

# THE FLATWHEEL

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Railway Historical Society, Inc.



## March 2017

### March 2017 Meeting

Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM  
Central Florida RR Museum  
101 S. Boyd St., Winter Garden, FL  
**Program:** *Trains Magazine Colorado*  
Rail Tour 2016 - Part 2  
**By:** Ken Murdock  
**Refreshments:** Irv Lipscomb

### April 2017 Meeting

Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM  
Central Florida RR Museum  
101 S. Boyd St., Winter Garden, FL  
**Program:** Winter at the Nevada  
Northern Railway  
**By:** Jarrod Reynolds  
**Refreshments:** Les Westlake

## Central Florida RR Museum Host Duty Schedule March 2017

DAY	DATE	HOURS	MUSEUM HOST
Saturday	3/4/17	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Jarrod Reynolds
Sunday	3/5/17	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Phil Baker
Saturday	3/11/17	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Ginger Honetor
Sunday	3/12/17	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Phil Piet
Saturday	3/18/17	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Dan & Janet Crusie
Sunday	3/19/17	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Mike Kelly
Saturday	3/25/17	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Irv Lipscomb
Sunday	3/26/17	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

Folkston Railwatch  
is March 31<sup>st</sup>, April  
1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>.

NARCOA Motorcars on  
the Florida Midland  
(4/7/17), Florida Central  
(4/8/17) and Florida  
Northern (4/9/17).

### **March 2017 Museum Work Session**

**Saturday, March 11, 2017  
8:30 AM to 3:30 PM**

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

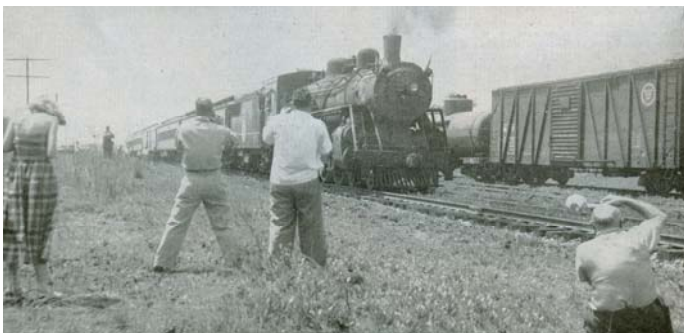
**2017 Dues Are Now Due  
Please Remit As Soon  
As Possible**

### March Birthdays

**Jerry Honetor 3/16  
Mike Ryan 3/22**

# This Is The Way It Was

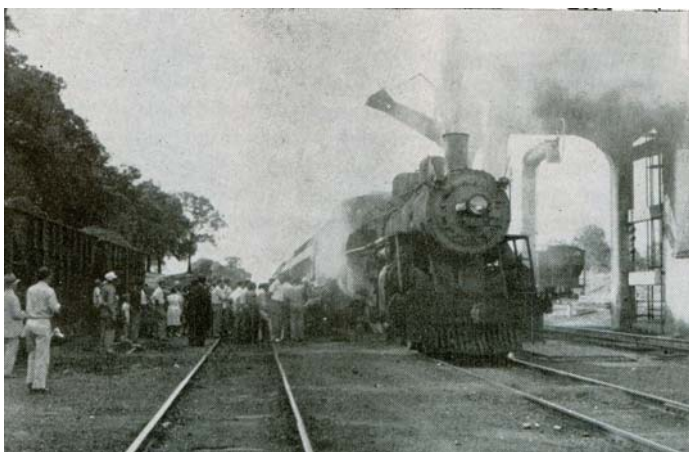
This monthly photo column by Ken Murdock features railroad scenes of the past, a look back into railroading's history.



In the late 1940s there were two very active railfan clubs in the Tampa Bay area. They were the Peninsular Railfans Club of St. Petersburg and the Tampa Railfans Club. They jointly sponsored excursions on the ACL that were known as the *Shutterbug Special*. This photo was one of their many photo runbys that were called "stop and shoot" at that time. ACL 4-6-2 #427 was the motive power and the train was all heavy weight coaches. - *ACL News, CFRHS collection*



Their trips ran from Tampa to Rainbow Falls with enough layover time there to picnic, swim and ride the glass bottom boats. This photo was taken during a 30-minute stop in Lakeland to tour the ACL shops and pick up passengers. They were permitted to climb on locomotives, blow the whistle, ring the bells and climb into the pits. This must have been before the ACL was run by lawyers! - *Hal Sanborn photo, CFRHS*



