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Next Meeting:
January 6, 2011
7:15 PM

**VIA ACROSS
CANADA**
with
Roger Smith



HAPPY NEW YEAR - LET'S GET SMOKIN'

Grab your NMRA gauges and pocket aprons 'cause Train Show Time is sneaking up faster than N&W 611 around a blind curve! Tom Eagle of Simpsonville, SC plans to be with us again this year, with his national award-winning, 7/8 scale, 2-foot gauge modular layout (above). **Photo by Bruce Gathman**

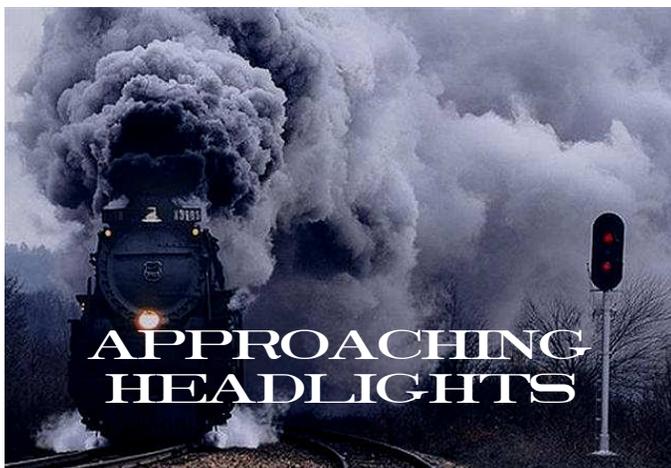


DAYLIGHT CRESCENT

Photo by Dale Reynolds.

The big winter blizzard that slammed the northeast and dusted the Upstate caused the southbound *Crescent*, Train No. 19 to arrive in Clemson nine hours late on December 28, 2010

According to Dale, a half dozen passengers detrained and only one boarded. The weather here, though, was perfect for rare, daylight photos of this normally early morning runner. 🚂



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

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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| 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**
COME RUN TRAINS & HAVE SOME FUN

JANUARY 8, 2011
FEBRUARY 12, 2011
MARCH 12, 2011
APRIL 9, 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



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

By Glenn Nasworthy,
Stationmaster

December 2, 2010

SERVES THE UPSTATE

Regular Meeting at Ron Keith's House

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

There were no new members or guests present.

The Treasurer reported that all bills were paid to date and that the Train Show deposits for the Bagwell Gym and to Greenville Rental for tables have been paid. Deposits on tables for the show are coming in.

OLD BUSINESS:

There have been no material invoices to the Town of Central in November.

President Reece has not yet been able 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 previously proposed. There being no nominations from the floor it was moved by Howard Garner that the nominations be closed and Bob Folsom and Ron Keith be elected by acclamation. It was seconded by Sandy Eustis. The motion was approved and Bob and Ron were elected for another term.

There is a Steering Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday the 7th at 7:00PM.

The subject of hosting the fall 2011 meeting of the Palmetto Division of the NMRA was presented by President Reece. This consists of providing a meeting room with projection capabilities and room for model displays. Also involved are layout tours. The consensus was we should pursue this. It is to be discussed at the Steering Committee meeting.

The Town of Central is seeking a state award and has asked us for information on what we have put into the

refurbishing of the museum house. It was approved for the club to provide whatever was needed.

Ginny Marhanka at Wal-Mart has contacted Pres. Reece about a grant of \$500 that might be available from Wal-Mart. We are applying.

The Train Show chairman, Al Costa, is to have surgery December 9 and will be out of work the rest of the year and will miss the December and January meetings. The actions necessary to keep the Train Show planning moving will be discussed at the Steering Committee meeting on the 7th.

Richard Nichols has made a donation that will provide us with a computer and monitor for the helix area. This will be used for programming as well as other things.

President Reece asked for any more Old Business or any New Business that needed to be brought up. There being none the committee reports were dispensed and the meeting was adjourned so we could get back to the Christmas Party!! 

2011 CRM&HA RAMBLE 1



Dale Reynolds will ask for ideas for our first Ramble next year at the January meeting. Several members have expressed interest, mostly for the mountains/coalfields, but the weather won't be conducive until later in the spring. Dale has heard no interest in going back to Savannah, Folkston & Jacksonville for the 3rd time, so ideas about going somewhere warmer in the first quarter would be welcome. Wherever we go, take your cameras!

2010 Ramble 1 photo by Roger Smith.

LIONEL ACROSS THE GENERATIONS

Story and photos by Sage Viehe



Above: Bob has just parked his scooter at the depot, waiting for some railfan action in this layout overview. **Below:** The Plasticville school, supermarket, firehouse, and train station clearly indicate where roads will be overlaid.



Right after World War II my dad bought two sets of Lionel trains. Both were basic sets offered at the time. One set came with the 2023 Union Pacific diesels and the other with the 671 (1946) steam locomotive. After some months of work every accessory and remote switch are working again. What remains is to add the roads and clean up the old access holes. The layout is more extensive than the original basic sets purchase due to the addition of some rolling stock and accessories from my father-in-law's estate. This includes a 2025 steam locomotive and some O-gauge cars which will not navigate the O-27 curves on which the layout is set up.

Projects now in repair include the 2025 steam locomotive, an orange gang car, a submarine car and a 2nd automatic gate man. All the street lights and traffic signals work. The green paint is exactly what would have been used in the 1950's at my house before mounting the train every Christmas. There were never any trees or buildings as the Christmas tree would have set right in the middle of the layout, which for years was nothing more than a big oval with no accessories except for the automatic gate man and the automatic milk car.



Above: Union Pacific 2023 crosses the steel bridge while Steam Locomotive 671 pauses on the siding. **Below:** The freight yard in the middle of the layout is a busy place when the milk car unloads.

When my dad went to the store in Drums, PA to purchase a sheet of plywood for the train (then a fairly new item in the market), he entered a drawing to win a car. It was a requirement that you had to buy plywood to enter the drawing. He won the car, a basic Studebaker that was so stripped he always claimed that it had no handles to roll up the windows!

All of this done for my brothers and sisters who have not seen these run since they were kids. My grand kids love it today! Many thanks to **Mac McMillan** and **Bob White**, without whose help these trains may not yet be running and preserved. 🚂





SOMETIMES YOU WIN, SOMETIMES YOU DON'T (AW, SHOOT!)

December 28, 2010, 2:15 PM: With the prospect of scoring bright, sunny photos of Amtrak's southbound *Crescent*, Dale Reynolds alerted Rob Seel, who immediately lead-footed it out to Central. Rob had his camera set and ready, hot on the trigger to grab the Front Page Photo of the Year (**above**) when suddenly a stupid, inconsiderate street sign jumped into his shot, blocking the 155's nose. Apparently, no one had ever told that street sign that Railfan Etiquette dictates that one does **not** stand in front of the photo line, lest everyone's shot is ruined. Nevertheless, Rob was able to snag a going-away shot (**below left**) before alerting Dale via cell phone of the train's fast-approaching arrival – nine hours behind schedule. Dale was positioned at the station in Clemson to catch the action there (**lower right**). 

