

THE FLATWHEEL

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Railway Historical Society, Inc.



July 2017

July 2017 Meeting

Monday, July 10th at 7:00 PM
Central Florida RR Museum
101 S. Boyd St., Winter Garden, FL
Program: Starting Up The Hoosier State
By: Neil Bagaus
Refreshments: Ross Marvin

August 2017 Meeting

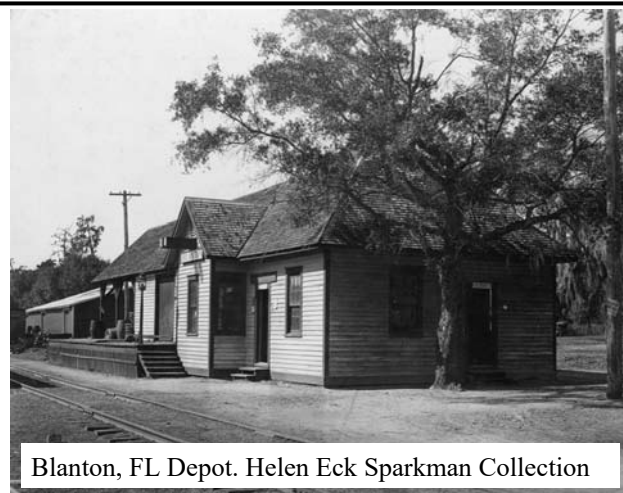
Monday, August 14th at 7:00 PM
Central Florida RR Museum
101 S. Boyd St., Winter Garden, FL
Program: Logging Railroads
By: Warren Jennison
Refreshments: David Rhea

Central Florida RR Museum Host Duty Schedule July 2017

DAY	DATE	HOURS	MUSEUM HOST
Saturday	7/1/17	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Jarrod Reynolds
Sunday	7/2/17	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Mike Kelly
Saturday	7/8/17	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Allen Quinn
Sunday	7/9/17	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Dan & Janet Crusie
Saturday	7/15/17	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Ginger Honetor
Sunday	7/16/17	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Phil Baker
Saturday	7/22/17	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Phil Piet
Sunday	7/23/17	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Gary Dettman
Saturday	7/29/17	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Irv Lipscomb
Sunday	7/30/17	1 P.M. – 5 P.M.	Gary Dettman

July Birthdays

Bill Delmar 7/1
Sharon Lamb 7/5
Patricia Smith 7/10
Mary Jane Austin 7/12
John Jackson 7/13
Chuck Hanus 7/22



Blanton, FL Depot. Helen Eck Sparkman Collection



Brewster, FL Depot. Lakeland Library Collection. Historic Florida Photos

**July 2017
Museum Work Session
Saturday, July 15, 2017
8:30 AM to 3:30 PM**

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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.



ACL's coach-Pullman *Champion* from New York City, with E3A 500 on the point, was on the FEC in Miami in 1941. All ACL Miami bound trains ran over the FEC from Jacksonville until the FEC strike of 1963. The locomotive was from the West Coast *Tamiami Champion* but was leading the East Coast *Champion*. This illustrates why train names were soon deleted from the locomotives. In 1949 the *Champion* was officially renamed the *East Coast Champion*. - Sam Appleby photo, CFRHS collection



ACL's all Pullman *Miamian*, train 8, was at FEC's Miami depot in 1941, preparing for its departure to New York City. FEC and ACL cars can be seen mixed in the consist. FEC, RF&P and PRR contributed cars to the consist in proportion to their main line miles of the total trip. - Sam Appleby photo, CFRHS collection



ACL's *Champion* with FEC round-end, tavern-observation *Biscayne Bay* bringing up the markers, was running under the wires on the Northeast Corridor, and no doubt, there is a Pennsy GG-1 on the point. What class!! This car was purchased by the SAL after the FEC strike and became their 6607. Sam Appleby photo, CFRHS collection

June 2017 Museum Report

By Ken Murdock, Museum Curator

June 7, our first Wednesday workday of the month, we had 5 members and 2 nonmembers participating. Members included Al Sharp, Jerry & Ginger Honetor, Irv Lipscomb and me. Nonmembers included Jake Baker and his younger brother Caleb.

Jake had helped us on two previous Wednesdays and I told him that if he returned, he could prime-paint the ceiling in the new meeting room. He not only returned, he brought his brother along to help. They primed the entire new meeting room ceiling except for a few perimeter panels yet to be installed. Jake is an unemployed Afghanistan war veteran. His brother, Caleb, works for Publix and they are both non-railfans wanting to do volunteer work.

Prior to working on inventory that we had started the week before, Al and I had to finish attaching the recently installed plywood ceiling panels before our volunteer painters painted them. Paint would have made it more difficult to see where screws were missing. Afterwards, we returned to working on inventory. This inventory work involves items from the Jacksonville collection that Phil Cross had acquired for us several months ago. This collection included the large Pullman Office sign that everyone has seen plus a Baldwin locomotive builder's plate, several hand lanterns, several rare locks including one from the Florida Southern, seven pieces of dining car silver service and quite a few pieces of china, some quite rare. Phil bought it right and these pieces will make great additions to our museum.

