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**Belton, SC, April 19, 2008**

**Photo: Bruce Gathman**

The Greenville & Western Railway hosted the Greenville Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society's annual picnic. Their GP9 No. 3751 was built for the Baltimore & Ohio in 1957 as their No. 6513. It was later owned by the Port Terminal Railroad and the East Cooper & Berkeley Railroad, both as 6513 before purchase by the G&W in 2007. The G&W connects CSX in Pelzer to the Pickens Railroad in Belton, a distance of 12.74 miles over the former Piedmont & Northern.

**PICTURE THIS:**  
**COVER PHOTO OF THE MONTH**

By Rob Seel

Thanks to Bruce Gathman for sending in this month's front page photo. Many of you know that I did some (unsolicited and thereby complimentary) design work for the G&W before they settled on the above paint scheme. Maybe as they grow and prosper they'll consider some other ideas. But in the mean time it's really neat to live in an area where two major Class I carriers meet up with a handful of smaller Class IIIs. Go out there and send in some photos – maybe you'll win the monthly front page contest! Going out railfanning or taking a tourist trip? Steam trains take priority here, so get snapping. As for Bruce's photo, this GP9 is the G&W's only locomotive so far, but they also expect to have a second unit on the property soon, also from the EC&BR. G&W President Steven Hawkins describes the 3751's number as a melding of his age when he bought the GP9, his wife's year of birth, and his son's age at the time of the GP9's purchase. Look for the 3752 coming along some time soon 

**Next Meeting:**  
**March 5, 2009**  
**7:15 PM**

**CRM&HA 2009**  
**Train Show**  
**Easley, SC**  
**Feb 28 – Mar 1**



# APPROACHING HEADLIGHTS



SERVES THE UPSTATE

Upcoming Events for the  
**Central Railway Model & Historical Association**  
For other shows and events, please see the list at the end  
of the newsletter.

## MEETING MINUTES

By **Brian d'Entremont, Stationmaster**

February 28 – March 1, 2009  
**ANNUAL CENTRAL TRAIN SHOW**  
Bagwell Gymnasium, Easley, SC

May 15 – 16, 2009 (Note Date Correction)  
**CENTRAL RAILROAD DAYS FESTIVAL**  
Central, SC

**5 January 2009 Regular Meeting**  
**Central Railway Museum**

CEO Jim Reece called the meeting to order at 7:15PM. New members Harry Kelly and Frank James were introduced. Paymaster, Bob Folsom provided a treasurer's reported indicating \$1200 in currently outstanding checks. Anticipated expenditures include \$1600 for advertising, \$1000 for rent for the Bagwell Gymnasium, \$960 for table rental, and \$700 in change for the show. Mr. Folsom asked that those working on the train museum get prior authorization for any purchases.

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## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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March 5 Jim Reese / Rob Seel Clinics  
**Branching Out: Trees / Both Sides Now: Clouds**

April 2 Ron Keith & Cast of Dozens  
**Central Festival & Museum Opening**

May 7 Sandy Eustis presents  
**Scenery Clinic: Baby Poop Mud Sling**

June 4 Dale Reynolds w/ Bob Folsom  
**Railfanning the N&W and Clinchfield**

July 2 *Open*  
**Plenty of space for you!**

August 6 *Still Open*

September **Annual Picnic**  
Hosted by Dale Reynolds

October 1 *Open*

November 5 *Open*

December 3 **Christmas Dinner**  
Hosted by Bob Folsom

### Insurance

Glenn Nasworthy reported that adding business personal property insurance to our current liability plan would cost \$637 per year on top of the \$379 per year that we currently pay for liability coverage. This includes \$15000 worth of coverage with a \$500 deductible. Raising the deductible to \$1000 lowers the premium to \$605 per year. Either of these policies includes a rider for the portable layout, valued at \$5000. Richard Nichols asked if the policy included vandalism and if there was a discount for the alarm system. Mr. Nasworthy indicated that the insurer was aware of the alarm; the vandalism question was not answered definitively. In response to questions about the value of the building's content, Mr. Nasworthy said that the Heritage Insurance recommended taking pictures of the content of the building.

