

The CRM&HA Newsletter

September/October 2006 Dennis Moriarty/Editor Volume 15 Number 5
Meetings are held at 7:15 PM on the 1st Thursday of the month at the Central SC Library

HEADLINES:

1. THE CRM&HA MEETING AT THE CENTRAL LIBRARY SEPTEMBER 7, 2006 IS RESCHEDULED.
2. PICNIC AT THE REYNOLDS'S HOUSE ON SEPTEMBER 24TH
3. A NEW HOME FOR THE CRM&HA LOOKS PROMISING
4. BI-LAW CHANGES APPROVED

Editorial By Dennis Moriarty

We have exciting news. There is a strong possibility that the Club will be able to use the Allen house near the bank in Central (where we used to hold meetings) as a permanent home. The city will maintain the outside and the club will have part of the inside. More details are in the newsletter. It has been decided that **we will have the regular meeting on September 7th** to discuss this opportunity. If we do accept our new home, we may wish to finalize our February train show arrangements with Mutts to help pay for our activities at the Allen house.

Mark your calendars. This year's picnic will be at Dale Reynolds's house on September 24th at 3:00 PM. Dale will supply beverages and paper products. The club will supply the meat dish. Please be prepared to bring a dish to pass and BYOB. At the August meeting Bob Hanson passed around a sign-up sheet for all those who planned to attend to indicate which item they were going to bring:

- Salad
- Fruit Dish
- Veggie Dish
- Dessert

If you were unable to attend the August meeting please **call Bob Hanson 885-0136 or rffh16@bellsouth.net** with your choice and indicate how many are coming. I don't know if

they will be needed, but you may want to bring lawn chairs. A map to Dale's house is included at the end of the newsletter.

The suggested bylaw changes presented by Bob Hanson that were printed in the last newsletter have been approved with minor changes.

This month the newsletter features manufacture's engines. Contact me to get your favorite rail line featured. <http://usloki.tripod.com/>

Please **send information** for the next newsletter to MQK@CHARTER.net or hand it to me at a meeting before October 12th.

Thank you Jim Reece, Bob Hanson, Rodney P. Cowen and Pete Sheriff for your contributions to the newsletter this month. I am sorry that I forgot to thank a few who made contributions to the last newsletter.

Also, thank you Howard Garner for managing the club website.

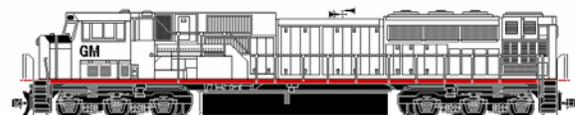


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**CEO COMMENTS
SEPT/OCT 2006
BY JIM REECE**

Many exciting opportunities are coming to CRM&HA. The final disposition and success of these opportunities will depend on the input from all of our club members. With this in mind I am rescheduling the September 7 meeting at the Central Public Library. This meeting will not change anything about the scheduled picnic for September 24.

Opportunities to be prepared to discuss at the Sept. 7 meeting:

1. After each meeting with the city the probability of the Allen House becoming a long-term home for the club looks better. This new home will create a need for the club to produce what revenue possible. Can we pull enough vendors to make money at a Mutt's, rent-free, train show in late February?
2. On August 14 the Central City Council voted unanimously to allow the Mayor and CRM&HA to continue to pursue making the Allen House the permanent home of the club. Now is the time for the club to start the processes necessary to make it happen. What can we do? Who will do it? And how do we start? Can we do any fund raising by member sponsorship? Are we ready to incorporate? Many of the grants available require matching funds. What can we do to match funds? Or any suggestion you can bring to the meeting to help us get started.
3. On August 15 I went to a meeting of the National Railroad Historical Society. The discussion on CRM&HA hosting a train show while NRHS has their national meeting produced the following answers to our club member's questions.
 - a. There may be a \$15.00 charge by the hotel for each table they furnish. NRHS is still trying to eliminate this charge. There will be no charge for the ballroom or anything else.
 - b. On Saturday we will be using the ballroom that NRHS will use for their Saturday night banquet. NRHS will talk to the hotel about CRM&HA having set-up time Friday night. The

ballroom is only available that one day.

