

THE FLATWHEEL

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



September 2013

September Meeting

Monday, September 9th at 7:00 PM
Central Florida RR Museum
101 S. Boyd St., Winter Garden, FL

Program: Colorado Scenic Train Rides

By: Clarence Hurt

Refreshments: Irv Lipscomb

October Meeting

Monday, October 14th at 7:00 PM
Central Florida RR Museum
101 S. Boyd St., Winter Garden, FL

Program: Cab Units Around the Country

By: Kevin Andrusia

Refreshments: Jerry & Ginger Honetor

Central Florida Railway Historical Society, Inc.

Central Florida RR Museum Host Duty Schedule — September 2013

DAY	DATE	HOURS	MUSEUM HOST
Saturday	8/31/13	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Dan Crusie
Sunday	9/1/13	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	CLOSED
Saturday	9/7/13	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Jarrod Reynolds
Sunday	9/8/13	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Mike Kelly
Saturday	9/14/13	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Dan Crusie
Sunday	9/15/13	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Gary Dettman
Saturday	9/21/13	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Phil Baker
Sunday	9/22/13	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Jerry & Ginger Honetor
Saturday	9/28/13	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Frank Milmore
Sunday	9/29/13	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Clarence Hurt

Dates To Remember

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September Museum Work Session

**Saturday, September 21, 2013
8:30 AM to 3:30 PM**

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

September Birthdays

Matthew Lehmann 9/3

Jerry Hardwich 9/4

Keith Mackey 9/5

Frank Milmore 9/13

Jim Garner 9/14

Patrick Smith 9/17

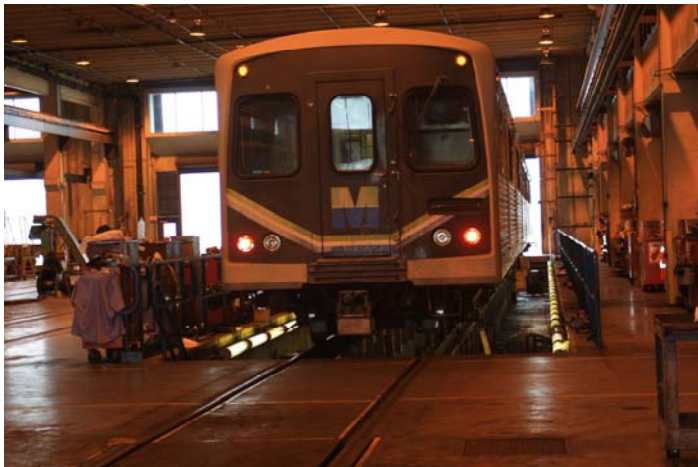
Phil Cross 9/19

Mike Kelly 9/23

Al Sharp 9/27

Al Pfeiffer's Photo Corner

This feature focuses on photos taken by former Society Friend Al Pfeiffer. Over the years, Al has taken thousands of photos related to our favorite hobby and he would like to share some of them with us. Each month, three of Al's photos are featured.



Miami - Dade Metro Shops at Hialeah, FL, 9/23/11.



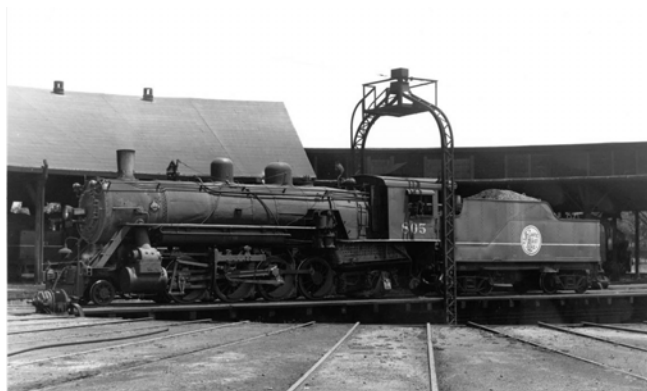
Miami-Dade Metro Car #107 in shops at Hialeah, FL, 9/23/11.



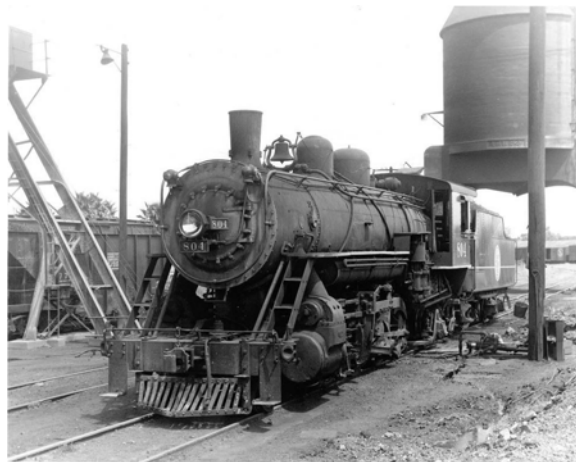
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This Is The Way It Was

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



Atlantic Coast Line 2-8-2 #805 takes a spin on the turntable at the Lakeland Shops roundhouse, circa 1948. This M-S class Mikado was purchased new from Baldwin in 1911 and was retired in November 1951. - Dick Kearns collection



Atlantic Coast Line 2-8-2 #804 has just taken a load of coal from the concrete coaling tower at the Lakeland Shops, circa 1948. This M-S class Mikado was purchased new from Baldwin in 1911 and was retired in December 1951. - Dick Kearns collection



This aerial of the ACL's Lakeland shops and yard was taken in the mid to late 1950s, soon after dieselization was completed. The freshly cleared soil is where the turntable and roundhouse were located. They have been replaced by a locomotive turning wye and a run-thru engine shop. The water tank in the lower center was kept for filling boiler water tanks on passenger diesels. - Dick Kearns collection

Upcoming Events

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October 5, 2013, DeLand, FL — Florida Rail Fair Model Train & Railroad Artifacts Show & Sale, Lawrence Arena, Volusia County Fairgrounds, 9 to 4. Details: Charlie Miller, (703) 536-2954 or rrshows@aol.com, www.gserr.com/.

