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Robert M. Seel, AIA

Next Meeting:
December 2,
2010
7:15 PM

Christmas
Dinner
Hosted by
Ron Keith



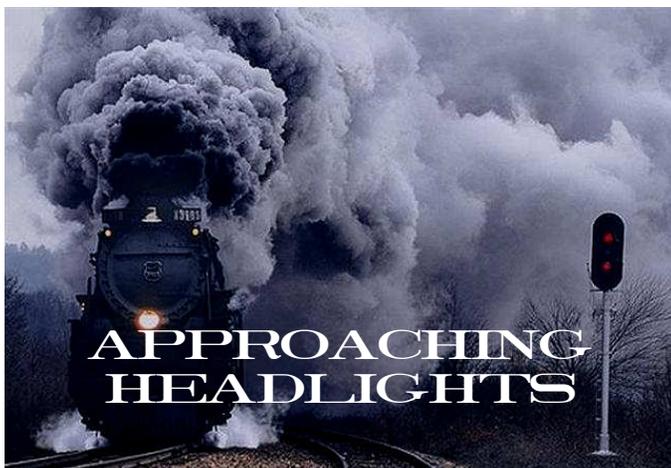
AUTUMN LEAVES AND CINDERS

Photo by Rob Seel Back under steam after a 10-month overhaul, New Hope & Ivyland 2-8-0 No. 40 (blt 1925, BWL, ex-Cliffside RR 40, nee- Lancaster & Chester 40) is sporting a new boiler jacket and fresh paint. She is seen here in New Hope, about to cross Bridge Street at 3:00 PM with a four car train for Lahaska, PA on an overcast Saturday, October 30, 2010.



A SWITCH IN TIME

Photo by Ed Welch. Sandy Eustis has been designing a switching puzzle for the Peachtree industrial district on the CRMHA club layout. Industrial switching is a fun railroad operations activity that packs a lot of action into a small area. It requires brainwork too, like a chess game. See Sandy for details! 



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

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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| December 2, 2010 | Christmas Dinner Hosted by Ron Keith |
| January 6, 2011 | VIA Across Canada! 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 |
| April 7, 2011 | Your Big Break Sign up now! |
| April 23, 2011 | CENTRAL RAILROAD FESTIVAL |
| May 5, 2011 | Call Dale before he calls you |

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

DECEMBER 11, 2010
JANUARY 8, 2011
FEBRUARY 12, 2011

SCHEDULED EVENTS & SHOWS

January 15, 2011
ATLANTA, GA (Norcross)
40th Atlanta Train Show
 North Atlanta Trade Center
 Times and rates TBA
Golden Spike Enterprises

February 12 – 13, 2011
ATLANTA, GA
World's Greatest Hobby on Tour
Cobb Galleria
 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM Sat, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM Sun.
 \$10.00 w/ children 16 and under Free
www.wghshow.com

FEBRUARY (25), 26 – 27, 2011
EASLEY, SC
OUR SHOW

BE THERE!



March 4 – 5, 2011
FLETCHER, NC
Asheville Train Show
 Western North Carolina Agricultural Center
 12:00 PM – 7:00 PM Fri, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM Sat.
 \$5.00 w/ children 13 and under Free
www.asheville-trainshow.com

March 19 - 20, 2011
ATLANTA, GA
The Model Train Show (Piedmont Div. NMRA)
Cobb Galleria
 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM Sat, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Sun.
 \$8.00 w/ children 12 and under Free
www.themodeltrainshow.com



SERVES THE UPSTATE

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

By Glenn Nasworthy,
Stationmaster

October 7, 2010

Regular Meeting at the Central Railway Museum

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

A new member, Bill Pike, was introduced as well as guests, Allen and Kim.

The Treasurer reported that all bills were paid to date. He said the Electrical budget is down to zero and that he may transfer some money from other budgets to the Scenery budget.

OLD BUSINESS:

There have been no material invoices to the city in September. We need any invoices for September turned in if any are due.

Everyone was reminded of the upcoming vote in November on the proposed By-Law change regarding the dues paying period.

There is to be a Train Show committee meeting on October 12, 2010 at 7:00.

President Jim is to talk to the Mayor of Central about our receiving in-kind recognition for work making the bathroom handicap accessible.

Nominations for Vice President and Treasurer are to be presented at the November meeting with the election to be at the December 2, 2010 meeting.

The Christmas Party and Annual Meeting are to be at Ron Keith's house on December 2, 2010.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Train Show: Al Costa is to present a program on the Train Show planning at the November meeting.

