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NEXT MEETINGS

7/1, 8/5, 9/2

@ 7:00 PM

at the
Central
Railway
Museum
Annex

FROM THE EDITORS:

Happy June!!!! Barely, but it is still June as I write this issue.

Back in mid May, we were finally able to hold our yearly Train Expo, and boy was it a fun event. 550 adults plus about 165 kids joined us for a great time of trains and treasures. I know the various vendors I talked with over the weekend said they had a great time and really enjoyed themselves.

We have already got everything scheduled for the 2022 show, it will be in February again next year, and I already have the flyer with all the information included later in this issue. Eddy Crowe is working with Sandy of the next show, I guess we finally got that help for Sandy that he has been asking for all these years.

We have some events coming up that we will be involved in, including the 2021 NMRA Southeast Region Convention, The Swamp Rabbit Express, coming up in September in Greenville. The exciting part of the convention is that many of our members are also part of the NMRA and will be hosting tours and operating sessions of their personal layouts. The CRM&HA will be hosting members of the NMRA for a closed tour and operating session here at our museum. If you are interested in this or any other of the upcoming events, the information is posted on page 2, to include links to the event website, if you are viewing the Newsletter on-line.

The Museum is pretty much back to normal now, as we are back to our normal operating schedule and have welcomed visitors back to the Museum. We have enjoyed seeing our regular visitors and welcoming and sharing our passion for railroading with new friends. Our monthly Operating Sessions also are back on, with the next one being July 10th. If you have ever wanted to see all of the layout operate and all the challenges that our layout can present in prototypical style operations, come on by. Information on the Operating Sessions can be found on Page 2.

At our July 1st meeting, Jack Green - Museum Curator, raised some interesting questions for all the members to think about. Check Page 4 for that story.



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↻ SCHEDULE OF EVENTS & SHOWS ↻



Upcoming Events for the Central Railway Museum as well as regional shows and events.

CRM&HA EVENT CALENDAR

Give it a [click!](#)

When the calendar opens click on an event to get more details and click on the arrows at the top left to move to another month.

If you would like to have your event added to our calendar, give us a shout at centralcrossings@crmha.org.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

2021 NMRA SER Convention

The Swamp Rabbit Express! September
9-12, 2021
Greenville Hilton, Greenville, SC

2021 Greer RailFest

September 25, 2021 10am - 2pm
Greer City Park

2021 Central Railroad Festival

October 16th, 2021 from 10am - 3pm.
On Main Street (HWY 93)

OPERATING SESSIONS Second Thursday @ 7PM

July 8th, August 12th, September 9th

The Central Railway Museum holds regular operating sessions on our museum HO layout from 7-9pm(ish) on the second Thursday evening of most months. This is when we use our unique "scenario card" system to assemble and run trains around the layout, setting out or picking up loads at industries, clearing the main for a crack passenger train to roll by, etc. etc. So if you're interested in realistic railroad operations, or if you just want to learn how to run trains on the museum layout, you're encouraged to attend these sessions. No experience is necessary; rookie engineers are routinely paired with experienced ones.

MUSEUM OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Thursdays - Work Day
9am(ish) - ??
(lunch in there at some point)

Saturdays - Train Operations
9am to 2 pm
The cost is always FREE!!

Save the Date!

Central Railway Museum's



Model Train Expo 2022

Fri – Feb 18th 12:00 – 6:00 pm

Sat – Feb 19th 9:00 – 3:00 pm

Rock Springs Church – Impact Center

207 Rock Springs Road

Easley, South Carolina 29642

Admission \$8.00 Adults

Under 10 **Free** with adult

Admission good both days

Operating Model Railroads

KidZone with Thomas & Brio

160+ Dealer Tables



COMPLETE INFO AT: WWW.CRMHA.ORG

Contact Eddy Crowe – (334) 435-2220 elcrowe53@gmail.com

Or Sandy Eustis – (513) 325-8850 seustis13@gmail.com

From the Museum:

Jack posed some very good questions at our July 1st Business Meeting, questions that many Museums are posed with at some point or another.

"Where do we see ourselves as a Museum in a year / two years / five years / ten years?" "What should we be focused on within the Museum?" "What can we do different / better to meet our goals?"

Now, I think that those are great things to think and hopefully come up with some actionable ideas, but I also think that we need to look at those same questions, but in the view of the Association. I think we would be looking at some different answers between the two entities.

The first thing I think we need to work on better within the Association is attracting new members. Let's face it, without new members being exposed to the enjoyment (and stress sometimes) of Model Railroading, none of the other questions will matter.

But, Jack raised these questions in the hopes that we can better define our role within the community and the railroad world.

If you have any thoughts or comments, you can email Jack directly or send them to centralcrossings@crmha.org and I will get them to him.

Earlier in June, we were contacted by Dr. Richard Saunders of Clemson regarding a donation of Lionel and Marx O Scale items, as well as photos and other memorabilia.

He said it was a sizable collection, but we were sure surprised when he brought us a pick-up truck bed full of goodies for us.

Jim Alexander took this photo of Dr. Saunders and most of the donation (the rest continued down the wall) when he brought it to us.

Thank you so much to Dr. Saunders for thinking of the CRM&HA and making this donation to us.



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If you are interested in donating to the CRM&HA, you can either mail a donation to Central Railway Model & Historical Association, P.O. Box 128, Central, South Carolina 29630 or email us by using our contact us form.

CLOSING THOUGHTS...

Well, here we are on July 4th finishing the newsletter. Happy birthday to America! We at the CRM&HA hope that you have a safe and happy holiday.

We have some great upcoming events that we are participating in, and we hope that you can join us in the fun. Life is slowly getting back to normal, train shows and other get togethers are happening, football is coming to a college town near you, and the temps are through the roof... Normal July. Enjoy the AC, work on some trains, enjoy time with family and friends.

Until next time, be healthy and keep running those trains,

Wayne & Joanne

