



# CENTRAL CROSSINGS

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**Next Meeting:**  
**May 5, 2011**  
**7:15 PM**


**RAMBLIN'  
REVIEW:  
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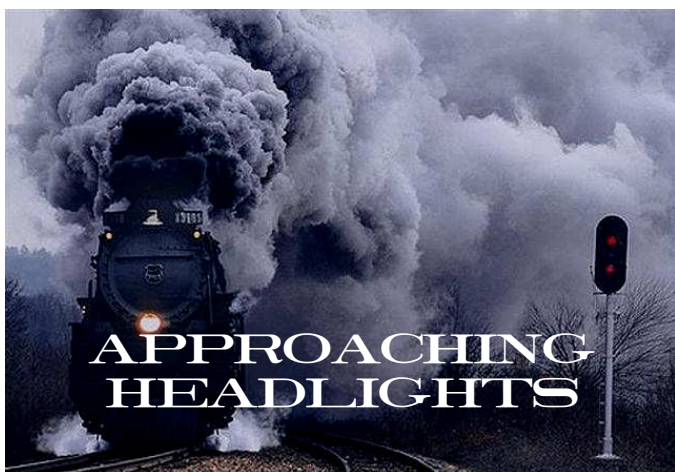


## CRM&HA Dominates the Central Railroad Festival



### Central, SC - April 30, 2011

Once again the CRM&HA lent many hands to the success of the town's annual Railroad Festival. As per custom, President Jim Reece signaled the Festival's opening with a peal from SOU 4512's bell (left) while club members manned numerous stations. Whether we were operating the portable club layout (above) or Thomas the Tank Engine in "Function Junction," assisting the Town with the rubber-tired train ride, explaining the ins-and-outs of cabooses and motorcars, or welcoming visitors to our museum, the crowd's response was enthusiastic. Visitors to the museum were especially amazed at the work we've accomplished. One of the more amusing conversations took place at the grand opening, when the entertainment stage manager asked if we wanted to place a microphone before the 4512's bell. We replied, "Umm, you can if you really want to!" Photos by Rob Seel. 



Upcoming Events for the  
**Central Railway Model & Historical Association**  
 as well as Regional shows and events worth mentioning

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## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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May 5, 2011	<b>2011 Ramble One</b> Sage Viehe
June 2, 2011	<b>New Zealand Rails</b> Ron Keith
July 7, 2011	<b>Perfect, Proper, Pretty People Painting Project</b> Jim "Doc" McInnis
August 4, 2011	<b>2010 National Narrow Gauge Convention, St. Louis</b> Bruce Gathman
September 1, 2011	<b>Need a Program!</b> See Dale
October 6, 2011	<b>Your Big Shot at Fame</b> Sign up and don't miss it!

## SCHEDULED EVENTS & SHOWS

**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](http://www.fbe-ntrak.com)  
 \$5.00 / Children 14 and under, Scouts in uniform Free

**May 13-14, 2011**  
**Dalton, GA**  
**Southeast Garden Railroad Show**  
 Northwest Georgia Trade Center  
 Friday 9:00 – 5:00, Saturday 9:00 – 4:00  
 \$10.00 / Children 16 and under Free  
[www.segrs.com](http://www.segrs.com)

**May 20-21, 2011**  
**MACON, GA**  
**Southeastern Region NMRA Convention**  
 Macon State College  
[www.ser-nmra.org](http://www.ser-nmra.org)

**June 15, 2011**  
**Charlotte, NC**  
**Annual Train Show**  
 Metrolina Expo Trade Center  
 9:00 – 4:00 [www.gserr.com](http://www.gserr.com)  
 \$6.00 / Children 12 and under Free

**July 21-24, 2011**  
**Rock Island, IL**  
**Train Festival 2011**  
**Steam Excursions and Exhibits!**  
 Nickel Plate 765 (4-8-2)  
 Iowa Interstate 6988 and 7081 (both Chinese 2-10-2)  
 Leviathan 63 (4-4-0)  
 Flagg Coal 75 (0-4-0)  
 Lehigh Valley 126 (0-6-0)  
 Viscose 6 (0-4-0T)  
 Plus live steam, riverboat rides, models, displays, and  
 diesels, and music by James Coffey too.  
[www.trainfestival2011.com](http://www.trainfestival2011.com)

**AND - - -**  
 SOU 630 (2-8-0) is back in service! Visit  
[www.tvrail.com](http://www.tvrail.com) for more info!

**2<sup>ND</sup> SATURDAY**

**MUSEUM OPEN TO  
THE PUBLIC**

**COME RUN TRAINS & HAVE SOME  
FUN!**

**MAY 14, 2011  
JUNE 11, 2011  
JULY 9, 2011**



SERVES THE UPSTATE

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

By Glenn Nasworthy,  
Stationmaster

April 7, 2011

### Regular Meeting at the Central Railway Museum

CRM&HA Minutes for April 7, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Ron Keith. Twenty three members were in attendance.

