

# THE FLATWHEEL

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



## December 2017

### December 2017 Meeting

Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM

Central Florida RR Museum

101 S. Boyd St., Winter Garden, FL

**Program:** Orange Belt Railway

**By:** Ken Murdock

**Refreshments:** Jerry & Ginger Honetor

### January 2018 Meeting

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Central Florida RR Museum

101 S. Boyd St., Winter Garden, FL

**Program:** Railroad Lineside Structures

**By:** Warren Jennison

**Refreshments:** Phil Piet

## Central Florida RR Museum Host Duty Schedule December 2017

DAY	DATE	HOURS	MUSEUM HOST
Saturday	12/2/17	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Irv Lipscomb
Sunday	12/3/17	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Mike Forrester
Saturday	12/9/17	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Dan & Janet Crusie
Sunday	12/10/17	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Sharon Lamb
Saturday	12/16/17	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Ginger Honetor
Sunday	12/17/17	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Phil Baker
Saturday	12/23/17	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Phil Piet
Sunday	12/24/17	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	CLOSED
Saturday	12/30/17	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Jarrod Reynolds
Sunday	12/31/17	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	CLOSED

## December Birthdays

**Jim Crescitelli 12/1**

**Allen Quinn 12/2**

**Michael Forrester 12/5**

**Janet Crusie 12/8**

**Clem White 12/17**

**Jack Litteral 12/24**

### **December 2017 Museum Work Session**

**Saturday, December 16, 2017**

**8:30 AM to 3:30 PM**

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

**Don't Forget The Weekly Wednesday Work Sessions — Come Out & Help If You Can. 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM.**



Society Members Neil Bagaus (Conductor Neil) and Bobby Grenier (Tavares Vice Mayor and Councilman) at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the beginning of the 2017 Polar Express.

# 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.



What happened to SBD & CSX FP7A 118 and F7A 116 and F7Bs 117 and 119? You might remember that SBD acquired them when the Clinchfield was merged into their system and they, and later, CSX used them in business train and roadrailer service for a few years, then they seemed to disappear. I took this photo on 4-23-2016 of former CSX 116, nee Clinchfield RR 800, at Spencer, NC disguised as C&O 8016. It appeared during "Streamliners at Spencer" in this paint scheme. – Ken Murdock photo



This is former CSX FP7A 118, nee Clinchfield 200, at Elkins, WV, disguised as Western Maryland 67, ready to pull their Tygart Flyer tourist & dinner train over their Durbin & Greenbrier Valley Railroad on 6-20-2008. The Clinchfield had used 200 and 800 along with two B units in their excursion service. The B unit behind WM 67 is former CSX F7B 117, nee NC&StL 918, nee Clinchfield 869, disguised as Western Maryland 415. Both units remain there today. This B unit and a sister unit were once controlled from the cab of Clinchfield's 1882, 4-6-0, steam engine No. 1 for CRR's excursion train. I haven't located sister B unit, CSX 119. – Ken Murdock photo



Recently, CSX sent former 116 to their Huntington, WV Shops for repainting back to its original Clinchfield gray and yellow colors and number. It was then used to pull CSX's Annual Santa train on their former Clinchfield this year, paired with an ex-SCL, SD45 painted in Clinchfield black and yellow. To my pleasant surprise, 800 has been sent to the Orlando & Northwestern Railway for one month to pull their Polar Express. This photo finds it in Plymouth while being delivered by the Florida Central. The 800 is now owned by the Southern Appalachian Railway Museum. – Bill Dusenbury photo

## November Museum Report

By Ken Murdock, Curator

We started the month early with our first Wednesday workday being on November 1. We had five members participating who included Phil Cross, Irv Lipscomb, Jerry & Ginger Honetor and me. In summary, in the new Museum/Meeting Room, we finished sanding the drywall, vacuumed the dust, applied the prime coat of paint on the walls, applied the finish coat of paint on about half of the walls, filled screw and nail head holes in the ceiling, purchased and installed a pre-hung door for the air conditioning closet. Jerry worked some in the library and Ginger worked on the collection in the morning and hosted in the afternoon.