This photo and the first were taken on their third excursion of the season on May 1, 1949, and they had 130 passengers on board. This photo was taken during a stop in Trilby to take water and coal. Note the concrete coaling tower which adds one more to last month's subject of coaling towers. George W. Pettengill was president of the St. Petersburg club and Charles Campbell was president of the Tampa club. - *ACL News, CFRHS collection*

## February 2017 Museum Report

By Ken Murdock, Museum Curator

February got off to a good start with our Wednesday workdays. The first two Wednesdays we almost completed the drywall work in phase one which includes the new Library and Work Shop. Jerry Honetor and I worked mainly in the Roper Building on new construction with Al Sharp helping there and working on the inventory of recently donated items. Irv Lipscomb also worked on inventory of items in the flat files and Ginger Honetor continued with keeping the silver polished and the showcases clean, inside and out. Jerry and I made another run to Lowes on the Wednesday, the 8<sup>th</sup>, to purchase more building materials which included pre-hung doors, lumber for trim, paint, rollers and caulking.

We had a donation from a gentleman in Orlando which included three hand lanterns, a Handlan L&N, a Handlan Missouri Pacific and an unmarked Adlake. Also included was a logger's cross-cut saw with a helper's handle and a balance beam scale. The last two items could have been used by the railroads but neither were marked. Jerry Honetor donated a set of blueprint steam locomotive drawings from the Kansas City Southern in very good condition.

David Rhea brought back some beautiful oak boards from Indiana for use on the Fairbanks freight cart that he is restoring with Bill Walters' help. David also took the badly bent steel frame of the cart to Florida Metal Crafters to have it straightened. When he gets it back it will be ready to reassemble and paint. David is also repainting the "Winter Garden" station sign that hangs on the west end of the museum. David and Bill are doing both projects at David's home. Thank you, David and Bill!!

On the February 11<sup>th</sup>, we held our monthly museum workday. We had seven members participating that included Phil Cross, Jerry and Ginger Honetor, Phil Piet, Al Sharp, Jarrod Reynolds and your curator. Phil Cross cleaned up around the outside and then took care of the housekeeping chores inside. Ginger cleaned showcases and polished silver. I finished sanding the drywall in the work shop and the others painted the walls and ceilings in the two new rooms with a primer coat. We finished the Library and about half of the Work Shop. We had a very good day and are almost ready to apply the final coat of paint.

Then on the third Wednesday of the month Jerry and I installed the pre-hung doors for the library and Work Shop and installed the window frame for the inside window in the library. I made the window frame at home where I have a table saw for cutting the special width boards required. Ginger was there as usual polishing silver and cleaning showcase glass. On the fourth Wednesday Al Sharp and Jerry Honetor applied the finish coat of paint on the ceilings of both new rooms and on the walls in the Library. I finished installing the wood trim, filled nail holes and applied a primer coat on all the wood trim. I also ordered the glass for the interior window in the library from West Orange Glass. Ginger, as usual, was there, polishing our silver. What would we do without her? Thank you Ginger!!!

The city's painting contractor has finished painting the museum, installing the lattice around the perimeter of the crawl space of both buildings, replacing rotten deck boards and sealing the permanently closed sliding doors on the Roper Building. It really looks great!! I think it is the best paint work that has ever been done on the buildings. Check it out the next time you are there.

Again, we had another very productive month with many of our volunteers pitching in to help in so many ways. Thanks to each of you who helped in some way. We couldn't do it without you!

## Upcoming Events

**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 7-9, 2017** — Annual runs of the NARCOA motorcars on the Florida Midland, Florida Central and Florida Northern Railroads. No other info available at this time. This will be updated as info becomes available.

**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 8, 2017** — Hickory, NC — 15<sup>th</sup> Annual North Carolina Railroad Expo, Hickory Metro Center, 9 AM to 3 PM, for more info contact [www.tarheelpress.com/Trainshow](http://www.tarheelpress.com/Trainshow).

