



The CRM&HA Newsletter

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Meetings are held at 7:15 PM on the 1st Thursday of the month at the Central SC Library

Editorial By Dennis Moriarty

The final 2007 membership list is at the end of the newsletter please contact Dennis Moriarty if there are any corrections.

As editor of the CRM&HA newsletter, sometimes I wonder if an issue can be put out as I have very little to put in it. But I shouldn't worry because our members always seem to come through, usually at the last moment. This issue is no different. I just received two very nice articles. Thank you very much.

If you haven't been to a meeting lately you have missed some super presentations. I just hope that the high quality of the programs doesn't keep others from volunteering to put on a program just because they don't have computer program capability.

Our club members have many interests. If modeling is your interest, working on the new layout may be a great place to learn from experienced modelers. With the advent of a new club house there will be a great many things to work on. Building renovation, layout design, substructure construction and all of the things that are required to have a club layout. All skills will be needed. If you are interested in joining in the fun contact Jim Reece and the other committee leaders as they are selected. We should be in the new building soon.

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

Thank you Jim Reese, Bob Folsom, Rob Seel, and Brian d'Entremont for your contributions to the newsletter this month.
Also, thank you Howard Garner for managing the club website.

CEO COMMENTS BY JIM REECE

Last year at this time Bob Folsom had just recently made arrangements for the club to store the layout at Mrs. Ramsey's home. At that time we talked about helping Mrs. Ramsey make some minor repairs to her basement. Do we need to revisit this subject? Let's discuss this at the May meeting.

Also, at this time last year we had just finished an interest survey of the club members. On the question related to what railroad modeling subject members would like to learn or teach, the following lists shows them in order of most requested.

Want to learn

1. Landscaping
2. Engine Tune-up
3. Wiring
4. DCC Systems
5. Tree Making
6. Weathering
7. Kit Bashing
8. Bench Work
9. Layout Planning

Willing to teach

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Seventeen members wanted to learn, eleven were willing to teach and eleven said they could host activities at their homes. Now would be a good time for those in the know to help those wanting to learn. Where applicable those teaching could work with Bob's Layout Committee to develop and teach the procedures and standards to be used on the new layout. Here is a good chance for those willing to teach and those willing to host to hook-up with the Layout Committee and develop a class from the list above. Maybe these classes could work in with Bruce and Glenn's Thursday night get-to-gathers. Let's discuss this at the May meeting.

**Minutes – Regular Meeting
Central Public Library**

1 March 2007

President Jim Reese called the meeting to order at 7:15PM with 14 members and 6 guests in attendance. The guests as well as new member Bob White, a Delaware Lackawanna and Western fan from New Jersey, were introduced. The treasurer reported that the recent train show at Mutt's was profitable, but that the figures had yet to be tabulated. After some discussion, it was concluded that the net profit from the show was approximately \$550. There was discussion as to whether any of the local media covered the event, to which Mr. Reese answered that he had seen something in the Powdersville newspaper. It was also proposed that the club print business cards for distribution at shows. Member Margo Torelli agreed to be in charge of future publicity for the club, filling a position that had been proposed a couple of months prior. There was discussion of the times, room availability and entry fee for the April show. Member Steve Zonay indicated that vendors were displeased with the short setup and tear down times and the short duration of the show. With regard to the clubhouse, it was announced that the city had chosen not to apply for grant money. Instead, council has allocated \$30000 of the hospitality tax to these renovations.

In new business, Dale Reynolds indicated that the Georgia Pacific company was auctioning a complete layout. However, the idea of purchasing this generated little interest from the club due to the limited value of the parts. Margo Torelli indicated that she was looking for rail photos as subjects for acrylic paintings to sell at shows. Mr. Reese also acknowledged the donation of several items by a Mr. Tim Finley before the meeting. The meeting was followed by slide presentation of photos from a recent trip to France by Brian d'Entremont.

Respectively Submitted
Brian d'Entremont Stationmaster



**Minutes of Emergency Meeting
held at Glen Nasworthy's house**

3/18/07

An emergency meeting was called by President Jim Reece for Sunday, 3/18/07 at 2:00 PM for the purpose of deciding whether to participate in the NRHS show scheduled for April 21, 2007. The meeting was held at Glen Nasworthy's house. A new decision was necessary due to some changes in the location of the show in the Greenville Hyatt.

Jim called the meeting to order at 2:12 PM with nine club members present, and one guest, Jim Toole from the Greenville Chapter of the NRHS. Jim Reece reviewed events. Lester Collins of the NRHS had called Jim to notify him that the room planned for the train show had been changed to an upstairs location, and that the hours of availability had also been changed. Jim had notified the CRM&HA members by e-mail of the details, and received several responses, mostly negative. Jim also received a response from Lester correcting some of the times. Jim Reece then read Rob Seel's response as being all inclusive of the negative reactions.

Jim Toole gave some explanations of what caused the NRHS to have to make the changes. Reasons included problems with the Hyatt, the Downtown Arts Fair, and some financial considerations. Jim Toole then passed out a diagram of the available facilities. A discussion followed.