Museum Building: Nothing new to report.

Central Railroad Festival: Ron reported that planning is going on. We are to mark our calendars for April 24th 2011 now so we can be sure to be able to help.

Portable Layout: We plan to leave the layout upstairs in the Function Junction building.

Lionel Room: They are still working on the room. They need to insulate the walls and ceiling.

American Flyer: They now have another engine running.

Programs: Dale Reynolds reported November is to be on the Train Show.

Web Master: No report.

Newsletter: Rob Seel asked for information of member layouts.

Museum Curator: Jack Green reported he has received copies of city paid-for items.

HO Layout:

Benchwork: Nothing new to add.

Wiring: Some of the lights for the lower level are now in.

Scenery: Scenery is moving along well. There has been a lot of progress. They are trying to get the land forms for the upper level in.

Rolling Stock: No report.

Trackwork: Bob Folsom said there is still track work to do.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mac McMillin told the club about his motorcar trip in Alabama and said he was planning a trip to Blue Ridge Ga. for a 75 mile trip next week and asked for riders.

The meeting was adjourned for the program. 



SERVES THE UPSTATE

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

By Glenn Nasworthy,
Stationmaster

November 4, 2010

Regular Meeting at the Central Railway Museum

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

There were no new members or guests present.

The Treasurer reported that all bills were paid to date. He said the Electrical budget is down to and that he may transfer some money from other budgets to the Scenery budget.

OLD BUSINESS:

There have been no material invoices to the city in October. We need any invoices for October turned in if any are due. To date we have been reimbursed \$14,176.12

BI-LAWS CHANGES

The proposed change in the By-Laws was presented to the club.

The changes as proposed: September 7, 2010

Proposed change to Articles X and XI of By-Laws

PROPOSED CHANGES TO ARTICLE X: DUES

As written: Regular and Associate membership dues shall be collected at the time of, or prior to, the first Regular Meeting of each fiscal year. Dues shall be levied as follows:

As written: Section 1: Annual Dues shall be paid for a term greater than six months, up to and including twelve months. Annual Dues shall be collected from November of the previous year to April of that year.

Proposed Change: Annual Dues shall be collected from December 1 of each year to the second meeting of the new year (the February meeting).

As Written: Section 2: Semi-Annual Dues shall be paid for a term up to, and including six months by – Regular Members only. Semi-Annual Dues shall be collected from May to October of that fiscal year. Semi-Annual Dues shall equal one-half of Annual Dues.

Proposed Change: Delete Section Two

Section 3 remains unchanged

Proposed changes to Article XL: Suspension or Dismissal

As Written: Section 1: Members who fail to pay their dues on a timely basis (on or before the beginning of the next fiscal year) will be carried on the membership rolls as a “member-in-arrears” with no voting rights, for a maximum of sixty (60) days, after which the individual will no longer be considered a member.

Proposed change: “for a maximum of 30 days”

Section 2 remains unchanged

A motion was made by Sandy Eustis that the proposed changes be accepted and the motion was seconded by Michael Childress. The question was called and the motion passed without a dissenting vote.

OTHER OLD BUSINESS:

President Jim is to talk to the Mayor of Central about our receiving in-kind recognition for work making the bathroom handicap accessible.

Nominations for Vice President and Treasurer were called for. Bob Folsom for Treasurer and Ron Keith for Vice President were proposed. There being no further nominations it was moved by Sandy Eustis that the nominations be closed. It was seconded by Dale Reynolds. The question was called and the closing of the nominations was approved. The election will be at the December meeting to be held at Ron Keith’s house.

The Christmas Party and Annual Meeting is to be at Ron Keith’s house on December 2, 2010. He will e-mail a

map with directions. Please let him know if you are planning on being there and what pot luck dish you might bring.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Train Show: Al Costa will present a program on the Train Show planning at this meeting.

Museum Building: Nothing new to report

Central Railroad Festival: Ron reported that planning is going on. We are to mark our calendars for April 24th 2011 now so we can be sure to be able to help.

Portable Layout: We plan to leave the layout upstairs in the Function Junction building.

Lionel Room: They are still working on the room. They need to insulate the walls and ceiling.

American Flyer: Nothing new to report.

Programs: Dale Reynolds reported we are covered through March. Dr. McInnis suggested we paint figures if a program is needed.

Web Master: Ed Welch reported on the possibility of having a display at the SC Welcome Center for our layout. He also said the web site is current as to Train Show contacts.