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October 9-13, 2013 — The Friends of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania is hosting a Catskills & Saratoga Springs Ramble to New York State during the colorful, fall foliage season are train rides on the Rip Van Winkle Dinner Train of the Delaware & Ulster Railroad, Catskill Railroad, Saratoga & North Creek Railway and Cooperstown & Charlotte Valley Railroad, as well as two trolley rides. Also featured are visits to the Kingston, New York Trolley Museum, Empire State Railway Museum, National Museum of Racing & Hall of Fame in Saratoga Springs, Train Station Museum, Adirondack Museum, Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, Electric City Trolley Museum and Steamtown National Historic Site. Four nights' hotel accommodations, four breakfasts, four lunches and five dinners are included. Register at <http://www.rrmuseumpa.org/membership/rambles/Catskills-Saratoga-Springs-Ramble-2013.pdf>.

October 12-13, 2013 — Sunshine Region NMRA's Florida Railroad Expo, Bradenton Area Convention Center, 1 Haben Blvd., Palmetto, FL, 10 am—4 pm Saturday and 10 am to 3 pm Sunday, Admission \$6. More info: e-mail SunshineRegionTrainShows@SunshineRegion.org.

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November 8-10, 2013 — Folkston, GA — Society Field Trip to the Folkston Funnel. Bill Dusenbury in the Trip Coordinator. Contact Bill at scbill@hotmail.com for details.

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August 2013 Museum Report

By Ken Murdock, Museum Curator

During the month of August we didn't have a called museum workday but work has continued in a number of areas. On Tuesday, August 6, Phil Cross and I went to Deltona to look at a large railroadiana collection that the family of a deceased collector was considering donating to our museum. We expressed our interest in the entire collection and left with the understanding that they would get back with us after discussing the donation with the remainder of the family.

On Wednesday, August 7, Jerry and Ginger Honetor, Jarrod Reynolds and I came out and put in a full day. Jerry worked on the library inventory, Jarrod photographed the articles for the inventory system and I worked on inputting articles into the system. Ginger polished our dining car silver and she is getting it back to a high shine once again.

Inventory work continued on Wednesday, August 14, with Jerry Honetor, Jarrod Reynolds, Irv Lipscomb and I attending. Jarrod and Irv were both photographing the collection and they are hot

on my heels as we are close to finishing all of the four rooms in the museum.

On Friday, August 23, Phil and I made our final trip to the Lakeland Public Library to finish scanning the Sanborn railroad photo collection. This is a fabulous collection and will provide some very interesting programs in the future. Then on Friday, August 30, we had another inventory workday. Those participating included Phil Cross, Irv Lipscomb, Jerry and Ginger Honetor, Roger Wilson and me. To date, 1,955 items have been entered into the inventory system and most have been photographed. Ginger continued her newly found chore of polishing our silver service.

Jarrod Reynolds has continued working on the model railroad layout at every opportunity and has had made some real progress in getting the trains moving again. Thanks Jarrod, for sticking with it and solving many of the operating problems that we have been experiencing for quite some time. Thanks again, David Rhea, for donating the three new 0-6-0 locomotives that have also helped improve operating performance. The children that visit the museum really enjoy watching the trains run on the layout and are greatly disappointed when they aren't running.

On August 25, Phil got notification from the widow of the Deltona collector to come and pick the collection. Phil put out a notice to the membership that we needed help on Saturday, August 31, to help load and carry the items. The response was outstanding. Besides Phil and me, Bill Dusenbury, Frank Eirich, Frank Milmore and Lloyd and Sylvia Brown came to Deltona to help. Yes, I did say Sylvia Brown. She came along to get out of the house and to enjoy a nice ride. She is looking real good and has only one more treatment to go. It was good to see you Sylvia!

The family of the deceased railroad collector decided to keep much more of the collection than they had originally indicated, so all of the vehicles weren't needed but the extra help was needed and very much appreciated. Except for a railroad crossing signal which was placed in the caboose area, the remainder of the collection is in the new office and it completely covers the floor. The family said they may donate more later, which could be a good thing. We don't have space for more right now!

I had planned to meet William and Mary Cogswell for lunch in DeBary after loading the donated collection but we finished too early to make it happen. So William and Mary decided to drive down to Winter Garden and meet all of us there for lunch. William had some Norfolk Southern items to donate plus another brass luggage tag unearthed in Sanford by his son-in-law, Kevin Harkey. This tag is different from the last two that Kevin found. This one says "South Florida RR to Peoples Line Steamers" with claim number "846". Peoples Line was a steamboat company that operated on the St. Johns River from Sanford to Jacksonville. This is a rare find dating to around 1880 to 1890! Many thanks to Kevin and William for finding and donating this rare piece of Central Florida's railroad history to our museum for others to enjoy. It was most enjoyable seeing the Cogswell's in Winter Garden and visiting with them while having lunch.

Even without a called museum workday, August was a very hot and busy month and much has been accomplished. Thanks to all of you who came out and supported your museum.

Don't forget.....September Museum Work Session is scheduled for Saturday, September 21, 2013, beginning at 8:30 AM.

Central Florida Railway Historical Society, Inc.
Combined Board & Regular Meeting
Central Florida RR Museum
August 12, 2013

Call to Order – Jerry Honetor called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. 15 were present. Board members present were Jerry Honetor, Joe Lehmann, Irv Lipscomb, Frank Milmore, Ken Murdock, David Rhea, Bill Dusenbury and Les Westlake.

Meeting Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance – David Rhea led the prayer and the pledge.

Recognition of Visitors – No visitors were present.

Recognition of Members/Friends Concerns –

- David Rhea provided an update on Sylvia Brown who had her last chemo treatment this week. She was in good spirits. The members are encouraged to remember her and Lloyd. Jerry Hardwich stated that he saw them on Monday. Lloyd was in good spirits and Silvia was eating better.
- Jerry Honetor reported that Chuck Ansell had a small stroke. Irv Lipscomb thanked Phil Baker and David Rhea for helping last weekend when Chuck went to the hospital.
- Clarence Hurt attended Bob Montgomery's funeral at Oakland Presbyterian Church along with three other members. It was a good service. Clarence spoke in Bob's honor. Bob was a former mayor of Oakland. Last year he directed traffic for the September Morse Code club meeting. Bob was known for dry humor and quips. When Bob donated a photo of the Oakland depot, Clarence asked him where it was located. Bob's reply, "Right next to the railroad tracks."

