

THE FLATWHEEL

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



January 2017

January 2017 Meeting

Monday, January 9th 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

February 2017 Meeting

Monday, February 13th at 7:00 PM
Central Florida RR Museum
101 S. Boyd St., Winter Garden, FL
Program: *Trains Magazine* Colorado Rail
Tour 2016 - Part 1
By: Ken Murdock
Refreshments: Irv Lipscomb

Central Florida RR Museum Host Duty Schedule January 2017

DAY	DATE	HOURS	MUSEUM HOST
Saturday	N/A	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	N/A
Sunday	1/1/17	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	CLOSED—New Year's
Saturday	1/7/17	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Jarrod Reynolds
Sunday	1/8/17	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Gary Dettman
Saturday	1/14/17	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Ginger Honetor
Sunday	1/15/17	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Phil Baker
Saturday	1/21/17	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Phil Piet
Sunday	1/22/17	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Gary Dettman
Saturday	1/28/17	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Irv Lipscomb
Sunday	1/29/17	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Dan & Janet Crusie

HAPPY NEW YEAR

2017 Dues Are Now Due
Watch for E-Mail With
Renewal Information
in the Next Few Days

January 2017 Museum Work Session

Saturday, January 14, 2017
8:30 AM to 3:30 PM

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

January Birthdays

Bobby Grenier 1/12
Bill Dusenbury 1/17
Irv Lipscomb 1/18
George Diller 1/21
Randall Thornton 1/31
Al Weber 1/31

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 is the wreck of ACL's *Havana Special*, train 76 at Dover, Florida in the late 1930s or early 1940s. Dover is a few miles, time table south, of Plant City. The locomotive was 4-6-2 Pacific, class P-5-B, 1605. It was involved in another accident at Jacksonville Terminal where the engineer was run over and cut in half by a hostler as he made his walk around inspection at the end of his run. Then in 1940 it entered an open switch at Lake Alfred at high speed with train 92 and killed 3 in the cab. — *Sanborn photo*



This is yet another accident involving ACL 1605 at San Gully phosphate mine near Lakeland in 1941. The wreck was caused by a washout in the road bed. The crew's 18-year-old brakeman, making his first paid run, was crushed under the locomotive. Granville Hicks was the engineer. Remember the Hicks name. 1605 became known as the "*Ghost Engine*" by ACL crews and many would mark up sick if this engine was on their train. — *Sanborn photo*



This was final wreck of ACL 1605 at Mango, Florida on September 23, 1948. It was on a phosphate train and had backed into a siding for the meet, but a crewman failed to re-set the switch for the main line. Train 76, the *Havana Special*, powered by E7A 529 and E7B 755, entered the siding at high speed. Engineer Louie Hicks on 76 and an electrical supervisor were killed instantly. Hicks was the brother of Granville Hicks. The Hicks' father had been killed at this same location in 1925. 1605 would never kill again; it was scrapped. — *Sanborn photo*

December 2016 Museum Report By Ken Murdock, Museum Curator

We are making very good progress on the construction of phase one for our museum expansion in the Roper Building. Phase one includes the new library and the new workshop, both on the east end of building. The air conditioning air handling units and outside condensing units are installed including the refrigerant lines connecting them. The electrician has completed the rough-in for phase one. This includes removing all old electrical conduit and wiring and installing new outlets and lighting in conduit, fed from a new main breaker panel. It also includes a new electrical feeder from the main disconnect at the meter. Our building's wiring installation will finally meet the current electric code. The next step is to have it all inspected by the city building department.

Wednesday workdays continued for the first two Wednesdays of the month but were suspended for the remainder of the month due to the holidays. The first Wednesday we spent a lot of time gathering more items for Ross Marvin to sell on eBay and more items for us to sell in our gift shop. Al Sharp, Irv Lipscomb, Jerry & Ginger Honeter and I participated. Ginger continued doing a great job of polishing our silver and cleaning showcases. The second Wednesday Al Sharp, Jerry Honeter and I installed sheetrock on two walls in the new library. We could install it on these two walls prior to our city inspection because they have no electrical in them since they will be covered by book shelves. We won't be able to install sheetrock on other walls until we pass the rough-in framing inspection which includes the wood stud partitions and electrical and A/C rough-in work.