Newsletter: Rob Seel asked again for material for the newsletter.

Museum Curator & Property Inventory

Administrator: Jack Green has accepted the job of inventory administrator on a temporary basis. Some new books have been added to our collection. Jack said he has been working with our new computer, courtesy of T & S Brass Co. He is in the process of learning how to use the property management program.

Computer Administrator: Howard Garner has accepted this position. He will set up general rules for the users.

HO Layout:

Benchmark: When the upper level is done we can start on the lower level for the Central area.

Wiring: Some of the lights for the lower level are now in and a 6 Volt circuit for building lighting is being put in.

Scenery: The budget is shot but some more Plaster of Paris is being bought so work can continue. This is thanks to the moving of some funds to scenery

Rolling Stock: No report.

Trackwork: Bob Folsom said there is still track work to do.

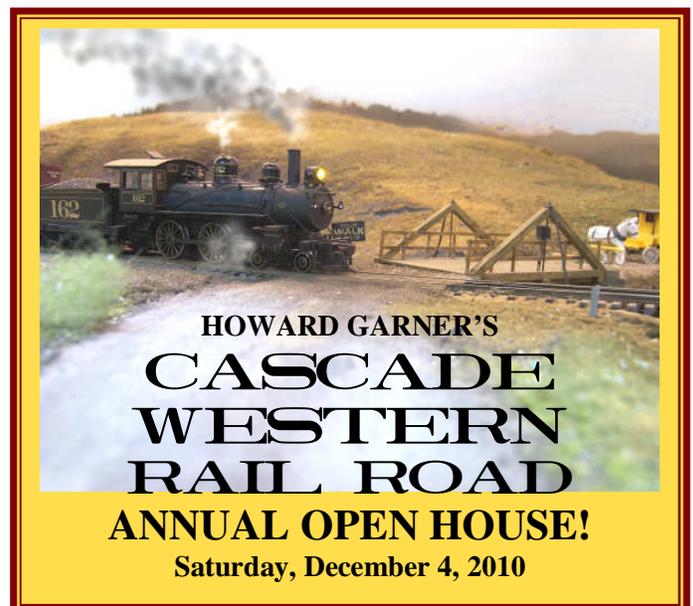
NEW BUSINESS:

Sandy Eustis explained that a project board has been created listing jobs that need to be done. Anyone coming in can look at the project board to see what they can work on. This way there is always something that people can do. The point being addressed is that everyone who comes in will have something they can do.

An example: Ette Rupert came in and saw that rocks were needed so she made rocks today covering the current requirements.

A new job will now be listed. About 15 jobs will be kept on the board.

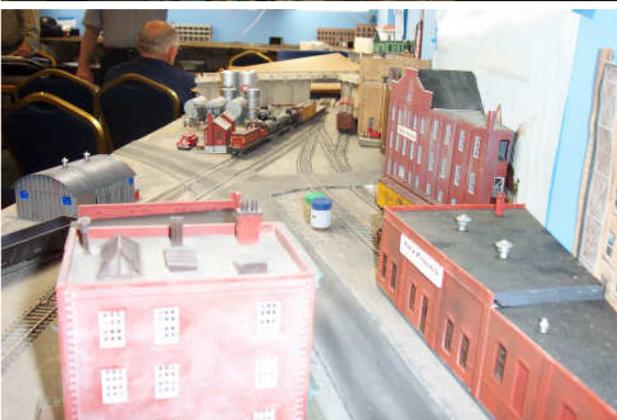
The meeting was adjourned and Al Costa presented a program to bring everyone up to date on the status of the Train Show and to make the needs for manpower known. 



HO LAYOUT WORK MOVING QUICKLY

Photos by Ed Welch

By the time you read this article, these photos will be a record of the past. Yes, work is moving along quickly, and it's especially noticeable in the scenery. When the Central Railroad Festival comes around in April our guests will certainly be astounded by the difference from just a year ago. Great job, folks!



Be sure to ask Sandy about the switching puzzle for the Peachtree industrial district. As the lower three photos indicate, there's a lot of activity that takes place in such a small area. Not just a matter of running trains around in loops, this section is fascinating, polluted, gritty, urban railroading. There are designated deliveries, pick ups, and car positions on specific sidings. This is like the place you may have seen from your car window as you drove past from the safety of the overpass, but never dared to venture down into the mysterious, filthy yard. Whatever your work list is, be done before 5:00 and get out before dark! 🚂