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Next
Meeting
Oct 1, 2015

7:10 PM

at the
Central
Railway
Museum

Howard: return fare

Photos and report by Howard Garner

Editor's preface: The following is from Howard's notes and photos he shared via email.

Howard reported in on September 5 from Weed, CA, and shared a few interesting items with us, including a Herzog tie machine. He entered 4 models in the competitions at the NRMA convention, winning 4 Honorable Mentions.



Howard: Return Fare



Top: Willamette & Pacific car #74001 marked for Oregon State University.

Middle: Herzog tie maintenance train

Bottom: Central Oregon & Pacific Railroad's GP38, #3825



Approach Signal s

Upcoming Events for the

Central Railway Model & Historical Association

as well as regional shows and events worth mentioning

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

MUSEUM OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
 Every Saturday of the Month
 9am to 2 pm

OPERATING SESSIONS
 Second Thursdays (usual l y) 7PM

October 8, 2015
 November 12, 2015

The CRM&HA has begun regular operating sessions on the Thursday preceding our Museum's open house each month. Club members interested in learning how to operate the layout and gain their certification in order to be able to run trains on the museum layout are encouraged to attend these sessions.

If you have locomotives equipped with DCC decoders and/or you have a Digitrax handheld throttle, please bring them. This way, we can be assured of having enough equipment to run.

> SCHEDULED EVENTS & SHOWS §

October 9-10, 2015
Fletcher, NC – French Broad e’N’pire Model Railroad Club Autumn Rails 2015
 Western North Carolina Agricultural Center,
 1301 Bolston Hwy (NC 280), Gate 5
 Friday: 12pm – 7pm, Saturday: 10am – 4pm
 Tickets: \$6, Children under 12 & Scouts uniform, free

October 10, 2015
Greenville, SC – Train Day
 Greenville County Library
 Saturday: 10am – 4pm
 Admission: Free
<http://www.crmha.org/>

October 24, 2015
Conyers, GA, -- Last Public Run Day for North Georgia Live Steamers
 Conyers & Hightower Trail Railroad
 1632 Centennial Olympic Parkway
 Saturday: 1pm-4:30pm
 Admission: \$2 per person per ride
<http://www.northgeorgialivesteamers.org>

October 31, 2015
Spencer, NC-Asheville, NC – The Blue Ridge Autumn Special
 Historic Spencer Shops
 Saturday: 7am departs Spencer
<http://www.nctrans.org/Events.aspx>

October 31, 2015
Bryson City, NC – The Masquerade Train
 Great Smoky Mountains Railroad
 Saturday: 8pm
 Tickets: \$99 + tax & gratuity
<http://www.gsmr.com/events/halloween-masquerade-train>

November 1, 2015
Spencer, NC-Charlottesville, VA – The Virginia Autumn Special
 Historic Spencer Shops
 Saturday: 7am departs Spencer

Sage's Pages

Photo by Sage Viehe

I recently was at the Saco, Maine Amtrak transportation center, and photographed an unmarked and neglected, deteriorating Shay. Built by the Lima Locomotive & Machine Co. circa in 1904. It was in use by the Bog River Mill 1905 (numbered 6) Horseshoe NY, then the Porterwood Lumber Co. 1920 (numbered 2 in Porterwood WV), then the Intermountain Coal & Lumber Co 1923 (numbered 2), probably retired in 1970 by Frank Baese at Jamestown, TN. Sold to Locomotive Marketing Inc. Birmingham, AL, 1984. Eventually owned by Ralph Day, Biddeford Station, Inc. Biddeford ME 1984 then by Will Harris, North Fork Lumber Co, 2002 (North Fork & Western RR Inc. (still with the number 2) In 2014 a move was planned from the Biddeford location to Goshen VA to North Fork Lumber Co on Rt 39 in Goshen VA for restoration. This Shay is one of approximately 114 on the Shay Survivor List (Wikipedia)





Central Railway Model & Historical Association Regular Meeting Minutes

By Ralph Watson
September 3, 2015

Called to Order at 7:10 pm by President Dan Marett. 7 Members and former member Pete Delarma were in attendance.

Dan remarked that much progress is being made on the scenery on the Museum layout and the infrastructure at Function Junction. The portable layout is scheduled for a trip to the Greenville Library on October 10th.

Sandy Eustis is developing an orientation package for members old and new with emphasis on the history of CRMHA, and layout operations guidelines.

Treasurer-Jim Alexander

Bank balance is +/- \$10,300.

Stationmaster-Ralph Watson

Tuesday was the first session of the 2015-16 Newcomers Club. We chatted with some of the over 220 attendees. This is an excellent way to recruit new members.