Approval of July 8, 2013 Combined Board & Regular Meeting Minutes – Joe Lehmann made a motion for the approval of the minutes which was seconded by Bill Dusenbury. The minutes were approved unanimously.

July 2013 Treasurer's Report – David Rhea & Frank Milmore presented the treasurer's report. A copy is available to the members.

Membership & Programs – Jerry Honetor

- Membership Report
 - Society Members = 35
 - Society Century Members = 8
 - Society Family Members = 13
 - Society Friends = 8
 - Corporate Members = 1
 - Total Members = 65
- Society Events and Field Trips for 2013:
 - * A trip to Colorado to ride the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic RR, the Durango & Silverton RR & the Rio Grande Scenic RR. Roger Wilson & Phil Cross are the coordinators. To be scheduled in summer of 2014
 - * A field trip to the Folkston Funnel – Bill Dusenbury is the coordinator. He is considering October 25th, 26th, 27th.
 - * A tour of the Florida Central Railroad – Bill Dusenbury is the coordinator.
 - * An Amtrak trip – To Miami and Pigeon Key and the Gold Coast Railroad Museum. Irv Lipscomb is the coordinator. In January 2014, the round trip cost would be \$94.00.
 - * A field trip to Green Cove Springs, FL/Bostwick, FL. Need a coordinator. Phil Cross contacting Jim Garner to work on a possible date.
- Membership Activities:
 - ◇ Displays at Local RR Shows and Events in Downtown Winter Garden.
 - * October 4-6, 2013 — Annual Music Fest Event in downtown Winter Garden.
 - * October 5, 2013, DeLand, FL — Florida Rail Fair Model Train & Railroad Artifacts Show & Sale, Lawrence Arena, Volusia County Fairgrounds, 9 to 4.
 - * November 23, 2012 – 100th Anniversary Celebration for the Winter Garden T&G RR Depot.
 - * November 23-24, 2013 – Annual Winter Garden Merchants' Association Downtown Art Festival.
 - ◇ Distribution of Society and Museum Brochures.

- 2013 Annual Meeting – Scheduled for Saturday, December 7th, 801 City Grille, Corner of Eighth & Montrose Streets in downtown Clermont, beginning with a social hour at 6 PM, followed by dinner at 7 PM, and installation of the 2014 officers at 8 PM. There will not be any program. Entertainment will be Armando Valesquez on the piano. The restaurant has been reserved.

Museum Curator – Ken Murdock

- * July 2013 CFRR Museum Report – 456 visitors for July and 4,654 visitors for 2013 to date. 198.5 volunteer hours donated by the membership during July and 1,557.75 hours donated for 2013 to date.
- * Library Committee Update – The Library Committee continues to work on the cataloging of the books, periodicals and videos in the library.
- * Technology Committee Update – The committee has installed the PA system for the meeting room. Joe Lehmann just purchased lapel microphones to be delivered by next week. The total spent was under the budgeted amount.
- * Website Committee Update – The committee is working on completing the last two pages still under construction. The Flatwheel needs to be updated.
- * There is no museum work session in August.
- * Recent Acquisitions & Donations –
 - Phil Cross and Ken Murdock visited a family in Deltona who is distributing a family's member's estate. Some of the items would be placed in the museum and others sold in the gift shop.
 - The donation of the framed Dan Crusie print has been given to the Winter Garden Heritage Foundation. It will be displayed in their meeting room.
 - Ken Murdock stated that Bob Montgomery's family donated photos of the model railroad in various stages when it was being built.
 - David Rhea donated three 0-6-0 locomotives for use on the Bob Montgomery model railroad display next to the museum host's desk. This has fixed some of the problems the display was having. Jarrod Reynolds noted the engines need more power.
 - Irv Lipscomb donated a photo of the Trilby depot.

Museum Host Schedule for September 2013 – Irv Lipscomb needs volunteers for September.

100th Birthday Celebration for the Former T&G Depot in Winter Garden – Committee Chair Irv Lipscomb announced the next meeting of the event committee is scheduled for Friday, September 13th, at 2:00 PM, at the CFRR Museum.

President's Report – Jerry Honetor reported in the absence of Phil Cross.

- Winter Garden Heritage Foundation Board of Directors Activities for July – No Board of Directors meeting during July. Planning meetings are underway for Music Fest. The event will be held October 4-6, 2013 in downtown Winter Garden. The CFRR Museum will be open during most show hours all 3 days. There will displays in the Museum by the LEGO group and telegraphers group.
- Upgrading of Tremain Street – The City is continuing with upgrading the utilities and paving the street.
- 3rd Quarter 2013 Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for August 24, 2013 at 8:30 AM at the CFRR Museum.

FCRR, FMRR, FNRR & SunRail Update (Including FCRR Track Upgrade Update) – Bill Dusenbury gave a report.

Tourist Train Operations on the Florida Central RR – Bill Dusenbury

- Engine #2 is being worked on.
- They were having trouble with #33. The wiring issues appear to be resolved.

Items from the Board of Directors –

- David Rhea reported that the Society is a charter member of Association of Tourist Railroads & Railway Museums, www.atrrm.org. One of the interesting parts of their website is the "buy/sell" section for museums only.
- Frank Milmore requested an update on the UCF project. Ken Murdock replied.

Items from the Membership –

- Jarrod Reynolds stated that the signal is staying on all night. There is a problem with the timer.
- Jarrod Reynolds noted that the padlock was left on the outside. Ken replied that the WGHF locks it on the outside so they can get to the bathroom. Someone will talk with the staff.

Tonight's Program – Narrated Video on the White Pass & Yukon RR by Clarence Hurt.

Tonight's Refreshments provided by Ken Murdock.

Meeting Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Central Florida Railway Historical Society
Quarterly Board Meeting
Central Florida RR Museum
August 24, 2013

Call to Order – Phil Cross called at 8:30 am. Board members present included: Phil Cross, Bill Dusenbury, Jerry Honetor, Irv Lipscomb, Joe Lehmann, Ken Murdock, David Rhea, and Les Westlake. Others in attendance included: Clarence Hurt, Ginger Honetor, Jarrod Reynolds, Roger Wilson, and Bob Woodbery.

