



# CENTRAL CROSSINGS

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**NEXT  
MEETING  
Nov 5, 2015**

**7:10 PM**

**AT THE  
CENTRAL  
RAILWAY  
MUSEUM**

## 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY STEAM

Photos by Ed Painter, Jr.



Ed Painter has a lot of opportunities to catch trains rolling through Cohutta, Georgia. Ed got some great shots of Southern Railway's 2-8-2 Mikado #4501 as it rolled through on its way to Macon for one of Norfolk Southern's 21<sup>st</sup> Century Steam program autumn excursions.

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# TRAINS DAY

Photos by Jim Alexander



Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, the CRMHA set up our portable layout and the Thomas the Tank Engine at the Greenville County Library. We had 159 visitors pass through to enjoy the trains running. Several children attending other library programs stopped by afterwards to and got to try their hands at running the Thomas layout.

The latest system for dismantling and packing the portable layout worked very well—and in record time!





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 &  
THIRD TUESDAYS 7PM

**NOVEMBER 12, 2015  
NOVEMBER 17, 2015  
DECEMBER 10, 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

**SCHEDULED EVENTS & SHOWS**

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

November 7-8, 2015  
**North Charleston, SC – Charleston Area Model Railroad Club's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Train Show**  
Danny Jones Armory and Gymnasium,  
5000 Lackawana Blvd.  
Saturday: 9am – 5pm  
Sunday: 10am – 4pm  
Admission: \$5 each day, \$7 weekend  
<http://www.chamrc.com/>

November 7-8, 2015  
**Raleigh, NC – 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Model Train & Railroadiana Show & Sale**  
Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club  
Jim Graham Building, State Fairgrounds @  
corner of Blue Ridge Rd & Hillsborough St.  
Saturday & Sunday: 9am – 5pm  
Admission: not listed  
<http://www.nrvclub.net/>

November 14-15, 2015  
**Myrtle Beach, SC – Grand Strand Model Railroad Club Model Railroad Show & Sale**  
Lakewood Conference Center, 5873 South Kings Highway  
Saturday: 10am – 5pm  
Sunday: 10am – 4pm  
Admission: \$5, Children under 12 free  
<http://www.gsmrrc.org/>

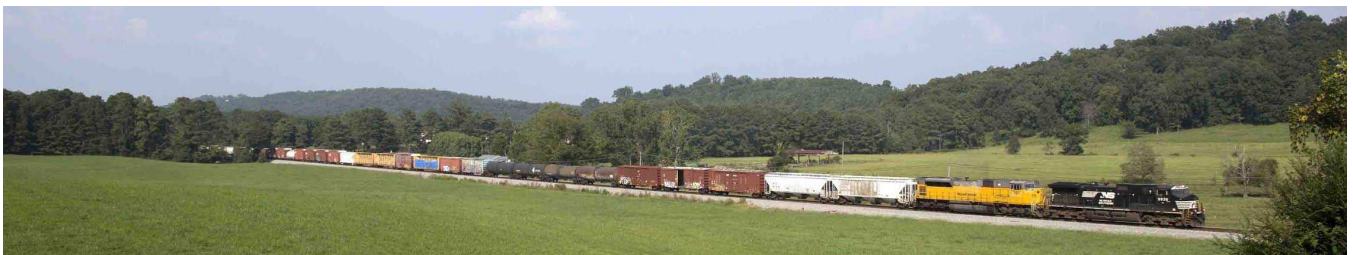
November 21-22, 2015  
**Atlanta, GA – Greenburg's Train & Toy Show**  
Cobb Galleria Centre, 2 Galleria Parkway  
Saturday & Sunday: 10am – 4pm  
Admission: \$7, Children 11 and under, free  
<http://trainshow.com/atlanta/>

# RAILFANNING IN COHUTTA, GA

Photos by Ed Painter, Jr



Cohutta, GA is in the northwest corner of Georgia. The town emerged as a stop on the railroad from Cleveland, Tennessee to Dalton, Georgia, and served as the center for the surrounding farming areas. According to local lore, the town was originally known as *Shakerag* from the rag would-be passengers would wave to stop trains passing through. *Source: Wikipedia.org*



# WHAT ED REALLY DOES ON FISHING TRIPS

Photos by Ed Painter, Jr





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## Central Railway Model & Historical Association Regular Meeting Minutes

By Ralph Watson  
October 3, 2015

Called to Order at 7:10 pm by  
President Dan Marett.

14 members attended. A prayer was offered for healing for Fred Rimer who needs additional surgery. Deb Thompson was back with us.

### Treasurer—Jim Alexander

Bank balance is +/- \$9477, Rolling stock is over budget.

