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Next Meeting:
Nov. 3, 2011
7:15 PM

**DON'T YOU
MISS IT!**



INSIDE THIS MONTH: Rob Seel returns to the Broad Way Speed Tracks (above) as Amtrak's *Cardinal* storms through Rahway, NJ at 9:28 AM, September 30, 2011. And, Bruce Gathman takes it slow and narrow in Hickory, NC on September 8, 2011 (below).





**SCHEDULED
EVENTS & SHOWS**

November 5-6, 2011
Norcross, GA
Great Train Expo
 North Atlanta Trade Center
 Free Clinics!
 10:00 – 4:00 www.greattrainexpo.com
 \$7.00 / Children 12 and under Free

October - November, 2011
Chattanooga, TN
Autumn Steam Excursions
 Round trips to Summerville, GA
 featuring ex-SOU 2-8-0 No. 630
www.tvrail.com

December 10, 2011
Nashville, TN
Music City Chapter TCA
Christmas Toy Train Show
 Tennessee State Fair Grounds Agriculture Building
 9:00 – 4:00 www.dixiedivisiontca.com
 \$7.00 / Children 12 and under Free

January 14-15, 2012
Savannah, GA
23rd Annual Model Railroad & Train Show
 Armstrong State University
 10:00 – 5:00 / Sun 10:00 – 4:00
www.coastalrailbuffs.com
 \$5.00 / Children 12 and under and active military Free

FEBRUARY 4 - 5, 2012
EASLEY, SC
**OUR
SHOW**

BE THERE !

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

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

October 29, 2011 **NMRA Palmetto Division**
Not here - Back in Greer!

November 3, 2011 **Opportunity Knocks!**
 See Dale before he sees you

December 1, 2011 **Christmas Dinner, TBA**

January 5, 2012 *Are those crickets I hear?*

2ND SATURDAY
**MUSEUM OPEN TO
THE PUBLIC**
**COME RUN TRAINS & HAVE SOME
FUN !**
NOVEMBER 12, 2011
DECEMBER 3, 2011
JANUARY 14, 2012

**HOME LAYOUT TOURS
GREATER ATLANTA AREA
9th ANNUAL
PIEDMONT PILGRIMAGE**
 October 15 – November 27, 2011
 Presented by the NMRA Piedmont Division
www.piedmontpilgrimage.com



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

By Glenn Nasworthy,
Stationmaster

SERVES THE UPSTATE

October 6, 2011

Regular Meeting at the Central Railway Museum

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

There were two guests present, Jerry Jordan and his grandson, Will.

The Treasurer reported that all bills were paid to date. He further elaborated on the importance of the of the Train Show to our finances for the following year.

OLD BUSINESS:

There have been no material invoices to the Town of Central in August. We need any invoices for September.

In Al Costa's absence, there was no report on the "Coats for Tots" program.

President Reece has been in touch with the City of Easley and reported they are working on the Train Show contract for 2012.

Joe Fitzpatrick reported the Boy Scout merit badge program for railroads has been made a council- wide program. He will follow up to see what we need to do.

Pickens County Accommodations Grant: The grant of \$2,500 has been received. This money will be applied to the Train Show, as it is a tourism-generating event.

Al Costa and Dan Marett are taking information for anyone wanting a club T-shirt. These will e ordered in early December so get your information in as soon as possible.

Bob White has graciously offered a donation to help purchase fascia and curtains for the layout.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Train Show: Howard reported that the mailings have gone out and we have already received some table reservations back.

Museum Building: Nothing new to report

Central Railroad Festival: The city committee is starting to meet.

Portable Layout: No report

Lionel Room: No report

American Flyer: No Report

Programs: No report

Webmaster: The Train Show has been added to the web site.

Newsletter: Rob Seel thanked everyone for the information they had provided and asked for more information on member layouts.

Museum Curator: Jack Green reported we have decided against accepting the donation of a Lionel layout from a Georgia family.

Property Inventory Administrator: Steve Humphrey reported they have made a lot of headway on the inventory and are now rechecking it.

Computer Administrator: Howard Garner reported we are in the process of getting a backup storage system and a backup power supply.