Wednesday, November 8, was our second workday of the month and participation was very light with only Jerry & Ginger Honetor and myself participating. Irv Lipscomb and Al Sharp had planned on being there but Irv was ill and Al's wife was as well. We installed the wood trim for the air conditioning closet and then concentrated on painting the walls and ceiling in the new Museum/Meeting Room. Ginger continued her work with the collection and hosted in the afternoon.

Our third Wednesday, museum workday of the month was on the 15<sup>th</sup>, and we had five members participating who included Phil Cross, Irv Lipscomb, Jerry & Ginger Honetor and me. The main emphasis was in the new Museum/Meeting Room. We applied a second coat on the walls, finished the first coat on the ceiling and started the second coat, cut-in the paint around the light fixtures and where the ceiling meets the walls and took care of many miscellaneous carpentry items plus caulking and filling the wood trim. Ginger worked on the collection and hosted in the afternoon.

On Saturday, November 18, we had our fourth monthly museum workday and had 7 members participating who included Phil Cross, Allen Quinn, Phil Piet, Jerry & Ginger Honetor, Rick Sumner and me. Rick Sumner visited us last Monday evening and came Saturday with his membership form and dues check and put in a very productive day with us. Welcome aboard Rick! We are very happy to have you. We all accomplished a variety of things today. To summarize it, we took care of the house-keeping chores and outside cleanup. In the new Museum/Meeting room, we finished painting 95 percent of the walls and all the ceiling, installed 95 percent of the cove molding around the perimeter where walls meet the ceiling, relocated the refreshment bar cabinets from the old Library to the new Museum/Meeting room and install them, then started installing the lattice strips on the ceiling over the joints in the plywood. As usual, Ginger hosted in the afternoon.

The day before Thanksgiving, November 22, Phil Cross, Rick Sumner (our newest member), Jerry & Ginger Honetor and myself participated in our usual Wednesday workday. Phil, Rick and I worked in the new Museum/Meeting Room. We installed 90 percent of the lattice strips over the joints in the plywood ceiling, primed the outside of the new Office and the baseboards, caulked joints and finished many miscellaneous carpentry items. Jerry made a trip to Lowes and purchased the lumber for the baseboards, then returned to working on inventory in the library. Ginger worked on the collection and hosted in the afternoon.

We wrapped up the fifth and last Wednesday workday of the month on November 29, with five members participating who included Phil Cross, Jerry & Ginger Honetor, Irv Lipscomb and me. We installed some of the baseboards, finished painting the walls and started painting the brown on the wood door trim and baseboards, took care of a number of miscellaneous carpentry items and installed casters on one of our recently acquired showcases. Jerry was able to get back to working on the library inventory and Ginger cleaned showcases and hosted in the afternoon. The electrician came for a couple of hours and trimmed out the wall switches and wall outlets. The room is really beginning to shape up. **Continued Bottom of Page 4.**

## Upcoming Events

**December 11, 2017** — Monthly Meeting of the Central Florida Railway Historical Society at 7:00 PM in the Central Florida Railroad Museum, 101 South Boyd Street.

**December 16-17, 2017** — Tampa, FL — 18<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 8, 2018** — Monthly Meeting of the Central Florida Railway Historical Society at 7:00 PM in the Central Florida Railroad Museum, 101 South Boyd Street.

**January 13 & 14, 2018** — Deland, FL — 62<sup>nd</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>.

**January 20, 2018** — Atlanta, GA — 54<sup>th</sup> Atlanta Model Train Show, Infinite Energy Center, Atlanta, GA. Contact: Charles Miller, 386-736-8185, [rrshows@aol.com](mailto:rrshows@aol.com). Website: <http://www.gserr.com>.

**February 10, 2018** — Jacksonville, FL — 40<sup>h</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 12, 2018** — Monthly Meeting of the Central Florida Railway Historical Society at 7:00 PM in the Central Florida Railroad Museum, 101 South Boyd Street.

