

# THE FLATWHEEL

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Railway Historical Society, Inc.



## February 2016

### February 2016 Meeting

Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM  
Central Florida RR Museum  
101 S. Boyd St., Winter Garden, FL  
**Program:** My Adventures on the Nevada Northern  
**By:** Jarrod Reynolds  
**Refreshments:** Irv Lipscomb

### March 2016 Meeting

Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM  
Central Florida RR Museum  
101 S. Boyd St., Winter Garden, FL  
**Program:** TBD  
**By:** TBD  
**Refreshments:** Jerry & Ginger Honeter

## Central Florida RR Museum Host Duty Schedule February 2016

DAY	DATE	HOURS	MUSEUM HOST
Saturday	2/6/16	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Patrick Smith
Sunday	2/7/16	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Phil Baker
Saturday	2/13/16	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Jarrod Reynolds
Sunday	2/14/16	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Phil Piet
Saturday	2/20/16	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Irv Lipscomb
Sunday	2/21/16	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Phil Piet
Saturday	2/27/16	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Allen Quinn
Sunday	2/28/16	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Ross Marvin
Saturday	N/A	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	N/A
Sunday	N/A	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	N/A



Home-Made Logging Road Engine. Photo Courtesy of ACL-SAL HS.



FEC Horse-Drawn Trolley at Palm Beach, FL, 1904. Betty W. Bishop Photo.

## February 2016 Museum Work Session

**Saturday, February 13, 2016  
8:30 AM to 3:30 PM**

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

## February Birthdays

**David Rhea 2/4**  
**Dan Crusie 2/6**  
**Dan Martin 2/20**  
**Diane Hardwich 2/21**  
**Ken Murdock 2/27**

# 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.



The late John Rapalje, a longtime member, attended the Chicago RR Fair of 1948-49 and took these 3 photos. This one is the *John Bull* replica built by the Pennsylvania RR in 1939 to promote progress. The original 2-4-0 was built in England and first operated on the Camden & Amboy in New Jersey in 1831. This line became part of the PRR and the original *John Bull* was sold to the Smithsonian in 1884. The replica is now preserved in the RR Museum of Pennsylvania. – CFRHS collection



The B&O's *Atlantic*, nicknamed a grasshopper due to its horizontal beams and long connecting rods, was built in B&O's St. Clair Shops in 1832. It weighed in at 6.5 tons and had a T.E. of 4,245 pounds. It was scrapped in 1835. A similar engine named the *Andrew Jackson*, built in 1836, was modified to be the 1832 *Atlantic*, and it was first exhibited in 1893. It is now preserved in the B&O Museum. – CFRHS collection



B&O's *John Hancock*, also a grasshopper type, was built in the B&O's St. Clair Shops in 1836. The 0-4-0 weighed in at 14.5 tons and had a T.E. of 5,094 pounds. It was B&O's first to have roof over the cab and all 4 wheels powered. In the 1850s it became known as #8 when the B&O ceased naming their locomotives. It was in continuous service until 1892 when it was retired. It now resides in the B&O Museum. – CFRHS

## January 2016 Museum Report

By Ken Murdock, Museum Curator

Our monthly museum workday was on Saturday, January 16, 2016. We had seven members participating who included Phil Cross, Al Sharp, Joe Lehmann, Allen Quinn, Jerry and Ginger Honetor and your curator. Though the number of members participating was lighter than usual, we accomplished a number of tasks.

Phil Cross took care of most of the house cleaning chores, both inside and outside. Ginger cleaned showcase glass, which she faithfully does, and helped with hosting in the afternoon. Al Sharp, Allen Quinn and I formed and poured a concrete foundation for another crossing signal. Joe Lehmann installed a switch in the library and a router in the Roper Building and we now have a network connection there. Joe then got four laptops set up so that they could access the router. This was needed so that we can inventory documents, most of which are filed in the filing cabinets or on shelving in the Roper Building.

Al, Phil and I moved various items so that we could remove more carpeting in the Roper Building, preparing the area for the first phase of construction, which will be our new Library and Work Shop. Allen and I worked on the showcase, recently donated by Tom Langford, starting to refinish the top and seeing what will be required to install wheels under it before it is filled with display items.

Al worked on the society's laptop, getting it set up to work with our scanner. Allen and Phil did some trouble shooting on our interlocking signal to see why it wasn't coming on at night. They found corroded wire terminals in the junction box at its base but decided to fix it at the same time the power supply is relocated.