There was continued discussion of getting 100% NMRA membership to obtain coverage from their insurance, but at \$36 per person per year, the total bill for NMRA membership (about \$1152) would exceed the cost of the total package from our insurer (\$1016) and would provide us with only liability coverage. Mr. Nasworthy said that he thought that property insurance was available through NMRA at additional expense. At Bruce Gathman's suggestion, a poll was taken of the present members revealing that 6 out of 20 had current NMRA

membership. Mr. Nasworthy read some additional information about the limitations of NRMA liability coverage. Possibilities of contacting insurers that advertise layout insurance in the modeling magazines or the city's insurer were also proposed.

Mr. Folsom checked and found that our current insurance was due for renewal in July. Mr. Reece proposed that a committed study the matter. Mr. Nasworthy put forth a motion to purchase liability coverage from the current time through July from Heritage Insurance, while using the time until then to study the issue further. Mr. Gathman seconded the motion and it passed without opposition.

### **Central Railway Festival**

Ron Keith reported the arrangements for the Central Railway Festival, a joint venture with the Central Area Business Council and Clemson Area Chamber of Commerce. The festival now has about a \$10,000 budget. A lot of ideas, such as getting an NS unit on display, have been brought up, but Mr. Keith thought that many may be too late for implementation this year. SC DOT has approved blocking Hwy 93 from Watkins St. to Church St. on Friday night, allowing traffic to divert to Werner St. On Saturday, Hwy 93 will be blocked on a larger section from Bank St. to Pepper St. An ADA waiver has been obtained for the caboose and the city has agreed to make the exterior modifications to the museum to make it ADA compliant.

We will have a small train show in a main street building as part of the festival, including the portable layout, Thomas activities, and limited dealer space in the basement and second floor of the building. Hours will be 6-10PM on Friday and 9AM-3PM on Saturday. Dale Reynolds expressed concern regarding drunken people in the museum and having to keep the layout running on Friday night.

Mr. Keith indicated that we are responsible for staffing the caboose with a docent, but that other activities outside the museum and train show would be the responsibility of other entities. The fire department will bring a truck. The committee is working on a clown and a "hobo" comedian. It is planned to rent a train ride from Greenville for the weekend for \$500 to run in the parking lot. Pancho's, Villa Novella, and Mainstreet Deli plan to sell food. Others will sell beer and wine. Mr. Reece suggested that Mac McMillin bring a motorcar for display.

### **501.c3 Status.**

Former treasurer Howard Garner said that the IRS has requested more information on our application for 501.c3 status. First of all, the IRS needs approval from the club to continue working with him since he is no longer treasurer. Mr. Keith made and Mr. Gathman seconded a motion to grant Howard Garner authority to continue representing the club in dealing with the IRS. This motion was passed unanimously. The specific questions from the IRS regarded the nature of the merger with the "Inc." organization, a topic on which they requested more documentation. They also need some form of assurance that all donations from CRM&HA will be to 501.c3 organizations. Mr. d'Entremont asked if this would preclude paying other clubs for services, such as bringing a layout to a show, and Mr. Garner replied that he thought this would still remain acceptable.

### **Portable Layout**

Jim McInnis reported that Rob Seel's work on the backdrops had been outstanding and that the inside and outside of the layout framework had been repainted. There is now a logging line in the corner of the layout where Mt. Moriarty used to be and a 5 track staging yard on the inside of the loop. Buildings of different types have been recently added and a system for transporting and storing the layout has been arranged. The layout will be trailered after the show and stored in Mr. Nasworthy's motorhome barn. There was discussion as to painting a logo or lettering on the trailer. However, nobody had prepared a proposal. Mr. d'Entremont suggested tabling this issue until after the train show and festival.