**March 12, 2018** — 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, 2018** — Monthly Meeting of the Central Florida Railway Historical Society at 7:00 PM in the Central Florida Railroad Museum, 101 South Boyd Street.

**April 14, 2018** — Deland, FL — 63<sup>rd</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>.

**May 14, 2018** — Monthly Meeting of the Central Florida Railway Historical Society at 7:00 PM in the Central Florida Railroad Museum, 101 South Boyd Street.

**June 2-3, 2018** — Tampa, FL — 19<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>.

**June 11, 2018** — Monthly Meeting of the Central Florida Railway Historical Society at 7:00 PM in the Central Florida Railroad Museum, 101 South Boyd Street.

**July 9, 2018** — Monthly Meeting of the Central Florida Railway Historical Society at 7:00 PM in the Central Florida Railroad Museum, 101 South Boyd Street.

**July 14, 2018** — Deland, FL — 64<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>.

**August 13, 2018** — Monthly Meeting of the Central Florida Railway Historical Society at 7:00 PM in the Central Florida Railroad Museum, 101 South Boyd Street.

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## **Central Florida Railway Historical Society, Inc. Combined Board & Regular Meeting Minutes Central Florida RR Museum November 13, 2017 7:00 PM**

1. Call to Order – Jerry Honetor: Board members present included Jerry Honetor, Irv Lipscomb, Phil Piet, Ken Murdock, David Rhea, Joe Lehmann, Jarrod Reynolds and Phil Cross.
  - 15 members and 2 guests present; Eileen Weber and Rick Sumner
2. Meeting Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance – David Rhea
  - David led those in attendance in an opening prayer and the pledge of allegiance.
3. Recognition of Visitors – Jerry Honetor
  - Rick Sumner
4. Recognition of Members/Friends Concerns – Jerry Honetor
  - Jarrod Reynolds reported the wife of the President of the company he works for passed away recently, he asked for prayers for the family.
  - Mr. Stoffel has moved to Palm Coast and is living with his daughter.
5. Museum Host Schedule for December 2017 – Irv Lipscomb
  - Irv secured hosts for some of the December dates. He will now make phone calls and e-mails trying to secure hosts for the remaining dates.
6. Report From the Nominating Committee for 2018 Officers – Les Westlake/Jerry Honetor
  - President.....Jerry Honetor
  - Vice-President Membership & Programs.....Phil Piet
  - Vice-President Education & PR.....Irv Lipscomb
  - Secretary.....Mike Forrester
  - Assistant Secretary.....Mike Ryan
  - Treasurer.....David Rhea
  - Assistant Treasurer.....Roger Wilson
  - Curator.....Ken Murdock
  - Historian.....Phil Cross
  - Immediate Past President.....Bill Dusenbury
  - Motion by Les Westlake to accept the nominations of the committee and have the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for all the unopposed positions. A second to the motion by Sandy Smith, the motion carried with no opposition.
7. Tonight's Program: **Exploring CSX's Abandoned Everett Subdivision by Patrick Smith**
8. Tonight's Refreshments Provided By: **Sharon Lamb**
9. Approval of the October 9, 2017 Combined Board & Regular Meeting Minutes – Jerry Honetor
  - A motion by David Rhea and second by Irv Lipscomb to accept the minutes, the motion carried unanimously.
10. October 2017 Treasurer's Report – David Rhea & Roger Wilson
  - David reported the society is solvent.

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### 11. Vice President of Membership & Programs Report – Phil Piet

- Membership Report
  - \* Currently **80** Members.
  - \* Will be sending out letters for membership renewals at the end of this month.
- Field Trips Suggested/Planned for 2018
  - \* Largo Central Railroad in Largo, FL.
  - \* South Florida Tour & Railfan Excursion — Members were asked to be prepared to select a date next meeting.
  - \* There were no other Suggestions
- Programs & Refreshments Hosts for 2017/2018:
  - \* All program slots for 2017, the first 4 months of 2018 and June 2018 have been filled. Need programs for May 2018 and July through December.
  - \* All Refreshments Host Slots for 2017 have been filled. Need Refreshments Hosts for January, April and June through November 2018.