I spent two days prior to the workday preparing drawings for the contractor to use for estimating and hopefully, the city may issue a permit for the interior work using them. If so, it can save on architectural/engineering fees. Jerry Honetor continued most of the day working on inventory in the library.

We continued our Wednesday Inventory workdays throughout the month with Al Sharp, Jerry and Ginger Honetor and I participating. Also, Jarrod Reynolds has been joining us now that he has graduated from Rollins College; with honors I must add. Congratulations Jarrod!!

Jerry, wanting to take a break from his cave (the library), took Jarrod and they began rewiring the ex-Plant City interlock signal. As mentioned earlier, wiring terminals in the junction box at the base of the signal were corroded, causing a dark signal. In the process, they have relocated the signal's power supply and timer in the Roper Building, moving them from where the new library will be to the area where the new workshop will be located.

Al Sharp was awarded the Glad Hand award in recognition of his dedication to improving our museum. Al is only here 6 months during the year but with his steadfast help on Wednesday inventory workdays, everything on display has been inventoried. Al seldom misses our monthly Museum workdays and has also been scanning our Bill Schnaiter slide collection at home. He has now completed one entire slide storage box and is working on another. Al has also been awarded the WGHF's volunteer of the year award for the railroad museum. This award was given at the WGHF's Volunteer Appreciation Banquet on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Congratulations Al on these well-deserved awards!!!

## Upcoming Events

### **Florida Live Steam Winter Meets:**

Big Boots and Western: **February 1 - 13**

Largo Central RR: **February 12- 17**

Ridge Live Steamers: **February 25- 28**

Central Pasco and Gulf: **February 28 -March 6**

**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 11-13, 2016** — Jacksonville, FL — Annual Meeting of ACL-SAL Historical Society, Crowne Plaza Airport Hotel, some great clinics and presentations are planned.

**February 13, 2016** — Jacksonville, FL — 38<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:rrshows@aol.com). Website: <http://www.gserr.com>.

**February 24-27, 2016** — Florida Flywheelers Antique Engine Club's 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Antique Engine & Tractor Show, 7000 Avon Park Cutoff Road, Ft. Meade, FL, 33841. Call 863-285-9121. Website: <http://www.floridaflywheelers.org>.

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

**April 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.

**May 9, 2016** — Monthly Meeting of the Central Florida Railway Historical Society at 7:00 PM in the Central Florida Railroad Museum, 101 South Boyd Street.

**June 13, 2016** — Monthly Meeting of the Central Florida Railway Historical Society at 7:00 PM in the Central Florida Railroad Museum, 101 South Boyd Street.

**July 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.

**August 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.

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

## **CENTRAL FLORIDA RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC. ACTIVITIES HISTORY 2015**

- **Bill Dusenbury – President**
- Society meetings held at the Central Florida RR Museum.
- Society continued as Partner in Education with Lakeville Elementary School.
- Society membership for the year totaled 67 Century, Regular, Family and Friend members.
- The Central Florida Railroad Museum had a record attendance of 8,576 visitors.
- Society members donated a total of 3,589.75 hours for the operation and maintenance of the Central Florida Railroad Museum.
- Monthly work sessions were held at the Central Florida Railroad Museum.
- The Central Florida Railroad Museum is operated under a cooperative agreement between the City of Winter Garden, the Winter Garden Heritage Foundation, Inc. and the Central Florida Railway Historical Society, Inc.

March 7 Approximately 20 Society members and guests travelled to Plant City to visit the Robert W. Willaford Railroad Museum and the adjacent train-watching platform overlooking the diamond intersection of the "A" line and the "S" line. Attendees had lunch at the nearby Whistle Stop Café.

Mar. 13-15 The North American Rail Car Operators Association (NARCOA) sponsored their annual motor car excursions on the Florida Central RR (Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>) and Florida Northern RR (Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>). Friday's excursion was roundtrip from Eustis to Umatilla and return and Eustis to Mt. Dora and return. Saturday's excursion was roundtrip from Eustis to Winter Garden and return. There were 9 motor cars and 3 hi-railers. Attendees enjoyed lunch in downtown Winter Garden and some visited the CFRR Museum. Sunday's excursion was from downtown Ocala south to Candler, north to Lowell, and then return to Ocala. Society Members Bill Dusenbury and Addison Austin participated in the weekend's activities.

