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Next Meeting:
June 3, 2010
7:15 PM

**The Railroad &
History of
New Hope, PA
by Rob Seel**



CENTRAL RAILROAD FESTIVAL A SUCCESS DESPITE WASH-OUT

This year's Central Railroad Festival on April 24, 2010 was cut short by mid-day thunderstorms, but festival planners still heralded the day's success. Especially well attended were our Museum

and FUNction Junction attractions, both indoors and interactive. The big trains, of course, were outside. **Above:** Norfolk Southern ES40DC No. 7705, SD60 No. 6660, and Dash 9-40CW No. 9769 drow out the conversation with a string of autoracks.

Left: CRMHA member Jim Kimble kept the conversation going inside the much quieter Norfolk & Western (ex-NKP) caboose. **Photos by Ed Welch.**





APPROACHING HEADLIGHTS

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

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

June 3, 2010	Rob Seel New Hope & Ivyland Railroad
July 1, 2010	Jim Kimble Great Scenic Railroads of North America
August 5, 2010	Sage Viehe Kentucky Railway Museum
September 2, 2010	Annual Picnic, TBA
October 7, 2010	Open Date just for YOU
November 4, 2010	Sign Up!
December 2, 2010	Christmas Dinner, TBA

Open Dates: Hurry and see Dale Reynolds to reserve your spot to tell us what you know (before he sees you!)

2ND SATURDAY
MUSEUM OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

JUNE 12, 2010
JULY 10, 2010
AUGUST 14, 2010
SEPTEMBER 11, 2010
OCTOBER 9, 2010
NOVEMBER 13, 2010
DECEMBER 11, 2010

SCHEDULED EVENTS & SHOWS

June 12 - 13, 2010

SPENCER, NC

Rail Days 2010

North Carolina Transportation Museum.

Diesel-powered passenger and caboose train rides, motor cars, model layouts, vendors, live music, children's activities, special equipment displays, and chili cook-off.

www.nctrans.org

June 22 - 26, 2010

SCRANTON, PA

2010 NRHS NATIONAL CONVENTION

Endless Mountain Rails

Steamtown National Historic Site.

www.endlessmountainrails.com

July 11 - 18, 2010

MILWAUKEE, WI

National Train Show &

75th NMRA National Convention

Midwest Airline Center.

www.nmra75.org

Sept 18 - 19, 2010

BRYSON CITY, NC

Railfest 2010

Great Smoky Mountains Railroad.

More Info Coming



Last month's Mystery Photo. Surprisingly no one stepped up and identified this as the lead truck of the first commercially successful electric locomotive built by Thomas Edison, 1880, in Menlo Park NJ. It, as well as a truck from the second locomotive, is on display in front of Edison's laboratory complex in West Orange, NJ, a National Park Service Historic Site. **Photo by Rob Seel.**



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

By Glenn Nasworthy,
Stationmaster

May 6, 2010

SERVES THE UPSTATE

Regular Meeting at the Central Railway Museum

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Reece. Twenty two members and one guest were in attendance.

Mr. Bill Moorhead was introduced as a guest.

Howard Garner reported that Steve Zonay was moved to The Blue Ridge Nursing facility in Easley in preparation for moving home in 20 days.

The Treasurer reported that our insurance and all other bills were paid to date and that IRS Form 990N has been filed.

OLD BUSINESS

Train Show: The President reported that the tax bill from the city of Easley has been voided due to our non-profit status. He further stated Easley is not planning on requiring vendor licenses at this time and that they anticipate the rent for 2011 being the same.

Sandy's OLLI Class: Sandy reported the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute's Introduction to Model Railroading class goes on for five Tuesdays. They plan layout tours for Tuesday the 11th to Bob Folsom's, Ron Keith's, Jim Kimble's, Sandy's and Howard Garner's.

Trains, Trains, and More Trains in Mauldin is the weekends of May 15 and 22. They did not have a space big enough for our layout so we advised them we would not participate.

The Town of Central has gotten the right of way for us to build a motor car track.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

American Flyer: Mac McMillin reported the layout worked well during the Central Festival. We received \$50 in donations during the Festival

HO Layout: Benchwork is up to date. Trackwork is up to date with a temporary hold on HOn3 and the Asheville yard. Wiring is up to date. Scenery is moving along well and is starting to show. The scenery budget is \$1500 with about &1000 planned for structures.

Museum Building: No report

Central Railroad Festival: No report

Annual Train Show: No report

Museum Curator: No report

Web Master: No report


NEW BUSINESS:

President Jim Reece said that the club hose looked very good for the Festival and urged everyone to keep it that way by cleaning up behind themselves.

The opening of the Hub City Museum in Spartanburg by the Greenville Chapter of the NRHS was announced and all were urged to visit. Associated with that are historic locations tours via trolley.

The meeting was adjourned for the program.

