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**NEXT  
MEETINGS**

1/6, 2/3, 3/3  
@ 7:00 PM

at the  
Central  
Railway  
Museum  
Annex

**FROM THE EDITORS:**

T'was the day before Christmas, and here I sit putting together a Newsletter... Sounds like the beginning of a great story.

Yep, tomorrow is Christmas, and next week at this time, we will be ringing in the New Year. The end of the year is always a time to reflect back at the memories and plan ahead for the future. 2021 has been a tough year, but 2022 is going to be better - I hope.

Things I reflect upon - a great Train Expo - in May this year, but it was great, the members of the Club continuing or completing several major projects, reopening the Museum to our friends after a long period of being closed due to CoVid-19, the Central Railroad Fest and all of us getting a better grasp of new (to us) technologies.

Sadly, we had a couple long time members pass away in the fall, but we were blessed by their friendship and inspiration. Over the years they created a legacy within the Museum and community that will last for years. We have had several new members join us and jump into the deep end of the pool getting involved. We will get to know them as time goes on, both around the Museum and here as well.

We already have plans in motion for the 2022 Model Train Expo, which you can find all the information about it on Page 3.

With the new year starting up, we have some changes within our Board of Directors and our Officers. After many years of service in various positions, Dan Marett has finally retired again. Tom Langdale has been nominated for and elected President of the Association by the membership. We will learn a bit more about Tom on Page 4.



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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](mailto:centralcrossings@crmha.org).

### PROGRAM SCHEDULE

#### OPERATING SESSIONS Second Thursday @ 7PM

January 13th, February 10th

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 18<sup>th</sup> 12:00 – 6:00 pm**

**Sat – Feb 19<sup>th</sup> 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**



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From the President: Tom Langdale

I would like to start this off by giving you a brief introduction of myself. After serving in the U.S. Air Force active duty, Air Force Reserves and Air National Guard, I retired with 21 years total service. I worked in the Bank physical and electronic security industry until I retired from the civilian sector at age 65. Since then my wife Kim and I moved to the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains and I became a member of the Central Railway Model & Historical Association. My full time job is now model railroading . I started model railroading somewhere in the neighborhood of 1969. I have built ten or eleven layouts over the years using many different methods and techniques. Each one had its challenges and failures. You would think I would learn what not to do when I start a new layout. Oh well, that's Model Railroading. I'm a member of the National Model Railroad Association ( NMRA ) and the Norfolk Western Historical Association. Now for the important stuff.



The future of the Central Railway Museum & Historical Society requires that we have a committed group of officers in leadership positions. We have had such officers in the past that have gotten us to where we are today. To those members, I say thank you for all you have done. With the new and existing officers, I feel confident we can keep the CRMHA in a forward moving direction in the future and will rely on the guidance of the former officers of the CRMHA . It is also important that there be new participants in this process to ensure fresh ideas, as well as relief for those currently serving on different committees .

As members we all share one thing in common, our love of trains and sharing them with others. It's who we are! People come from far and wide to visit the museum and enjoy the awesome train layouts and the rich history trains have played in our everyday lives. It's your hard work, creativeness, and passion that has built and shaped the museum into to what it is today! The future and continued success of CRMHA is dependent on it members being involved in all aspects of its operations.

Let's All Get Involved!

Currently we have 70 plus members in the CMRHA with less than 15 members carrying the load to make it work. We need you! Have you considered taking on the leadership of a committee or participating on a committee but have questions, just don't know where to start, or not sure how much time you can contribute? We can answer your questions and help you jump in and join the fun! We are currently working on a list of committees so you can see what's out there and hopefully find several that you would like to participate in.

## **CLOSING THOUGHTS...**

As 2021 comes to a close, we at the CRM&HA want to wish you all a the Happiest of Holidays and a wonderful 2022.

We are working to set up several new programs for new and experienced railroaders, one clinic will be a how to on installing and programming DCC decoders. Look for information on this and other classes on our Facebook Page.

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

Wayne & Joanne