- c. They have no problem with CRM&HA charging admission, inviting the public or dealers. They did ask how many dealers we would expect.
- d. I extended an invitation to all members of the NRHS to our September 7 club meeting. President Jim Tewell and National Director Lester Collins said they would plan to attend. This will give us a chance to ask any new questions and to answer their questions.

It is important we get input from all club members. These opportunities will require some effort from every member available. The more input we receive the better chance we have of having everyone excited and on board. Contact members you know that have missed recent meetings and get them to join you at the September meeting.

**Minutes –Meeting
(Central Library)
July 6, 2006**

The meeting was called to order promptly at 7:15 by President Jim.

Mrs. Cowen was the only guest present—there were no new members to introduce.

Next newsletter deadline is August 12---send articles and other things of interest on to Dennis.

Future programs---August/Margo---
September/Reynolds/this is our picnic on
September 24---October/McMillin---November/Seel-
---December/Folsom/Christmas-Holiday party/

Next train show will be again at Mutt's in Easley---
will be either 3rd or 4th Saturday in February---
Reece talking with owner/manager to confirm.

The proposed by-law changes eliminating all provisions for separate interest groups were presented to all for the second time in the last issue of our newsletter. President Jim called for a vote to adopt these by-law changes---moved by Reynolds---seconded by Hanson---no further discussion---voted unanimously to approve the changes as presented. President Reece will arrange to have these typed up and copies made for distribution.

Picnic---September 24 at Dale Reynolds---Dale will furnish paper products and non-alcoholic beverages. The Club will furnish the meat---KFC chicken---Hanson will handle this. All members are asked to provide a side dish. Hanson will provide sign-up sheets at the August meeting.

Club insurance----Dennis Moriarty had done an extensive look into general liability insurance for the club and the one and only quote that he received back was from Nationwide Insurance---for \$885.00 per year. The general consensus was that this was too high and we/Dennis should keep looking. Also--Howard Garner was to check with NMRA to see if we might fall under the provisions of one or more of their liability policies. He doubted that this might be the case as he believed that all members of the club had to be NMRA members for anything like this to occur.

The discussion on insurance turned to what we might really need insurance for and the thought was the main exposure was any outing, e.g., the train show where the public was involved. Hanson suggested that Dennis look into single event coverage similar to that being obtained by other entities holding public events/ If Dennis could not get any clear indications of possible coverage from those he contacted he will advise both Dale Reynolds and Bob Hanson of the names of those who had turned him down and these two will see what they might be able to find. Problem seems to be our unincorporated status---even though we are registered as a 501-c-4 organization. Needs follow-up.

Dale Reynolds----our picnic sponsor---will furnish a map to Dennis to include in the August newsletter.

Rob Seel requested a meeting after the formal meeting to discuss the possibilities of new HO layouts, trailer for transportation, etc.

Dale Reynolds has drawings of the proposed renovations to the Central Depot---done in 1/8-inch scale (HO sizing).

President Reece will meet with the Mayor of Central at 9 a.m. on Friday, July 7, to discuss CRM & HA using the depot as our "home". Jim has prepared a package of information on what we have done and what our capabilities are for the Mayor.

J.V. Cannon, the builder and operator of the Pavillion Railroad in Greenville/Taylors has died. He and his wife were the sole operators of "George, the Train"---he the engineer and she the conductor.

Bob Folsom brought in for review of interested parties the NARP News---the Newsletter of the National Association of Railroad Passengers.

Hanson brought in pictures sent to him by Jim Burnham of Williamston of a presumed 1946 American Flyer train set. Dale Reynolds took a quick look and thought the set of only nominal value.

Folsom reported that Willard Kline has an HO set to sell---no action taken,

Richard Nichols---has a good possibility for a video program on the rebuilding of the B & O Museum---this building collapsed under snow load---Richard has the pictures but needs to get them in order for a program.

Rodney Cowen---there is a new railroad running from China to Tibet which is now billed as the world's highest, reaching over 19,000 feet in the Himalayas.

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. and was followed by a video presentation by Bob Hanson on "Short lines in the South" which included footage of the Tweetsy when it was an operating freight road and of the Murphy Branch, which is now where the Great Smoky Mountain Tourist Railway operates.

Respectively Submitted

Bob Hanson acting Stationmaster

**Minutes –Meeting
(Central Library)
August 3, 2006**

President Jim called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m. There were no new members or guests to be introduced.

