

THE FLATWHEEL

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



September 2017

September 2017 Meeting

Monday, September 11th at 7:00 PM
Central Florida RR Museum
101 S. Boyd St., Winter Garden, FL
Program: Exploring CSX's Abandoned
Everett Subdivision
By: Patrick Smith
Refreshments: Patrick Smith

October 2017 Meeting

Monday, October 9th at 7:00 PM
Central Florida RR Museum
101 S. Boyd St., Winter Garden, FL
Program: Walt Disney World Railroad
By: Joe Bopp
Refreshments: Ross Marvin

Central Florida RR Museum Host Duty Schedule September 2017

DAY	DATE	HOURS	MUSEUM HOST
Saturday	9/2/17	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Jerry Hardwich
Sunday	9/3/17	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Gary Dettman
Saturday	9/9/17	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Jarrod Reynolds
Sunday	9/10/17	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Mike Forrester
Saturday	9/16/17	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Ginger Honetor
Sunday	9/17/17	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Phil Piet
Saturday	9/23/17	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Irv Lipscomb
Sunday	9/24/17	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Dan & Janet Crusie
Saturday	9/30/17	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Patrick Smith
Sunday	N/A	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	N/A

September Birthdays

Clarence Calloway 9/03
Matthew Lehmann 9/03
Jerry Hardwich 9/04
Jim Garner 9/14
Patrick Smith 9/17
Phil Cross 9/19
Sandy Smith 9/20
Linda Hanus 9/21
Mike Kelly 9/23
Al Sharp 9/27

A little birdie advises that the O&NW RY's Royal Palm Train Experience will be participating in the Rifle's, Rails & History Event in Tavares at the end of September.

September 2017 Museum Work Session

**Saturday, September 16, 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.



Most of our members never knew that our former NRHS Chapter once owned an RDC car. Many of our long-time members have probably forgotten that it once, very briefly, passed thru our hands. This is it stored at Auto-Train's shops in August 1980, before it became our property. I don't recall why Auto-Train had it or what they planned to do with it, but it sat around in Sanford for several years. – Ken Murdock photo



Later it was determined that it had a broken center-sill and was declared "not repairable". Dick Perkins found out about it and managed to get it donated to our organization. He had it moved to a siding southeast of Oviedo on the old SAL line in 1982. There he cut it up for scrap to enhance the CFC's treasury. – John Rapalje photo, CFRHS collection



Another little know item, that we once owned briefly, was Florida East Coast Railway shop crane MC463. It was donated by the FEC in the early 1980s and was stored at Dick Perkins' home in Oviedo. It was electric and self-propelled. Dick became aware that the Gold Coast RR Museum could use it, so we traded it for the Fairmont motor car that we now have on display in the museum. This photo shows it lifting the narrow-gauge wheel set that is now on display near the cabooses. – CFRHS collection

August Museum Report

By Ken Murdock

We had our first Wednesday workday on August 2, with Phil Cross, Jerry and Ginger Honeter and I participating. Jerry continued his inventory work in the library while Ginger continued her work with displays plus adding items to the gift shop and hosting in the afternoon. Phil worked on rearranging many items that had been ignored for a long time, adding some to our files and getting others to Ginger to be cleaned and sold in the gift shop. I finished installing wood studs in the new meeting room. The mechanical contractor finished installing ductwork for the new meeting room and the electricians came in for several hours and finished most of their rough-in for the wall outlets. When the electricians finish installing the light fixtures, we will be ready for the rough-in inspection of the new meeting room.

On Wednesday workday on August 9, we had Phil Cross, Jerry & Ginger Honeter, Irv Lipscomb and I participating. Phil did a lot of cleaning up and organizing, Jerry worked in the new library on inventory, Ginger took care of the collection and hosted in the afternoon, Irv continued with inventory in the flat files and I worked on the remaining rough carpentry items. The electricians got about half of the new light fixtures installed in the new meeting room.

The next Wednesday workday was on August 16. Those participating included Jerry & Ginger Honeter, Irv Lipscomb and me. We all worked on the same items as last week except that I finished all the remaining rough carpentry items. After the electrician finishes and we get the next city inspection, the new meeting room will be ready for insulation in the exterior walls and then gypsum wallboard. Jerry and I ended the day by removing the attachments for the library shelving on the west wall. It is now ready to be moved it into the new work shop during our Saturday museum workday on the 19th.

Saturday, August 19th, was our monthly museum workday and those participating included Phil Cross, Jarrod Reynolds, Jerry & Ginger Honeter, Les Westlake, Joe Lehmann and me. Phil cleaned up around the outside and then he Ginger took care of the housekeeping chores. Jarrod, Les and I emptied temporary shelving in the new work shop and removed and disassembled them. We then brought the old library shelving from the west wall and installed them in the new work shop and loaded them, mostly with surplus Root items.