Opening Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance – David Rhea led the prayer and the pledge.

The Central Florida Railway Historical Society, Inc. – Phil Cross

- Society 2013 Budget Update – David Rhea had no report. Frank Milmore filed the 1009ez and requested a transfer from the chapter to the society.
- Society Membership — Jerry Honetor
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- Review of Membership List (Members & Supporters)
 - ◇ Several former members were discussed and some were moved to the supporter list.
 - ◇ Chuck Ansell passed away this week.
 - ◇ Bob Montgomery and Chuck Ansell will be added to the memorial plaque.

Membership Activities – Jerry Honetor

- Displays at Local RR Shows and Events in Downtown Winter Garden.
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 - ◇ October 5, 2013, DeLand, FL — Florida Rail Fair Model Train & Railroad Artifacts Show & Sale, Lawrence Arena, Volusia County Fairgrounds, 9 AM to 4 PM. A discussion was held on the sale of items. The Society will staff the January show but not this show.
 - ◇ November 23, 2012 – 100th Anniversary Celebration for the Winter Garden T&G RR Depot.
 - ◇ November 23-24, 2013 – Annual Winter Garden Merchants' Association Downtown Art Festival.
- OrangeLUG (Lego User Group) and Morse Telegraph Club.
- Distribution of Society and Museum Brochures
 - ◇ Ken Murdock will take some to Colonial Photo.
 - ◇ Irv Lipscomb will deliver to the Orange County History Center.
 - ◇ Bill Dusenbury will take some to All Aboard South & TE&G.
 - ◇ Ken & Phil will work on taking them to the Lake County Museum.

Society Field Trips & Other Activities for 2013 – Jerry Honetor.

- A trip to Colorado to ride the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic RR, the Durango & Silverton RR & the Rio Grande Scenic RR. Roger Wilson & Phil Cross are the coordinators. To be scheduled possibly in June 2014.
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Museum Update – Ken Murdock

- Past Perfect Database Update – An inventory of the cases and rooms is complete with the exception of two cases. The collection at Lakeville School will be re-inventoried and labeled. A discussion was held on replacing Chuck Ansell as the liaison to the Lakeville School. Sharon Lamb might be a potential replacement.

- Library Committee Update – The Library Committee continues to work on the cataloging of the books, periodicals and videos in the library. Jerry Honetor reported that all the books are recorded in the computer.
- Scanning of the Harold (Hal) Sanborn Photo Collection at the Lakeland Library is complete with over 1500 scans.
- Technology Committee Update – The committee has purchased and tested a PA system for the meeting room. The system consists of 1 traditional wired microphone and 2 wireless lapel microphones.
- Website Committee Update – The committee is working on completing two pages still under construction (Railroad History and Photo Gallery). A discussion was held on adding content and concerns over copyrighted materials. Using watermarks or low-resolutions photos would stop copying. A special section could be created for the membership with high-resolution photos. The website was updated this morning.
- The president will meet with the city manager when the WGHF leaves the Roper building. Phil Cross had a call from Kay Cappleman of someone who wants to submit a bid on installing the sprinkler system. Budgeting for the sprinkler system needs to be considered for the expansion after the WGHF moves out.
- Recent Donations – No report
- Computer Security – No progress has been made. A back-up is checked periodically.
- Assistant Museum Curator – Still looking for an Assistant Museum Curator.
- Museum workdays – There will not be an August workday. September's work day is Saturday, September 21st.

2013 Annual Meeting – Jerry Honetor

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Program Possibilities for 2014 – Jerry Honetor – Jerry Hardwich has suggested several opportunities within the Central Florida Area that could be good sources for Society programs for 2014.

- Florida Central Railroad management personnel to discuss what they do at the railroad, current operations, future plans, etc.
- Tavares, Eustis & Gulf Railroad management personnel (Richard Grigsby, Neil Bagaus, and Mike Ryan) to discuss history, current operations, future plans, operations in Arkansas, etc.
- Lake County Historical Society/Tavares Historical Society representatives to discuss railroad and tourist train development in Tavares, Lake County, etc.
- Sun Rail management and contractors could discuss the progress being made by SunRail, future plans, etc.
- Representatives of local shippers to discuss their special shipping needs, such as fruit shippers, propane companies, oil companies, etc.
- Disney World personnel from the Monorail, and the Steam Engine shop facilities
- NASA Railroad representatives could discuss current operations, future plans, etc.
- FEC Railway representatives could discuss current operations, future plans, etc.
- Ridge Live Steamers representatives could discuss current operations, future plans, etc.
- Amtrak representatives could discuss current operations, future plans, etc.
- Deland Electric Railway Club representatives could discuss current operations, future plans, etc.
- The board felt that suggestions need to come with a point of contact or a coordinator.
- Roger Wilson recommended having local historian Rick Reed for a program. Roger will contact Rick.
- The Society has programs set through March 2014.

Facebook Page for the CFRHS and/or the CFRR Museum – Irv Lipscomb would like to create a Facebook page for the society. Bill Dusenbury made a motion to have a page which was seconded by David Rhea. The vote to approve was unanimous. Bill Dusenbury, Irv Lipscomb and Joe Lehmann will create the page.

Establishment of the Nominations Committee for the Election of Officers for 2014 – Phil Cross has asked Roger Wilson to chair the committee with assistance from Clarence Hurt and Jerry Hardwich.

100th Birthday Celebration for the Former T&G Depot in Winter Garden – Items that were discussed included:

- Irv Lipscomb announced that the planning team will meet on September 13th.
- Saturday, November 23rd, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Recognition Ceremony at 2:00 PM.
- Ceremony with Mayor, City Commissioners, City Manager, Representative Daniel Webster, and President and Executive Director of the WFHF.
- Emcee for the Event – Irv Lipscomb.

