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Next Meeting:
October 7, 2010
7:15 PM

**SEPARATE
 WORLDS**

**The Model
 Railroad Club &
 Roadside America**




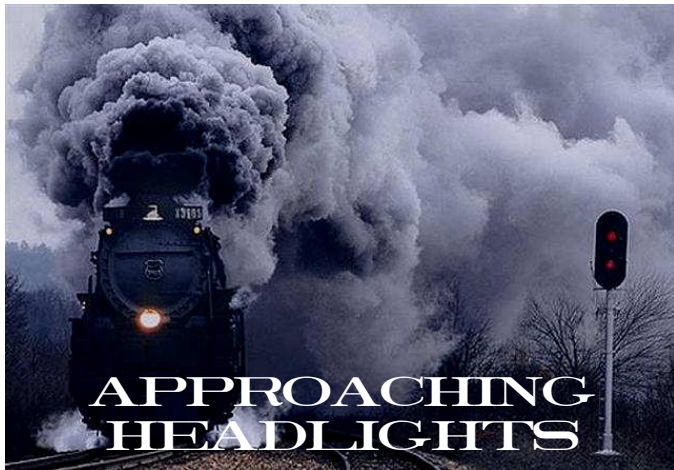
THE MODEL RAILROAD CLUB

Rob Seel (photo) recently received an amazing, personal, VIP tour at **The Model Railroad Club of Union, New Jersey (TMRCI)**: a group that dates back to 1949. Be sure to not miss our October meeting where Rob will present a program tour of TMRCI and the whimsical, familiar toy train tradition, **ROADSIDE AMERICA**, in Shartlesville, Pennsylvania! See you next week!



A SPANNER IN THE WORKS

By Rob Seel. Norfolk Southern crews have begun the work to align a new, temporary track through Clemson so that the long-awaited bridge project can start. The new bridge will replace the existing, four-span, ballasted deck bridge, dating back to the mid-1970s. The new bridge will allow for five traffic lanes beneath and two tracks above, one of which being dedicated to high-speed trains! 



**SCHEDULED
EVENTS & SHOWS**

October 10, 2010
HENDERSONVILLE, NC
French Broad E’N’pire Autumn Rails
 Whitmire Activity Center
 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
 \$5.00 w/ children 12 and under Free

October 16 - 17, 2010 (Nice time of year!)
MYRTLE BEACH, SC
Grand Strand Model Railroad Show
 Lakewood Conference Center
 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
 \$5.00 / \$3 children 6- 12 / Under 6 Free

October 30, 2010
CHARLOTTE, NC
NMRA Carolina Southern Div. Train Show
 Hickory Grove United Methodist Church
 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
 \$7.00, Children under 12 & Scouts in uniform Free

November 6 - 7, 2010
ATLANTA, GA (Norcross)
Great Train Expo
 North Atlanta Trade Center
 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
 \$7.00, Children under 12 Free
www.greattrainexpo.com

November 6-7, 2010
RALEIGH, NC
26th Annual Model Train & Railroadiana Show
 Exposition Center at the NC State Fairgrounds
 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM both days
 \$6.00 w/ children 10 and under Free
www.nrvshow.org

November 13, 2010
Greer, SC
Palmetto Division NMRA Meeting

November 13 - 14, 2010
NORTH CHARLESTON, SC
12TH Annual Best Friend Model Train Show
 Danny Jones Armory Park
 Times & Rates TBA

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

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

- October 7, 2010 **Roadside America &
The Model Railroad Club**
Rob Seel
- November 4, 2010 **Train Show 2011**
Al Costa
- December 2, 2010 Christmas Dinner!
- January 6, 2011 **Amtrak to the West Coast**
Roger Smith
- February 3, 2011 **Revival of the Maine
Two-footers**
Dale Reynolds
- March 3, 2011 **2010 National Narrow Gauge
Convention, St. Louis**
Bruce Gathman

Open Dates: Hurry and see Dale Reynolds to reserve your spot to tell us what you know (before he sees you!)

2ND SATURDAY
**MUSEUM OPEN TO
THE PUBLIC**

OCTOBER 9, 2010
NOVEMBER 13, 2010
DECEMBER 11, 2010



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

By Glenn Nasworthy,
Stationmaster

September 2, 2010

SERVES THE UPSTATE

Regular Meeting at the Central Railway Museum

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

There were no new members or guests present.

The treasurer reported that all bills were paid to date. He further showed a slide showing our expenses by area budgeted category.