Bruce Gathman introduced his guest, George Trippet

The Treasurer reported that the state of the treasury is good.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

There are no reimbursements from the City for the month of March. The project to date receipts is \$14,176.12. We need any invoices for April expenditures.

The handicap bathroom project will work for our in-kind service for 2011. Kevin Campbell is working to complete this job before the Rail Festival.

We will proceed with the hosting of the Palmetto Div NMRA meeting on Nov. 5, 2011. Ed Welch has arranged for us to meet at Freedom Hall on the Southern Wesleyan University campus.

Vice President Ron Keith passed a pad around asking for volunteers to work the Central Railroad Festival. We need volunteers for the Museum, Function Junction and the loading and unloading of the riding train. The time is 10AM to 7PM on April 23, 2011

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Museum Building:** Glenn reported that one fire extinguisher has been recharged and we need to buy two to replace two that could not be recharged.

**Central Railroad Festival:** Scheduled for April 23<sup>rd</sup>. See above.

**Portable Layout:** Jim McInnis said we have some bugs to work out before our next use. It will be ready for the Festival.

**Lionel Heritage Room:** Nothing to report. No work being done until the room can be available.

**American Flyer Heritage Room:** Nothing new

**Programs:** Dale Reynolds has the program tonight.

**Webmaster:** The web page is up to date.

**Newsletter:** Rob Seel thanked people for their pictures and made a plea for material for the May issue.

**Museum Curator:** Jack Green discussed the process for the sale of club property, and the use and disposal of donated items.

**Property Inventory Administrator:** Jack Green reported we have joined the Association of Railroad Museums.

**Computer Administrator:** Howard Garner reported a monitor is now in place to see what is going on in the helix.

#### HO Layout:

**Benchwork:** The continuous run is now complete.

**Wiring:** Wiring is being kept up with track laying. Lighting is being installed under the upper deck.

**Scenery:** Continuing to make progress.

**Rolling Stock:** Jim McInnis said he is putting sound decoders in some of the locomotives


**Trackwork:** Bob Folsom said track is to be laid on the completed road bed.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

It was announced the National Narrow Gauge Convention is to be held in Hickory NC Sept 7<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

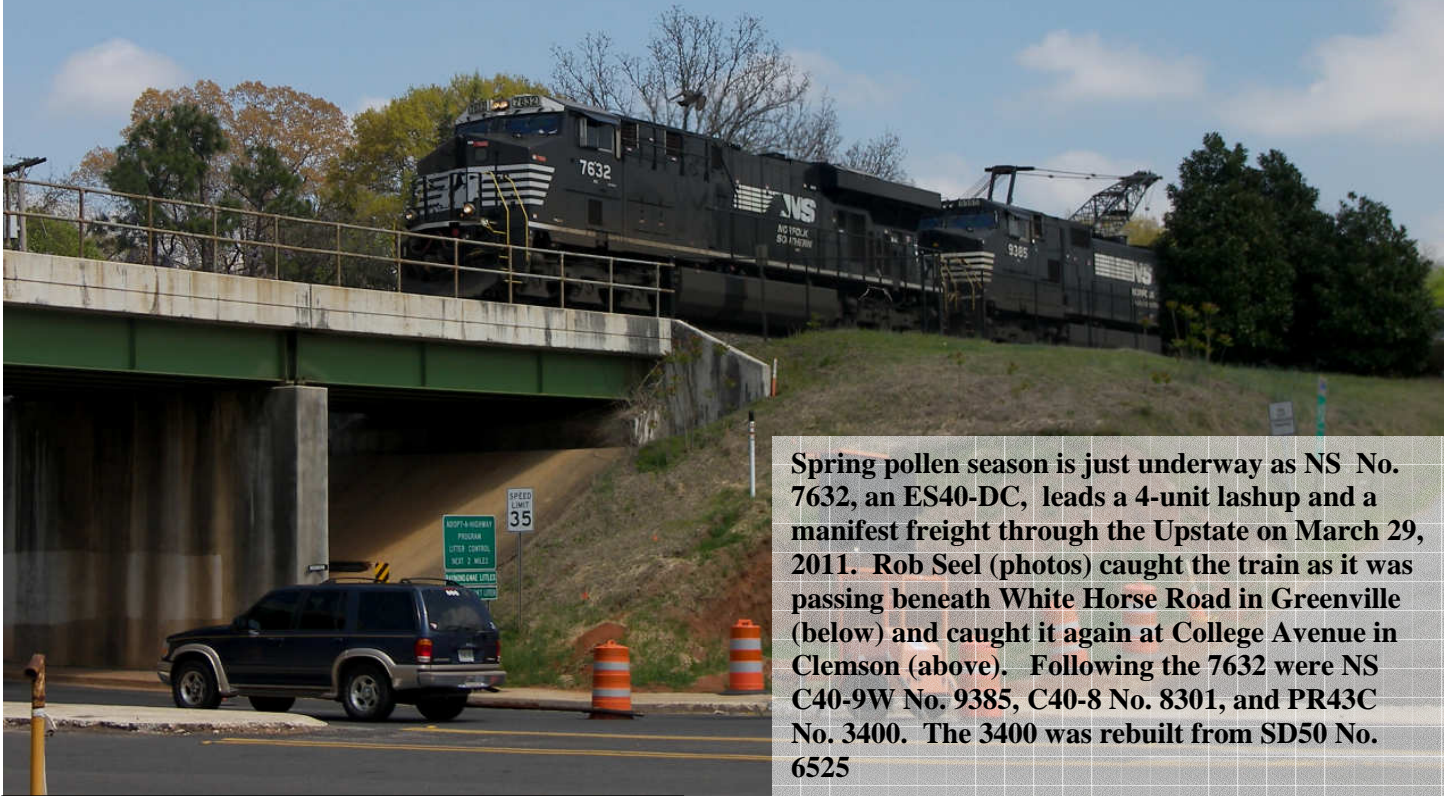
Dale Reynolds announced the next ramble is to be April 11-14. The plans are to visit several short lines in N.C. and S.C.

