

THE FLATWHEEL

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



June 2017

June 2017 Meeting

Monday, June 12th at 7:00 PM
Central Florida RR Museum
101 S. Boyd St., Winter Garden, FL
Program: RPO Postmarks & Operations
By: Tom Lera
Refreshments: Mike Ryan

July 2017 Meeting

Monday, July 10th at 7:00 PM
Central Florida RR Museum
101 S. Boyd St., Winter Garden, FL
Program: Starting Up The Hoosier State
By: Neil Bagaus
Refreshments: Ross Marvin

Central Florida RR Museum Host Duty Schedule June 2017

DAY	DATE	HOURS	MUSEUM HOST
Saturday	6/3/17	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Jarrod Reynolds
Sunday	6/4/17	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Phil Piet
Saturday	6/10/17	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Ginger Honetor
Sunday	6/11/17	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Phil Baker
Saturday	6/17/17	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Patrick Smith
Sunday	6/18/17	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	CLOSED—Fathers' Day
Saturday	6/24/17	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Irv Lipscomb
Sunday	6/25/17	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Sharon Lamb
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
Ross Marvin 6/9
David Peterson 6/12
Addison Austin 6/16
Bill Cogswell 6/24



Private Car Dearing in Jacksonville, Florida

**June 2017
Museum Work Session
Saturday, June 17, 2017
8:30 AM to 3:30 PM**

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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.



Jacksonville Terminal required 3 towers to control train movements on its 31 miles of track. The largest was "MA" tower at Myrtle Avenue which controlled all throat switches leading to the 15 stub-end and 11 thru tracks for the headhouse and all crossover tracks. MA was built with a manual 48 lever interlocking plant. It was later upgraded to a pneumatic system which required throwing a very small lever with the fingers. The air compressors for the pneumatic system were on the first floor. *CFRHS collection*



Tower "A" on the south end of Jacksonville Terminal at Lee Street had a manual 24 lever interlocking plant. It controlled the south end thru tracks to the FEC and the ACL and SAL tracks that crossed over the FEC tracks which lead to the downtown port along the St. Johns River waterfront. "A" and "MA" towers closed in 1974 when Amtrak ceased using Jacksonville Terminal. *CFRHS collection*



"BS" tower at Beaver Street handled all Jacksonville Terminal's tracks and turn-outs on the north end of the terminal's trackage. When JT was closed in 1974, this was the only tower of the three operated by JT, to remain active. It was taken over by SCL and later CSX until it was closed and demolished several years ago. *CFRHS collection*

May 2017 Museum Report By Ken Murdock, Museum Curator

We had our first Wednesday workday on May 3rd with five members participating who included Al Sharp, Jerry & Ginger Honetor, Irv Lipscomb and I. Jerry worked in the morning on inventorying a 30-box book collection that was donated while Ginger polished silver and cleaned showcases. Al, Irv and I finished removing the partition that once separated our old storage room from the space previously used by WG Heritage for so many years. After lunch Al and Irv finished up some loose ends while Jerry and I went to Lowes to buy lumber for this next phase. At the end of the day we were ready to proceed in transforming this large, new area into our new meeting room.

On May 10, we had our regular Wednesday workday with Jerry & Ginger Honetor, Al Sharp and I participating. Al and I started installing 2 x 4 stringers on the ceiling in the new Meeting Room, which will support the plywood ceiling. Jerry continued inventorying the recently donated 30 box book collection while Ginger cleaned showcases and polished silver. Ginger also hosted in the afternoon.

We had our third Wednesday workday on May 17th with Al Sharp, Phil Cross and Jerry & Ginger Honetor participating. I had planned to be there but an emergency phone call, fifteen minutes before I was ready to leave, changed my plans for the day. Phil and Al moved lumber that was in the way of our next phase of construction and worked on the 2 x 4 ceiling runners. They also organized things better which were moved hurriedly earlier. Jerry continued inventorying the 30-box book donation and Ginger worked on the displays and hosted in the afternoon.

