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Next Meeting:
March 3, 2011
7:00 PM

**LESSONS
LEARNED:
TRAIN SHOW
REVIEW**



Photo by Ed Welch

THE 2011 TRAIN SHOW IS A WRAP!



Photo by Rob Seel

By Rob Seel

Despite a weekend of beautiful weather and spring temperatures we have closed on yet another successful Train Show. As usual, we enjoyed strong attendance with families from the Upstate. With our variety of dealers and exhibitors we can honestly say that we have one of the better shows in the southeast. Three blows of the whistle to all who helped, especially Al Costa, Ette Ruppert, and Ron Kieth. 🚂



**SCHEDULED
EVENTS & SHOWS**

March 4 – 5, 2011
FLETCHER, NC
Asheville Train Show
 Western North Carolina Agricultural Center
 12:00 PM – 7:00 PM Fri, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM Sat.
 \$5.00 w/ children 13 and under Free
www.asheville-trainshow.com

March 19 - 20, 2011
ATLANTA, GA
The Model Train Show (Piedmont Div. NMRA)
 Cobb Galleria
 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM Sat, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Sun.
 \$8.00 w/ children 12 and under Free
www.themodeltrainshow.com

APRIL 23, 2011
CENTRAL, SC
**Annual Central
Railroad Festival**

**EVERYONE
return thanks!**
 Come out and
 support the town that
 helps us beyond
 measure!



April 30, 2011
HENDERSONVILLE, NC
Spring Rails (French Broad E'N'pire)
 Whitmire Activity Center
 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM www.fbe-ntrak.com
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Upcoming Events for the
Central Railway Model & Historical Association
 as well as Regional shows and events worth mentioning

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

- March 3, 2011 **2011 Train Show Review**
 Al Costa, Jim Reece
 and a Cast of Dozens
- April 7, 2011 **2010 National Narrow Gauge
Convention, St. Louis**
 Bruce Gathman
- April 23, 2011 **CENTRAL RAILROAD
FESTIVAL**
- May 5, 2011 **Revival of the Maine
Two-footers**
 Dale Reynolds
- June 2, 2011 **See Dale before he sees You!**
- July 7, 2011 **Sign Up Now and
Beat the Rush!**

2ND SATURDAY
**MUSEUM OPEN TO
THE PUBLIC**
**COME RUN TRAINS & HAVE SOME
FUN!**
MARCH 12, 2011
APRIL 9, 2011
MAY 14, 2011



SERVES THE UPSTATE

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

By Glenn Nasworthy,
Stationmaster

February 3, 2011

Regular Meeting at the Central Railway Museum

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

We had one guest, Anne Sheriff (of the Central Historical Society) who was introduced to the club.

In the absence of the Treasurer, Jim Reece reported that the state of the Treasury is good.

OLD BUSINESS:

There have been no material invoices to the city in January. We need any invoices for January turned in if any are due. To date we have been reimbursed \$14,176.12

President Jim has talked to the Mayor of Central about our receiving in-kind recognition for work making the bathroom handicap assessable. He has written a letter requesting the same to the City Council. Town Administrator Philip Mishoe e-mailed that he sees no problem with this and will talk with the Mayor. Kevin Campbell has been asked to head up this project.

The possibility of our hosting the fall 2011 meeting of the Palmetto Division of the NMRA was discussed. Ed Welch is to check out the use of Founders Hall at Southern Wesleyan University.

It appears we will be getting a \$500 grant from Wal-Mart, according to Ginny Marhanka, but we have no further information.

The President reminded everyone that it was time to get their dues in and for committee heads to start planning their budgets for 2011.

President Jim Reece asked everyone to help in getting the building cleaned up and for everyone to please take home anything there that is no longer being used.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Museum Building: The city has not yet fixed the AC/Heating unit.

Central Railroad Festival: Ron reported that planning is going on. We are to mark our calendars for April 24th 2011 now so we can be sure to be able to help.

Portable Layout: Jim McInnis reported that some adjustments need to be made but otherwise the layout is ready for the show.

Lionel Room: This is at a standstill until the HO layout is finished.

American Flyer: In Dale Reynolds absence there was no report.

Programs: In Dale Reynolds absence there was no report.

