

THE FLATWHEEL

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



November 2015

November 2015 Meeting

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

Program: RRs In/Around Perry/Live Oak—Pt. 1

By: Ken Murdock

Refreshments: Sharon Lamb

December 2015 Meeting

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

Program: RRs In/Around Perry/Live Oak—Pt. 2

By: Ken Murdock

Refreshments: Jerry & Ginger Honetor

Central Florida Railway Historical Society, Inc.

Central Florida RR Museum Host Duty Schedule — November 2015

DAY	DATE	HOURS	MUSEUM HOST
Saturday	10/31/15	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Jarrod Reynolds
Sunday	11/1/15	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Irv Lipscomb
Saturday	11/7/15	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Jerry & Ginger Honetor
Sunday	11/8/15	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Phil Piet
Saturday	11/14/15	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Lloyd & Sylvia Brown
Sunday	11/15/15	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Phil Baker
Saturday	11/21/15	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Irv Lipscomb
Sunday	11/22/15	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Richard Bazzo
Saturday	11/28/15	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Dan & Janet Crusie
Sunday	11/29/15	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Phil Piet

November 2015 Museum Work Session

Saturday, November 7, 2015

8:30 AM to 3:30 PM

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

The Board of Directors
Meeting scheduled for
Monday, November 2nd
has been cancelled.

The **PESSIMIST** sees the
dark tunnel.
The **optimist** sees the light
at the end.
The **realist** sees the
train.
But the **engineer**
sees three idiots on the
tracks.

Single Dad
Laughing

WE HAVE A LOT OF FUN AROUND HERE. DANOAH.COM

November Birthdays

William Walter 11/2
Clem Kruse 11/12
Ward Britt 11/15
Mary Cogswell 11/18
Andy Healy 11/20
Phil Baker 11/22
Phil Piet 11/22
Tery Baker 11/24
Ginger Honetor 11/26

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.



SAL's winter-season all-Pullman south bound *Orange Blossom Special* with nearly new A-B-A EMD E units and 15 heavy weights was making its stop in Sebring, FL in this 1941 scene. The water column was still in place for steam locomotives. The OBS was suspended for the duration of WWII after the 1941-42 season due to the need for Pullmans for troop trains. *Sam Appleby photo, CFRHS collection .*



SAL's streamlined Pacific 868 crosses the diamond at Plant City in 1940 as it begins its westward curve towards Tampa Union Station with the west coast section of the *Silver Meteor*. Due to a diesel shortage caused by expanded *Meteor* service, the SAL streamlined several of their Pacific's to make this run from Wildwood to Tampa and St. Petersburg, but they didn't carry the *Silver Meteor* nameplate. *Sam Appleby photo, CFRHS collection .*



This photo captures both SAL steam and diesel powered trains at Tampa Union Station, circa 1946. The diesel was in charge of the west coast section of the *Silver Meteor*, with an American Flyer combine barely visible. It had arrived from St. Petersburg and was about to depart for Wildwood where it would combine with the east coast section. The steam train was the Venice train which had handed off its two thru cars to the *Meteor*. *Sam Appleby photo, CFRHS collection*

October 2015 Museum Report

By Ken Murdock, Museum Curator

We had a very productive museum workday on October 10th with eight members participating who included Lloyd Brown, Allen Quinn, Phil Cross, Jerry and Ginger Honetor, Jarrod Reynolds, our newest member Ross Marvin and your curator.

The first order of business was to take care of the clean up around the outside, which included weeding, picking up trash and blowing off the walks. Meanwhile, others were taking care of housekeeping chores on the inside which included mopping, vacuuming, cleaning the restroom and emptying trash cans.

Two major projects followed. The first was to move all of the Official Guides and their storage shelves from the agent's office to the Roper Building. Then a book shelf was relocated to that space and loaded with items for sale such as duplicate books and model railroad items. This is an extension of our gift shop, so if you are hosting, please make visitors aware of these additional items that are for sale.

The other project was to install a small A/C unit in the new office which exhausts its hot air thru a 5' diameter duct thru the floor, therefore needing no penetration thru the wall. This unit will replace the thru-wall unit when the breezeway is enclosed. It was left by the History Center when they moved and is a very compact, quiet unit.

Jerry Honetor continued working on inventory in the library. Just as he thought he was catching up on book inventory, Phil Piet donated 126 railroad books. Phil's donation contains many very nice books, mostly of western railroads. Once they are inventoried, they will be available for checking out. I encourage more of you to use our library. Chances are we have books on your favorite railroad.

We continued our Wednesday workdays throughout the month with Jerry Honetor working on library inventory and Ginger cleaning displays in the morning and hosting in the afternoon. I inventoried items recently donated and continued to add signage to displays to tell about the various items and to explain how they were used.