Treasurer Garner reported that Association balances continued above the \$10,000.00 mark with no activity to report for the previous month.

Per Editor Dennis, the newsletter deadline coming up is Aug 12.

Train show is still scheduled for Mutts in Easley---either 3rd or 4th Saturday in February---Pres. Jim to set dates with owner.

New edition of the by-laws---address at the top of each copy should be changed from P.O. Box 27 to P.O. BOX 128.

Association picnic----to be held on September 24 at 3:00 p.m.at the residence of Dale Reynolds---Dale is to get to each of us a detailed map on how to get there. (Dale was not in attendance at this meeting.) Hanson passed around a sign-up sheet for all those who planned to attend to indicate which item they were going to bring---Salad---Fruit or Veggie dish---Dessert. At the meeting 8 members signed up to attend with a total of 18 people.

Folsom/Reece will confirm the dates of the Central Heritage Festival and what they might be expecting us to do.

Association insurance---Moriarty continued to look into this---on the basis of insuring a single event at a time. Probably cost range will be \$200.00 up to \$400.00. Will need to bring a specific event/location to agent to get quote. Dennis is still questioning whether or not our Association should change to an LLC—a general discussion seemed to indicate that the members felt this was not necessary.

Mac brought up that the Greenville Chapter of NRHS might have room for us to put on a train show at their upcoming meeting of directors from around the country---in Greenville at the Hyatt-Regency---next April. They are expecting 250 to attend this National Directors Meeting. Mac has given President Jim the NRHS contact---Lester Collins, Chair for the event.

A lengthy discussion followed on the availability of the Allen house in downtown Central for us to set up a semi-permanent HO layout and to outfit a meeting room and “library” for our Association. A number of our members have visited and inspected the facility and, as might be expected, there were differing views on the amount of work required to bring the house “up to snuff” and who would be doing all this work. There were lots of questions raised---but not as many answers given---many things we simply do not know the answers to at this time. The general consensus was that we need to cover a lot of things on any agreement that we might reach with the City of Central. Note: Richard Nichols indicated that he would look into what he might be able to do with regards to a security system—Rob Seel indicated he was interested in the architectural needs for the house. The latest number is \$450,000 to do a complete renovation of the house, including putting in the proposed public washrooms.

On a motion made by Hanson and seconded by Nichols it was unanimously agreed that Members Reece and Folsom should indicate an expression of definite interest on our part to be conveyed to the

Central City Council Work Session on Monday August 7..

In the meantime, Hanson is to look into ways that we might consider as avenues for the raising of additional funds to help this—the Allen House---become a CRM&HA home.

The formal meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m..

Rob Seel presented a 7-minute program featuring Gordon Lightfoot singing a trilogy of train songs featuring CP Rail with Canadian songs and scenes. Good short show!!!

Respectively Submitted

Bob Hanson Acting Stationmaster

NO COAL By Rodney P. Cowen

Sometime after the business started to boom, the B & M would start a train out of Boston and at the same time one out of Mechanicville. At East Deerfield we would go straight down the main line to the dome. There the head end crew would swap engines and trains. After the engines were serviced, the engineers would drag along and when cabooses met, the rear end crew would drop off and catch the other caboose on the fly. The trouble with this arrangement was the lazy crews. If they got a caboose with a low coal supply, they would only get enough to last to East Deerfield, as they knew they were going to get a different caboose back.

I remember one trip when we swung on the buggy; we found the fire almost out and not even one lump of coal in the bin. That trip we broke up the ice chest, as it was made out of wood. We needed something to burn.

On another trip, I was glad for the conductor’s sake. That there was plenty of coal left in the other buggy. While we were waiting for the engines to be serviced, the conductor walked up to the yard office. When the train started moving again, and we dropped off, we noticed the conductor standing there with a bundle under his arm. After catching the other caboose and going inside, we also noticed that the conductor didn’t smell too nice and his bundle smelled even worse. What had happened was on the way to the yard office, the conductor had been caught short and hadn’t made it. The bundle, of course, was his long johns.



Main Street Remembered... 7-11-06 Submitted by Pete Sheriff

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by Rolann C. Lee in "Main Street
Remembered"*

This week I will recount an accident that happened in 1936 for you.