Webmaster: In Ed Welch's absence there was no report.

Newsletter: Rob Seel asked again for material for the newsletter.

Museum Curator & Property Inventory

Administrator: Jack Green reported he has received program that will help us keep track of our inventory of items.

Computer Administrator: Howard Garner reported nothing new.

HO Layout:

Benchwork: We are waiting on a decision on the level of the lower level.

Wiring: Nothing new.

Scenery: In Sandy Eustis' absence there was no report.

Rolling Stock: Nothing new.

Trackwork: No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Rob Seel said he is developing the artwork for Greenville & Northern Railway decals for the Greenville NRHS chapter.

The meeting was adjourned for a discussion of the upcoming train show by Al Costa.

Train Show:

Al reported that he has the contract and plans for he and Howard Garner to meet with city officials Friday the 11th to finalize everything. (Note: A certificate of insurance has been sent to the city.)


Howard reported we now have 165 paid tables with several more known to be on the way.

Ette Ruppert reported the artwork for the paper ads is approved and the paper advertising is set up.

Rob Seel said he has the radio advertising set up.

The work schedule is being prepared by Ron Keith. Please get your information to him as to when and where you want to work. We need everybody to help!

Jim Kimble has volunteered to redo the Function Junction window.

THE WORK SESSION ON FEBRUARY 17TH IS DEDICATED TO FINALIZING THE TABLE LAYOUT AND OTHER DETAILS. PLEASE PLAN ON HELPING THAT DAY. 

2011 CRM&HA RAMBLE 1



Dale Reynolds is asking for ideas for our first Ramble of the New Year. Several members have expressed interest, mostly for the mountains and coalfields, but the weather won't be conducive until later in the spring. Dale has heard no interest in going back to Savannah, Folkston & Jacksonville for the 3rd time, so ideas about going somewhere warmer in the first quarter would be welcome. Wherever we go, take your cameras -- like Bruce Gathman did for this issue of the Newsletter! **2010 Ramble 1 photo by Roger Smith.**



CENTRAL 502 TO BEGIN SERVICE

Central, SC -- February 10, 1958
After a long wait the Central Railway's newly acquired RS2, No. 502 has finally arrived on the property. The 1500 hp road switcher was built by the American Locomotive Company's (ALCO) Kato Division and was painted for the Central at RMS Architecture Model Shops. The unit is currently being upfitted for service at McInnis Electronics and is expected to enter road service in the near future. The unit will be based in Asheville, but will likely travel the entire line. Sister unit, RS1 No. 404 has already been in service for many years. **Photo: Rob Seel**

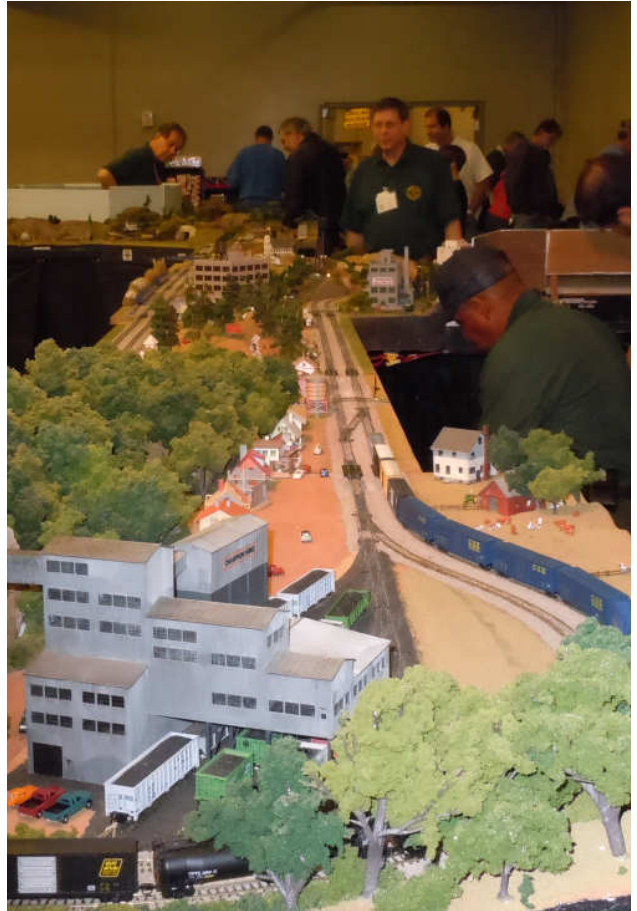
2011 TRAIN SHOW

Photos by Ed Welch & Rob Seel



Be sure to come to the meeting this Thursday, as we'll be discussing the Ups and Downs of this year's show. Don't miss it!





