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**KENTUCKY
RAILWAY
MUSEUM**
with Sage Viehe



EX -NS U-BOAT IN EXILE!

By Rob Seel. Always bring a camera with you, because you never know what will cause you to spin your car around and take a diversion. That's just what I did this past June 18, while driving back from a college campus (University of the South) visit in Sewanee, Tennessee. Driving east on I-24, while passing through Kimball, TN my eyes were following the adjacent tracks as they usually do. In sheer amazement I spotted this living relic: a Norfolk Southern U23B-7 *in action!* This unit, along with KXHR (G&O) SW1500 No. 1504 were switching a string of covered hoppers in push-pull fashion just north of South Pittsburg, TN. Apparently, U23B-7 No. 3986 has a long history. Built in 1979 for the Southern Railway, she retained her number through service on the Norfolk Southern. She still wears the PBRR reporting marks of the Pine Belt Southern Railroad, but now works for the Sequatchie Valley Railroad (SQVR). The SQVR runs from Bridgeport, AL to Jasper, TN. It was built as the Jasper Branch Railroad in 1860. On this particular day I had to sit and wait a good while for the engineer to bring this gem out for a photo, as he seemed content to stay hidden behind a cut of cars for most of the time. I suspect he might be tired of railfans with cameras. But with Industrial Boulevard on one side of the tracks and a recreational park on the other side, there was plenty of room to take photos. *Continued on Page 3.* 🚂

- INDUSTRIES OF THE UPSTATE - COTTON SEED OIL MILLS PART 2

By Howard Garner

Industries of the Upstate will be an occasional column that talks about some of the unknown or hidden industries that existed in the Upstate of South Carolina. Many of the industries may have been common throughout the southeast.

Continued from last month . . .

GREENVILLE COUNTY OIL MILLS

The earliest mill is found on the June 1884 Sanborn map (above right). This was located at Augusta & Vardy streets in Greenville.

By 1898 the name changed to South Carolina Cotton Oil Co's Greenville Mill.

In Pelzer we had the Money Neck Cotton Seed Oil Mill.

At Simpsonville the Simpsonville Oil Mfg Co.

In 1902 we still have South Carolina Cotton Oil Co's Greenville Mill and the Simpsonville Oil Mfg Co. Add in the Fountain Inn Oil Mill in Fountain Inn and Farmers Oil Mill a branch of Southern Cotton Oil Co in Greenville. No changes noted for 1908.

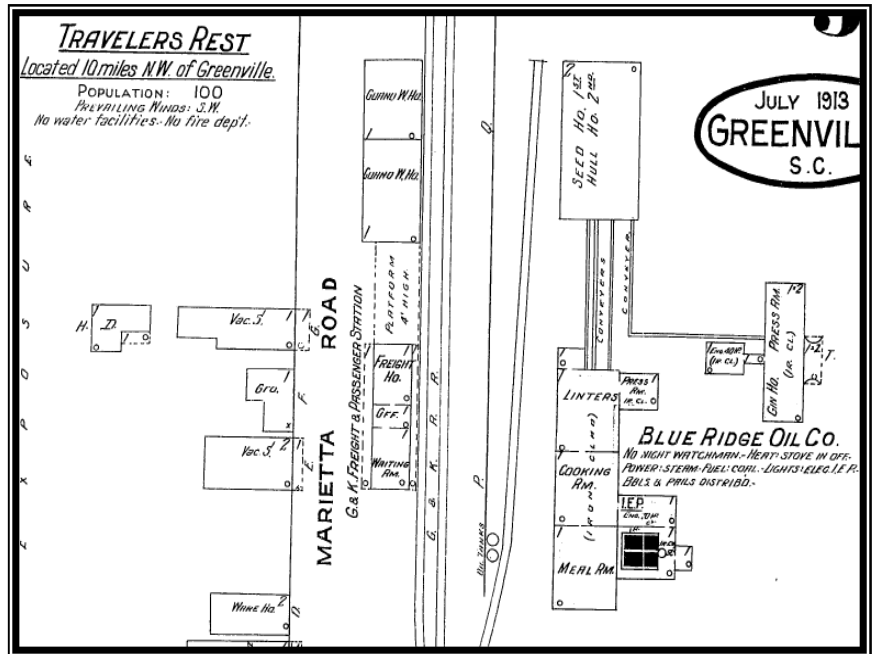
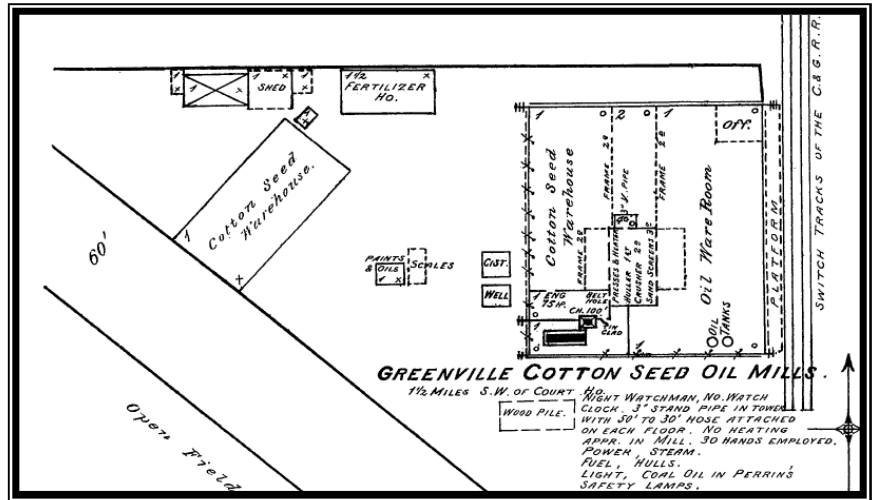
1913 is missing a couple sheets, but Blue Ridge Oil Co is now in Travelers Rest (lower right).