Howard Garner moved that we cancel our participation in the NRHS convention. It was seconded and the motion carried 5-3.

The subject of the lease pending with the Town of Central was brought up. Jim Reece brought the club up to date. Bruce Gathman had written a critique identifying several areas of concern:

Q. How will the building be divided?
A. We need a statement that defines room usage. We need utility credit for space not used by the club, or some means of separating the HVAC for the meeting room and public bathrooms.

Q. What is meant by "in-kind service"?
A. Cash outlays for improvements made by CRM&HA; possibly hours logged by club members in making improvements.

Q. Who is responsible for yard and exterior maintenance?
A. Town of Central and they would also be responsible for ADA requirements.

Q. What about insurance?

A. Town of Central has their own fire/hazard/liability insurance, but CRM&HA should have their own liability insurance and content insurance.

It was agreed that CRM&HA needs to incorporate. Howard and Bruce will work on it. Bob Folsom would contact Tom Martin to see if he would act as attorney to review the lease.

The meeting adjourned at 3:51 PM.

Respectively Submitted
Bob Folsom Acting Stationmaster

**Minutes – Regular Meeting
Central Public Library
5 April 2007**

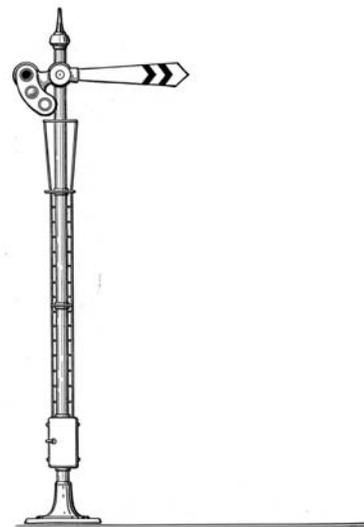
President Jim Reese called the meeting to order at 7:15PM with 17 members and 2 guests in attendance. The treasurer reported a current bank balance of \$12070.97. The first items on the agenda were follow-up to the emergency mid-month meeting called on March 18. After briefly discussing the cancellation of the April show, finalized at the extra meeting, discussion moved the subject of incorporating the club prior to signing a lease on a new clubhouse. Member Howard Garner proposed that this could be accomplished by adopting the existing charter of the CRM&HA Inc, an legal entity created previously for the purpose of hosting a particular show and whose membership consisted of a small subset of the CRM&HA general membership. According to Mr. Garner, the adoption of the existing charter requires a vote of the membership of CRM&HA for a name change and that of the existing membership of CRM&HA Inc. to accept the CRM&HA. A motion made my member Steve Zonay and seconded by Bob Folsom. There was some discussion as to whether the existing corporation had federal 501c3 status allowing tax-exempt donations, to which Mr. Garner answered that the CRM&HA did not have 501c3 status, but was properly incorporated to apply for such status. Such an application may be approved or denied by the IRS. After this discussion, Mr. Zoney's motion was passed by unanimous vote of the present membership. There was also discussion as to whether an attorney was needed to handle the incorporation or the lease with the City of Central. Turning up no names as to a railfan attorney, it was generally agreed that any attorney would have to be hired. Several members agreed inquire about this to attorneys with whom they are acquainted about this.

The next item of old business was the lease, with Mr. Reese presenting a series of changes based on

discussion at the previous meeting on March 18. There was discussion particularly on the point of how utility costs were to be paid as the city reserved the right to use the conference room in the house. General conscience appeared to consider it improbable that the city would be willing to pay for the installation of a split ventilation system, but that the club should have it written into the lease that their coverage of electrical costs covered only occasional use of this room. Bob Folsom, as chairman of the interior renovation committee reported that his committee was awaiting full access to the property before serious discussion. Invitation was extended to any that wish to join this committee.

In new business, Mr. Garner indicated that the typical spring show in Asheville was canceled leaving the February-March 2008 time frame open for a large-scale show in the area. He proposed renting a space such as the fair grounds in Easley for this purpose. This idea will be discussed further at future meetings. Mr. Garner also offered to host the annual picnic, which will be held on September 8th, assuming no conflict with the Clemson football schedule. The program was a presentation by Bruce Gathman on Ephraim Shay, his railroad, and his inventions.

Respectively Submitted
Brian d'Entremont Stationmaster



**The Amrock club of Columbia, SC
By Bob Folsom**

Several members of CRM&HA attended an open house put on by the Amrock club of Columbia, SC in conjunction with the Atlantic Coast Carolina

Central Division S gauge group. The S-gaugers had a large modular layout in the upper floor of Amrock's building adjacent to the governor's mansion.

Amrock's three layouts were on the lower level with O, HO, and N represented. Outside the building was a multi-track loop of G gauge.

Below are the pictures.



RAILFANNING CLEMSON

Part 2: N&W 1218

By Rob Seel

In the last issue of our newsletter I recalled my first mainline steam railfanning experience, being caught off-guard by N&W 611. That was at the end of my freshman year at Clemson, and I was fortunate to still be in town to see her. The next couple of years I was already back in Statesboro when 611 came though. But in 1987, just as I had learned of the 611 the first time, I was reading the schedules in "Railfan" magazine and read something about N&W 1218.

