



# CENTRAL CROSSINGS

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CENTRAL RAILWAY MUSEUM

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**NEXT  
MEETINGS**

**10/4,  
11/1, 12/6**

**@ 7:00 PM  
AT THE  
CENTRAL  
RAILWAY  
MUSEUM  
ANNEX**

## FROM THE EDITORS:

Welcome to the latest issue of Central Crossings.

Well, here we are at the end of August - where has the year gone to? School is back in session, vacation time is coming to an end, and right down the street a bit, traffic will be a nightmare on game days... The weather will be cooling down, the rains will be picking up, what more excuse do we need to work indoors on our favorite hobbies? For me, not many.

We have had a busy summer here at the CRM. Many of our members have done some traveling, railfanning at some far away locations, and then returning to tell us all about their journeys. Some have stayed local and stalked the Clemson Amtrak depot's progress. Some have moved (guilty here) to a new home that already has dedicated space for a decent sized N scale world.

We started our summer with the loss of a friend, but I think Glenn would be happy with how we as a group have chosen to remember him.

We ended the summer with a wonderful celebration of Bob Folsom and his birthday. 24 hours of real and model trains at Bob's is something you have to see and experience if you can. This was the first time that Joanne and I have seen Bob's layout and I think the word that is still best to describe it is the first one I used - WOW!

The CRM had some challenges over the summer as well, roof leaks in the kitchen area, A/C issues during the mid July time frame and then power supply and electrical issues near the end of July and start of August. It is pretty bad when the indoor temp is almost as high as the outdoor temp. All this, and folks were still coming to visit us to enjoy the little time machine that we all are part of. I know on the Saturdays that Joanne and I opened, with no main layout to run, Sage saved us with the extended running of the Heritage layouts, the G Scale operation and of course the Brio was up and running - as it needs no power, just the kids and their imaginations.

I want to thank all of those folks that worked so hard over so many hours to get the layout back up and running, along with those that made themselves available for the roofers and a/c folks to do their repairs. Many people that visit don't understand all the time outside that 5 hours on a Saturday that our members give of themselves.



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

### PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Thurs Sept 6 - Genesee and Wyoming Railroad

Thurs Oct 4th - Palmetto Railway

Thurs Nov 1st - Member Presentation  
- White Water River Railroad

Thurs Dec 6th - Christmas Party

### REGIONAL SCHEDULE

Sept 15th - Greer Railfest

10am-2pm @ Greer City Park

Sept 21st - 22nd - SEE FLYER BELOW  
Stone Memorial HS - Crossville, TN

A lot of attention is being focused on beginning to get things together and prepared for the 2019 CRM Model Train Expo, as well as a few other shows and events for early next year. More details on that in the next issue.

**MUSEUM OPEN TO THE PUBLIC  
EVERY SATURDAY  
9AM TO 2 PM**

## ↻ SCHEDULED EVENTS & SHOWS ↻

### CRM 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.

### 2019 CRM MODEL TRAIN EXPO

Add the date to your calendar now, the dates have been confirmed for the 2019 Model Train Expo.

The second weekend in February 8th and 9th (Friday and Saturday), 2019 are the dates and we will be at the same location as last year. Impact Center at Rock Springs Baptist Church  
207 Rock Springs Rd, Easley, South Carolina 29642. More info to follow.

### OPERATING SESSIONS SECOND THURSDAY @ 7PM

SEPTEMBER 13TH

OCTOBER 11TH

NOVEMBER 8TH

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.