### **Central Railway Museum**

Material costs of \$456 for building renovations were reported to the city this month. The city has responded to our request for a phone line, saying that they are not interested in paying for this service. The locks have been changed on the exterior doors and new ones installed on doors between the exhibit spaces and the meeting room and kitchen. Club members will need to come in the front door and will have keys to this and the interior doors. Their alarm codes will deactivate the entire system from the pad at the front door. Representatives of the city will be given keys to the back door and alarm codes for only the meeting room and kitchen.

Mr. Folsom said that the kitchen and bathroom renovations were moving along. Fiberglass-backed vinyl flooring will cost \$1254, installed, which is reimbursable by the city. A motion to have this floor installed passed unanimously. We need to work in the storage area, install cabinets in the kitchen, and have an additional

electrical circuit to run. There was continued discussion of blocking the windows or reinforcing them with polycarbonate. We need more information about the weathering and price of this material and also need to consider how to mount is appropriately before we can proceed with a decision on this.

Mac McMillin reported that the American Flyer loop in the Heritage room is running and that the Lionel O-gauge is getting set up. We will also have a loop of standard gauge, running a train acquired by Dennis Moriarty during WWII. This train has been estimated to been manufactured in 1931 or 1932.

In lieu of a program, there was a detailed discussion of logistics for the train show. Notable developments include Bruce Gathman indicating 5-6 people would bring live steam to operate for most of the show and Steve Zonay reporting that 112 tables had already been sold, compared to 74 total last year. There was brief discussion of donation acceptance policy. Mac McMillin said that the club should not accept any donations with conditions attached. Mr. Gathman concurred and said that this was "standard museum policy". There was no opposition to these suggestions, but neither was a formal policy made. 🚂

**CRM&HA  
ORDER BOARD**

**KEEP THINKING!**

1. HOW DO WE WANT TO ORGANIZE THE SUPPLY ROOM?
2. HOW DO WE WANT TO KEEP TRACK OF TOOLS?
3. WHAT ARE THE PLANS FOR THE GARDEN LAYOUT?
4. WHAT ARE OUR LANDSCAPING NEEDS BEFORE THE FESTIVAL?
5. WHAT SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE GRAND OPENING?



No news can be good news. I really do not have anything to write about. There is nothing to remind members about or to fuss about. Things in the world of CRM&HA, Inc. are going well.

The February Train Show is this coming weekend. Thanks to the outstanding job Bruce Gathman has done to plan and organize member activities, we are ready to have the best show yet.

The museum remodeling is just about a rap. The kitchen cabinets are in and the new kitchen and bathroom floor is in place. The city plumber needs to do his work and members need to do some final trim and paint touch-up. Remodeling should be complete by the end of March.

The Heritage group has made so much progress the sound of running trains has already filled the museum. The HO layout is now well underway. Both are on schedule to have an impressive showing for the Central Railroad Festival in May.

Speaking of the festival, we are on track. We will have a grand opening and the museum will be opened to the public. We will have the portable layout, vendors and Thomas the Tank Engine in a storefront on Main Street. And Mac McMillin will station his motor car next the caboose and explain to the public the role these two pieces of equipment played on the railroad.

There have been times when I have, and probably some of you have felt like the club was taking on to much. The group of people that make up the membership of CRM&HA have proven that wrong. Members have always been ready to step up and take a leadership role or show up consistently for work sessions. With the older members getting things started and the new member supplying new ideas and energy the past years have been a real success. THANKS TO ALL. 🚂



## TREASURY REPORT

by Bob Folsom

### DESCRIPTION BALANCE

Balance as of 2/2/09 \$9900

Liabilities due before the train show:

Outstanding checks  
\$1275 approx. \$8625

Show expenses:

Venue - \$1000 \$7625

Advertising - \$1600 \$6025

Table Rental - \$960 \$5065

Change for show - \$1630 \$3435

Kitchen floor - \$1200 \$2235

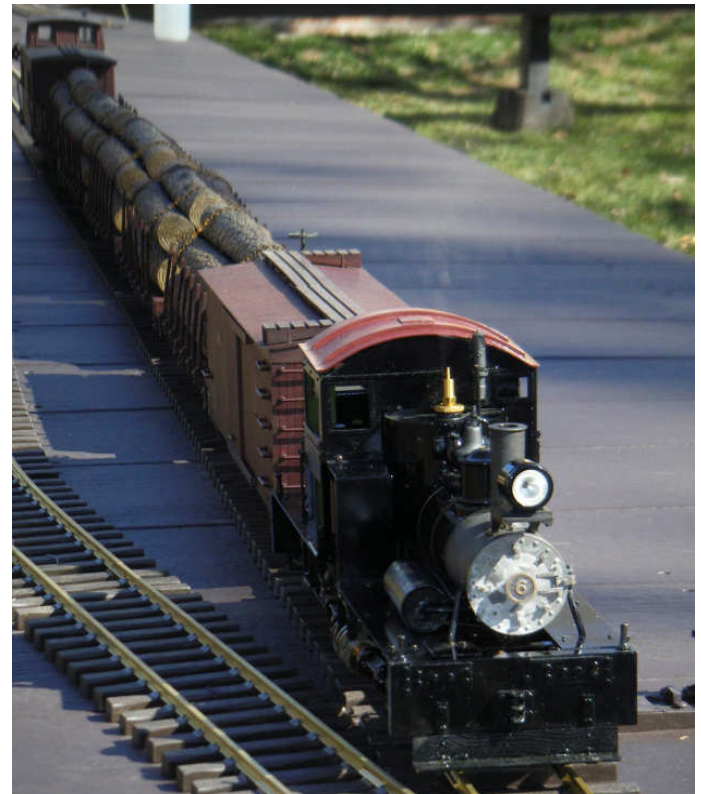
*Just a reminder – do not make any purchases for the museum or club without authorization from the treasurer! We can handle some small items if we need them for the HO modular layout, but again check with the treasurer.*

*Thanks!*



Dennis sent in a website link to Canon, the camera / digital company. They have paper models you can download and build, including this GG1. Check it out!

<http://cp.c-ij.com/en/contents/2027/gg1/index.html>



The Eldorado Timber & Mining Company's live steam Shay locomotive made its first run on the company's new route in Easley, SC last month. The locomotive is a working replica of Michigan California Lumber Co. #2, built in 1898. The No. 2 is the oldest Shay still in existence, and is on display in California.

Photo by ET&MC President, Bruce Gathman

# The Circus Comes to Greenville

Photos by Rob Seel, February 4, 2009

*\*Photo of animal cars taken on Norfolk Southern property by NS permission*



The Red Unit of the Ringling Brothers, Barnum & Bailey Circus visited Greenville, SC in early February. The Red and Blue units travel in trains consisting of no less than twenty passenger and animal cars and twenty 80' flat cars with wagons and trailers. The trains usually arrive in West Greenville two nights before opening day. The whole thing is amazingly pulled by a pair of SD60Ms. This train was pulled by NS 6794, still in Conrail blue, and 6766. The animal cars are positioned at the Station off Washington Street, while most of the train is parked at the unused intermodal facility, as seen from the Queen Street overpass.

## Branching Out / Both Sides Now Scenery Clinic Next Month!

Craft Store Trees and Painting Clouds with Jim Reece & Rob Seel



## More on the Great Seneca Caboose Mystery!

By Ralph Watson

Found out some more about the 3 cabooses, on Return Church Road:

The owner is a Mr. Scott Morehead, who lives in Charleston SC. He is a Corvair collector, has "over a hundred of them", and is Vice President of CORSA - the Corvair fan club. He purchased the three cars from two ladies who had converted one into an efficiency apartment, and another into a bedroom with dry wall and carpet and such. The L&N is still in somewhat original condition. It has roller bearing trucks and is generator equipped. There are still some railroad work forms and equipment inside. It is for sale, on Craig's List. At one point a historian researching the L&N RR was interested in this particular caboose. He brought them here two years ago and is searching for a diner car to turn the whole thing into a BBQ restaurant. [I told him about a friend of mine in Florida who did the exact same thing. He also used the depot as an ice cream parlor.] The moving and set up was handled by a gentleman named Rocky Holyfield (sp?) from North Carolina who is accumulating cars and memorabilia for a train museum location unsure, maybe Dillsboro or Bryson city?. Mr. Morehead's father lives near where the cabooses are parked and is a renown BBQ master, winning national contests and doing catering, etc. A very cordial fellow, I gave him a quick rundown on the CRM&HA activities both this weekend and in May.