The meeting was adjourned for the program.

Dale Reynolds presented a program on Maine shortline railroads. 



# TRAIN SPOTTING AROUND THE UPSTATE



Spring pollen season is just underway as NS No. 7632, an ES40-DC, leads a 4-unit lashup and a manifest freight through the Upstate on March 29, 2011. Rob Seel (photos) caught the train as it was passing beneath White Horse Road in Greenville (below) and caught it again at College Avenue in Clemson (above). Following the 7632 were NS C40-9W No. 9385, C40-8 No. 8301, and PR43C No. 3400. The 3400 was rebuilt from SD50 No. 6525

## EASLEY TO SEE



**Bruce Gathman** sent in this photo of an industrial switcher, numbered CLCX 2112, set out on the Pickens-CLCX siding in Easley on March 27, 2011. He believes the unit was being returned to the Chattahoochee Locomotive Company for some repair work. The unit is apparently a remanufactured ALCO S4 employed by the Sweet Bran company in Dalhart, Texas. The loco's number and reporting marks are stenciled on the frame, below the Sweet Bran logo at the cab end. The 2112's origins are currently unknown. 🚂






## ***RAMBLIN' THROUGH THE CAROLINAS***



On May 14, 2011 the CRM&HA Ramblers visited the Carolina Piedmont Railroad (CPDR) in Laurens, SC (above) and the Greenville and Western Railroad (GRLW) in Belton, SC. Pictured to the left are CRM&HA's Jack Merrill, Dale Reynolds, Sage Viehe, and Roger Smith, along the GRLW owners, Steven & Cheryl Hawkins. Also in the photos are (above) CPDR GP38-2 No. 3899 (ex-CFE 3881, nee-CNW 4613, blt 1979) and (left) GRLW GP9 No. 3751 (ex-ECBR 6513, ex-PTR 6513, nee-B&O 6513, blt 1957).

**Be sure to come to the May meeting for a full report and photos of the year's first Ramble!** 



# 2011 CENTRAL RAILROAD FESTIVAL

CENTRAL, SC APRIL 23, 2011



What started out as a cloudy morning turned into a bright sunny day as the crowds came out for the annual Railroad Festival. New to this year's event was a locomotive simulator brought by Norfolk Southern, as well as a public unveiling of a year's progress at the Museum.



While only four NS trains came through town that day, the toys and models were running all day. Mac "Shade Tree" McMillin spotted his motor car by the ex-NKP caboose (upper left), while Bruce Gathman, Sage Viehe, and Don Rumer kept Thomas and James spinning to children's delight (middle). Josh Phillips kept trains moving on the portable layout (lower left) and Jim "Doc" McInnis guided visitors at the Museum (lower right). Photos by Ed Welch, except for middle right by Rob Seel.







The last train to come through was just after the festivities closed at 7:00 PM, led by NS C40-9W No. 9910 (photo by Rob Seel). Festival may be over, but work continues for the CRM&HA. On Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, the Museum will host a news and video crew, documenting the cooperative relationship we enjoy with the Town of Central. Come to the May meeting to find out more!