### Stationmaster—Ralph Watson

Shelving for displaying trains has been constructed and installed in the Lionel room. Thanks to Jim A and Don B.

Samples of a turnout control with operating switch stand and a magnetic uncoupler have been received from Rapido.

### 1st Vice President—Joe Fitzpatrick

The scenery in the Museum has been cleaned and vacuumed.

More buildings have been fitted with LED lights.

### Curator - Jack Green

A large donation of books and artifacts including a 1957 wall size SR route map REA signs some office desk items and rolling stock is being catalogued.

### Portable Layout—Dan Marett

Porcelain fixtures have been acquired and the bathroom is being readied for installation.

The layout is ready to be broken down for the trip to the Greenville Library this weekend.

The DCC system is now in duplex mode.

### Lionel Layout—Mac McMillin

A 'working' water tower accessory donated by Don Baldwin was demonstrated. Thirty five transformers have been cleaned and checked and are available for sale.

### Track work - Bob Folsom

Some newly installed track needs ballasting. Defects should be reported using a bad order card.

### Education- Sandy Eustis

New member orientation packets have been researched and written.

### Operations - Sandy Eustis

After further review the previous assertion that more freight cars are needed for the Museum HO layout has been overruled. The Operations Committee will not be charged with a time-out, first down at the current spot.

### OLD BUSINESS

The hole for the signal mast base needs to be dug and concrete obtained.

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

Train Show reservations are being received.

### NEW BUSINESS

One of the donated Brio train table sets will be donated to Safe Harbor's Oconee shelter for victims of domestic violence.

### PROGRAM

A video of recovery by the railroad after Katrina was shown.



## DID YOU KNOW?

Before dining cars, US railroad travelers would take meals at railroad water stops along their journey. By the 1880's dedicated dining cars were part of most long-distance trains—other than on the Santa Fe, which relied on the famous “Harvey Houses” to manage their dining services.

There is some debate as to when the first railroad dining car was created. Credit is often given to George M. Pullman for creating the “hotel car” in 1867—a combination sleeping and eating facility. One end of the car contained a kitchen and tables that at mealtimes could be placed between the seats.

Prior to the hotel car, the first meals to be served on a train were on January 10, 1853 on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. Boards for tables and chairs were erected the length of the car and travelers were served food prepared by a caterer before the journey.

A predecessor of the Southern Railway, the Orange and Alexandria Railroad, served food in a baggage car converted to a lunch room on an 1855 excursion between Alexandria and Culpepper Court House, Virginia.

The first railway dining cars on regularly scheduled passenger trains were used in 1863 on the Philadelphia, Wilmington, and Baltimore Railroad (a predecessor of the Pennsylvania Railroad). The cars were remodeled day coaches fitted with an eating bar and a steam chest for keeping food hot, but meals were still prepared at terminal stations or restaurants near depots.

The Pullman dining car was introduced in May 1870 for a transcontinental excursion running from Boston to San Francisco under sponsorship of the Boston Board of Trade.

Sources:

Wikipedia.org

*Dinner in the Diner* by Will C. Hollister

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Almost with every news report of a wrecked vehicle, the news person will say, they were, or were not wearing their seat belt, or they were texting while driving. My take is that a mistake was made, and more than likely it was a distraction of some kind. I know with me, a near miss is almost always a distraction, even if it's just for a split second. Most of us try to train ourselves against those close calls, but in spite of everything, it happens.

With a train engineer, a major part of their training is to train themselves to stay tuned to the rails. I am told that's why when he leaves the seat, the conductor must take over for as short a time as possible. I noticed even around the museum, and running one of our models, you have to really be aware of distractions. They happen all the time.

In today's world, most family/office/work problems are associated with distractions. In data collected from 20,000 people in 139 countries, it says that the number one item contributing to a less developed relationship, is today's many distractions. It even contributes to a closer time with our Lord. Have you ever been praying and quickly find your mind somewhere else? Man, that's too much on our minds, thanks to a very busy life. You say, well what can we do to slow down a bit?

**STOP, AND SMELL THE ROSES!** Take a short walk, call a friend, or visit a shut-in, etc. You may be finding yourself rushing so much that the busy-ness of life has taken away from your fellowship with Christ! Maybe you've been distracted.

A Prayer:

Lord, don't let me fill Your time with my time. Cause my mind to be fixed upon the important Things of life, and not by the way-side. May I decide right now to apply the brakes if I find myself being distracted. *Amen*

*Chaplain Fred*

# NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM

Photos by John Thorpe



I took the opportunity after October's Operations Night to take a few photos around the layout to see how things might look for night-time operations on the Central Railway. These night-time shots were taken around Seneca. I'm not O. Wintson Link, but I think the night shoots offer a neat perspective on the Museum's layout.