PROGRAM:

Ralph Watson and Sandy Eustis presented the program on the Crossville Tennessee Model Railroad Club and the On30 project for the OLLI class. 



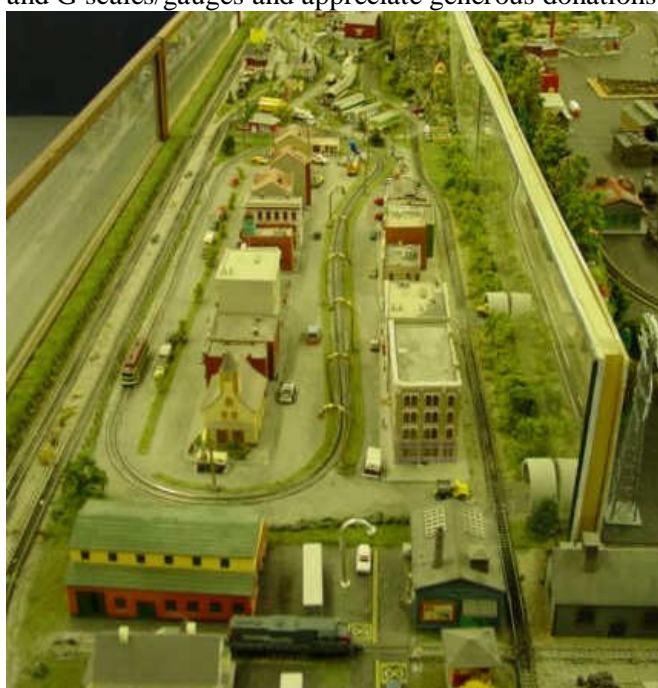
Once again President Jim Reece did the honors of ringing in the Festival opening, using Mac McMillin's bell from Southern Railway 2-8-2 No. 4512. Since last year's festival the bell has been rung to announce happy occasions from grand openings and welcoming visitors to lunch breaks at club work sessions. **Photo by Ed Welch**

CROSSVILLE MODEL RAILROAD CLUB

APRIL 30, 2010
Photos by Ralph Watson



At our last meeting Ralph Watson presented a short program from his visit to Crossville, Tennessee. The model club there has a public display located at the outlet shopping center, and the are open to the public on weekends. They feature display layouts in Z, N, HO, O, and G scales/gauges and appreciate generous donations.

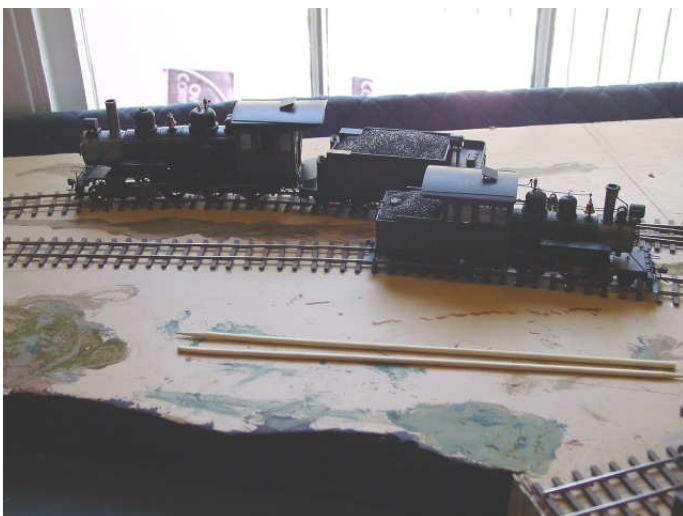


MODEL RAILROADING 101 SANDY EUSTIS' OLLI CLASS

Photos by Ralph Watson



In years past the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), sponsored by Clemson University, has offered railroad-related trips and programs. For instance, one year the OLLI conducted a visit to the Cass Scenic Railway. This spring, our own Sandy Eustis is lead teaching an introductory class to model railroading! Topics include the basics of simple layout construction, trackwork, scenery, and home tours of our members' layouts. The photos here depict the modular On30 switching layout being built as part of the class. Construction is intentionally lightweight and portable, using foam board insulation set on hollow-core doors. Thanks to Sandy, many newcomers can learn first-hand how model trains don't need to be complicated to be enjoyable! 🚂



RAILS TO TRAILS SAVANNAH - TYBEE ISLAND RAILROAD

By Rob Seel



Photo by Rob Seel, May 1, 2010

While our February Ramble One to Savannah and the Folkston Funnel my interest was piqued toward the fitness trail near Fort Pulaski that I had driven by for many years. And, since I've rediscovered my enjoyment of bicycle riding, and scenic trails especially, I decided I needed to return to Savannah with my trail bike to ride this one.