Irv also worked on inventory while Jerry continued to move more books into the new library. Moving involves assigning a new shelf number to each book as it is placed in its new location. Ginger finished polishing all the silver in our collection last week and I brought her about 7 more pieces, from our recently acquired collection, to be cleaned. They were so black that they didn't look like silver, but she brought them back to a bright shine.

On Wednesday, June 14th, we had a great turnout with 7 members and one nonmember coming to work. Members were Al Sharp, Phil Cross, Irv Lipscomb, Jerry & Ginger Honetor, Roger Wilson and me. The nonmember was Jake Baker who has continued to return and help us. Al, Phil and I finished installing the perimeter ceiling panels in the new meeting room and Jake primed them. Irv worked on inventory and Roger helped Jerry in the library. After lunch Jerry and Phil went to Lowes and bought a truck load of 2x4 wood studs for perimeter wall framing of our new meeting room. Ginger worked in the showcases and hosted in the afternoon.

Saturday, June 17th, was our monthly museum workday and we had the best turnout that we've had in quite a while, with 10 members participating. They included Phil Cross, Jarrod Reynolds, Allen Quinn, Jerry & Ginger Honetor, Phil Piet, Joe Lehmann and I, plus two new members, Laura Kelly and Al Butler.

Allen Quinn and Ginger took care the inside housekeeping chores while Phil Cross cleaned up around the outside, Then Ginger, Phil Piet and Laura worked on the collection, cleaning showcases and polishing silver. Jerry worked in the library, moving more books to their new home with some help from Al Butler. Joe got one printer working wirelessly with our computers which we now use for inventory which is being done in the Roper Building. Allen Quinn, Al Butler, Jarrod Reynolds and I raised new perimeter stud walls in the Roper Building while Phil Cross de-nailed old lumber and kept the mess cleaned up that the rest of us were making.

Wednesday, June 21st, we had a good turnout with 7 members participating who included Al Sharp, Phil Cross, Roger Wilson, Irv Lipscomb, Jerry & Ginger Honetor and I. Al, Phil and I continued installing wood studs in the new meeting room while Jerry and Roger continued moving books to the new library. Irv worked on inventory in the flat files while Ginger cleaned the showcases and worked on the collection. **Con't. on Page 4.**

Upcoming Events

July 8, 2017 — Deland, FL — 60th 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>.

July 10, 2017 — Monthly Meeting of the Central Florida Railway Historical Society at 7:00 PM in the Central Florida Railroad Museum, 101 South Boyd Street.

August 14, 2017 — Monthly Meeting of the Central Florida Railway Historical Society at 7:00 PM in the Central Florida Railroad Museum, 101 South Boyd Street.

August 26, 2017 — Atlanta, GA — 53rd Atlanta Model Train and Railroadiana Show, INFINITE ENERGY CENTER, 6400 Sugarloaf Parkway, Duluth, GA 30093, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Contact: Charles Miller, 386-736-8185, rrshows@aol.com. Website: <http://www.gserr.com>.

September 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.

September 29 & 30 and October 1, 2017 — Tavares, FL — Rifles, Rails & History 2017 (5th Anniversary), Wooten Park, Downtown Tavares.

October 7, 2017 — Deland, FL — 61st Florida Rail Fair, Volusia County Fairgrounds, 3150 East New York Avenue, 9 am – 4 pm. Contact: Charles Miller, 386-736-8185, rrshows@aol.com. Website: <http://www.gserr.com>.

October 9, 2017 — Monthly Meeting of the Central Florida Railway Historical Society at 7:00 PM in the Central Florida Railroad Museum, 101 South Boyd Street.

November 13, 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 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 — 18th 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>.

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Central Florida Railway Historical Society, Inc. Combined Board & Regular Meeting Agenda Central Florida RR Museum June 12, 2017 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order – Jerry Honetor
 - Meeting called to order at 7pm.
 - Board Members present: Jerry Honetor, Irv Lipscomb, David Rhea, Phil Cross, Ken Murdock, Phil Piet, Roger Wilson, and Jarrod Reynolds
2. Meeting Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance – David Rhea
3. Recognition of Visitors – Jerry Honetor
 - New Member: Laura Kelly
 - Members Present: 10
 - 4 visitors present
4. Recognition of Members/Friends Concerns – Jerry Honetor
 - Patricia Atkins is in a serious unfortunate time period.
 - Jarrod Reynolds requests for safe travels for his grandmother at the end of the month.

