



The CRM&HA Newsletter

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Meetings are held at 7:30 PM on the 3rd Thursday of the month at the Central SC Library.

Editorial

By Dennis Moriarty

Keep the September meeting in mind as we are going to have a picnic on the regular meeting night. The location has not been finalized but it is hoped that we can have it at the Clemson Depot again this year.

We will not be able to have our train show at the UAG Church next year as they are having Saturday services. It is important that all CRM&HA members look for a new place to have the show. We need about 6600 square feet and it should be somewhere near Seneca so that we can still attract the people that come from Atlanta. Please keep your eyes open for a new location and ask if they can accommodate us. There is a possibility that we will skip the show this year because of the TextilExpress Convention. See the CEO's message below.

The meeting night will be changed in the near future. The existing meeting night and time will stay the same until the plans are formalized. The change will be announced in a future newsletter.

If you received a snail mail issue of the newsletter and have an E-Mail address, please send your E-Mail address to me.

Please support the newsletter by submitting articles, news and or information. If you don't wish to write please give me a phone call. E-Mail, copy on disk and written contributions are most appreciated. My address is Dennis Moriarty, 519 Beacon Shores Drive, Seneca, SC 29672. Phone 864-888-2332. E-Mail MQK @ carol.net.

Thank you!

Thank you, Rob Seel, Curt Ehmann, Rodney Cowen, Bob Folsom, and Mike Moore for your contributions this month.

Thank you!

We wish to thank Clarence Harold of **Realty Executives** in Seneca for printing our newsletter at no cost to the club. 888-8225

Engineer and CEO Message

2002 Train Shows: Call for Volunteers!

By Rob Seel

As summer slips in suddenly, before we realize it's September already, it is wise that we should begin planning next year's shows, public displays, and (oh, Yeah!) SER 2002 convention. We know that putting on a successful Train Show requires good, strong effort by everyone, and we have managed to pull-off a small, but very good train shows for five years now. Thanks especially to folks like Bob Hanson, Steve Zonay, and Howard Garner who have worked hard to plan, coordinate, cajole, and orchestrate our public events.

Next year, we will be hosting the biggest event we have ever dared to attempt. With the tremendous effort that Howard and Steve have put in so far, TextilExpress 2002 is practically our show to "blow." If we all lift our hand to the effort well established so far, we could be nearly assured of a very successful venture. Over the next 9 to 10 months, Bob Folsom and I will become more active in the convention effort.

What about our February show? Well, the four of us will assist but we need to focus our strength toward May. I then, open the door wide for a committee of eager folks who are willing to take this bull by the gandy dancer. Howard and Steve will make the dealers' addresses available. I have thoughts on possible locations. We can help. If you would like to consider leading this effort, please do not hesitate to call me at 654-7625 and discuss it with me before the next meeting. Can we realistically do 2 shows 115 days apart? You tell me, and we will support you! We will "cast our ballots" at the next meeting.

Proposed New Meeting Time

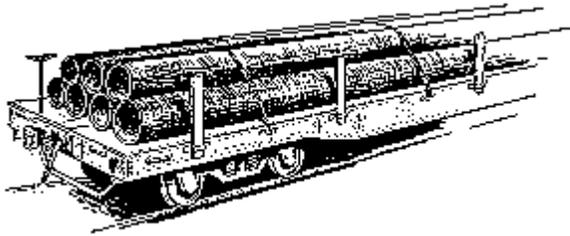
Thanks to you all, we have amended our By Laws to give us greater flexibility in when and where we conduct Association business. A proposal has been brought forth for changing our Regular Meeting time to the Second Thursday, at 7:00 PM (19:00). Rob Seel will verify the availability of the Library meeting room for that time. If the room is available at this proposed time, the Regular Membership will vote on the new time. If

passed, we may begin our new schedule at the October meeting (the 11th).

Possible Layout Display at Southern Wesleyan

Bob Folsom has been in contact with Southern Wesleyan University (SWU) for possibly giving us the opportunity to set up and operate our HO display from August 4 to August 11. SWU will be providing dormitory space for the Little League World Series to be held this year in Easley. This may be advantageous to us as we develop a relationship with SWU, recruit new members, and perhaps even find a working home for the layout!

We will need volunteers to set up, operate in the evenings, dismantle, and transport. If you do not model HO or have anything to run, don't let that snuff your steam -- us HO folk are willing to share! Bob should have more details by the next meeting, when we will decide how we will participate. If you have any questions in the meantime, please call Bob at 654-8244.