At this point we will quit the Greenville Sanborn maps. They now occupy 2 volumes.

By 1930 the Simpsonville Oil Mill was ginning only.

The Fountain Inn plant was down to ginning only by 1922.

Greer started early with the Greers Cotton Seed Oil & Fertilizer Co in 1898. It continues until at least 1951 and gets renamed Greer Oil Mill & Feed Co.





LIVING RELICS -- Continued from Page 1: Even while working the Sequatchie Valley Railroad, SW1500 No. 1504 still wears its Knoxville & Holston River Railroad (KXHR) reporting marks and Gulf & Ohio company logos (above). The KXHR is the G&O subsidiary that operates the Three Rivers Rambler in Knoxville and a small handful of regional shortlines. Below, the 1504 dances with ex-NS U23B-7 No. 3986, trying not to break couplers in Kimball, TN on June 18, 2010. **Photos by Rob Seel**





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

- 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!)

SCHEDULED EVENTS & SHOWS

August 14, 2010
ATLANTA, GA (Norcross)
39th Annual Train & Railroadiana Show
North Atlanta Trade Center
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
\$7.00, Children under 12 Free
Golden Spike Enterprises

Sept 1 - 14, 2010
ST LOUIS, MO
30th Annual National Narrow Gauge Convention

Sept 11 - 12, 2010
CHARLOTTE, NC
Great Train Expo
Metrolina Expo Center
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
\$7.00, Children under 12 Free
www.greattrainexpo.com

Sept 18 - 19, 2010
BRYSON CITY, NC
Railfest 2010
Great Smoky Mountains Railroad.
http://gsmr.com/events/Railfest.php

October 10, 2010
HENDERSONVILLE, NC
French Broad E’N’pire Autumn Rails
Whitmire Activity Center
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
\$5.00 w/ children 12 and under Free

October 16 - 17, 2010
MYRTLE BEACH, SC
Grand Strand Model Railroad Show
Lakewood Conference Center
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
\$5.00 / \$3 children 6- 12 / Under 6 Free

November 6 - 7, 2010
ATLANTA, GA (Norcross)
Great Train Expo
North Atlanta Trade Center
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
\$7.00, Children under 12 Free
www.greattrainexpo.com

November 6-7, 2010
RALEIGH, NC
26th Annual Model Train & Railroadiana Show
Exposition Center at the NC State Fairgrounds
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM both days
\$6.00 w/ children 10 and under Free
www.nrvshow.org

November 13 - 14, 2010
NORTH CHARLESTON, SC
12TH Annual Best Friend Model Train Show
Danny Jones Armory Park
Times & Rates TBA



SERVES THE UPSTATE

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

By Glenn Nasworthy,
Stationmaster

July 1, 2010

Regular Meeting at the Central Railway Museum

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

The Treasurer reported that all bills were paid to date. He further said the club has purchased train whistles, large and small for sale to visitors. The large will be priced to sell for \$5.00 and the small for \$2.00. Howard has donated laser cutting our name in them.

OLD BUSINESS:

President Jim Reece reminded those on the steering committee that there is no meeting of the committee on July 5, 2010.

We have been reimbursed by the city for \$504.09 for materials used in January and February in the old kitchen.

The city asked us to pursue the rat problem on our own and they will pay for materials. We have put some poison out.

Jim read a letter to Jennifer Evans with updated information for the Pendleton District Tourism 2010 brochure.