Apr. 11-12 The Central Florida Railroad Museum was open for the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Bloom & Grow *Spring Fever in the Garden* event in downtown Winter Garden. The Museum was open eight hours on Saturday and five hours on Sunday. Society members Ginger Honetor, Lloyd & Sylvia Brown, and Phil Cross manned the Museum on Saturday; Society members Ken Murdock, Jerry Honetor, Irv Lipscomb, Frank Milmore and David Rhea assisted with the TE&G train ride between Winter Garden and Ocoee on Saturday. Society members Ginger Honetor and Phil Cross manned the Museum on Sunday; Society members Jerry Honetor, Les Westlake and David Rhea assisted with the TE&G train ride between Winter Garden and Ocoee on Sunday. The Tavares, Eustis & Gulf Railroad operated the Orange Blossom Cannonball out of Winter Garden to Ocoee and back both days. Six trips were operated on Saturday and two were operated on Sunday. The Orange Lego Users Group (Orange LUG) set up and manned the large Lego display of downtown

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**Central Florida Railway Historical Society, Inc.**  
**Combined Board & Regular Meeting Agenda**  
Central Florida RR Museum  
January 11, 2016  
7:00 PM

1. Call to Order – Jerry Honetor
  - Board Members present: Jerry Honetor, Irv Lipscomb, Ross Marvin, Joe Lehmann, David Rhea, Phil Piet, Ken Murdock, Roger Wilson 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
  - Bill Dusenbury's mother passed away. Service is this Thursday at 1:00 PM in Leesburg.
  - Phil Cross read an email from Clayton Bishop's daughter and she reported he is doing well.
  - Phil Piet reported on his injuries from a recent fall, he said he is on the mend.
  - Jarrod Reynolds asked for prayers for his Grandfather.
5. Approval of the December 14, 2015 Combined Board & Regular Meeting Minutes – Jerry Honetor
  - A motion by Irv Lipscomb second by David Rhea to accept the minutes, the motion unanimously carried.
6. December 2015 Treasurer's Report – David Rhea & Roger Wilson
  - David Rhea reported the Society is solvent.
7. Approval of the 2016 CFRHS Budget – Jerry Honetor
  - A motion by Phil Cross second by Ken Murdock to accept the minutes, the motion carried
8. Vice President of Membership & Programs Report – Ross Marvin
  - **Membership Report**
    - \* Currently 67 Members, 32 renewed for 2016.
  - **Society eBay Store**
    - \* The club netted \$250 from sales on eBay.
    - \* Motion by Phil Cross, second by Irv Lipscomb that all proceeds from sales on eBay go to the expansion fund, the motion carried.
  - **Field Trips Suggested/Planned for 2016**
    - \* 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, June 2016, July 2016 and September 2016 through December 2016. Volunteers were requested.
    - \* Refreshments Hosts are needed for July 2016 thru October 2016 and December 2016. Volunteers requested.
9. Museum Curator Report – Ken Murdock
  - **CFRR Museum Report** – 634 visitors during November and 7,753 visitors for 2015 to date. 234.50 hours donated by the membership during November and 3,316.25 hours donated by the membership for 2015 to date.
  - **Library Update** — Jerry Honetor reports he continues to work on the inventory.
  - **Technology Update**
    - \* Installing wireless router for the Roper building, will be finished at the museum workday this Saturday.
    - \* The website still needs to be completed. Will discuss at the museum workday this coming Saturday.
  - **Recent Acquisitions & Donations**
    - \* Several books and magazines were donated by various donors.
  - **Expansion Plans for the Central Florida Railroad Museum**
    - \* Phil Cross reported that he met with the city manager to discuss the expansion of the Museum into the Roper Building. The manager is fine with the current design. He has agreed to move forward with the fire sprinkler system and may do the underground work with city forces.
    - \* They would like to relocate the caboose so the city can install the trash compactor.
  - **The Next Museum Work Session:** The next work session is scheduled for January 16<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 8:30 AM.
10. Museum Host Schedule for February 2016 – Irv Lipscomb
  - Irv reports he is having trouble filling slots since some members have left the Society.

11. President's Report – Jerry Honetor
  - **Winter Garden Heritage Foundation Board of Directors Activities for December 2015** – Preparing to hire a Development Director and finalizing the reorganization of the board.
12. CFRHS Facebook Page – Bill Dusenbury — No report.
13. FCRR, FMRR, FNRR & SunRail Update – Bill Dusenbury—No report.
14. Tourist Train Operations on the Florida Central RR – Bill Dusenbury — No report.
15. Items from the Board of Directors
  - Ken Murdock presented the Glad Hand Award to Al Sharp for his dedicated work for the museum.
16. Items from the Membership
  - Jarrod Reynolds reported he is a graduate of Rollins College.
  - Clarence Hurt reported that Al Pfeiffer wanted to extend a hello to the Society members.
  - Lloyd Brown brought his book # 3 of photos of Railroads and Museums in Duluth Georgia for the members to view.
17. Tonight's Program: **Ken Murdock – Remembering Our Best Railfan Trips As We Celebrate 45 Years**
18. Tonight's Refreshments Provided By: **Roger Wilson**
19. Meeting Adjournment — A motion by Irv Lipscomb second by Ross Marvin to adjourned the meeting. The motion carried.