- Commemorative Bronze Plaque – Phil Cross reported that the plaque has been ordered at a cost of \$650. He is waiting on the final layout from Lloyd Brown. The plaque will hang on the right side of the front door.
- Have FCRR bring a locomotive and the Sam Pinsky for display beside the depot – Bill Dusenbury said this was not probable. Bill will check on allowing the Model A automobiles to park on the railroad's right of way.
- Approval of a supplemental budget for the 100th anniversary celebration – Frank Milmore has proposed a \$1,500 -2,000 amount to be paid from our available bank balances. 2013 will have a deficit for the year so the Society needs to work on keeping the deficit as small as possible while still having this important event. Bill Dusenbury made a motion for a \$2,000 budget for the 100th anniversary celebration to be paid from available bank balance. Irv Lipscomb seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.
- These details of the event were not discussed at Saturday's meeting:
 - ◇ Address Museum Highlights (brief presentation) – Ken Murdock and Phil Cross to handle.
 - ◇ Birthday Cake – Phil Cross to contact Sharon Joiner.
 - ◇ Large format T&G photo display (WG) – Ken Murdock and Phil Cross to coordinate with Todd Nichols.
 - ◇ Lego Display – Phil Cross confirmed with OrangeLUG for both days.
 - ◇ Joy Dickinson article the Sunday before the event – Irv Lipscomb to coordinate.
 - ◇ T&G DVD playing during the event.
 - ◇ Dan Crusie depot painting on display and copies for sale.
 - ◇ Unveiling of the bronze plaque at the 2 PM ceremony.
 - ◇ Promote event on TV and in newspapers – Irv Lipscomb to coordinate with the various media.
 - ◇ Have computers with train simulators available for guests to operate – Ken Murdock confirmed there will be 2 simulators coordinated by Conner Murdock.
 - ◇ Operating Telegraph Display – Ken Murdock confirmed with Warren McFarland for both days.
 - ◇ Irv Lipscomb to contact the Merchant's Association.
 - ◇ Have banner displayed – Jerry Honeter to arrange for banner.
 - ◇ Displays to remain up for Sunday. Will plan to be open during show hours on Sunday – Probably 11 AM to 4:00 PM.

Expansion Plans for the Central Florida Railroad Museum – Ken Murdock & Phil Cross.

- Initial plans for the Roper Building have been prepared by Museum Curator Ken Murdock.
- The WGHF is currently in a building campaign for the construction of the new History & Education Center that will be attached to the east end of the Heritage Museum. The Foundation continues with their Capital Campaign Program.
- Ground Breaking Ceremony is currently being planned for the latter half of October 2013.
- Planning the expansion into the Roper Building is temporarily on hold and will resume once the schedule is firmed up for the construction of and the move into the new History & Education Center.

FCRR, FMRR, FNRR and SunRail Update (Including FCRR Track Upgrade Update) – Bill Dusenbury presented a report.

Tourist Train Operations on the Florida Central Railroad – Bill Dusenbury reported that the tourist train is still selling out. Neil Bagaus just had rotator cuff surgery. The steam engine is due to return by the end of September for *Rifles, Rails and History*. Phil Cross suggested donating a Dan Crusie print to the new Tavares station. The collage that was voted on previously is under construction. Phil needs a photo of the new depot from the south or southwest side.

Items from Attending Board Members –

- Bill Dusenbury had provided ten SCL calendars to the museum. He needs the money for what was sold and the unsold calendars returned.

Items from Attending Members –

- Clarence Hurt asked about the doodlebug program by Neal Bagaus.
- Jarrod Reynolds asked about parking for the 100th anniversary event for volunteer staff. Phil Cross said that he will provide rides in his golf cart to anyone who parks in the downtown area.
- Jarrod's mother, Patty Reynolds, is having an MRI on September 4th on her ankle.

4th Quarter 2013 Board Meeting – Phil Cross set date of Saturday November 16, 2013 at 8:30 am.

Meeting Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

Thanks to Society Member Warren McFarland for the following story.

After 64 Years Working on the Railroad, Oldest U.S. Dispatcher to Retire

By Mike Frassinelli/The Star-Ledger

August 12, 2013

Did you hear the one about the train that slid sideways into the ticket booth, leaving investigators wondering how to clean up a wreck that left 17 cars of coal perpendicular to the track?

Or the one about the wooden train station office that was so hot, employees ended up practically working in their underwear?

How about the tale of the skittish tower operator who jumped out of the tower every time a train approached, out of fear it would strike him?

Lend Frank "Bookie" Bookstaver an ear, and the stories will flow.

Bookstaver, whose days of working on trains date to the World War II era, is filled with more than six decades of track tales.

After 64 years of working on the railroad, Bookstaver, 85, America's oldest train dispatcher, is retiring and taking his stories with him.

A legend among NJ Transit employees, Bookstaver had planned to work at least another year and a half. After all, his dad, also a railroader, worked until 91.

But treatment for prostate cancer has left his right leg numb, making it increasingly difficult to get around the rail operations center in Kearny.

"He was almost like a fixture here," said his boss Jimmy Sincaglia, senior director of rail operations. "Nobody expected him ever to leave."

The employee closest in age to Bookstaver at the center is 24 years younger than him.

"I've enjoyed every minute of it," Bookstaver said from his North Haledon home, where he sat with Grace, his wife of 65 years. "It was no chore to go to work."

He will be honored Wednesday during NJ Transit's monthly board meeting, at 9 a.m. at the agency's headquarters next to Newark Penn Station.

"Frank's drive and dedication to this agency have been an inspiration to all those who have worked alongside him," NJ Transit Executive Director Jim Weinstein said. "He will be missed."

Sincaglia said NJ Transit will never again see the likes of Bookstaver, who started his career on the Erie Railroad and ended it after 30 years with NJ Transit.

"Frank has a very old-fashioned work ethic — just incredibly hard-working," Sincaglia said. "He thinks different than a lot of the newer generation. Twelve- and 14-hour days were the norm."

Sincaglia plans to display in the lobby Bookstaver's NJ Transit ID and the resignation letter Bookie sent him — typed on a typewriter.

A train dispatcher is the rail version of an air traffic controller, monitoring activity on tracks and communicating with crews. Bookstaver was assistant chief dispatcher, a supervisory role.

Sincaglia chuckled as he remembered Bookstaver's stories — which often started with a rail accident or tragedy, but ended with a tale of how the employees came together.

In many ways, the story of the Bookstaver family is the story of railroading in America.