Phil Cross and I met with the Heritage Foundation Architectural review board on October 8th, and finally received approval on a way to enclose the breezeway. We will use a glass wall on the north side which will permit changeable displays to be set up which can help promote the museum. The south side will be a solid wall with a set of double doors to be used as an emergency exit and to permit large items to be moved in or out. The next step is to go before the city's architectural review board to see if they will accept our plans. We plan to meet with their chairman in advance and get his thoughts before the formal meeting.

Ross Marvin is quite familiar with eBay and has agreed to set up an account for the society and sell duplicate or unwanted items for us. This will help us to dispose of many items in storage or on display and raise money for our expansion in the process. Thank you Ross for your willingness to help in this way!! Thanks to each of you who came out and made this another outstanding month.

Former Member Frank Brubaker Update: He and his wife Evelyn were riding their motor car on the Blue Ridge Scenic recently near Ellijay (going about 8 to mph due to bad track) when the motorcar jumped the track. Evelyn stayed on, but Frank was thrown off and landed on his shoulder between the rails on the crossties. His arm jammed into his shoulder and shattered the entire shoulder. He will have surgery on November 5th to replace the entire shoulder with a titanium one.

Upcoming Events

November 9, 2015 — Monthly Meeting of the Central Florida Railway Historical Society at 7:00 PM in the Central Florida Railroad Museum, 101 South Boyd Street.

November 28, December 5 & 12, 2015 — St. Marys, GA — Santa Steam Express at the St. Marys RR.

December 8, 2015 — Monthly Meeting of the Central Florida Railway Historical Society at 7:00 PM in the Central Florida Railroad Museum, 101 South Boyd Street.

December 19-20, 2015 — Tampa, FL — 14th 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>.

January 9, 2016 — Clermont, FL — Annual Meeting of the Central Florida Railway Historical Society at the 801 City Grille, beginning with a social hour at 6 PM.

January 9 & 10, 2016 — Deland, FL — 54th Florida Rail Fair, Volusia County Fairgrounds, 3150 East New York Avenue, 9 am – 4 pm and 10 am– 3:30 pm. Contact: Charles Miller, 386-736-8185, rrshows@aol.com. Website: <http://www.gserr.com>.

January 16, 2016 — Atlanta, GA — 49th Atlanta Model Train Show, North Atlanta Trade Center, Atlanta, GA. Contact: Charles Miller, 386-736-8185, rrshows@aol.com. Website: <http://www.gserr.com>.

February 8, 2016 — Monthly Meeting of the Central Florida Railway Historical Society at 7:00 PM in the Central Florida Railroad Museum, 101 South Boyd Street.

February 13, 2016 — Jacksonville, FL — 38th Jacksonville Rail Fair, Railroadiana and Model Train Show, 9:00 to 5:00. Prime Osborn Convention Center, 1000 Water Street (former Jacksonville Terminal). Details: Charlie Miller, (703) 536-2954, rrshows@aol.com. Website: <http://www.gserr.com>.

March 14, 2016 — Monthly Meeting of the Central Florida Railway Historical Society at 7:00 PM in the Central Florida Railroad Museum, 101 South Boyd Street.

April 9, 2016 — Deland, FL — 55th Florida Rail Fair, Volusia County Fairgrounds, 3150 East New York Avenue, 9 am – 4 pm and 10 am– 3:30 pm. Contact: Charles Miller, 386-736-8185, rrshows@aol.com. Website: <http://www.gserr.com>.

April 11, 2016 — Monthly Meeting of the Central Florida Railway Historical Society at 7:00 PM in the Central Florida Railroad Museum, 101 South Boyd Street.

September 23, 24 & 25, 2016 — Tavares, FL — Rifles, Rails & History 2016, Wooten Park, Downtown Tavares.

On September 27th, Society Member Clarence Hurt hosted Boy Scout Troop 128 from Clermont. There were 14 scouts accompanied by five parents. The group was working on their railroading merit badge. Earlier in the day, the group visited and rode the Orange Blossom Cannonball in Mt. Dora. Here are some photos from both events.



Central Florida Railway Historical Society, Inc.
Combined Board & Regular Meeting Agenda
Central Florida RR Museum
October 12, 2015
7:00 PM