HO Layout:

Bench work: Nothing new to add.

Wiring: Howard Garner reported 99% of the lowered level lighting is in. He is adding signs for switches.

Scenery: Scenery is moving along well. A lot of work has been done that is beginning to show progress. Joe Fitzpatrick has about finished the Asheville yard area. We need to keep working on trees. We will need a great many.

Rolling Stock: No report.

Trackwork: Bob Folsom said he is still building turnouts and we are replacing some track and putting in a new spur near the paper mill.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Steering Committee has recommended that we increase the annual dues to \$30.00 per year from \$25.00 and that we add a Couple's Membership at \$40.00 per year. (In the membership listing on the web site the couples will each have their own line and picture and will have their own membership card.)

It was moved by Bob White and seconded by Joe Fitzpatrick that the Steering Committee's recommendation be adopted. The motion was passed.

Everyone is reminded that dues are payable between November 1 and the first meeting of 2012.

A Nominating Committee was appointed at the Steering Committee meeting on the 4th for the office of Vice-President and Secretary. The Committee consists of: Sandy Eustis-Chairman, Bob Folsom, Glenn Nasworthy, Ette Ruppert, Howard Garner & Jim Reece.

The election is to be held at the Annual Meeting on December 1, 2011.

Richard Nichols has some G-gauge track which he will donate to the club for our future outside railroad.

RAILFAN & HOBBY NEWS:

Mac McMillin told the group about two railfan trips being made to see fall colors. These are the weekend of Oct. 15 & 16 and 22 & 23. Pamphlets are available on the head table.

Mac also reported that the two slugs in Pickens to be made into remote control units.

Rob Seel reported seeing an old PRR N5 cabin in Virginia on his rail trip to New York, as well as a graffiti-covered E-8 locomotive, N5 cabin car, and two passenger cars on a siding in North Philadelphia

There being no program, the meeting was adjourned.



EASLEY TO SEE

By Howard Garner



This is the latest locomotive to be released from the Pickens shops. Believe it or not, according to the CLCX 2112 reporting marks under the cab, this started out as an ALCO S4! To see this unit in its former life, go back to the May 2011 issue of Central Crossings! – ed.



~ Meanwhile, in Pickens ~

Just arrived: GP-40 and two slug units from CSX. The mother unit will be converted to remote control. The cab is to be narrowed, with a walkway on each side. The step wells are to be enlarged to allow an operator to safely stand in them and operate the locomotive. No word on just what is to be done with the slugs.

PATENTLY SPEAKING

Submitted by Bruce Gathman

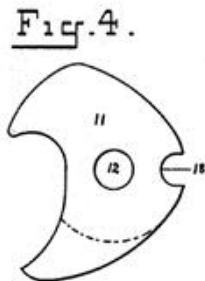
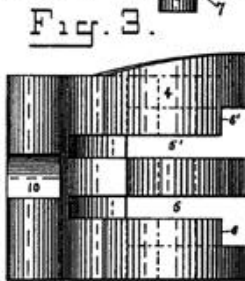
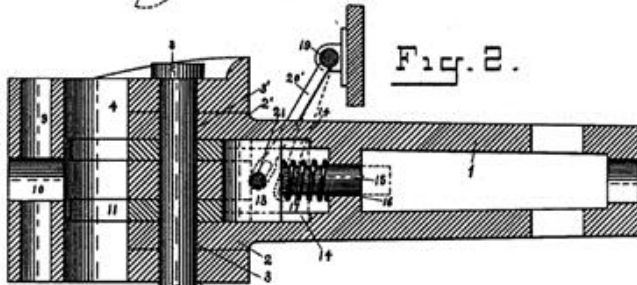
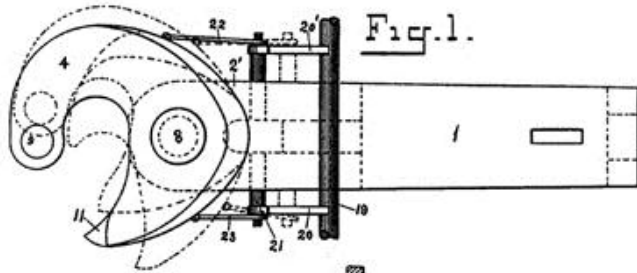
There are generally two parts to patent submissions: a written description of the invention and drawings (not to scale) that are keyed to this written description. Depending on the complexity of the invention more than one page of descriptions and/or drawings may be required to fully explain the merits of the design. You may find these descriptions online at—<http://patft.uspto.gov/netahtml/PTO/patimg.htm> by entering the patent number in the “view patent” box.