PATENTLY SPEAKING, OF COURSE

Again, **Bruce Gathman** sent in for us another fascinating example of the thousands of patent drawings we can see online through various websites. Bruce is a renown authority on geared locomotives, and not just designs by E. Shay. Here, Bruce sends us one of this chain-driven locomotive designed by William L. Sykes, of the Emporium Lumber Company of Conifer, NY.

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W. L. SYKES.
 LOCOMOTIVE.
 No. 387,206. Patented Aug. 7, 1888.

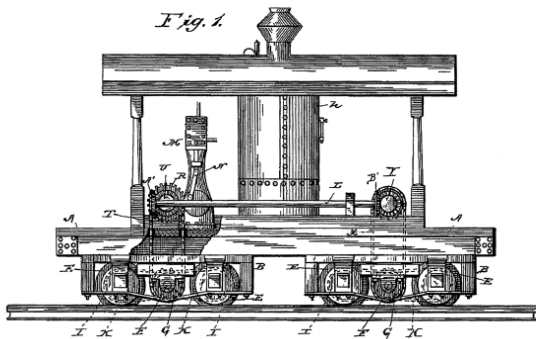
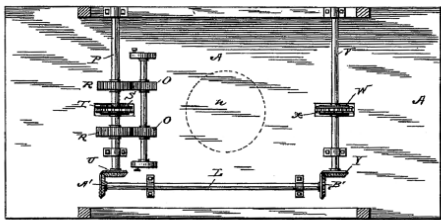


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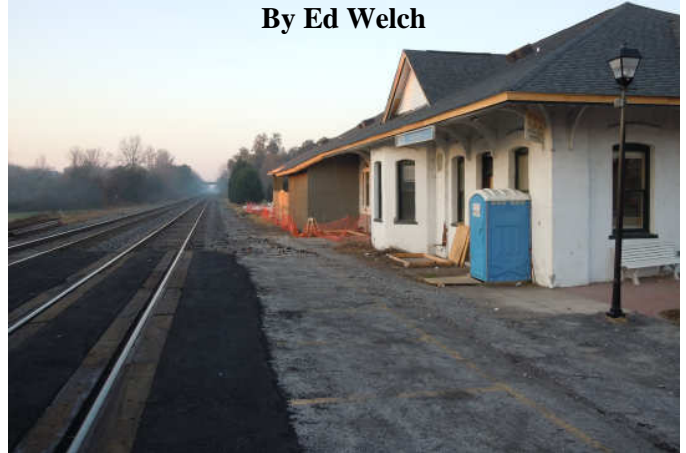
Witnesses,
William L. Sykes
George H. Leman

Inventor,
William L. Sykes
by Amos A. Sursee
 his Attorney.

H. PETER, Photo-Duplication, Washington, D.C.

KINGSTREE, SC

By Ed Welch



I was in my hometown of Kingstree, S.C. last week taking photos around town. They are renovating the old depot, which dates back to the turn of the 20th Century, to house the Chamber of Commerce and possibly another restaurant. Anyway, the station still has a functioning waiting area, since Amtrak makes four stops daily -- remarkable for a town population of about 3,500. The Silver Meteor, which runs from Boston to Miami, makes two stops and the Palmetto, which runs from Boston to Savannah, makes two stops. The station served the Atlantic Coast Line and Seaboard Coast Line railroads during the 20th Century, Seaboard until about 1970 or '71. There was no passenger service until the Palmetto began stopping there in 1976. When we lived there in the 1990s, my son took the short train trip from Kingstree up to Florence with his preschool group. Amtrak's made stops there consistently since then. Now, many towns that size have had train depots torn down or fallen down and are just a memory -- yet this one still serves up passengers on their way up and down the Eastern Seaboard! 🚂