

# THE FLATWHEEL

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



## October 2015

### October 2015 Meeting

Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM  
Central Florida RR Museum  
101 S. Boyd St., Winter Garden, FL  
**Program:** Reflections of a NYC Engineer  
**By:** Joe Edell  
**Refreshments:** TBD

### November 2015 Meeting

Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup> 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

### Central Florida Railway Historical Society, Inc.

#### Central Florida RR Museum Host Duty Schedule — October 2015

DAY	DATE	HOURS	MUSEUM HOST
Saturday	10/3/15	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Clem Kruse
Sunday	10/4/15	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Phil Piet
Saturday	10/10/15	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Patrick Smith/Ginger Honetor
Sunday	10/11/15	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Sharon Lamb
Saturday	10/17/15	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Irv Lipscomb
Sunday	10/18/15	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Dan Crusie
Saturday	10/24/15	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Dan Crusie
Sunday	10/25/15	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Clarence Hurt
Saturday	10/31/15	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Jarrold Reynolds
Sunday	N/A	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	N/A

### October 2015 Museum Work Session

Saturday, October 10, 2015

8:30 AM to 3:30 PM

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



An early hi-rail model running extra. Thanks to Society Member Warren McFarland for passing along this great old photograph. Photograph is courtesy of JustTrainsGroup.com.



Logging RR with pole rails and a steam traction engine for motive power. Photo courtesy of ACL-SAL Historical Society.

## October Birthdays

Jarrold Reynolds 10/3  
Gary Dettman 10/4  
Lisa Lehmann 10/5  
Charles Hanus, Sr. 10/13  
Joseph Lehmann, Jr. 10/24  
Bob Woodbery 10/29

# 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.



FEC's modern steam switchers were all Alco built, oil burning, 0-6-0s and 0-8-0s. This photo of 0-8-0 #257 in Miami in 1941 is one of 29 locomotives of this class built between 1924 and 1926. Twelve stayed on the roster until 1954 and 55. Number 253, presently being restored in Ft. Pierce, was sold to the Louisiana & Arkansas RR in 1936, which led to it being saved as a park display in 1956 in Texarkana, TX. *CFRHS*



The FEC had 15 of these 2-8-2 oil burning, steam locomotives built by Alco in 1925. Number 711 is an example of these powerful freight haulers that shared that duty with the 23, 800 class, 4-8-2s, that could also handle heavy passenger trains, and 15, 300 class, low-driver, 4-8-2s. All of these Mikados remained on the roster until 1955 with one leaving in late 1954. *CFRHS photo*



The FEC had 52 of these handsome 400 class, oil burning, 4-8-2s, built by Alco during 1924 to 1926, to handle their varnish. Number 446 is seen in this photo, at the Miami depot in 1935, as it was being prepared to depart northbound. Western Pacific, Cotton Belt and Western Railway of Alabama bought a number of these 4-8-2s during the depression and a few lasted on FEC's roster until 1955. *Florida Archives photo*

## September 2015 Museum Report

By Ken Murdock, Museum Curator

We had our monthly museum workday on September 12, with six members participating who included Lloyd Brown, Allen Quinn, Jerry and Ginger Honeter, Clem Kruse and me. We accomplished a number of tasks which included our necessary housekeeping chores such as vacuuming, cleaning glass, cleaning the restroom and touching up the brown trim around the steps to the meeting room. Clem worked on filing items in the large format flat files and in the timetable binders. Jerry continued on inventory in the library, Allen worked on the caboose stove and I filed photos and bound more copies of our *Outline History of Central Florida Railroads* booklets while Lloyd took care of the wasps who continually move into our caboose without paying any rent.

We continued our Wednesday workdays throughout the month. Jerry worked on library inventory and Ginger took care of cleaning display cases in the mornings and hosting in the afternoons. Jerry now has all the books from the Richard Taylor donation (31 boxes) in the inventory system and on the shelves in the library. How did he fit all of them in? He relocated all duplicate books to storage in the Roper Building. We plan to offer them for sale to our members and to the visiting public. We have a fabulous library collection and our members need to use it more. Very few of you are checking out our books and I can almost guarantee you that we have books on your favorite railroad.

I continued working on the inventory of our collection on Wednesdays. With the Lakeville inventory completed, I have been primarily involved with adding recently donated items. I also relocated a number of items in our showcases to get related or similar items grouped together. This will better tell the story of what items were and how they were used, once improved signage is in place.

Ginger found a great photo in *Classic Trains* showing train orders being hooped up to the fireman on a steam locomotive. She suggested that it would help when trying to explain to visitors how the hoops were used. So, I enlarged it and laminated it and placed it on the wall in the corner of our meeting room where our order hoops are displayed. It will be a great teaching aid.

David Rhea is taking a large box of donated Lionel trains to a friend who will check them out, and get them running if necessary, so that we can sell them in our gift shop. Thanks David, for taking care of this!

Thanks to each of you who came out during the month and helped to improve our museum and our archives. Please be sure to record your volunteer hours in our log book.

## Upcoming Events

**October 3, 2015** — St. Marys, GA — Railroad Days at the St. Marys Railroad to include motor cars, exhibits, demonstrations and steam train.

**October 3, 2015** — Deland, FL — 53<sup>rd</sup> Florida Rail Fair, Volusia County Fairgrounds, 3150 East New York Avenue, 9 am – 4 pm. Contact: Charles Miller, 386-736-8185, [rrshows@aol.com](mailto:rrshows@aol.com). Website: <http://www.gserr.com>.