The Plateau Division  
of the Southeastern Region  
of the  
NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION

in cooperation with

**ROANE STATE  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**Crossville Campus**

**September  
21st & 22nd**

**Friday - Saturday**

Proudly Present



**Mini-Meet  
Registration  
Fee  
\$20**

**MODEL RAILROADING IN THE DIGITAL AGE II**

"An Educational Experience for Hobbyists at ALL levels"

For continuing updates and additional information go to:

<http://www.plateau-ser-nmra.org>

Check Sub-Tab '2018 SER Mini Meet' under 'Special Events'

Host Hotel: Super 8 exit 322 off 140. Reservation 855-516-1092  
Mention Sharon Shalcross our housing coordinator. Rate \$69

**Two Great Events | One Weekend**



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Featuring One of the Largest Traveling Layouts in the country. **MIAMI VALLEY  
MODULAR  
RAILWAY**

Operating  
Sessions  
both Saturday  
and Sunday

**September 22 & 23**  
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**FREE ADMISSION**

for **CHILDREN Under 18**

**ADULTS \$5**

**SHOW HOURS SAT 9AM - 5PM SUN 10AM - 4PM**

For more information contact [crossvilletrainshow@gmail.com](mailto:crossvilletrainshow@gmail.com)



# Central Railway Model and Historical Association, Inc.

## 2019 Model Train Expo

Rock Springs Church - Impact Center  
207 Rock Springs Road  
*Easley, South Carolina 29642*

*Friday February 8<sup>th</sup> 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm*  
*Saturday February 9<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am to 4:00 pm*

ADMISSION: \$7.00 ADULTS

Children under 10 free  
with adult admission.

Admission good for both days.

Hands-On Thomas the Tank &  
Junior Railroader Activities.

5 Operating Model Railroads.

Over 160 Dealer Tables.

Live Steam Trains.



Funded in part by the Pickens County Accommodations Tax.  
All funds raised by the train show are used to support the operations of the Central Railway Museum.

**COMPLETE INFO AT: [WWW.CRMHA.ORG](http://WWW.CRMHA.ORG)**

Show Information: Sandy Eustis (513) 325-8850 or [trainshow@crmha.org](mailto:trainshow@crmha.org)

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## **MAINTENANCE OF WAY:**

Between all the issues I mentioned on the front page, as well as the day to day things, maintaining of rolling stock, locomotives, track, electrical, building upkeep, cleanup of the various storage locations, sorting and cataloging new donations, maintenance of the powered accessories on the heritage layouts, upgrading of computer and network items, the gandy dancers and track gangs have been going crazy this summer.

Next time you visit, take a look at all the new scenery and structures, the new safety guards (to help keep everything where it belongs) on the main layout, as well as some relocated items on the American Flyer and the new (read easier) controls on the Lionel layout.

## **CENTRAL CROSSINGS REACH AND WRAP UP**

This has been an exciting time, with all the improvements that have been made or are still in progress.

Jim is still trying to get anyone that has an interest in an HO scale layout to adopt the layout that is in the Annex at the Fire Department, if you have any interest, shoot me an email and I will connect the interested party.

We still have a good showing at the meetings and are seeing more content on our Facebook page - with more to come on a more frequent basis, but we would love to see folks stop by and visit us on a more regular basis.

Remember to visit to visit our Facebook page, as we will be posting new and interesting content there between issues of CC.

Now I will close this issue out, as I have really run out of things to say. I asked several times but no one else had anything that they wanted to take the credit or blame for having me include, so it has all been me this time.

If you have comments, concerns, ideas, information or anything else that you want to give us, see us at one of the meetings or operation sessions, or send us an email at [centralcrossings@crmha.org](mailto:centralcrossings@crmha.org).

### **Tax Status:**

The Central Railway Museum has tax exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Your donations to support the Central Railway Museum may now be tax deductible, including retroactively to our filing date of September 10, 2008. Please contact treasurer Jim Alexander or museum curator Jack Green for details about making a donation.

### **Membership and Meetings:**

Membership is open to modelers of all scales and all experience levels as well as railfans. Business meetings are conducted on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00PM and are open to the public. Following each meeting is an educational presentation on railroads or modeling. Presentations made by guest speakers will be before the business meeting. Museum work sessions are held most Saturdays and Thursdays.