Joe advised us as to what will be needed to permanently connect our router in the Roper Building before installing gypsum wallboard on the walls. We also discussed the mounting height for the TV once it is relocated to the new meeting room. Jerry worked in the library and continued moving items from the old to the new library. Phil worked on the Flat Wheel and he and Jarrod moved the disassembled shelving outside for pickup by the city.

Our Wednesday workday on August 23 was very productive. Phil Cross, Irv Lipscomb, Jerry & Ginger Honeter and I participated. Jerry and Phil went to Lowes and purchased fiberglass wall insulation and gypsum wallboard for the new meeting room. It has been very nice having Jerry's truck for these runs to Lowes. While they were gone I worked on miscellaneous carpentry items and Irv worked on flat file inventory while Ginger worked on sprucing up the collection. When they returned with the materials, we all pitched in and unloaded the truck. After lunch Jerry, Phil and I installed all the insulation in the perimeter walls. Once inspected, we are ready to install the gypsum wallboard.

Due to my electric stapler not working on Wednesday, I fixed it at home and returned Saturday, August 26th, and stapled the insulation to the wood studs. This will allow us to have an insulation inspection first thing Wednesday, August 30th, and immediately begin installing the gypsum wallboard. Phil Cross came by while I was there and took some progress pictures for the Flat Wheel. **Continued at Bottom of Page 5.**

Upcoming Events

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.

September 29 & 30 and October 1, 2017 — Tavares, FL — Rifles, Rails & History 2017 (5th Anniversary), Wooten Park, Downtown Tavares.

October 7, 2017 — Deland, FL — 61st Florida Rail Fair, Volusia County Fairgrounds, 3150 East New York Avenue, 9 am – 4 pm. Contact: Charles Miller, 386-736-8185, rrshows@aol.com. Website: <http://www.gserr.com>.

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.

December 16-17, 2017 — Tampa, FL — 18th 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>.

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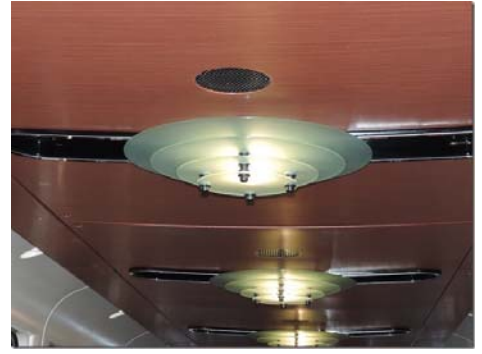
- Expansion Plans/Status for the Central Florida Railroad Museum.
 - * Expansion Expenses for **June** totaled **\$366.33**.
 - * Expansion Expenses for **July** totaled **\$372.62**.
 - * Total Expansion Expenses to date are **\$20,275.55**.
 - Fundraising Efforts to Support the Museum Expansion.
 - * A total of **\$5,775.00** was raised during **June** and **July**.
 - * A total of **\$42,605.00** has been raised since **October 2014**.
 - The Next Saturday Monthly Museum Work Session: **August 19th**, beginning at 8:30 AM.
 - Weekly Work Sessions are held each **Wednesday**, beginning at 8:30 AM.
13. CFRHS Facebook Page – Jarrod Reynolds
- Report for the month: 53 page views, 7 page likes, 310 people reached 113 post engagements, page previews 8 and 8 new followers.
14. Items from the Board of Directors
- David Rhea offered to try to purchase the carpeting for renovations. He has knowledge on where to get new carpeting at much reduced costs.
15. Items from the Membership
- Irv mentioned an article in Lines South written by Warren McFarland and Ken Murdock.
 - Patrick reported he is looking to get a search light donated. Concerns again over where to store it.
16. Meeting Adjournment
- A motion by Irv Lipscomb second by Jarrod Reynolds to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