**October 12, 2015** — Monthly Meeting of the Central Florida Railway Historical Society at 7:00 PM in the Central Florida Railroad Museum, 101 South Boyd Street.

**October 24, 25 & 31, 2015** — St. Marys, GA — Halloween Steam Express at the St. Marys RR.

**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 — 14<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>.

**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 — 54<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>.

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This interesting rail inspection car showed up on Facebook..

Thanks to Society Supporter Al Langley for passing along the following two photographs.

Both of these engines operate on Savannah Ports Terminal Railroad which is owned by shortline mega company Genesee & Wyoming.



Started out life as ATSF 1235 then became 3235 in the '69-'70 general re-numbering. It was rebuilt in kind as a GP-30u in the early 80s to the 2735 then became BNSF 2435 in the merger. LTEX stands for Larry's Truck & Electric Co. , a locomotive lesser.



Former Maryland Midland #202

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Thanks to Society Member Warren McFarland for passing along the following photograph.



Stair Tower at the Monticello RR Museum in Illinois. It was built from Illinois Central plans and includes levers and whatnot from several demolished IC towers.

**Central Florida Railway Historical Society, Inc.**  
**Combined Board & Regular Meeting Agenda**  
**Central Florida RR Museum**  
**September 14, 2015**  
**7:00 PM**

1. Call to Order – Jerry Honetor in Bill Dusenbury’s absence.
  - Board Members present: Jerry Honetor, Irv Lipscomb, Joe Lehmann, David Rhea, Ken Murdock and Phil Cross.
2. Meeting Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance – David Rhea
3. Recognition of Visitors – Jerry Honetor — None
4. Recognition of Members/Friends Concerns – Jerry Honetor
  - Ken Murdock reported new member Ross Marvin’s mother-in-law passed away. A card was sent from the society. David Rhea commented on Ross and how he has taken the time to meet with him to learn about the contents of the museum.
  - Phil Cross reported Bill Dusenbury’s mother has taken a turn for the worse.
  - Phil Cross also reported Clayton Bishop is doing well at Brookdale Leesburg MC, an assisted living facility.
  - Jerry Honetor reported Diane Hardwich is improving slowly.
5. Approval of the August 10, 2015 Combined Board & Regular Meeting Minutes – Jerry Honetor
  - A motion by Irv Lipscomb second by David Rhea to approve the minutes, the motion unanimously carried.
6. August 2015 Treasurer’s Report – David Rhea and Frank Milmore
  - David Rhea reported the society is solvent.
7. Vice President of Membership & Programs Report – Jerry Honetor
  - **Membership Report**
    - \* Currently 68 Members
  - **Society Events for 2015**
    - \* Annual meeting will be January 9<sup>th</sup> at the 801 City Grille in Clermont.
  - **Field Trips Suggested/Planned for 2015**
    - \* Gold Coast Railroad Museum in Miami, FL (Suggested)
    - \* St. Marys Railroad in St. Mary’s, GA (Suggested) Special Event - October 3, 2015 – Society Field Trip Possibility.
    - \* 253 Steam Association Museum in Ft. Pierce, FL (Suggested)
  - **Programs & Refreshments Hosts for 2015:**
    - \* Refreshments Hosts for all meetings this year have volunteered
8. Museum Curator Report – Ken Murdock
  - **CFRR Museum Report** – 581 visitors during August and **5,512** visitors for 2015 to date. **308** hours donated by the membership during August and **2,259** hours donated by the membership for 2015 to date.
  - **Library Update** — Still entering items in the computer.
  - **Technology Update** — No report, all systems working fine.
  - **Recent Acquisitions & Donations** — Lady donate 3 or 4 boxes of model trains. Items will be sold in the gift shop. Ken showed the plaque made by Lloyd Brown recognizing the Root family donations.
  - **Expansion Plans for the Central Florida Railroad Museum** — No movement on expansion plans, trying to meet with WGHF.
  - **The Next Museum Work Session:** The next work session is scheduled for **October 10<sup>th</sup>**, beginning at 8:30 AM.
9. Museum Host Schedule for October 2015 – Irv Lipscomb
10. President’s Report – Phil Cross reported for the President
  - **Winter Garden Heritage Foundation Board of Directors Activities for August 2015** – Preparing for Music Fest on October 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - **CFRHS Facebook Page Update** — No report.
11. Nominations Committee Report – Roger Wilson
  - 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. FCRR, FMRR, FNRR & SunRail Update – Phil Cross reported for Bill Dusenbury.

13. Tourist Train Operations on the Florida Central RR – No Report
14. Items from the Board of Directors—None
15. Items from the Membership
- Les Westlake reported on his trip out west.
  - The Browns are going to North Carolina and taking two train trips from Bryson City.
  - November will be the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this organization. Ken will do a presentation at the February meeting of the best excursion trips over the past 45 years.
16. Tonight's Program: **Classic Florida Rails Video (Second half) By Irv Lipscomb**
17. Tonight's Refreshments Provided By: **David Rhea**
18. Meeting Adjournment — Motion by David Rhea second by Irv Lipscomb to adjourn the meeting, the motion carried.

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## Central Florida Railway Historical Society 2016 Board Nominations

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

## 2015 CFRHS Membership Statistics

Society Members	32
Society Century Members	16
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	
Frank Milmore	
Ken Murdock	
Al Sharp	
Jim Shoemaker	
Society Friends	7
Society Family Members	13
Society Student Members	0
<b>Total Members</b>	<b>68</b>

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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.

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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