OLD BUSINESS:

There have been no material invoices to the City in July. We need any invoices for August.

Pres. Reece reminded us that we need to have a second signer (vice president) for checks and that the mail box keys are now held by the Treasurer and the Secretary.

The secretary is to make a proposed change for the dues period. This is being referred to the steering committee for review prior to presenting to the club.

There is to be a Steering Committee meeting on Tuesday, September 7, 2010 at 7:00.

Jim Reece and Bob Folsom presented a program for the Clemson Lions Club on August 26th. The program was well received and they received a "Lion" award for their effort.

President Jim is to talk to the mayor of Central about our receiving in-kind recognition for work on the old depot, if they want to let us work on it.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Train Show: Al Costa & Ette Rupert are working on this as co-Chairs. They have had one committee meeting and Ette Rupert, Al Costa and Jim Reece are to meet

with the mayor of Easley. Jim is to set up a meeting for a Friday, if possible, to make it easier for Al to attend.

Sandy's OLLI Class: Sandy reminded us the class will be free for club members. The program starts in October.

Museum Building: Nothing new to report

Central Railroad Festival: Ron reported that meeting start Tuesday the 7th at 4:00PM.

Portable Layout: No report

Lionel Room: They will cut a four foot by four foot window between the meeting room and the Lionel Room on Sept. 17th. We have received two Lionel donations and one Marx donation.

American Flyer: Nothing new

Programs: Dale Reynolds reported October is covered but we need program for November.

Webmaster: No report.

Newsletter: Rob Seel asked for information of member layouts.

Museum Curator: Jack Green reported he had inventoried stock certificates for our reference collection. Inventory of other items will be discussed at the steering committee meeting on the 7th.

HO Layout:

Benchwork: Nothing new to add.

Wiring: Wiring is being done on the narrow gauge. Howard demonstrated a track detection device he plans on using.

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. The sawmill and the sawmill area are nearing completion. Some of the trees we have made are showing signs of a pine beetle infestation.

Rolling Stock: No report.

Trackwork: Bob Folsom said HOn3 track is being laid.

NEW BUSINESS

The annual Christmas Party is scheduled at Bob Folsom's for December 2nd and serves as our December meeting. Bob, as host, will cook the tenderloin and members and their spouses are to bring a dish to share. Cost of the meal is \$5.00 per person. Several members are to help Bob find the best place to purchase the tenderloin.

A nominating committee will be appointed at the steering committee meeting on the 7th for the office of vice-president and treasurer. Election to be held at the annual meeting on December 2nd.


Bob White suggested we up date the member interest list: i.e., "HO", "N".

There was some discussion of the plans for a "Miniature World Of Trains" being made by Blue Ridge Hobbies. We have two members, Jim Reece and Jack Green, who will attend their planning meeting on the Wednesday the 8th.

The meeting was adjourned for the program. Bob Folsom and Howard Garner presented an excellent program on the use of DCC and the operation of the club layout. Printed copies are available at the clubhouse.



OUR GREAT AMERICAN (FLYER) HERITAGE KEEPS ROLLING ON!

Dale Reynolds sent us this photo of the progress that's been made on the S-gauge layout. Since we've been receiving an astonishing amount of donated treasures, Dale's been enjoying the luxury of being particular, and the blessings are plain to see. And, while many of us in the Association are finicky modelers, who can deny the fun, frolicking, and even frivolous allure of colorful, noisy, and smoke-puffing toy trains? For many of us, that's exactly how our lives' railway journey began. Some have moved into other aspects of the hobby, some remain in toy trains as collectors, and others just love it all. That's what makes the CRMHA unique among railroad hobby clubs, the fact that we have such varied interests and that we can display so much of it. It all goes to make our museum and clubhouse a special place, something for just about everyone! 

CEO COMMENTS by Jim Reece

Invited by the Program Chairman of the Clemson Loins Club, on August 26, 2010, Bob Folsom and I spoke to that group at the Clemson House on campus. The program lasted about 45 minutes and had thirty people in attendance. They are interested in what we are doing and did ask how they could help. We will be speaking to another group, The Coffee Club, at Clemson Downs Center on September 23.

We will be holding elections in November for the offices of Vice-President and Treasurer. Nominations will be taken at the October 7, 2010 monthly meeting. If you have someone you want to nominate before October 7, contact one of the association officers.

Try to set aside the date of December 2 for the annual Christmas Party. It will be held at Bob Folsom's house again this year. 