1. Call to Order – Bill Dusenbury — Board Members present: Bill Dusenbury, Jerry Honetor, Irv Lipscomb, Joe Lehmann, David Rhea, Frank Milmore, Ken Murdock and Phil Cross.
2. Meeting Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance – David Rhea
3. Recognition of Visitors – Bill Dusenbury
 - Clem Kruse introduced our guest speaker, NY Central Engineer Joe Edell
4. Recognition of Members/Friends Concerns – Bill Dusenbury
 - Phil Cross reported on Clayton Bishop, his daughter says he is doing well.
 - Bill's mother is in the nursing home, making progress.
5. Approval of the September 14, 2015 Combined Board & Regular Meeting Minutes – Bill Dusenbury
 - A motion by Irv Lipscomb second by Jerry Honetor to accept the minutes, the motion unanimously carried.
6. September 2015 Treasurer's Report – David Rhea and Frank Milmore
 - Frank Milmore reported the society is solvent
7. Vice President of Membership & Programs Report – Jerry Honetor
 - **Membership Report**
 - * Currently 68 Members
 - **Society Events for 2016**
 - * The Society's Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers is scheduled for January 9, 2016 at 801 City Grille in Clermont. No program. Will have Armando Valesquez at the piano again. Social Hour begins at 6 PM. Dinner will be served at 7 PM. Installation of Officers will begin at 8 PM.
 - **Field Trips Suggested/Planned for 2016**
 - * Three members went to Saint Mary's GA, then went to Folkston to watch trains until midnight.
 - * Gold Coast Railroad Museum in Miami, FL (Suggested)
 - * 253 Steam Association Museum in Ft. Pierce, FL (Suggested)
 - **Programs & Refreshments Hosts for 2016:**
 - * Programs are needed for March 2016 and June 2016.
 - * Refreshments Hosts are needed for April 2016, May 2016 and June 2016.
8. Museum Curator Report – Ken Murdock
 - **CFRR Museum Report** – 704 visitors during August and 6,216 visitors for 2015 to date. 286.75 hours donated by the membership during August and 2,545.75 hours donated by the membership for 2015 to date.
 - **Library Update** – Phil Piet donated 125 books and magazines.
 - **Technology Update** – no report.
 - **Recent Acquisitions & Donations**
 - * Frank Milmore donated for Pullman Eyes Only book for the library and a puzzle for the gift shop.
 - * Lloyd Brown's neighbor, Charles Mayo, r donated three prints to be sold in the gift shop.
 - * Tom Langford donating a 8-foot oak showcase.
 - **Expansion Plans for the Central Florida Railroad Museum**
 - * Ken Murdock reported on the expansion plans of the museum. The discussion revolved around the how to handle the breezeway. The agreement was to put a glass wall on the north side of the breezeway. The next step is to present it to the city Architectural Review Board.
 - **The Next Museum Work Session:** The next work session is scheduled for **November 7th**, beginning at 8:30 AM.
9. Museum Host Schedule for November 2015 – Irv Lipscomb polled the meeting attendees for volunteers.
10. President's Report – Bill Dusenbury
 - **Winter Garden Heritage Foundation Board of Directors Activities for September 2015** – Preparing for Music Fest on October 9th, 10th and 11th.
 - **CFRHS Facebook Page Update**
 - * Bill Dusenbury asked if anyone has anything about museum that can be posted, please send it to him.
11. Nominations Committee Presentation of Nominations for Officers for 2016 – Lloyd Brown
 - President - Jerry Honetor
 - Vice-President Education and Public Relations - Irv Lipscomb
 - Vice-President of Membership and Programs – Clem Kruse
 - Secretary – Joe Lehmann
 - Assistant Secretary – Phil Piet

- Treasurer – David Rhea
 - Assistant Treasurer – Frank Milmore
 - Museum Curator – Ken Murdock
 - Immediate Past President – Bill Dusenbury
 - Historian – Phil Cross
12. American Ghost Tours in Winter Garden – Bill Dusenbury
- David Rhea reported two woman from American Ghost Adventures came into the museum asking to sit in the meeting room with lights out.
 - Lengthy discussion on the topic. Some spoke against the group using the building and most on the board spoke in support.
 - A motion by Frank Milmore, second by Jerry Honetor to deny the use of the building. 2 voted in favor of the motion and 6 against. The motion failed.
13. Items from other members of the Board
- Irv Lipscomb reported we are low on inventory of tee shirts. Recommendation from the board not to purchase any since they don't sell very well.
14. Items from the Membership
- Jarrod Reynolds spoke on his railroad internship and plans to graduate from Rollins College in December.
 - Ross Marvin thanked the membership for the card sent to his family for his mother.
15. Tonight's Program: **Joe Edell – Reflections of a NYC Engineer**
16. Tonight's Refreshments Provided By: **Jerry & Ginger Honetor**
17. Meeting Adjournment
- Motion by David Rhea second by Irv Lipscomb to adjourn the meeting, the motion carried

Central Florida Railway Historical Society 2016 Board Nominations

President	Jerry Honetor
V President – Membership & Programs	To Be Determined
VP – Education & Public Relations	Irv Lipscomb
Secretary	Joseph Lehmann, Jr.
Asst. Secretary	Phil Piet
Treasurer	David Rhea
Asst. Treasurer	To Be Determined
Museum Curator	Ken Murdock
Historian	Phil Cross
Immediate Past President	Bill Dusenbury

2015 CFRHS Membership Statistics

Society Members	32
Society Century Members	15
Ward Britt	
Phil Cross	
Ann Cross	
Bill Dusenbury	
Charles Hanus, Sr.	
Chuck Hanus	
Linda Hanus	
Andy Healy	
Jerry Honetor	
Clarence Hurt	
Clem Kruse	
Ross Marvin	
Ken Murdock	
Al Sharp	
Jim Shoemaker	
Society Friends	7
Society Family Members	13
Society Student Members	0
Total Members	67

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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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