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- Winter Garden in the Museum Meeting Room both days. Two members manned the display on Saturday and two members manned the display on Sunday. The Museum, Lego display and the train ride were a big hit with the attendees.
- Sept. 27 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.
- Oct. 3 Society Members Roger Wilson, Jerry Honetor and Patrick Smith attended the Railroad Days event at the St. Marys Railroad in St. Marys, GA. The event began with a parade at 10 am, St. Marys Express train rides at 12 Noon, 2 PM and 4 PM, an all-day Rock Shrimp Festival in downtown St. Marys, grand opening of the St. Marys Railroad Museum, and a display of railroad inspection cars hosted by the North American Railcar Operators Association.
- Oct. 10-11 Society members manned the Museum on the afternoon of the 10<sup>th</sup> and the 11<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the Winter Garden Heritage Foundation's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Music Fest. The Museum was open 1 PM to 5 PM both days. Society Members Ginger Honetor and Patrick Smith manned the Museum on Saturday and Society Member Sharon Lamb manned the Museum on Sunday.
- Dec. 11 Roger Wilson, Dan Crusie, Phil Piet, Al Weber, Jerry & Diane Hardwich, and Les & Janet Westlake attended the annual Plantation's Model Rail Road Club's Open House. Following the open house, the group went to Clem Kruse's home for tour of his large and fabulous railroading collection.

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## Amtrak, Southern Rail Commission to Host Gulf Coast Inspection Train

*Tuesday, January 26, 2016*

Amtrak and the Southern Rail Commission (SRC) are conducting a tour to examine new ideas for intercity passenger rail by operating an inspection train from New Orleans, La., to Jacksonville, Fla., on Feb. 18 and 19.

The inspection train, hosted by Amtrak President and Chief Executive Officer Joe Boardman, will carry elected officials, industry representatives, community leaders and federal stakeholders. The goal of the trip is to examine the existing CSX railroad infrastructure and to better understand rail's economic, cultural and mobility opportunities. It will provide an unparalleled perspective on reintroducing intercity passenger rail along the Gulf Coast.

The SRC recently released a study by Amtrak detailing the range of feasible service options accompanied by an analysis of ridership levels, projected revenues and associated costs for passenger trains between New Orleans and Orlando, Fla.. The models in this new study present the range of service options that will support regional economic resilience and projected population growth.

Better connections and financial performance has been projected in these models – with higher ridership and lower costs – than Amtrak services previously considered or operated in the region.

"We want to work with community leaders and CSX," said Boardman. "Additional regional economic development can come from shared infrastructure investments on a timeline to better connect the region to the rest of the country and more than 500 other Amtrak destinations."

Connecting the cities and towns along the Gulf Coast with passenger rail is one of the top priority projects for the SRC.

"The SRC is committed to working with local and federal partners and Amtrak to make this service a reality in the near future," said SRC Chairman Greg White. "We are continuing to align the necessary support for the project."

## 2016 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	8
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.

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**The Central Florida Railway Historical Society, Inc.** meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 7:00 PM at the **Central Florida Railroad Museum**. The Museum is located at 101 South Boyd Street in downtown Winter Garden immediately north of the water tower. Guests and visitors are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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**Mission:** The mission of the Central Florida Railway Historical Society, Inc. is: Promoting railway heritage and preservation and educating members and the public about rail transportation, its history and impact, with a focus on Central Florida.

**Purpose:** The purpose for which this Society is formed and the business or objects to be carried on and promoted by it are mainly historical, educational and not-for-profit. The more particular objects are:

- Preserve the historical materials of rail transportation of all kinds and issue publications relative to the subject.
- Acquire by donation, purchase, lease or otherwise, real or personal property, and to maintain, sell, lease, deed or otherwise manage in a manner appropriate for the Central Florida Railroad Museum and the above mentioned purposes.
- Plan and run a series of programs and events for Society members' education and participation.
- Work and support the activities of the Winter Garden Heritage Foundation. Assist in any and all group projects which benefit the goals and activities of the Society and the Winter Garden Heritage Foundation.

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