We had some very nice donations from two of our members for sale on the eBay store and all proceeds go into our building fund. Al Sharp donated four G scale Seaboard Air Line Hopper Cars, each in a different SAL paint scheme. They are like new and in their original boxes. Jarrod Reynolds donated a three-unit G gauge ICE (Inter-City-Express) train in very good condition. Laura Montgomery, widow of former member Bob Montgomery, donated four very nice railroad books to our library. Thanks to each of you for these great donations!

Speaking of our eBay store, Ross Marvin has reported that the sales this year have exceeded \$5,000 and are still climbing. The sale items were all donations, so it's all pure profit except for eBay fees. This total is the amount deposited into our bank account after of those fees were paid!

We had our monthly museum workday on December 10th with eight members participating who included Phil Cross, Allen Quinn, Al Sharp, Jarrod Reynolds, Irv Lipscomb, Jerry & Ginger Honeter and your curator. As usual, we took care of the housekeeping chores and outside cleanup first. We held a sidewalk sale from 9 to 3, during our museum workday, selling donated model railroad and miscellaneous items that weren't good items for eBay, for various reasons. Irv advertised the sale on Craig's List and the turnout was quite good, with many items selling. The farmer's market also generated a lot of local traffic.

Also during the monthly workday, went to Lowes and purchased 48 sheets of sheetrock and related accessories for our next step of the work in the Roper Building. Lowes gave us a 30% discount and plus we didn't have to pay any sales tax. We stock-piled it in the library and work shop where it will be used. We also reorganized the displays in the caboose yard, that had to be moved for the new air conditioning units, and did some general cleaning up in that area.

David Rhea and William Walters are at it again! They are restoring a freight depot cart made by Fairbanks and have repaired the steps on the east end of the loading dock. They installed hand railings on both side of the steps, making them much safer. Thank you, David and William!

We have had another very productive month at the museum with many things being accomplished. Thanks to each of you who came out and helped and/or hosted during the month. We couldn't do it without you!!

Upcoming Events

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 — 58th 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 21, 2017 — Atlanta, GA — 51st 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 11, 2017 — Jacksonville, FL — 39th 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>.

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 — 59th 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 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 — 17th 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>.

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 — 60th 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>.

August 14, 2017 — Monthly Meeting of the Central Florida Railway Historical Society at 7:00 PM in the Central Florida Railroad Museum, 101 South Boyd Street.

September 11, 2017 — Monthly Meeting of the Central Florida Railway Historical Society at 7:00 PM in the Central Florida Railroad Museum, 101 South Boyd Street.

October 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.

November 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.

December 11, 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 Minutes Central Florida RR Museum December 12, 2016 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order – Jerry Honetor
 - Board Members present: Jerry Honetor, Irv Lipscomb, Ross Marvin, David Rhea, Joe Lehmann, Ken Murdock, and Phil Cross.
 - 10 members present.
2. Meeting Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance – David Rhea
3. Recognition of Visitors – Jerry Honetor
 - Eileen Weber, wife of Member Al Weber
 - Mrs. Addison Austin
4. Recognition of Members/Friends Concerns – Jerry Honetor
 - Dwight Stoffel is home from Rehab center, now his wife in in the rehab center after suffering injuries from a fall.
 - Roger Wilson's mother took a turn for the worse and could not make the meeting.
 - Jarrod Reynolds reports of his mom's hip injury and mentions that prayers would be appreciated.
5. Museum Host Schedule for January 2017 – Irv Lipscomb
6. Tonight's Program: **Street Railways/Railroads in the State of Florida in the 1800s -1900s by Warren Jennison**
7. Tonight's Refreshments Provided by: **Jerry & Ginger Honetor**
8. Approval of the November 14, 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. November 2016 Treasurer's Report – David Rhea & Roger Wilson
 - David Rhea reported the Society is solvent.
10. Vice President of Membership & Programs Report – Ross Marvin
 - **Membership Report**
 - * Currently 74 Members.
 - **Field Trips Suggested/Planned for 2017**
 - * Trip to Florida Railroad Museum in Parish was last month.
 - * Gold Coast Railroad Museum in Miami, FL (Suggested).
 - * Other Suggestions
 - **Programs & Refreshments Hosts for 2017:**
 - * Programs Slots for July 2017 and August 2017 are still available. All other months have been filled.
 - * Refreshments Hosts slots for the first 4 months of 2017, July 2017 and December 2017 have been filled. The remaining 6 slots are open.
 - **E-Bay Store Report**
 - * Surpassed \$5,050 for the year. Probably end the year at about \$5,500
11. Museum Curator Report – Ken Murdock
 - CFRR Museum Report – **731** visitors during October and **7,115** visitors for 2016 to date. **360.50** hours donated by the membership during October and **3,204.25** hours donated by the membership for 2016 to date.