**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>.

**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 Quarterly Board Meeting Agenda

Central Florida RR Museum

February 6, 2017

7:00 PM

1. Call to Order – Jerry Honetor
  - Board members present: Jerry Honetor, Phil Piet, Irv Lipscomb, Ken Murdock, David Rhea, Roger Wilson, Joe Lehmann, Jarrod Reynolds and Phil Cross,
2. Opening Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance – David Rhea
3. Treasurer Report – David Rhea & Roger Wilson
  - Society 2017 Budget Update — David Rhea reported the Society is solvent.
  - Expansion Budget and Funding Update — David Rhea provided current expansion funds available and savings account balance.
4. Vice President of Membership & Programs Report – Phil Piet
  - Membership Report for 2017
    - \* Membership Renewals — 37 renewed
    - \* New Members — 4 new members with a total of 74 members.
    - \* Recruitment of New Members — Phil Piet showed a new post card he had them printed and is donating the cost to the society.
  - Society Field Trips & Other Activities
    - \* Discussion Regarding Field Trips and Other Activities Planned for 2017
    - \* Phil Piet solicited input for suggestions for field trips.
  - Programs & Refreshments Hosts for 2017
    - \* All Program Slots Are Filled for 2017.
    - \* Refreshments Hosts Are Needed for June 2017 and September through November 2017.
5. Museum Curator Report – Ken Murdock
  - Expansion Update for the Central Florida Railroad Museum.
    - \* Ken reports they are just about finished with the dry wall and getting ready to paint. Then they will put up some wood trim.
  - Plans for Enclosing the Breezeway Area
    - \* Ken said he had prepared the drawings for the breezeway and they will be signed and sealed by an engineer friend at no cost to our organization. Copies of the plans were distributed to the board members and there were no comments about them.
  - Relocation of Caboose and Artifacts at East End of Complex.
    - \* Diagrams from Ken were presented showing the proposed new location of the caboose.
  - Installation of Sprinkler System
    - \* Phil Cross reports the City plans to install the Sprinkler System once the caboose is moved.
  - Station sign on west side of the building.
    - \* Needs to be repainted. David Rhea has volunteered to handle it.
  - Fund Raising Plans for the Expansion of the Central Florida Railroad Museum.
    - \* Discussion on sources for donations. Jarrod Reynolds motioned to allow the Board of Directors to work with the Executive Director of the WGHF. Second by David Rhea. The motion carried.
    - \* Wells Fargo Bank Grant – May seek the new Heritage Foundation Executive Director's help in contacting this funding source.
    - \* NRHS Heritage Grant –It was suggested that we pursue this source to repaint the caboose, however there were no volunteers to pursue this source of funds.

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- Museum Update - Nothing to report since all efforts have been focused on construction.
  - Library Committee Update - Also nothing to report since all efforts have been focused on construction.
  - Website Committee Update – Website is pretty much up to date and current.
  - Ringling Brothers Railroad Car
    - \* Discussion reference to potentially receiving a donated car. Based on the expense and maintenance requirements and the fact that we don't own the rails or the right-of-way, it was decided not to pursue it.
  - Other items
    - \* David Rhea reported on new directors and officers' insurance policy.
    - \* Ross Marvin transferred \$300 to our checking account from the PayPal account.
6. Technology Committee Report – Joe Lehmann, Jr.
- Equipment Status Update – All equipment up to date and functioning well.
  - Storage/Backup of Society Files – All files are being backed up to the cloud.
7. Emeritus Membership – Jerry Honeter
- Motion by Irv Lipscomb, second by Jarrod Reynolds to bestow the following founding members with Emeritus Membership. The motion carried unanimously.
    - \* Clayton Bishop
    - \* Bill Cogswell
    - \* David Peterson
  - Motion by Joe Lehmann, second by Phil Cross to bestow the following members with a minimum of 40 years of service with Emeritus Membership. The motion carried.
    - \* Irv Lipscomb
    - \* Ken Murdock
  - Discussion on getting Emeritus Members cards to present to the Emeritus Members and adding a master plaque in the museum.
9. Items from Attending Board Members
- Motion by Jarrod Reynolds second by Irv Lipscomb to add Ted Jansen to the deceased members' plaque. The motion carried.
  - David Rhea would like to see if we could arrange a potluck dinner sometime this year since we are no longer having an annual dinner.
10. Items from Attending Members – There were no items from the attending members,
11. Selection of Date for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2017 Board Meeting – Jerry Honeter
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter meeting will be on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 at 7:00PM, if needed.
12. Meeting Adjournment
- A motion by Irv Lipscomb second by Roger Wilson to adjourned the meeting. The motion carried.