Jeanette Capps Owens shared it with me. She had Bobby Miller look up the paper that it was written up in, dated January 28, 1936, and get it to me. Here are excerpts from that *Westminster Tugalo Tribune*: "Westminster Lady Victim of Railway Accident- Mrs. E. P Callaham Killed By Train No. 39 Last Tuesday while walking track.

Our people already know about the horrible accident which overtook Mrs. E. P Callaham last Tuesday, January 21st. Accounts of the same have been printed in the daily newspapers and in a few weeklies and everybody knows the facts, The whole community mourns the tragic death of this estimable lady.

The sad occurrence happened about a half mile north of the passenger depot and almost directly in front of Ocone Textiles.

No. 39 is a southbound passenger train, due to arrive here at 2:08 p m. The engine struck Mrs. Callaham at 2:15 therefore it was running very nearly on time. Mrs. Callaham, who was coming toward town with her back toward the approaching train, and was selling some kind of products, was using the tracks on her route. Double tracks entail double danger, and sometimes a person is confused as to what direction a train is traveling. It is stated the engineer sounded his whistle and an eyewitness close by called to the lady, but she evidently did not hear the warnings of danger. It was said she was wearing a heavy cloak with the collar turned up, which might have had a tendency to have deadened the noise. There is a fill and a curve where the accident occurred. The body was horribly mangled and knocked down the embankment before the engine came to a standstill. The Callaham family lives about one mile and a half east of town.... Sheldon and Miller, local undertakers took charge and prepared the body for burial. An unusually large number attended the funeral and interment at Clearmont on Wednesday afternoon at three-thirty. Rev. M. J Stansell and Dr. DD Lewis conducted the sad, impressive funeral services. Before marriage Mrs. Callaham was Miss Hattie Lindsay, and she was comparatively a young woman being 44 years of age. Her husband and seven children survive. Coroner Morgan hale an inquest and the verdict was rendered in line with

the facts as stated by eye witnesses that death was due to being struck by train No. 39. During the past forty years quite a number of lives have been lost, due to persons being a little too near or on the tracks in the Westminster vicinity. Most of these accidents have been north of the depot." Here is what Mrs. Jeanette Capps Owens recalls of that day in 1936.

" I was 9 or 10 years old and we lived in a green house near the mill ballpark. That day we heard the train whistle blowing and blowing and came out to see what was happening. We saw Mrs. Callaham who had just left our home walking on one of the tracks and we were eyewitnesses to the accident. I remember that Mrs. Callaham sold Blair Products. My mother Mrs. Ethel Capps had just ordered some vanilla and spices from her. Mrs. Callaham had just left our home and she had gotten on the track near Bibb Street Crossing to walk her route. I remember her having had on the black cloak and I remember the train did not get stopped. I recall hearing that one of Mrs. Callaham's shoes was found later up near where Big Smith and Bert Cain lived near Broad Street."



Interesting Websites

<http://www.piedmont-div.org/ser2007/>

This Month's Tips

Please send me your tips, for future newsletters.

A few automobiles on the layout will need drivers and occupants. Cut scale plastic people in half, paint appropriately and glue to seat. License plates can be scanned on the computer or down loaded off the Internet and reduced to the proper size and then printed.

CMR&HA TRAIN CREW

Engineer and CEO: Jim Reece
General Division Super: Rob Seel
Stationmaster: Brian d'Entremont
Paymaster: Howard Garner
Large Scale Division Super: Bob Hanson
Program Chair: Dale Reynolds

Future Meetings Programs

September: New **club home discussion** at the regular meeting and "**Annual Picnic**" at Dale Reynolds's House on the 24th.

October: Mac McMillin
"**Vintage Steam Films**"

November: Seel

Also officer nominations

December: Bob Folsom
"**Christmas Party**"

Also elections

Web Site

<http://www.cwrail.com/crmha/>

Club Mail Box

PO Box 128, Central SC, 29630.