- Library Update
 - * Donation - Recent Large stack of NRHS Bulletins
- Technology Update
 - Nothing to report
- Recent Acquisitions & Donations
 - * Jarrod Reynolds donated a G gauge intercity express train set for the eBay store
 - * Al Sharp donated 4 G gauge hopper cars for the eBay store
- Expansion Plans/Status for the Central Florida Railroad Museum
 - * Electrical about 65% complete and A/C about 85% complete in phase 1; two rooms stocked with sheetrock.
- Fundraising Efforts to Support the Museum Expansion
 - * Several ideas were discussed including approaching Wells Fargo for a donation but nothing was firmed up.
- The Next Museum Work Session: The next work session is scheduled for **January 14th**, beginning at 8:30 AM.
- The Glad Hand award was presented to Ross Marvin for all his efforts raising funds through the eBay Store.

12. President's Report – Jerry Honetor

- **Winter Garden Heritage Foundation Board of Directors Activities for November 2016**
 - * Reported the Annual Music Fest Event in downtown Winter Garden on October 8 and 9, 2016 was a huge success.
 - * Selecting a contractor for the construction of the Courtyard between the History Center and the Heritage Museum.
 - * Working on additional funding through a Capital Campaign for the construction of the Courtyard and the establishment of a maintenance fund for the Foundation.

13. CFRHS Facebook Page – Jarrod Reynolds for the period of 11/14/16 to 12/11/16

- 2 page views
- 0 new page like, currently 233 total page likes
- 402 people reached
- 38 post engagements

14. Installation of Officers for 2017 – Al Sharp

- The following Board nominees were installed to the Board of Directors:
 - * President: Jerry Honetor
 - * VP – Education & Public Relations: Irv Lipscomb
 - * Secretary: Joe Lehmann
 - * Treasurer: David Rhea
 - * Asst. Secretary: Jarrod Reynolds
 - * Museum Curator: Ken Murdock
 - * Historian: Phil Cross
- The following Board nominees were absent and will be installed at the January 2017 meeting:
 - * VP – Membership & Programs: Phil Piet
 - * Asst. Treasurer: Roger Wilson
 - * Immediate Past President: Bill Dusenbury

15. Items from the Board of Directors

- The budget committee will meet this Sunday at 7PM.
- The city is requiring engineering wind mitigation study before we can have the new signs hung on the building.
- Discussion on establishing a go fund me account to help defer the cost of the expansion. The Heritage Foundation has had some success using that.

16. Items from the Membership

- Al Weber suggested to contact Wells Fargo for a grant to help with the expansion project.

17. Meeting Adjournment

- A motion by Irv Lipscomb second by David Rhea to adjourned the meeting. The motion carried.

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Some Programs & Refreshments Hosts for 2017 Are Still Needed

Program Slot for July 2017 is still available. All other months have been filled.

Refreshments Hosts slots for May 2017, June 2017, and August 2017 through November 2017 are still available. All other months have been filled.

Please contact Irv Lipscomb (ilipscomb@cfl.rr.com) or Phil Cross (Crossrails@earthlink.net) if you would like to volunteer for a program or to be a refreshment host.

2017 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
Total Members	73

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editor@cfrhs.org.

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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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NEW DOCUMENTARY ANNOUNCED

Trains Magazine and Luckin Productions

announce a new PBS program,

Selling Sunshine: The Florida Trains

TV actor Michael Gross and historian Peter A. Hansen will host a look at how American railroads moved masses out of the cold Northeastern winter to the sunny shores of Florida beaches.

From the early 1900s to the present day, passenger travel between New York and Miami or Tampa has been a huge market. It has also been an area of competition between railroads.

Other Florida rail services from other parts of the nation will be included in the program.

In addition, the documentary will explore today's Florida train service as provided by Amtrak, Tri-Rail, SunRail and the new Brightline rail service now under construction.

No other documentary has been produced to chronicle this aspect of American railroad passenger train travel:

Just the sound of the names of the trains
conveys the magic of rail travel:

*Florida Special, South Wind, Havana Special,
Royal Palm, Silver Comet, East Coast Champion,
Gulf Wind, Dixie Flagler and Silver Meteor.*

The NEW DVD will be available from *Trains* magazine in August 2017.