There being no interest, the old Model Railroader magazines will go to recycling.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Train Show: Al Costa & Ette Rupert are working on this as co-Chairs. They have a meeting scheduled for Thursday, the 8th, to go over what needs to be done.

Sandy's OLLI Class: Sandy reported the class will be free for club members.

Museum Building: No report.

Central Railroad Festival: No report

Portable Layout: Josh Phillips said we need to move the layout to get away from the moisture. Jim McInnis suggested we move it upstairs.

Heritage / Lionel: The layout table is in. The sheetrock work needs to be done.

Heritage / American Flyer: Bob White has been added as a major donor.

Programs: Dale Reynolds said we are covered to Sept.

Web Master: No Report

Newsletter: Rob Seel thanked people for their pictures and made a plea for material for the August letter. There will be a Part 2 on the oil mill next month.

Museum Curator: Jim Selton has resigned as curator. Jim Reece read a proclamation thanking Jim for his work as our first curator.

HO Layout:

Benchwork: Nothing new to add.

Wiring: Wiring is in for Asheville Staging.

Scenery: Scenery is moving along well and is starting to show so it is full steam ahead.

Rolling Stock: Jim McInnis said he is keeping up with repairs


Trackwork: Bob Folsom said HOn3 track is being laid. He pointed out that we are in the testing stage for much of the layout and that we need to test, test, test.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dale reported Norfolk Southern is restarting their steam program.

Mac McMillin reported on his taking his motor car to the Spencer Shops Rail Days.

Richard said the Smithsonian Institute's Air and Space Museum at Dulles Airport is well worth seeing.

The meeting was adjourned for the program. Jim Kimble presented the program on Great Scenic Railroads of North America. 



Members Stepping Up!

CEO Comments by Jim Reece

The next annual Train Show is just a little over six months away. It will be held on February 26 & 27, 2011 at the J. B. Owens Sports Complex in Easley. And a big thank-you goes out to Ette Ruppert and Al Costa for agreeing to be the new co-chairpersons for this event. They will need the help and experience of everyone who would like to help, including those members who have worked the shows in the past. Please try to attend the Train Show Committee Meetings to find out how you can contribute.

Jack Green has agreed to fill the vacant position of Museum Curator. To start he will be working on a draft to be presented to the officers and then the members that will define the Museum's Collections Management Policies. These policies will include such subjects as :

1. Purpose Statement
2. Scope of the Collection
3. Authority and Responsibility
4. Collections Management

Jack has also started cataloging all the items that presently belong to the Museum. If you are holding any of these items or know any special information about any Museum items please let Jack know. Anyone interested in the development of the Museum, the history of railroading in Central or the collection of railroading artifacts contact Jack and please consider joining the Museum Committee.

2ND SATURDAY

MUSEUM OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

**AUGUST 14, 2010
SEPTEMBER 11, 2010
OCTOBER 9, 2010**


ROADSIDE SIGHTS

By Rob Seel



Pioneer Railroad Equipment (PREX) No. 2024 somehow ended up in Statesboro, GA on the Kennedy Concrete and Howard Lumber track, April 30, 2010. The GP20, built in 1961, is ex-BNSF 2024, exx-ATSF 3035, exxx-ATSF 3135, nee-ATSF 1135.



Johnson Rail Service (JRWX) No. 5035 is seen on the Pickens Railway at Gluck (Starr), SC awaiting a hire. The C30-7 is former BN 5035. 

STEAMTOWN NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

PHOTOS BY JOE FITZPATRICK



Many of us have been to Steamtown since it relocated to Scranton, PA. Joe Fitzpatrick visited on June 21, 2010 and shares these photos and impressions with us: "The thing that struck me was how big this place is. The Big Boy (above) is huge; the only way I could get it all in the same frame was to get a long shot down rail from it."



Many unusual locomotives are part of the collection, including ex-Canadian National 4-6-4T No. 47

DERAILMENT IN CLEMSON ON THE BLUE RIDGE LINE

PHOTOS BY SAMUEL L. GRAY



TRUCKS, COUPLERS & TRACK

At 3:40 AM, on July 20, 2010 the Norfolk Southern westbound Toccoa-Anderson local hit a bump that derailed an empty boxcar just short of the Seneca River bridge over Lake Hartwell, along West Cherry Road. Track speeds here are limited to 25mph, so the crew was able to stop the train almost immediately. It was determined that a coupler broke apart from the boxcar and fouled the leading axels of its car, piling up ballast and tearing up the ties for approximately 100 feet. Sam Gray, a friend of Rob Seel who lives near the former Blue Ridge Railroad took these photos and discussed the cause with the crew before assistants arrived later that morning. The train was removed by later the same day. This incident is further proof that models and real trains are similar – For reliable operation it all boils down to trackwork, wheels, trucks, and couplers. 🚂