Central Florida Railway Historical Society, Inc. Combined Board & Regular Meeting Minutes Central Florida RR Museum August 14, 2017 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order – Jerry Honetor
 - Board members present: Jerry Honetor, Irv Lipscomb, Ken Murdock, David Rhea, Joe Lehmann, Jarrod Reynolds and Phil Cross.
 - 7 members and 10 guests present.
2. Meeting Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance – David Rhea
3. Recognition of Visitors – Jerry Honetor
 - 10 Visitors, all came here upon reading the meeting notice in the newspaper.
4. Recognition of Members/Friends Concerns – Jerry Honetor
 - Roger Wilson has had a bad fall and broke his right arm.
 - Jerry Hardwich's wife passed away, there was no memorial service locally.
 - Dwight Stoffel is looking to move into assisted living. His wife also is in assisted living and not doing well.
 - Ginger Honetor's cousin had a serious fall.
 - Jarrod Reynolds' grandmother has had two mini-strokes.
5. Museum Host Schedule for September 2017 – Irv Lipscomb
6. Tonight's Program: **Logging Railroads** by **Warren Jennison**.
7. Tonight's Refreshments Provided By: **David Rhea**
8. Approval of the July 10, 2017 Combined Board & Regular Meeting Minutes – Jerry Honetor
 - A motion by Irv Lipscomb second by Jarrod Reynolds to accept the minutes, the motion carried unanimously.
9. July 2017 Treasurer's Report – David Rhea & Roger Wilson
 - David Rhea reported that the Society is solvent.
10. Vice President of Membership & Programs Report – Phil Cross for Phil Piet
 - Membership Report
 - * Currently **78** Members.
 - Field Trips Suggested/Planned for 2017
 - * Gold Coast Railroad Museum in Miami, FL – Scheduled for the last weekend in October.
 - * Largo Central Railroad in Largo, FL – First Saturday of Each Month.
 - Programs & Refreshments Hosts for 2017/2018:
 - * All program slots for 2017 and the first 4 months of 2018 have been filled. Need programs for the remainder of 2018.
 - * All Refreshments Host Slots for 2017 have been filled. Need Refreshments Hosts for the January, February, April and June through November 2018.
11. E-Bay Store Report – Ross Marvin
 - Jerry reported that sales seems to be slow.
12. Museum Curator Report – Ken Murdock
 - CFRR Museum Report – **533** visitors during June and **5,022** visitors for 2017 to date. **474.25** hours donated by the membership during June and **2,332.75** hours donated by the membership for 2017 to date.
 - Library Update – Jerry reported everything except NRHS bulletins have been moved into the new library.
 - Technology Update – Ken's son Rick, in Tennessee, has offered to take over the society website and update it.
 - Recent Acquisitions & Donations.
 - * Discussion about the possibility of receiving a donation of a baggage cart. There is no place to store the cart at this time, so it was agreed to not accept it.

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Here are three photos of one of the new Amtrak dining cars running on #97, the SILVER METEOR, August 8 & 9, 2017.



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Here's the latest from Neil Bagaus regarding the O&NW RY's passenger cars: So far one coach has arrived in Plymouth. 9 additional cars are in route. This includes a vista dome, coaches, diner and Pullman sleeper. 4 cars are arriving attached to Amtrak and the others via CSX. The hurricane has messed up freight operations in Memphis so that may slow down 5 of the cars. Please see the pictures below.



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Below are three (3) photos of the installation of the studs in the new meeting room and museum display area. The photo on the left is the north wall, the photo in the center is the south wall, and the photo on the right is the west wall.



Below are three (3) photos of the insulation that has been installed in the new meeting room and museum display area. The photo on the left shows the west end of the south wall and the west wall, the center photo shows Ken Murdock, Museum Curator, completing the stapling of the insulation on the north wall, and the photo on the right shows the south wall.



Below are three (3) photos of the installation of the drywall in the new meeting room and museum display area. The photo on the left shows Museum Curator Ken Murdock cutting a sheet of drywall to fit on one of the walls. The center photo shows Phil Cross securing a sheet of drywall to the north wall. The photo on the right shows Museum Curator Ken Murdock cutting a piece of drywall for installation; the south wall of the meeting room and museum display area is almost complete with drywall.



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The ACL RR Longwood, Florida Depot

By Jarrod Reynolds



The former ACL RR Longwood, FL depot in its Current configuration as a residence in Hilliard, FL

The Longwood, Florida depot was built early 1900's by the ACL RR. The depot served the community from the time of building to circa 1960. In the 1960s, the depot was moved to Hilliard and became part of the railroad museum called *Trains of Yesterday*. Sometime in the 1970s, the railroad museum was closed and depot was moved two blocks from former museum site and was converted to a family home. The Wagner family purchased the depot/residence in 2014. Photo and information from 1960 to present is credited to Mrs. Elizabeth Wagner.

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We rapped up the month with our Wednesday workday on August 30th, with Phil Cross, Jerry & Ginger Honetor, Irv Lipscomb and me participating. We had our wall insulation inspected by the city at 8:30 a.m. and Phil and I immediately proceeded with hanging gypsum wallboard. We were on a roll and hung about 80 percent of it. Jerry worked on inventory in the library and moving things from the old to the new library. He then put on his electrician's cap and ran a conduit in the wall for our router and computer cat5 cables. Irv continued with inventory of the flat files. I'm continually amazed at the amount of historic information that we have filed in the flat files. How did we ever get along before we had them? Ginger continued with her work keeping the showcases and displays clean and presentable and hosting on Wednesday afternoons throughout the month.

Despite a very hot August, we still accomplished an amazing amount of work, continuing to improve our facilities and displays. Thanks to each of you who participated on workdays or by hosting. We couldn't have done it without you.

2017 CFRHS Membership Statistics

Society Members	25
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	21
Society Family Members	14
Society Student Members	2
Total Members	78

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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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