# Portable HO Layout Ready to Roll for Train Show!

Photos by Rob Seel



After ten years of venerable service, the Portable Show layout has been remarkably renovated over the past few months. The layout features a new logging operation and an internal 5-track staging yard. Plus, new wiring, folding legs, backboards, sidings, warehouse and yard buildings, weathering, clouds and trees. Buildings and scenery are now permanently fixed and permanent lighting is being wired. It looks AWESOME! There's still more to do, so come out! Thanks to Bob Folsom, Jim McInnis, Sandy Eustis, Glenn Nasworthy, Jim Reece, Rob Seel, & Bruce Gathman!





# Central Railway Model and Historical Association, Inc.

## Grand Opening and Dedication

**Dedication  
1:00 p.m.  
Saturday**

Newly remodeled historic house  
and layout under construction at  
108 Werner Street  
Central, South Carolina 29630

**Friday May 15th 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.  
Saturday May 16th 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Other railroad activities include historic displays, dealer tables, operating model railroads, and free **Thomas the Tank** activities for the children. Other events taking place in historic downtown Central both days. For more complete festival info go to [www.CentralRRFestival.com](http://www.CentralRRFestival.com)



**Model train info at: [www.crmha.org](http://www.crmha.org)**

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**March 14-15, 2009**

**ATLANTA (MARIETTA), GEORGIA  
The Piedmont Division NMRA  
Model Train Show**

**Cobb County Civic Center**  
548 South Marietta Pkwy  
Marietta, Southeast, GA 30060

Saturday 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM,  
Sunday 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

\$8.00 per person (both days), kids under 12 free

Over 200 vendor tables, operating layouts, kids layout, a complete fully operational layout will be raffled. Model contest and door prizes. [www.themodeltrainshow.com](http://www.themodeltrainshow.com).

**Saturday, March 14, 2009**

**GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA  
Carolina Model Railroaders  
Train Show and Swap Meet**

**Southern Railway Depot**  
Corner Of Washington & Church Sts.  
Greensboro, NC 27401

10:00 am to 3:00 pm  
\$5.00 for adults, under 12 Free

Model Railroad, Operating Exhibit, Swap Meet. The Club's large "HO" layout (under construction) & "N" scale will be operating.

**March 28-29, 2009**

**WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA  
The Great Train Expo**

**Dixie Classic Fair**  
421 W. 27th Street  
Winston-Salem, NC 27101

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
\$7.00 for adults, Kids under 12 are FREE

Model Railroad, Operating Exhibit, Toy Train /  
Collectibles, Workshops and Clinics  
[www.GreatTrainExpo.com](http://www.GreatTrainExpo.com)

**April 4-5, 2009**

**ATLANTA (NORCROSS), GEORGIA  
The Great Train Expo**

**North Atlanta Trade Center**  
1700 Jeurgens Court  
Norcross, GA

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
\$7.00 for adults, Kids under 12 are FREE

Model Railroad, Operating Exhibit, Toy Train /  
Collectibles, Workshops and Clinics  
[www.GreatTrainExpo.com](http://www.GreatTrainExpo.com)

**May 2, 2009**

**COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA  
Toy & Model Train Show**

**SC State Fairgrounds / Ruff Building**  
1200 Rosewood Drive  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

9:30 AM - 3:30 PM  
\$5.00, 12 & under free

All types of model trains and toys with Vendors from  
about 10 states  
[www.knightshows.com](http://www.knightshows.com)