The son of a rail man, Bookstaver's career started in an era of steam engines — powered by firemen who would shovel coal — and ended in an era of dual-powered locomotives that operate on diesel fuel or electricity.

It started in an era of frequent train crashes and ended in an era of automatic signals and controls to ensure safety.

"Prior to this, we had dark territory, which you depended strictly on a dispatcher's phone, or the telegraph years ago," Bookstaver said. "All these things now have been completely changed around so that we can tell in a matter of minutes what's happening and what's going on."

Bookstaver survived rheumatic fever at age 7, a heart attack at 73, and numerous close calls on the trains.

He's earned the right to tell those stories.

Like the one about beginning a ride on a steam train wearing a white shirt and coming back home with a blackened one.

Or the train breakdown in the New York tunnel that required moving 800 people in 100-degree temperatures up a circular staircase into the Weehawken parking lot.

Though his career spanned 64 years, his time on the trains goes back even further.

Bookstaver, who grew up in Rutherford, started as a clerk in the passenger office at age 15.

In 1948, he began working in the towers, then became a dispatcher about two years later.

He was a chief dispatcher in Youngstown, Ohio, in 1968, then an assistant trainmaster, before returning to New Jersey in 1975.

Bookstaver was recovering from a heart attack when terrorists struck on Sept. 11, 2001, one of three defining moments in the first 30 years of NJ Transit's rail division.

But he was working during the other two: A 1996 collision between two trains that killed both engineers and a passenger at the border of Secaucus and Jersey City, and last year's Hurricane Sandy.

"I was riding with that engineer on the first trip and they asked him, could he make another round trip, and he said, 'Sure,'" Bookstaver recalled. "When he came to Bergen Junction ... he went by a red signal and hit (the other train), which was going west."

The National Transportation Safety Board determined the engineer failed to see the red signal because of an eye disease.

That Feb. 6, 1996, crash led, in part, to the building of the rail operations center in Kearny, the central nervous system of the railroad, where traffic managers control train signals and switches and study screens that monitor every NJ Transit train in the state. Bookstaver was at the center when Sandy struck.

His white Mercury Grand Marquis was among 30 employees' cars ruined by the storm.

"The guys hollered, 'There's water coming up the road!'" Bookstaver said. "I said, 'It can't be.' It rained, but never anything like that. I go down, here it is all the way up to the door already."

Thanks to Society Member Bill Dusenbury for the following story.

NEW LOCOMOTIVE REPAIR FACILITY TO OPEN IN NORTH CAROLINA

By: AJOT
August 12, 2013

The Aberdeen Carolina & Western Railway Company (ACWR) announced today that it has formed a new subsidiary, ACWR Shops, LLC, repairs and retrofits locomotives, as well as passenger and freight cars. The company has acquired and began retrofitting the former Commodore Homes Corporation building on Highway 220 in Candor, NC.

"Our Vice President of Mechanical, Dale Parks, has been building the locomotive, freight railcar, and passenger car repair part of our business for over five years." said Rob Menzies, president and CEO of ACWR. "We have exceeded capacity at our facility in Star, and we are already attracting interest from companies wanting to know when we will be ready to start working on their locomotives."

The company plans to create 25 new jobs and invest \$3.3 million over the next five years in the facility. Currently, ACWR employs 34 employees in Montgomery County, NC.

ACWR has already begun the first phase of retrofitting the 91,000-square-foot warehouse facility to turn it into a locomotive repair shop facility that will include 4,600 feet of new track and a modern locomotive pit. The building will primarily be occupied by the newly established subsidiary, but will also house ACWR corporate headquarters when the second phase of retrofitting is complete.

The longer-term goal for the Candor location is to develop the rest of the 78 acre rail served industrial site and to bring jobs and a stronger tax base to Montgomery County, according to Russ Smitley, vice president of marketing.

"I am excited about this expansion of Aberdeen Carolina & Western Railway in Candor," said State Rep. Justin Burr. "I look forward to future growth opportunities to help the economy of the town and of Montgomery County. I think they'll find they made an excellent decision to locate in Candor."

This project was made possible in part by NC Department of Transportation funding through the NC Legislature. This financial assistance is dedicated for rail projects in North Carolina that will stimulate economic activity and create new jobs. For the Aberdeen Carolina & Western Railway, this funding will be applied towards the necessary 4,600 feet of new track infrastructure.

Senator Stan Bingham also expressed his excitement for this project saying: "This is great news for Montgomery County! Not only is the Aberdeen Carolina & Western Railway Company committed to growth in the rural counties they serve, but they are creating good-paying, skilled jobs. The Montgomery County Legislative Representatives' involvement shows that a little can go a long way and can turn an idea into something permanent with lasting positive effects in a distressed county."

"We are proud to be part of the Montgomery County business community and are excited about not only our business but how we can work with the Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation to attract new rail centric businesses to our property that will result in new jobs and more opportunity to those of us who call Montgomery County home," Menzies said.

Other partners in the project include Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation, Montgomery County, The Town of Candor, Duke Energy Progress, North Carolina Department of Transportation and the North Carolina Department of Commerce.

Thanks to Society Member Warren McFarland for the following story.

Elon Musk Unveils Plans for Hyperloop High-Speed Train

By NICK BILTON
August 12, 2013

Never let it be said that Elon Musk, a serial entrepreneur who was a co-founder of PayPal and the electric car company Tesla Motors, is afraid to think big.

Mr. Musk on Monday harked back to the days of the late-1990s tech bubble — when no idea seemed too big or too expensive — by showing off plans for a project that seems the stuff of science fiction.

The hypothetical project is called the Hyperloop, a high-speed train that would take people to San Francisco from Los Angeles in 30 minutes. That is a speed of almost 800 miles an hour.

The first unanswered question among many for Mr. Musk’s ambitious vision is who exactly would build this 400-mile transportation system. Mr. Musk suggested someone else should do it. But if no one takes the baton, he might do it. Or not.

Beyond that, the details of who would pay for Hyperloop, how it would be built and how long it would take are also unclear. But Mr. Musk theorized that if he devoted all of his energy, he could have a prototype done within one to two years. He estimated the project would cost around \$6 billion and tickets would cost \$20 per trip.

