and we know that many more were there that didn't sign in, so the actual total is probably well over 10,000.

We had a very productive day and many things were accomplished. We never seem to run out of things needing our attention. Thanks to each of you who came out and helped to make our museum even better!

## 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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