May 20th was our monthly museum workday and we had 8 members participating. They included Phil Cross, Allen Quinn, Jarrod Reynolds, Connor Murdock (my grandson), Al Sharp, Jerry and Ginger Honetor and I. Phil took care of the outside chores while Allen and Ginger worked on the inside housekeeping chores. Jerry worked on inventory in the new library and the remainder of us started installing 4' x 8' plywood ceiling panels in the new meeting room. Phil and Allen soon joined us and we finished about two-thirds of the ceiling by the end of the day. Ginger also polished silver and hosted in the afternoon. We had a very successful workday and made significant progress in the Roper Building.

Then on Wednesday, May 24th we started the day by rerouting some old electrical so that we could continue our ceiling work in the Roper Building. We also had to disassemble a cast iron RR crossing signal that was taller than the ceiling and remove it. Next, we raised one stud partition that was needed to support the ceiling on the west wall where the sliding door pockets. The sliding door track prevented the ceiling support members from bearing on the exterior west wall. We also installed insulation in the attic that was salvaged from the partition that was removed. Those participating included Al Sharp, Phil Cross, Irv Lipscomb, Jerry & Ginger Honetor and I plus one nonmember, Jacob Baker, who showed up and was looking for a place to volunteer. Jacob, whose goes by Jake, has never had any past interest in trains, but may consider joining our organization. Jake's help was much appreciated. Jerry worked in the library inventory and Ginger cleaned silver and showcase glass and hosted in the afternoon. Jerry made a significant step on this day by moving the first load of books from the old library to the new library. He says he's now on a roll!!

On the 31st, the last Wednesday in May, the construction team took a break and returned to working on inventory. We had a number of new items from a private collection that Phil Cross purchased for us in Jacksonville, and they needed to be entered into the inventory system. Those working on inventory were Al Sharp, Irv Lipscomb and I. Jerry Honetor continued moving books from the old library to the new and each required a new shelf number in the inventory system. Ginger continued polishing silver and she told me that she had finished all the silver.

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Upcoming Events

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>.

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.

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.

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- * Irv Lipscomb made a motion to move forward with the proposal, second by David Rhea. The motion carried.
 - The Next Museum Work Session: The next work session is scheduled for **May 20th**, beginning at 8:30 AM.
 - Lakeville School has a planning group that meets the fourth Thursday of every month. They requested a member of our society attend the meeting. Phil Cross attended the last meeting. Their desire is to train students to be docents for their museum. Ken was seeking members to attend their meeting. Jarrod Reynolds offered to assist with training the students. Phil Piet will also attend the meeting.
13. CFRHS Facebook Page – Jarrod Reynolds
 - There were 20 page views, 2 page likes, 73 people reached and 235 post engagements for the month.
 14. Items from the Board of Directors
 - Irv Lipscomb sent a personal letter to the President of the WGHF seeking funds to assist with our expansion project. The request was considered by the Foundation's Executive Committee. The Executive Committee declined the request from Mr. Lipscomb to provide funds, but they will ask members of their board to assist with finding potential donors.
 15. Items from the Membership — None
 16. Meeting Adjournment
 - A motion by Irv Lipscomb second by David Rhea to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