Approved Revision to the By-Laws

First Reading: 19 April 2001, 19:30

Second Reading and Vote of Acceptance: 17 May 2001, 19:30

Article I, Section 3. CLASSES OF MEETINGS

B. REGULAR MEETING: shall be held on the third Thursday of each month at 1930 hours, for the purpose of conducting Association business and enjoying all phases of railroading.

Revise to read:

Article I, Section 3. CLASSES OF MEETINGS

B. REGULAR MEETING: shall be held once monthly at a regular date and time for the purpose of conducting Association business and enjoying all phases of railroading. The date and time of the Regular Meeting shall be approved by no less than a two-thirds quorum, and shall be published at least two months prior to any change in the meeting date or time taking effect. Any proposed change to the Meeting date and / or time must be published in the newsletter and voted upon in the first Regular Meeting following newsletter publication.

HO Report

By Bob Folsom

I met with Jerry Cade, the Vice President of Student Affairs at Southern Wesleyan University recently in regard to the Little League World Series taking place in Easley the first week in August. I had the opportunity to

mention to him again that the CRM&HS would be interested in setting up our modular layout for display during the World Series. Southern Wesleyan University is providing the "village" for World Series participants. There will be nine baseball teams there, and they will be looking for diversions. Jerry seemed very enthusiastic about having our HO layout there on display. There are two big opportunities here. First, it is an opportunity to show off the layout and we have precious few opportunities to do that. Secondly, it might be the catalyst to finding a permanent home for the layout at SWU.

What we need now is some interest from our membership in readying the layout for another show, and then identifying those who would have the time to operate it.

In the first instance, the layout is almost in operating condition. It is more a case of making some scenery repairs, track repairs, and setting up all the buildings to make sure that everything is showable. Also, there are some improvements in the wiring that would make assembly easier; some of the scenery repaired; it would be nice to have the other F7 painted, and the connector track sections ballasted.

In the second instance, we would need a setup crew on Saturday, August 4, or Sunday August 5; persons to run the layout Monday through Friday at designated times, and a relocation crew for Saturday, August 11 or Sunday, August 12. I use the word relocation because it would really be awesome if the layout went directly from display to a permanent home (wishful thinking!)

I would be glad if anyone in the club would call me and invite themselves over to work on the layout virtually any day of the week. It doesn't have to be the "official HO division work session" night. Official meetings are more fun because there tend to be more participants, but at this point, we need the work done, by anyone anytime.

Please contact me (864-654-8244 or rjfolsom@innova.net) if you could help set up the layout, operate it, or relocate it. I hope you will make some effort, because of the long-term possibilities.

Minutes of Regular Meeting

May 17, 2001

The meeting was opened by Bob Hanson at 7:30. Ten members and two visitors, Ed Painter (former member) and Denise Pelone, were in attendance.

The minutes from the last meeting were read and approved as well as the Treasurer's report. Cash hand as of May 17, 2001 totaled \$6,288.50.

Dennis Moriarty thanked those who contributed to the last newsletter.

Business in Process

Steve Zonay gave an update on the TextilExpress 2002 show. He and Howard Garner, Richard Nichols, and Bob Folsom recently attended the SER 2001 show and learned a lot from some mistakes they saw, most notably a lack of proper publicity. They also saw some good clinics and excellent home layout tours. There were a good variety of vendors and dealers as well. Steve also mentioned that his bridge took second place in the on line structures contest.

The proposed amendment to the by-laws was read a second time. Bob Hanson called for the vote. The ten members present voted unanimously in favor of the amendment.

New Business

The picnic will probably be held at the Seneca Depot.

Division reports

HO: Bob still needs help on the first Thursday night of every month.

N: Michael Moore reported that he has purchased materials for a shelf layout that he hopes to have ready for the TextilExpress 2002 show.

Railfan report: Dennis Moriarty mentioned the runaway CSX train in Ohio recently. Steve Zonay mentioned the Pickens units bought from CSX (former MofW). Dennis said he thinks the Clemson Depot has been moved. Mac McMillin mentioned the Lancaster and Chester recently doubled in size and now runs from Rock Hill to Kershaw, SC.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12. The next meeting will be held at the Pickens County Library on June 21, 2001.

Program

Steve Zonay gave an excellent program on timber trestles, and gave a well-prepared handout with diagrams etc. to those present.

Respectfully submitted, Michael Moore Stationmaster

Minutes of Regular Meeting June 21, 2001

The meeting was called to order by Robert Seel at 7:30 11 members, 2 wives and 1 visitor attended. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Richard Nichols gave the Treasurer's report and stated that we had \$6288.50 on hand but some more dues had come in at the club PO Box which will be posted by next month.