The railroad history of this particular line is so brief that it can be summarized in this short article. From 1886 to 1887 a railroad line was built from the east side of Savannah to the ocean resort at Tybee Island. The Savannah and Tybee Railroad was financially strapped from the beginning, and was completed just before going bankrupt. The railroad was reorganized as the Savannah, Tybee & Atlantic Railway in 1890, soon shortened to the Savannah and Atlantic branch of the Central of Georgia. The Central continued to provide service to Tybee through the 1920s as construction of the new highway progressed immediately paralleling the tracks. When the highway was completed in 1925 railroad profits dropped drastically, precipitating the branch line's abandonment in 1933.

Today, and since the late 1970s, approximately 6.5 miles of the 18-mile roadbed is preserved as a fitness trail.



Photo by Rob Seel, May 1, 2010



The **McQueens Island Historic Trail** begins at the causeway to Fort Pulaski and heads west up the Savannah River. It consists mostly of crushed oyster shells and crusher-run limestone gravel, with a half-dozen or so wood bridges spanning tidal creeks. A steel truss bridge spanning from McQueens to Wilmington islands (at the former Williams' Seafood restaurant site) was used as a fishing pier has recently been removed, thus making the trail one of the few remnants of the railroad remaining.



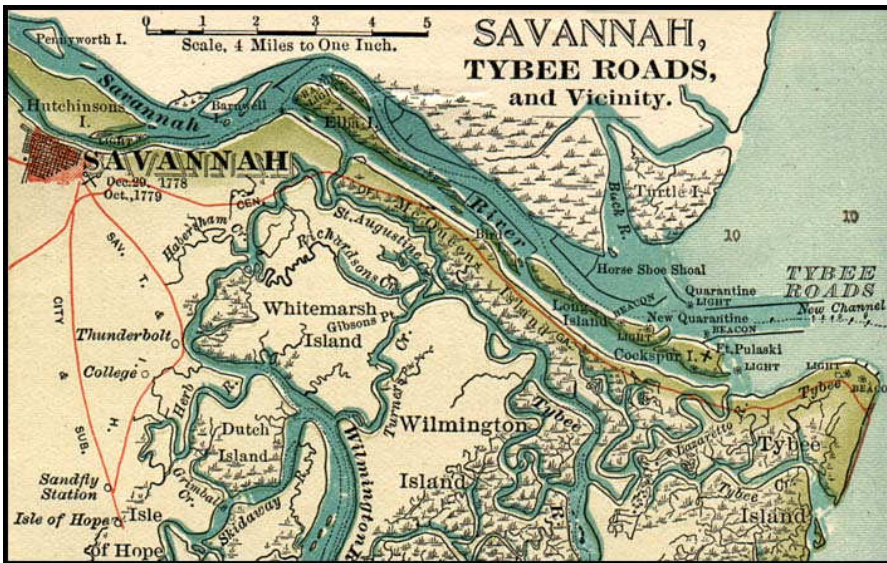
Internet Photos:

Upper left: Postcard photo of the terminal station on Tybee Island from the 1920s.

Middle left: Map of the Savannah and Tybee Railroad, as published in *The Century Atlas*, 1897

Lower left: The depot that stood on Randolph Street at President Street is now the ticket gatehouse and gift shop at Old Fort Jackson.

Lower right: The time table from 1913 advertises cinder-free, oil-burning locomotives for the comfort of summer travelers as well as to preserve the wooden trestles along the route.



SCHEDULES BETWEEN SAVANNAH AND TYBEE
Where Ocean Breezes Blow

TAKING EFFECT JUNE 21, 1913
Central 190th Meridian Time, one hour slower than Savannah City Time

WEEK DAYS		SUNDAYS	
LEAVE SAVANNAH	LEAVE TYBEE	LEAVE SAVANNAH	LEAVE TYBEE
6:00 AM	5:00 AM	7:10 AM	7:00 AM
9:00 AM	7:00 AM	9:00 AM	8:00 AM
10:25 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:15 AM
12:01 PM	11:15 AM	11:00 AM	11:15 AM
2:30 PM	1:30 PM	12:01 PM	12:15 PM
3:00 PM	4:05 PM	1:15 PM	1:00 PM
4:15 PM	5:05 PM	2:15 PM	2:30 PM
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10:20 PM	10:10 PM	5:00 PM	4:05 PM
		6:30 PM	7:00 PM
		7:10 PM	8:00 PM
		8:00 PM	9:00 PM
8:20 PM	11:00 PM		

ADDITIONAL TRAINS TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS
8:20 PM 11:00 PM

* On Saturdays leaves at 10:30 P. M. instead of 8:20 P. M. † On Saturdays leaves at 10:00 P. M. instead of 8:00 P. M.
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Trains Arrive and Depart at Tybee Depot, Randolph and President Streets

OIL BURNING ENGINES—NO CINDERS

CENTRAL OF GEORGIA RAILWAY
Wm. N. CLEMENTS, City Passenger and Ticket Agent
37 Bull Street