### 12. E-Bay Store Report – Ross Marvin

- No report.

### 13. Museum Curator Report – Ken Murdock

- CFRR Museum Report – **346** visitors during September and **6,478** visitors for 2017 to date. 326.75 hours donated by the membership during September and **3,822.50** hours donated by the membership for 2017 to date.
- Library Update. Jerry reported receiving a small donation last week.
- Technology Update. – No report.
- Recent Acquisitions & Donations.
  - \* Received donated clock and baggage room sign from the old Orlando depot.
- Expansion Plans/Status for the Central Florida Railroad Museum.
  - \* Expansion Expenses for **October** totaled **\$227.71**
  - \* Total Expansion Expenses to date are **\$24,734.09**
- Fundraising Efforts to Support the Museum Expansion.
  - \* A total of **\$00.00** was raised during **October**.
  - \* A total of **\$43,025.00** has been raised since **October 2014**.
- The Next Saturday Monthly Museum Work Session: **November 18<sup>th</sup>**, beginning at 8:30 AM.
- Weekly Work Sessions are held each **Wednesday**, beginning at 8:30 AM.

### 14. CFRHS Facebook Page – Jarrod Reynolds

- Report for the month: 39 page views, 2 page likes, 2 people reached and 4 post engagements

### 15. Items from the Board of Directors

- Phil Cross asked Al Weber to explain membership with the NRHS. Two options to rejoin the NRHS. As a Chapter, which has voting privileges and support or become an Affiliate member of the NHRS. The NRHS are working on allowing making a change to allow Chapters not be required to have 100% membership in NHRS.
- Phil Cross – Budget Needed for 2018. David Rhea will be scheduling a meeting.
- Ken Murdock reminded the Board that he is still waiting on comments on the new Society web page and agreed to resend the web link.

### 16. Items from the Membership

- A question was raised about Roger Wilsons recovery. He is doing better but still cannot raise his arm completely.
- There were 9 members and 4 guests that attended the outing at the Royal Palm Railway Experience. It was a good time.
- Donation from Steven Olszewski: A photo of a Seaboard Airline Passenger Train in Alabama.

### 17. Meeting Adjournment

- A motion by Al Weber and second by Jarrod Reynolds to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

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## November Museum Report — Continued From Page 2

November was another very productive month and our new Museum/Meeting Room has moved much closer to completion. Thanks to all who helped with this major undertaking. I also want to thank those who have helped in so many other ways such as hosting plus the many behind the scenes tasks that keeps our organization functioning from month to month. As I keep saying, we can't do it without you!!!

# Society Field Trip to the Royal Palm Railway Experience/Orlando & Northwestern Railway

By Phil Piet

Our Royal Palm outing on November 4<sup>th</sup> was a great success! We had 9 members in attendance (Jarrod Reynolds, Phil Piet, Patrick Smith, Patricia Smith, Mike Ryan, David Rhea, John Christensen and Jerry and Ginger Honetor) plus 4 guests. Our trains ran late due to a malfunctioning bell on one engine (the nicely painted purple one in the photo). Because of this malfunction, the train had to do a reverse move for the whole trip back to Eustis. Most of us enjoyed lunch at Copacabana in Mt. Dora, and there was plenty of time for train photos as well as window shopping.



## 2017 CFRHS Membership Statistics

Society Members	27
Society Century Members	16
Ward Britt	
Phil Cross	
Ann Cross	
Bill Dusenbury	
Charles Hanus, Sr.	
Chuck Hanus	
Linda Hanus	
Jerry Honetor	
Clarence Hurt	
Joe Lehmann, Jr.	
Irv Lipscomb	
Ross Marvin	
Ken Murdock	
Phil Piet	
Al Sharp	
Jim Shoemaker	
Society Friends	22
Society Family Members	14
Society Student Members	2
<b>Total Members</b>	<b>81</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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