Paymaster Mail Box

(For Membership Applications and Dues
Payments)

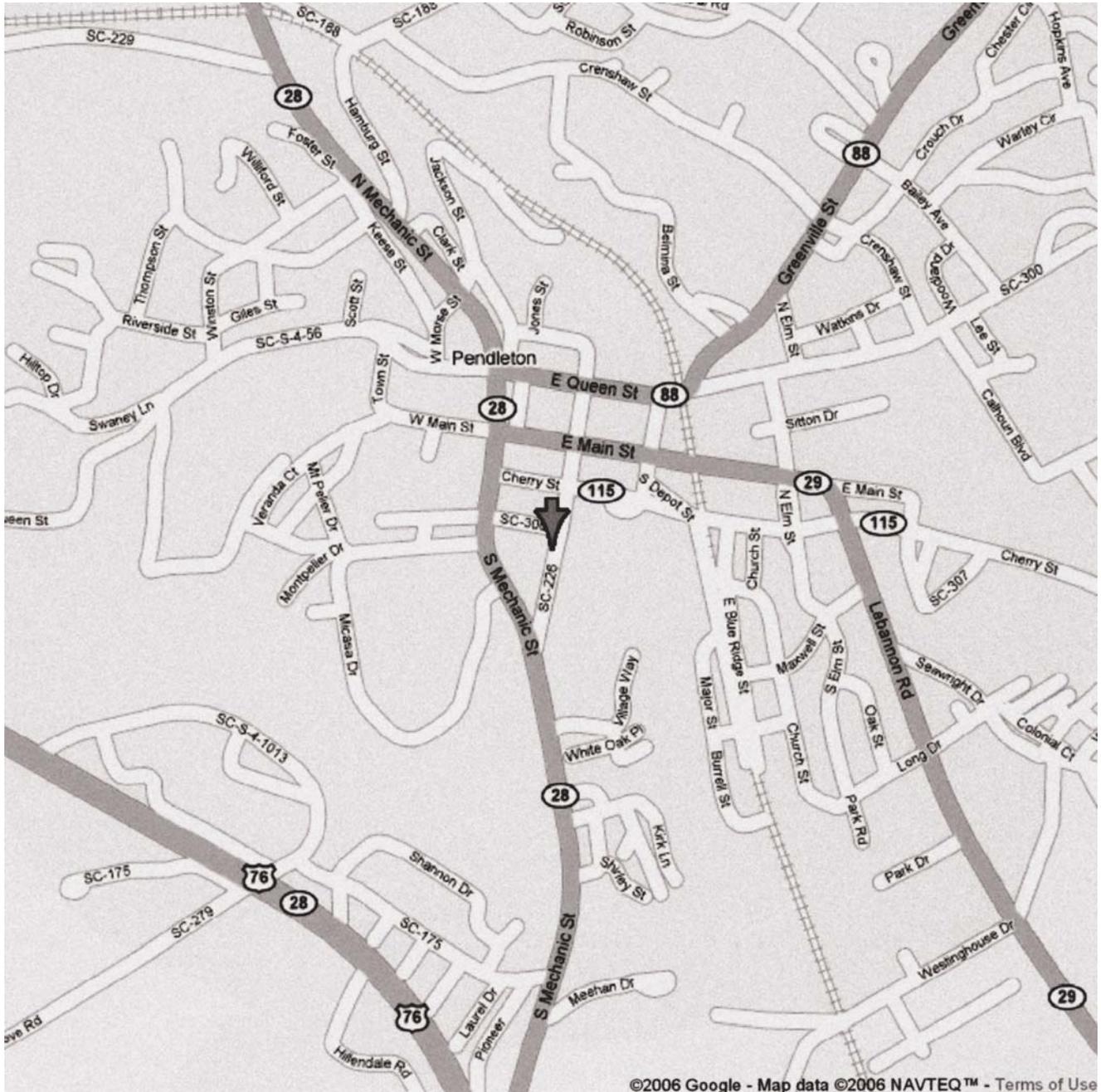
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Map to Picnic September 24 at 3:00 PM
Dale Reynolds, 316 S. Broad St. Pendleton SC 29670

646-2586



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Central Railway Model & Historical Association Membership Application

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

1. Declared Interest Group: Modeling Collecting RR-History Railfan General (Circle yours)

2. Other Railroad Interests: _____

3. Modeling Scale: Z N HO S SN3 O G (Circle yours)

4. Railroad Memberships: NMRA NRHS Other? _____

5. Do you have a home layout? 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 layouts 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 the year. Enclosed is my (check) or (cash) for \$20.00, Send to CRM&HA, PO Box 826, Pickens, SC 29671-0826. Phone (864) 878-4705

Signature _____

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