Now until I was blown away and nearly blown over by the 611, the biggest steam locomotive I had ever seen were the small-but-handsome, tourist 2-8-0s in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. But, here I was reading about the massive 2-6-6-4 and trying to compose a mental movie from photos of articulated locos I had seen in books of what it would look like. Back in Statesboro, John Paton was the reference librarian at the county library. A member of the C&O Historical Society and author of "Allegheny with an A," John would display his custom-painted brass collection every November at the library. He had articulateds on display, but even those I never saw run. I had no idea of the impression the 1218 would make on me.

The 1218 had been refurbished in the Birmingham shops, and her inaugural excursion was to run from Roanoke to Bluefield on April 25, 1987. Being a college junior by then I put my head to good use and figured that Clemson was probably going to be along the way. I found out all I could from all of railroaders I knew in the area, which was only the fellow who owned the old hobby store on Laurens Road in Greenville. He didn't know much, but I placed my bets on Thursday, April 23 to catch a glimpse. I had no studio class on Thursdays, but I did have an English (poetry, I think) class that ran until 3:30. Good boy that I was, I had never thought of cutting class before. Oh, heck – I'm gone!

I had a car with me by then: a pollen yellow, 1973 Toyota Corolla wagon with faded, fake, wood-tone side accents. I wolfed down lunch and drove out to the Holiday Inn on Lake Hartwell to take my position on the shore by 1:30. And there, I waited. And waited. After an hour or so a couple of other railfans showed up with cameras and I was reassured that I had not missed anything. One of them even had a scanner, lucky me. He told me that 1218 had been delayed in Gainesville and is running a bit late. No big deal, I thought – I was never really fond of classic poetry.

The view from the dock is pretty good looking across Highway 123 toward the seven-span bridge over the lake. Even on slow traffic days the wait is rewarding to see a lash-up of SD hood units pound across the water. In those days, everything was Norfolk Southern black. I watched a couple of trains go by, including a nice surprise: a southbound freight with a "Kodachrome" __SF unit in the lead! Neat! I remember how that failed merger attempt resulted in SPSF standing for "Shouldn't Paint So Fast." I decided a nap was in order, as well as to hit the books I had brought to catch up on my reading.

5:00 PM came slower than Christmas, but it was when I first heard the most ridiculous sounding whistle I had ever heard: "WHEEeee-ohhh-whEH! That was definitely not the sound I expected, because everyone knows Big Locomotives have Big, Deep, Throaty Whistles. This one, however, did not fit the pattern. In fact, I had heard amusement park trains that sounded more serious than that. The 1218 was blowing for the crossing just above the bridge, so I scrambled to my photo spot with my cheesy little 128 Instamatic camera. Then there it was – the most mesmerizing thing I'd ever seen, gliding smooth as glass across Lake Hartwell, with six cars in tow and unassisted. It was HUGE. Yeah, the whistle was silly, but the looks of this incredible black beast cast a crazy spell on me. Just as she made landfall on the Clemson side an adrenaline rush came over me like I had never experienced, causing me to run to my Corolla wagon and take up our version of fox hunting. My little car could do zero to sixty in about 20 minutes, and I was about to blindly dart out into afternoon rush traffic on 123. Every traffic light raised my temperature gauge, and I prayed all the way not to have the highway patrol spot me. I zipped into Greenville and made it to the old passenger station just in time to join the small reception line waiting there. The 1218 pulled in five minutes later, so I had a chance to get a good photo spot with the setting sun to be behind me. She was bigger than I had thought, and quietly cruised in for a drink. My heart was still beating like a jackhammer from the drive over; I hung around for about twenty minutes before heading back to Clemson.

That was my first train chase, and what a train to do it for! Since then I would go out to see 1218 and 611 whenever I could, but, as it turned out, I would never see the old Greenville depot again. Besides that, Norfolk Southern dropped its fires in 1994. I have yet to visit the open casket in Roanoke where my friends are stuffed and mounted; I don't know if I want to see them again or not, but it is good to know they are well cared for.



This Month's Tips

Save old pill bottles to put small parts and fasteners in etc. Tape one of the parts on the bottle so that you know what is inside.

Please send in your tips, for future newsletters.

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

2007 Activities & Meeting Programs

MAY 4 -- Siberian Railfanning - DON RUMER and Dr. Fred Marcinak

JUN 7 -- Weathering Structures - ROB SEEL

JUL 5 -- Railfanning the Clinchfield - DALE REYNOLDS

AUG 2 -- OPEN

SEPT 22 Picnic at Howard's house.

OCT 4 -- To be determined - HOWARD GARNER

NOV 1 -- OPEN

DEC 6 -- Annual Party - BOB FOLSOM

If you would like to present a program at one of the open meetings, contact our program Chairman DALE REYNOLDS @

reynoldsdale@earthlink.net

Club Web Site

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

Club Mail Box

PO Box 128, Central SC, 29630.

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(For Membership Applications and Dues Payments)

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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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