Fran Hanson sent a note thanking Mac and myself for attending Bobby's memorial service.

A supply of lumber has been delivered to me and it will be transformed into display shelves for the Lionel Room.

1st Vice President—Joe Fitzpatrick

The storage area at the Fire Department has been decluttered. A donation of training signals smudge pots and cross bucks has come from a retired signal maintainer. He also noted our ongoing work on the mast signal.

Portable Layout—Dan Marett

The bathroom floor at Function Junction needs shoring up. Anyone with a large hydraulic jack please give us a 'lift'.

Rolling Stock---Jim McInnis

Two new box cars have been added and some chemical tankers. Will need more \$ to continue updating decoders that are worn out.

American Flyer - Sage Viehe

Track side accessories have been rearranged to be more visible, and everything STILL works.

Lionel Layout—Mac McMillin

The magne-traction display layout will be repaired to best possible condition and offered for sale. The proceeds will be shared with Ron Keith's widow. An icing station accessory and reefer car were demonstrated.

Interior Construction ---Jim Alexander

Bathroom renovations continue at Function Junction with a plumber assisting in resetting the toilet and a sink after the floor is leveled. The door needs multiple coats of old paint to be removed. Wallpaper is down and paint is going up.

Track Work—Bob Folsom

A lot of fine tuning and maintenance is needed. Continue to submit bad order tickets for derails and dead track

Scenery—Jim Reece

The fascia in the ball field area has been painted. See if you can find the new shade tree mechanic scene. The open tunnel in the Heritage room now has a Plexiglas cover.

OLD BUSINESS

The G scale equipment will be installed around the top of the meeting room walls. A project leader and crew are needed.

NEW BUSINESS

Ed Welch is on the Central Railroad Festival Day board and asked for CRMHA to be present at planning meetings.

Locomotive 'James' from the Thomas set has died and will be replaced.

A shelf for displaying G scale equipment has been set up at Function Junction.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

I just read where a group of teenagers were playing a game of volleyball on the beach, when one of them noticed an overturned boat in the water near by. Immediately, the group saw that there were people trapped, so off to the rescue they all went. Underneath the boat hull were several professional boat operators trying, with all their might to turn the boat upright, but to no avail. As the teenagers joined their efforts, together they were successful in turning the boat over.

What happened that day in the waters of the Caribbean reminds me of what we can, and do see happening here with our many model train projects. At first, when a person looks at the several layouts in our museum, they are stunned with all the work that has been done, but then after they are told what our plans are for the future, they just shake their heads. That's when our minds should reflect on the story above, because with all of us doing our part, our future projects can be accomplished.

The Bible portrays that same scenario in Acts 6 where the church seemed to have reached a plateau until six men were elected to help with the leadership, and then the church really began to grow. We are blessed with exceptional leadership in our group, but we can still do our part to help to make our group a real community asset. Why not thank one of our leaders today?

Chaplain Fred

Howard: Return Fare – continued

Sept 7, sending from Cedar City, Utah.

The California Rail road Museum in Sacramento is well worth stopping by.

In Carson City, UT you have two railroad related items. The Utah State RR Museum has all the V&T locomotives displayed under cover and fully restored. Some of them are operational. They have a very nice McKeen motor car that is running. Also located in Carson City (and Virginia City) is the V&T Railroad. They run from just outside Carson City to Virginia City and return on their long run. I rode behind McCloud River 2-8-2. With a 3 hour layover in Virginia City, you have plenty of time for lunch, etc. They also run a short trip out of Virginia City behind a 2-8-0. Both were under steam on Saturday.

Drove the Loneliest Highway on Sunday, then rode behind Nevada Northern 4-6-0 in Ely. They have a 2-8-0 serviceable and two other steamers. All the shop equipment, buildings, etc are just as the railroad shut down. Most of the shops and buildings were built in 1906/7.



Howard: Return Fare – Last Milepost

Sept 26, Home at last!

Here are a few shots taken in Texas. The Texas Western building is a club in Fort Worth.

Another shows all the "stuff" that I bought on this trip. Should keep me busy for a while. For the CRMHA I found a UR-92 at a good price. This one will go to the modular layout. We then can run duplex at both locations.



Around the Layout

Photos by David Mead and Jim Alexander



Left: David Mead snapped a great shot of the engine facility and industries at the Seneca Yard.

Below: Jim Alexander captured Jim Reece's baseball field and the newly painted fascia for the upper and lower decks of the layout. Plexiglas now protects the tunnel.