(No Model.)

A. J. BEARD.
CAR COUPLING.

No. 594,059.

Patented Nov. 23, 1897.



Witnesses
Wm. S. [Signature]
R. A. M. [Signature]

Inventor
A. J. Beard
By his Attorney *P. Byrne*

Be it known that I, ANDREW JACKSON BEARD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Eastlake, in the county of Jefferson and State of Alabama, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Car-Couplings; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same. My invention relates to improvements in that class of car-couplings in which horizontal jaws engage each other to connect the cars; and the objects of my improvement are, first, to provide a car-coupler of a simple and cheap form of construction, the coupler assembled in parts adapted to replace any of the pieces as desired; second, to provide a car-coupler having the head and shank constructed in separate parts and pivotally connected by a pin, by which a new head or shank can readily be attached to replace a broken part; third, to provide an automatic car-coupling having a head and side jaw pivotally attached to the shank, the head and jaw adapted to open and close in opposite directions to couple or uncouple the cars. I attain these objects by the mechanism illustrated in

the accompanying drawings, in which— Figure 1 is a top or plan view of my-improved automatic car-coupler. Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view of the same through the center. Fig. 3 is a detail vertical side view of the head. Fig. 4 is a detail plan view of the side jaw. Fig. 5 is a front view of the same.



KEEPING TRACK WITH BRUCE 2011 NARROW GAUGE CONVENTION

☪☪ HICKORY, NC ☪☪

BY BRUCE GATHMAN



September 8, 2011 ~ This modular layout is the Sundance Central from Florida. It is a 1:20.3 scale layout. The emphasis is on the details. It took eight men two days to set it up. It was moved in two 26' rental trucks. It is slated to be in a museum in Florida. This is their outdated web site - www.sundancecentral.org I found details like a rat on a log near a stream, a mother eagle feeding a salmon to her young, John Wayne going hunting, and Pres. Obama cleaning up an oil spill – even the crew that works on the layout doesn't know all the details on the layout.




THE PENN-JERSEY FLYER FROM NEW YORK TO PHILLY

BY ROB SEEL



I am very happy to have a daughter attending college in New York City. Not just for her sake, but to also feed my inner Railfan! And this time, I did “double good” by taking the *Crescent* and several NJ Transit trains for the trip. **Above:** I had just packed up my camera when I was jolted back to action to capture Bennett Levin’s ex-PRR E8s 5711 and 5809 parked at 30th Street Station in Philadelphia on October 3, 2011! **Below:** Another “through the coach window” shot on the day before, we see the busy passenger yard in Dover, NJ, complete with ex-NYC caboose that still runs on the NS train HO2, Dover local.



Above: The New York City subway (Lines 1, 2, and 3) station control house at 72nd Street, between Broadway and Amsterdam Avenue (blt. 2002) is considerably more graceful than the NJ Transit station in Rahway, NJ (**middle left**) (blt 1999). **Below left:** Way past their prime with audible arthritis, Arrow III MU coaches still prowl the Northeast Corridor. This inbound (north) evening rush train is led by unit No. 1393, built in 1978, and departing Rahway for all local stops to Penn Station on Thursday, September 29, 2011. 

THIS MONTH IN RAILROAD HISTORY

~ Courtesy of Bruce Gathman ~

NOVEMBER

1st – CSX Corporation formed in 1980.

7th – Completion of Canadian Pacific Railway, Canada's first transcontinental railroad in 1885

18th – U.S. and Canadian railroads first use Standard time in 1883

27th – Andrew Beard Patents Jenny Coupler in 1897