“It doesn’t seem plausible to me,” said Richard White, a professor of American history at Stanford and author of “Railroaded: The Transcontinentals and the Making of Modern America.” “I’m suspicious about everything, especially cost.”

Mr. White added, “How’s he going to build this thing for \$6 billion? You can’t even build the Bay Bridge for that much money.” The still-unfinished renovations of the Bay Bridge connecting San Francisco and Oakland are expected to cost \$6.3 billion.

So don’t pack your bags just yet. In an interview with Bloomberg Business Week on Monday, Mr. Musk said he regretted mentioning the Hyperloop last year, saying that he has no time to work on the project and instead has to run SpaceX and Tesla Motors, his two other companies.

Mr. Musk first mentioned Hyperloop last summer and detailed it further in an interview with Bloomberg Business Week. In July, he announced on Twitter that he would unveil the designs for the high-speed train on Aug. 12. As promised, a 57-page “alpha design” plan was posted online Monday that explained how such a train would work.

Mr. Musk has clearly put a lot of thought into the design. The document he unveiled explains that the high-speed train would become “truly a new mode of transport — a fifth mode after planes, trains, cars and boats.” The Hyperloop would transport people in “pods” that would travel through tubes. The tubes would be mounted on pylons that could be designed to withstand earthquake movements.

Mr. Musk took swipes at the California High Speed Rail that is being built and headed by the California High-Speed Rail Authority. This train, while real, is not expected to be completed until 2029 and will cost an estimated \$68.4 billion to build.

“When the California ‘high speed’ rail was approved, I was quite disappointed, as I know many others were too,” Mr. Musk wrote, while saying that the Hyperloop would cost \$6 billion to build. It is not clear how he arrived at this cost estimate.

If anyone could build such a train, it is probably Mr. Musk. Critics railed against him when he first broached the idea for private space travel with Space Exploration Technologies, of Hawthorne, Calif. Otherwise known as SpaceX, Mr. Musk’s company proved critics wrong last year when it launched its Falcon 9 rocket.

But Mr. Musk’s assertion that he does not want to be the leader of the Hyperloop project has some people wondering if it will actually be built.

During a news conference, Mr. Musk seemed to waver over whether he wanted to be involved with the project. “I’m somewhat tempted to at least make a demonstration prototype,” he said. “I’ve sort of come around a little bit on my thinking here that maybe I should do the beginning bit and build a subscale version that’s operating.”

In the paper released Monday, Mr. Musk acknowledged that there had been other proposed ideas for a train similar to the high-speed train over the years. “Unfortunately,” he wrote, “none of these have panned out.”

Thanks to Society Member Jarred Reynolds for the following story.

History of Our Communities – Slavia, Florida

By Stephen McKenney Steck



“Slavia” is the name of a community in unincorporated southeast Seminole County, Florida. Behind the name is a story of faith...“great faith,” with which the founding settlers of Slavia were armed.

The community of Slavia nestles west of the city of Oviedo. The area is bisected by a high speed toll road known as the 417 or the Greenway. Get a closer look at Slavia by driving a mile or two north or south on state road 426, or by riding your directly through Slavia on the Cross Seminole Trail, which runs parallel to 426 directly through Slavia. You’ll see Lukas Nursery, Saint Luke’s Lutheran Church, a funky pink-colored former gas station, a two story clay-colored building housing A. Duda & Sons, a water tower, and a cemetery. That’s about it. But what you’ll miss – because you can’t see it – is the story of “faith” which grounded the founding families of Slavia 100 years ago

Thanks to Society Member Jarred Reynolds for the following story.

History of our Communities: Gabriella

By Desta Horner

Gabriella was a small community located between Oviedo and Winter Park, Florida. The 300 residents had farms, citrus grooves and raised livestock. The Florida Times Union newspaper covered the daily events of Gabriella in the late 19th century. The descriptions of the lives of the early frontier residents were surprisingly similar to present day residents: Weddings, picnics, droughts, agricultural fairs and disasters. You may read extensive material from that newspaper and other sources at the Seminole County Museum of History.

Today the names of families who farmed, hunted and lived in Gabriella are found in the local street names: Rouse Rd, Dodd Rd, Wrights Rd. and many others. Gabriella Lane is just off Tuscowilla Rd.

Original residents of Oviedo planning a trip to Orlando for shopping or to Winter Park for business would board the Oviedo and Winter Park Railroad and enjoy a smooth ride to the cities, avoiding the roads. The train they rode was nicknamed "The Dinky Line" and train engineer Walter Preston Watson, would occasionally stop at Gabriella to allow passengers to pick wildflowers and oranges from the groves.

Today that trip would be made by car along State Road 426 (Aloma Ave.). The Dinky Line is gone and so is Gabriella, but out your car window you can see the Progress Energy Corp. maintenance yard on what was the site of Gabriella's post office and a convict labor camp. Gabriella's orange groves and farms have been replaced by housing developments and the 417 toll road.

Up until 1919 hogs roamed free in Seminole County but a voter referendum put an end to the practice. The residents of Gabriella voted to leave the hogs unfenced but were outvoted. Today, most of the livestock has disappeared, giving way to strip malls, industrial parks and fast food restaurants from Oviedo to Goldenrod. The farms and grooves have been replaced by housing developments and the beautiful lakes, such as Bear Gully Lake offer luxury lakefront homes.

On Saturday December 5, 2009 the Seminole County Historical Commission dedicated the Gabriella Historical marker located at the corner of Bear Gully Rd and Aloma Avenue (State Road 426). At the ceremony Marie Burch of the Goldenrod Historical Society and long time resident of the area, spoke about Gabriella. The Chairman of the Seminole County Board of County Commissioners, Bob Dallari, and members of the Historical Commission led by Chairman Don Epps unveiled the marker. The event was sponsored by the Seminole County Museum of History with coordinator Kim Nelson. Many members of the public joined the ceremony in spite of a cold rain.

Few local people know more about life in Gabriella than Oviedo resident Jim Richardson. He is a collector of artifacts from the earliest Indians to the remnants of the turpentine industry. In the 1970's he purchased the homestead of Gabriella's Robert and Viola Croom. He moved in and added electricity and modern plumbing. Listen to his account of the house and naval store in his extended remarks.