Central Florida Railway Historical Society, Inc. Combined Board & Regular Meeting Minutes Central Florida RR Museum May 8, 2017 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order – Jerry Honetor
 - Board members present: Jerry Honetor, Phil Piet, Irv Lipscomb, Ken Murdock, David Rhea, Joe Lehmann and Jarrod Reynolds.
 - 10 members and 2 guests present (one of whom became a member).
2. Meeting Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance – David Rhea
3. Recognition of Visitors – Jerry Honetor
 - Jack Butler and Adrianna Pierce.
4. Recognition of Members/Friends Concerns – Jerry Honetor
 - Craig Murdock, Ken's son is suffering from an undiagnosed condition and prayers were asked for his speedy recovery.
5. Museum Host Schedule for June 2017 – Irv Lipscomb
6. Tonight's Program: **Operating a Diesel Locomotive at the Golden Oaks Mining Company** by Jarrod Reynolds
7. Tonight's Refreshments Provided By: **Dan & Janet Crusie**
8. Approval of the April 10, 2017 Combined Board & Regular Meeting Minutes – Jerry Honetor
 - A motion by Phil Piet and second by Irv Lipscomb to accept the minutes, the motion carried unanimously.
9. April 2017 Treasurer's Report – David Rhea
 - David Rhea reported the society is solvent. He also provided a document listing the income and disbursements for the expansion project.
10. Vice President of Membership & Programs Report – Phil Piet
 - Membership Report
 - * Currently 76 Members. 70 members have renewed.
 - Field Trips Suggested/Planned for 2017
 - * Gold Coast Railroad Museum in Miami, FL (Suggested).
 - Programs & Refreshments Hosts for 2017:
 - * All program slots for 2017 have been filled.
 - * Refreshments Host for October 2017 is needed.
11. E-Bay Store Report – Ross Marvin
 - Ross is looking for items to sell in the store.
12. Museum Curator Report – Ken Murdock
 - CFRR Museum Report – **1,031** visitors during March and **3,112** visitors for 2017 to date. **409.25** hours donated by the membership during March and **1,147.00** hours donated by the membership for 2017 to date.
 - Library Update
 - * Jerry reported 16 years of magazines just donated.
 - * Donation of a book *The Growth and Development of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company*, published in 1927.
 - Technology Update
 - * Jerry's computer was moved into the new library and the wireless internet and phone has been relocated in the Roper building.
 - Recent Acquisitions & Donations
 - * Donation of a St. Louis Car Company builder's plate from new member Jack Butler.
 - Expansion Plans/Status for the Central Florida Railroad Museum
 - Fundraising Efforts to Support the Museum Expansion
 - * Irv Lipscomb suggested a fundraising drive from among the membership with various levels of recognition, and a plaque with their names to be displayed in the museum.

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Photos From Society Member Irv Lipscomb On His Recent Trip On The Private Car *Dearing*



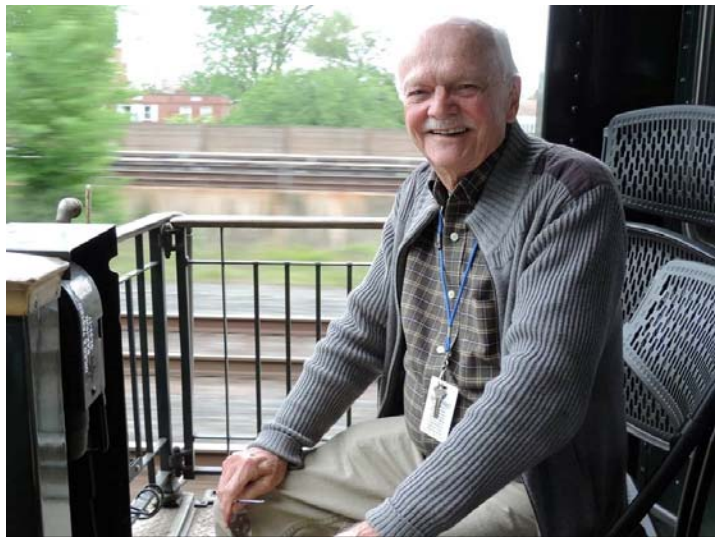
Private Car *Dearing*



Private Car *Dearing* Dining Area



Private Car *Dearing* Lounge Area



Society Member Irv Lipscomb Riding the Rear Platform of the *Dearing*



Private Car *Dearing* Kitchen



Private Car *Dearing* Large Bedroom

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Thank you Ginger for the great job that you do for us!!

May was a very productive month and we couldn't have done it without the help of our many great volunteers. Thanks to each of you who helped in so many ways from hosting to working on construction in the Roper Building.

Below are some photos from the May 20th work session.



2017 CFRHS Membership Statistics

Society Members	24
Society Century Members	16
Ward Britt	
Phil Cross	
Ann Cross	
Bill Dusenbury	
Charles Hanus, Sr.	
Chuck Hanus	
Linda Hanus	
Jerry Honetor	
Clarence Hurt	
Joe Lehmann, Jr.	
Irv Lipscomb	
Ross Marvin	
Ken Murdock	
Phil Piet	
Al Sharp	
Jim Shoemaker	
Society Friends	20
Society Family Members	15
Society Student Members	0
Total Members	75

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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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