5. Museum Host Schedule for July 2017 – Irv Lipscomb
 - A few spots were taken by membership for the month of July.
6. Tonight's Program: **RPO Postmarks & Operations** by **Tom Lera**
7. Tonight's Refreshments Provided By: **Mike Ryan**
8. Approval of the May 8, 2017 Combined Board & Regular Meeting Minutes – Jerry Honetor
 - Motion made by Phil Piet, seconded by David Rhea. Motion passed unanimously.
9. May 2017 Treasurer's Report – David Rhea & Roger Wilson
 - David Rhea reported the income and expenses, and reported the Society solvent.
10. Vice President of Membership & Programs Report – Phil Piet
 - Membership Report
 - * Currently 77 Members. 75 members have renewed.
 - * George Sheldon and Bob Woodbury have been unresponsive to appeals for membership renewal. They will be deleted from the membership roster.
 - Field Trips Suggested/Planned for 2017
 - * Gold Coast Railroad Museum in Miami, FL (Suggested).
 - * Trip dates are October 27th-30th. Details will be emailed this month. Tentative commitments must be made by July 9th meeting.
 - * Other Suggestions??
 - Programs & Refreshments Hosts for 2017:
 - * All program slots for 2017 have been filled. We need volunteers for January and March-June of 2018 programs.
 - * Mike Ryan volunteered to provide July refreshments. Refreshments hosts are needed for the first six months of 2018.
11. E-Bay Store Report – Ross Marvin
 - Ross Marvin not at the meeting, Jerry Honetor reports that items are selling.
12. Museum Curator Report – Ken Murdock
 - CFRR Museum Report – **763** visitors during April and **3,875** visitors for 2017 to date. **339** hours donated by the membership during April and **1,486.00** hours donated by the membership for 2017 to date.
 - Library Update: 8 or 9 shelves cleared out of old library
 - Technology Update: No Report
 - Recent Acquisitions & Donations: Oil can full of bug killer from the Rock Island RR estimated 100+ years old
 - Expansion Plans/Status for the Central Florida Railroad Museum: Ken Murdock reports that non-member volunteer Jake Baker came out and helped out in the expansion efforts.
 - Fundraising Efforts to Support the Museum Expansion: Irv Lipscomb presented a proposal of funding for the expansion work in the Roper Building that included various levels, and the commitment form.
 - The Next Museum Work Session: The next work session is scheduled for **June 17th**, beginning at 8:30 AM.
13. CFRHS Facebook Page – Jarrod Reynolds
 - Page View: 11; Page Likes: 1; Reach: 177; Post Engagements: 155; Page Followers: 2
14. Items from the Board of Directors
 - Phil Cross acknowledges Phil Piet's work on the membership list and recommends certain names to be changed/removed from the membership list.
 - Jarrod Reynolds reported that Train 98 struck a semi in Callahan, FL, and the incident shattered the locomotive's windshield.
15. Items from the Membership: None
16. Meeting Adjournment: Motion made by Roger Wilson, seconded by Phil Piet. Meeting Adjourned at 9:00PM



Three compartment cars of the Ringling Bros. Barnum Bailey Circus train were delivered to the South Carolina Railroad Museum (SCRM) on June 20th. An animal car is in Jacksonville, waybilled to Rockton (SCRM), and should be delivered soon.

The Ringling Brothers cars were pulled onto the Museum's mainline during a pretty heavy downpour. Museum staff had a chance to quickly walk through them just to see what they have. Overall they are in good condition and a professional cleaning company cleaned two of the cars--one still needs some work. The cars were used as compartment cars for the performers and workers. The Museum has a 3-compartment car, a 5-compartment car and an 11-compartment car. Almost all of the appliances, bedding, etc. is still on the cars along with assorted other items.

Here's some information on the three RB&BB cars at Rockton: #42021 — Built by Pullman 1950. Became UP car #5440. Bought by Amtrak in 1971. #42007 — Built by Pullman in 1950. Became UP car #5414. Bought by Amtrak in 1971. #40012 — Built by ACF (American Car and Foundry) in 1954. Became UP "Alpine Scene".

Historical note: RB&BB bought two cars from the Seaboard Air Line. They were part of the "Blue Train". Car numbers were: #190 "Pinehurst, and #170 Cedartown.

Editor's Note: The above picture and information was provided by Former Member Frank Brubaker who volunteers at the South Carolina Railroad Museum.

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Museum Report—Continued From Page Two

The last Wednesday of the month, June 28th, I couldn't make it but we had 5 faithful members who did. They included Phil Cross, Jerry & Ginger Honeter, Roger Wilson and Irv Lipscomb. Jerry and Roger continued moving books from the old library to the new library. Irv Lipscomb worked on inventory in the flat files while Ginger took care of the displays as usual. Phil vacuumed the new meeting room and then helped Irv, Jerry and Roger as needed. I worked at home building a much needed four-foot-long library shelf needed to fill out the library.

We wrapped up another very good month with much progress having been made in our effort to construct the Roper Building expansion using our volunteers. Thanks to each of you who came out and volunteered in some way by hosting, doing chores at home or at work sessions. We couldn't do it without your help!

2017 CFRHS Membership Statistics

Society Members	23
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	15
Society Student Members	1
Total Members	77

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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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