Dennis Moriarty stated that the newsletter articles are due by June 30th.

Business in Process

There was a discussion about next years train show. Some thought that it would be too hard to have one because of the work that will be involved with the TextilExpress convention. Rob Seel stated that he would see if he could find any volunteers to put it on. If not it will be dropped.

Howard Garner gave an update on the TextilExpress convention. We are now incorporated for our protection. The TextilExpress display was set up at the Louisville Ky. Convention and they are planning more road trips with the display. A website was set up for the TextilExpress and is still being worked on. The address is WWW.TextilExpress.org. A slide show is being worked on for magazines. Howard asked if someone with computer experience would volunteer to set up and handle the registrations. Registration forms will be on site and some have been handed out at the conventions. The first registration request has been received.

A proposed change to our meeting night was approved for the second Thursday of the month starting at 7:00 PM. This is contingent on the Library being available. Rob Seel to report in his newsletter article.

Curt Ehmman was with Arlene Young to talk about the Clemson Station and brought plans of the station for everyone to see. Call Arlene with suggestions or Southern RR stuff to help with the decorating. Curt will present an article for the newsletter.

New Business

Rob Seel announced the following upcoming shows:
Charlotte, July 7th
Scranton, July 24-25th
National Association of S Gaugers

The annual picnic will be September 20 – Bob Hanson to handle.

Bob Folsom sent information that it may be possible to set up the club layout at Southern Wesleyan University between August 4th and August 11th. A truck would be rented and the layout moved if approved by the University. Volunteers will be needed to move, setup, operate and remove the layout. Bob Folsom will put an article in the newsletter.

Mac McMillin stated that his church VBS this year is called the VBS Express and that he loaned them a RR display. It is at the Trinity Baptist Church in Seneca and you can call Mac if you would like to see the display.

Division Reports

No division reports this month

Railfan Reports

Pete Sheriff talked about an Orange Engine that sounds like a tugboat passing her area from Toccoa, Georgia. HRT line (Hartwell). In the past, a HRT engine ran out of fuel near her house and had to be refueled by a truck.

John Cadmus said he stayed in a motel in Vicksburg Va. and at least 40 trains blew horns all night. Curt Ehmann said there is a Holiday Inn in Cumberland Maryland that is in demand by Railfans.

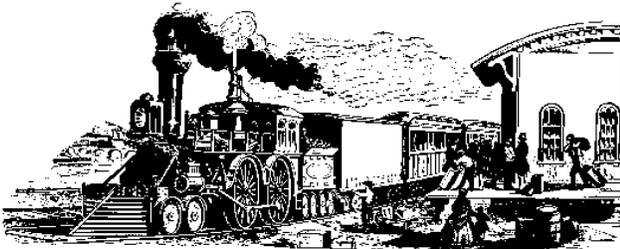
Hobby News

It was reported that the Great Escape in Greenville would give 10% discounts to NMRA members. It was reported that the Rail and Spike in Easley has received a shipment of S-gauge equipment.

Program

Mac McMillin gave an interesting slide presentation of the New Georgia and other Southern RRs. This included an excursion around Stone Mountain in Ga. The slides were from around 1987.

Respectfully submitted, Dennis Moriarty Acting Stationmaster



Clemson Station Update By Curt Ehmann

The restoration of the Clemson Depot is well on its way! The building has finally been moved onto its new foundation, just 20 feet south of its old location. The exterior is scheduled to be completed by the end of July in the Southern colors of Cream & Green, following closely the original plans and photos of the structure when it was built in the late 1800's. Then the interior can be completed, furnished and decorated, hopefully, by the end of August.

Curt Ehmann met with Arlene Young of the Clemson Community Development Department on June 11 to view the final floor plans. Curt is donating two of his S Gauge Trains to the City of Clemson, to be used in a static display of both passenger and freight trains, in Southern colors. Arlene and Curt agreed that the 24-foot rear wall of the Lobby might be the best location for the display. It could be centered on that wall, at about eye level, behind the Information Desk.

Directors Bob Hanson and "Mac" McMillin had met previously with the Clemson Development Department, offering to help in decorating the restored depot with appropriate Southern Railway exhibits and memorabilia when the time was right. With completion in sight, that time is fast approaching. Copies of the floor plan were obtained for our member's inspection at the June General Meeting, and ideas will be welcomed by Arlene and the City of Clemson.

Which Was More Powerful? By Rodney Cowen

Which was more powerful? A G.P. 7 with 1500 H.P., or three Budd R.D.C.'s with two 250 H.P. engines on each. One day I had a chance to find out.