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**Central Florida Railway Historical Society, Inc.**  
**Combined Board & Regular Meeting Agenda**  
**Central Florida RR Museum**  
**February 13, 2017**  
**7:00 PM**

1. Call to Order – Jerry Honeter Called to order at 7:00PM
- Board Members Present: Phil Cross, Phil Piet, Jerry Honeter, Joe Lehmann, Ken Murdock, Irv Lipscomb, Roger Wilson, Jarrod Reynolds, and David Rhea.
  - Members Present: 7
2. Meeting Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance – David Rhea
3. Recognition of Visitors – Jerry Honeter: None
4. Recognition of Members/Friends Concerns – Jerry Honeter
- Ken Murdock reports that Warren McFarland has serious health problems
  - Al Sharp reports that his sister is in the hospital with a heart attack and doing well
  - David Rhea reports of Margie Gooch's health problem and Phil Cross provided an update.
  - Ginger Honeter reports that her cousin is in the hospital with a broken leg and is doing well.
5. Museum Host Schedule for March 2017 – Irv Lipscomb
- Few spots were taken by the membership for the Month of March.
6. Tonight's Program: **Trains Magazine Colorado Rail Tour 2016 - Part 1 by Ken Murdock**
7. Tonight's Refreshments Provided By: **Phil Cross**
8. Approval of the January 9, 2017 Combined Board & Regular Meeting Minutes – Jerry Honeter
- Motion made by Phil Piet, second by David Rhea, motion passed unanimously.
9. January 2017 Treasurer's Report – David Rhea & Roger Wilson
- David Rhea reported the numbers and everything is solvent.



10. Vice President of Membership & Programs Report – Phil Piet
  - Membership Report
    - \* Currently 74 Members: 39 Renewals, 4 New
  - Field Trips Suggested/Planned for 2017
    - \* Gold Coast Railroad Museum in Miami, FL (Suggested).
    - \* Other Suggestions??
  - Programs & Refreshments Hosts for 2017:
    - \* All program slots for 2017 have been filled.
    - \* Refreshments Hosts for September, 2017 through November 2017 are needed. Mike Ryan took June's Refreshments.
11. E-Bay Store Report – Ross Marvin
  - Not Present at the meeting, Last week moved \$300 to the checking account. David Rhea reports of \$400 in member gifts.
12. Museum Curator Report – Ken Murdock
  - CFRR Museum Report – **656** visitors during December but no total for 2017 available. **310.75** hours donated by the membership during December but no total for 2017 available.
  - Library Update: Discussed at Quarterly Board Meeting
  - Technology Update: Discussed at Quarterly Board Meeting
  - Recent Acquisitions & Donations: Kansas City Southern Locomotive Drawings donated by Jerry Honetor.
  - Expansion Plans/Status for the Central Florida Railroad Museum: Discussed at Quarterly Board Meeting.
  - Fundraising Efforts to Support the Museum Expansion: Phil Cross reports of 3 possible grants for fundraising. David Rhea volunteers to work on a grant.
  - The Next Museum Work Session: The next work session is scheduled for **March 11<sup>th</sup>**, beginning at 8:30 AM. Ken Murdock believes that the next work session that the things may be ready to start moving artifacts into the new Library.
13. President's Report – Jerry Honetor
  - Winter Garden Heritage Foundation Board of Directors Activities for January 2017
    - \* 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.
    - \* Continued planning for the May 2017 Annual Golf Tournament.
14. CFRHS Facebook Page – Jarrod Reynolds
  - 3 Page Likes
  - 33 Page Views
  - 58 People Reached
  - 93 Post Engagements
15. Items from the Board of Directors
  - Announced Emeritus Status for the three original founding members, Ken Murdock and Irv Lipscomb.
  - Phil Cross reported of the moving of FEC 0-8-0 Steam locomotive #253 to new location
  - Phil Cross suggested of returning to the Combined Board/Regular Meeting and not having the Quarterly Board Meeting. He suggested having the Quarterly Board Meeting as needed.
  - The relocation of the Clinchfield Caboose #1073 from the present location and place it on the track was discussed. The City of Winter Garden will be responsible for all moving costs and negotiation with the Florida Central Railroad.
  - Phil Piet reports of possible trip gathering of catching the Circus Train.
16. Items from the Membership:
  - David Rhea reported of recent visitor that came to the museum last Friday and was very interested in our velocipede since he was from a place in Michigan near where they were made.
  - Les Westlake reports update of Clayton Bishop.
17. Meeting Adjournment: Motion made by Irv Lipscomb, second by Ken Murdock. Motion passed 8:47 PM.



Track Maintenance crew at McAlpin, FL in the early 1900s. Sam Hillhouse is the crew foreman. Louise Keen Swing photo. Historic Florida X.



Workers loading celery in a reefer car in Leesburg in 1926. Historic Florida X.

## 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
<b>Total Members</b>	<b>75</b>

## March 2017 Museum Work Session Saturday, March 11, 2017 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM

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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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