The source of Gabriella's name has been a matter conjecture. Jim Richardson had heard stories from long time residents and proposes one possible explanation. Gabriella was the daughter of the original Spanish owner and married Seminole warrior Osceola.

The pine forests of north and central Florida supported the lucrative turpentine industry after the Civil War until the 1920's and 30's. Gabriella was one of the sites for gathering and processing sap from the trees. Boxing was the process by which workers cut a crescent-shaped cavity into the tree base to collect resin flowing from the face of the tree into pots. Below is a picture of Jim Richardson with some of the tools and pots and their tin inserts used in collecting the pine sap.

The turpentine industry was a vital part of economy but an article in the Florida Historical Quarterly (Volume LXXII, Number 4 April 1994) describes a dark side. The state government had few prisons and tight budgets after the Civil War. By 1876 Florida had joined all the southern states in leasing convicts to private corporations for labor. This kept production costs low for the business owners and brought in much needed revenue to the state coffers.

Unfortunately for the convicts it brought miserable living conditions and harsh treatment. According to the Florida Historical Quarterly, most Florida convicts spent their days in the palmetto scrub and pine forests harvesting tar and pitch and producing turpentine spirits

For Florida turpentine operators the convict lease system was ideal. Labor costs were fixed and low, problems associated with labor turnover and unionization were nonexistent, but, most important, convicts could be driven at a pace free workers would not tolerate.

In 1912 journalist Marc Goodnow visited the pine forests of Florida seeking information for an article he was writing on the turpentine industry. Goodnow's findings, appeared in a 1915 expose entitled "Turpentine: Impressions of the Convicts' Camps of Florida," It shocked the nation. His article and others cataloged the terrible conditions in the camps like the one in Gabriella.

Criticism of convict leasing in Florida peaked after 1908 when graphic descriptions of brutality and suffering in the camps caused many newspaper editors and civic leaders to join the Florida Humane Society in its campaign against leasing. The state's policy of leasing convict labor finally ended in 1919.

Thanks to Society Member and TE&G RR Operations Manager Neil Bagaus for the following:

8/8/13

Attached find pictures of the inspection and rebuilding of our 1907 2-6-2 wood burning steam locomotive. The work is being done at the Reader Railroad shops in Prescott, Arkansas. We wanted to pass them on to you in order to give you an idea of what goes into operating and safety of a 106 year old locomotive. These are views that normally the general public does not get to see.

While this is a small locomotive compared to others, there are still 150 flues that need to be taken out and replaced. The first Federal Railroad Administration inspection of the work took place on Monday & Tuesday of this week.

The locomotive will return to Tavares, Florida in late September.



Thanks to Society member Bill Dusenbury for the following story.

Excursion Train for St. Marys in the Planning Stages

BY BARBARA RYAN

Tuesday, June 25, 2013

ST. MARYS, GA—On Tuesday, executives from Boatright Industries, owner and operator of St. Marys Railroad, St. Marys Little Theatre, Theatre by the Trax, and St. Marys city officials met to discuss the creation of an excursion train to run out of St. Marys.

"Boatright Companies is known for its community involvement in the many markets they serve," said Barbara Ryan, Chair of St. Marys Little Theatre. "Shane Boatright (founder and CEO of Boatright Companies) has been a generous supporter of the St. Marys Little Theatre, and now his team has come up with a great idea to help foster economic development in St. Marys while adding to the assets of our community."

Preliminary plans are for the excursion train to run from Theatre by the Trax to just beyond the Borrell Creek Bridge and disembark passengers for an entertaining experience at the Boatright Companies-owned land there. Train experiences already in discussions include a Pumpkin Patch Ride, Polar Express, Wild West, and Peter Cottontail Express. Ultimately the planning group would like to produce "A Day Out with Thomas the Tank," an event that has drawn hundreds of thousands of people in other markets.

"The extent of a train ride experience is only limited by our imagination," said Ryan who will help develop the excursion experiences. Boatright's consultant, Jim Garnett, President of the Heart of Dixie Railroad Museum in Calera, Alabama, said it is important that the train ride go to a place that is not accessible by car. Doug Vaught, owner of Theatre by the Trax, agreed.

"Only six percent of the entire population have ever ridden a train," Vaught said. "The St. Marys Railroad excursion adventure will give everyone a chance to know what it's like to ride the rails, and at the end of the ride, there will always be a fun happening to enhance the whole experience."

The tentative arrangement is for St. Marys Railroad to provide the locomotive, driver, and passenger cars, and St. Marys Little Theatre will provide creative development and people for entertainment and event supervision.

According to Boatright, his staff will immediately go into the building and/or acquisition of open flat cars with metal seats and a cover that will hold about 50 passengers each. Two or three such rail cars will be readied before the first excursion which may be the Pumpkin Patch (in October), or even sooner if rail cars are readied before that time.

"Mr. Boatright is very community minded, and starting an excursion train in St. Marys is a win-win opportunity for the railroad and the community," said Paul Pleasant, General Manager of St. Marys Railroad.

The Heart of Dixie Railroad Museum has had great financial success with its excursion train adventures, according to Garnett. With a Birmingham metro area population similar to Jacksonville's, St. Marys Railroad Excursion train planners project a similar success given that there is no other train experience within the "area of dominant influence" that defines the regional market.

"Adding this exciting attraction to our list of already impressive tourist draws for our region including Cumberland Island and Okefenokee Swamp will make St. Marys more competitive for the lucrative tourism dollars," Ryan concluded.

About Boatright Companies: Since 1989, Boatright Companies has proven itself as a dependable leader in the maintenance, manufacturing, repair, safety and ownership in the rail industry. Boatright Companies includes a wide range of companies servicing both Class 1 and short line railroads throughout the United States and internationally. The Boatright name is synonymous with excellence, and its subsidiary companies, located across the eastern United States, provide the highest-quality products and stand-out customer service in the industry. For additional information about Boatright Companies, visit www.boatrightcompanies.com.

Thanks to Society Member Jarrod Reynolds for sharing the following three photographs he took recently at the Winter Park Amtrak Station.



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Limited Edition Prints are now available at the Central Florida Railroad Museum. Numbered

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- 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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