Of course the G.P. 7 weighed more than the three R.D.C.'s combined. But the G.P. 7 had only four powered axles, while the R.D.C.'s had six.

When the R.D.C.'s started to wear out, they were placed in push-pull service. Now a diesel has an eight-notch throttle and a R.D.C throttle has only four. But they M.U.ed together quite well. This was accomplished by a special cable between the R.D.C.'s and the diesel. Thus any old diesel could be used for power and any R.D.C. for a control car. A motor had to be left running on the R.D.C.'s for heat and lights.

The F.R.A. approved this arrangement. But said the Budd car motors must be isolated and not used to power the train.

One day my train was three Budds pulled by a G.P. 7 with a screw ball engineer. Despite the F.R.A. order. He cut in all six R.D.C. motors. At Waltham tower we received orders to run wrong iron. West Concord to South Acton.

On arrival at West Concord, the engineer chooses not to change ends and reversed the train from the diesel. But the R.D.C.'s refused to go into reverse and fought the G.P. 7.

That nutty engineer wouldn't go back and cut out, the R.D.C.'s and I wasn't allowed to do it. So with spinning wheels, the train see-sawed back and forth on the cross over. To add to the show some leaves were ignited which set a few ties on fire.

The R.D.C.'s did a might good job of holding their own against the G.P. 7 until the diesel had enough sand under it to get a good grip on the rails then the contest was over.

I believe if those R.D.C.'s had a little sand in their boxes, the G.P. 7 could never have shoved them out on the eastbound track.

**Inside/Out
Tools and Work Station
By Dennis Moriarty**

One of the problems when working on a larger layout is that your tools are always on the other side of the room (**Murphy's Law**).

To solve this problem I decided that I needed some kind of portable workbench on wheels to carry tools and materials. I could have gone out and bought one, but that was too easy. I had just replaced my old gas grill with a new one and decided use the old grill stand as a base for the bench. After discarding the old grill, and gas stuff from the top, cleaning and spray painting, I had a nice set of legs with two wheels at one end and a bottom flat metal shelf. I guess the same thing could be made out of wood with an axle and wheels at one end. On the top I screwed a 20-inch x 37-inch sheet of 1/2 inch plywood and at one end mounted an old plastic open top toolbox.

I keep things like the pencils, drill bits, staples, stapler and glue gun with glue sticks in the box. Around the edge are holes to stick pliers, screwdrivers etc. The box is also a great place to keep track connectors and other small parts. The tray at the bottom is a good place to store a hammer, Dermal type toolbox, and other larger items. The plywood on top can be used to put the materials and tools needed for the job that is on going.

The biggest problem is keeping it clean as it gets piled high very fast with scrap wood etc. The portable workbench should be built before starting the layout as it is handy for carrying screws, electric screwdrivers, saws etc. for the layout support system as well as

carrying grass, ballast, trees etc. as the project progresses.

By the way, I wish **Murphy** would go back to Ireland.

Trivia

In 1830 the first passenger railroad in the United States began service between Baltimore and Elliott's Mills.



Future Meeting Programs

- July: Mike Moore
- August: Rodney Cowen – New England RR video from 1930-1940
- September: Picnic
- October: TBA

CMR&HA TRAIN CREW

- Engineer and CEO: Rob Seel
- General Division Super: Mac McMillin
- Station Master: Mike Moore
- Paymaster: Richard Nichols
- HO Division Super: Bob Folsom
- Large Scale Division Super: Bob Hanson
- N Scale Division Super: Bill Hughes
- Address removed for web publication --
- is the club website.**

Cartoon from WWW.toytrunkrailroad.com



**Central Railway Model & Historical Association
Membership Application**

Name: _____ **Member #** _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____
City: _____ State: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

1. Declared Interest Group: HO N General (Circle one)
2. Other Railroad Interests: Modeling Collecting Railfanning History
Other? _____
3. Modeling Scale: Z N HO S SN3 O G (Circle yours)
- 4 Railroad Memberships: NMRA NRHS Other? _____
5. Do you have a home lay-out? Y N Open to Visitors? Y N
6. I can help the Association by:
 - Working on one of the modular projects
 - Helping with set-up and operation of lay-outs at shows.
 - Organizing an excursion to a show or museum.
 - Serving on a committee (i.e. Audit, Publicity, etc.)
 - Serving as Officer or Director.
 - Preparing a short program for monthly meeting.
 - Other: _____
7. Please record my membership in the Association for 2000. Enclosed is my (check) or (cash) in the amount of \$20.00, Send to: Treasurer, CRM&HA, P.O. Box 27, Central SC, 29630-0027. Phone (864) 261-3496

Signature _____

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