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**NEXT
MEETING
JULY 11,
2013**

7:10 PM

**AT THE
CENTRAL
RAILWAY
MUSEUM**

MAKING (OFF WITH) TRACKS

With the abandonment of the original line between Easley and Pickens, things have moved swiftly. The cities of Easley and Pickens have both approved the purchase of what is being dubbed the "Pickens Doodle Line" for \$500,000. Each city will provide half the purchase price, becoming equal partners in developing the property with plans to convert it into a walking/biking trail similar to Greenville Health System's Swamp Rabbit Trail. The cities hope to provide the new trail as recreational and health resource, and a way to attract business to the area—just as Greenville County has experienced.

Included in the purchase are Pickens Railroad locomotive #2 (a.k.a. the T. Grady Welborn), two boxcars, a WWII-era kitchen car converted from an outside-braced wooden boxcar, and 1.9 acres near Hampton Ave. in Pickens—the former site of the CLCX locomotive rebuilder's office.

However, in order for the purchase to move forward, the Pickens Railroad must file paperwork with the Surface Transportation Board. Once the filing is complete, the cities must wait 30 days before closing on the property. The next steps for the development of the trail will hinge on discussions between Pickens and Easley. One possibility is to create a 501(c)3 non-profit to develop and manage the trail.

Paperwork aside, in mid-June, the actual rails were removed by a contractor, loaded on flat-bed trailers and are destined for Florida to be used on another railroad line.



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APPROACH SIGNALS



Upcoming Events for the

Central Railway Model & Historical Association

as well as regional shows and events worth mentioning

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

July 11: Southern #630 Excursion

The rest of 2013 is Wide Open

**2ND SATURDAY
MUSEUM OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
JULY 13, 2013
AUGUST 10, 2013**

**3RD THURSDAY
OPERATING SESSIONS, 7PM**

**JULY 18, 2013
AUGUST 15, 2013**

The CRM&HA has begun regular operating sessions on the third Thursday of each month. Club members interested in learning how to operate the layout and gain their certification in order to be able to run trains on the museum layout are encouraged to attend these sessions.

If you have locomotives equipped with DCC decoders and/or you have a Digitrax handheld throttle, please bring them. This way, we can be assured of having enough equipment to go around.

SCHEDULED EVENTS & SHOWS

July 14-20, 2013

Atlanta, GA – NMRA National Convention: Peachtree Express 2013

NMRA Piedmont Division

Cobb Galleria Centre, 2 Galleria Pkwy, Atlanta, GA

Times: Sat. 9am-4pm

Admission: \$5 for ages 13 and up. Scouts in uniform and under 13, Free

<http://www.bbma.org/show.html>

HOBBY NEWS

Ralph Watson reports Testors has announced the end of their Floquil and Polly Scale paint lines. Alas, it is true per an announcement posted on May 21 on the Model Railroader's website, and they will also be discontinuing the Pactra and ColorArtz lines. As a result, some of the "standard" colors offered in those lines will be discontinued rather than being moved to other paint lines.

However, there is some good news from Micro-Mark's President, Tom Piccirillo:

Micro-Mark is working on it, and shortly (by early Fall 2013) we'll have a superior-quality water-based ready-to-spray acrylic in at least the more-popular generic colors, such as Rail Brown, Grimy Black, Aged Concrete, Clear Flat, etc.

Howard Garner noted there is a cross-reference chart provided by Microscale to identify substitute colors from other manufacturers.

http://www.microscale.com/ResourceCntr_Floquil.html



TRAIN D'OEIL

Report & Photos by J.T.Thorpe

As part of a visit to the South Carolina State Museum and a Mini Maker Fair at the neighboring EdVenture museum, Christine and I ventured forth for lunch near the old railroad depot in downtown Columbia. Alas, my pictures of the replica of *The Best Friend of Charleston* turned out poorly, but I did find some interesting *trompe d'oeil* murals near the Adluh Flour complex that are worth a look. 



☞ SAGE'S PAGES ☜

Photos by Sage Viehe



From Bowman, Georgia, Elbert County, on HWY 172. Is this the last stop for MOW equipment?







General Meeting Minutes

By Ralph Watson,
Stationmaster
June 7, 2013

Regular Meeting at the Central Railroad Museum

Meeting called to order on time at 7:10 PM by
President Dan Marett.

Twenty members including new member
Shelton Jones were present.

President—Dan Marett

Discussion continues about our use of the
Function Junction store front.

Everyone please clean up after each work
session.

After running trains all trains and turnouts
must be left at the same status you found them
in.

The need for better air filtration/dust control to
help reduce the need for track cleaning.

Modular layout sections and carts are being
renumbered.

A new CRMHA informational brochure is
being developed.

An ambassador will be attending Newcomer
Club of the Foothills meetings starting in the
Fall. Members may be called on to assist.

Due to July 4 being a holiday our next
meeting will be July 11.

Treasurer—Christine Grewcock

Bank balance of [positive]. New member
dues have totaled \$300 this year.

Secretary—Ralph Watson

2013 membership cards are made and
available

First Vice President—Joe Fitzpatrick

The flooring will be going down shortly in
the Lionel Room

Second Vice President—Rob Seel

The plans to build a 4 x 8 public use HO
layout are on hold pending resolution of the
Function Junction impasse.

Committee Reports

Museum Building—Glenn Nasworthy

New air filters have been installed.

Museum Curator—Jack Green

Library materials are available for check out.
Please advise Jack of any items borrowed and
return them promptly.

Computer Administrator—Howard Garner

A new version of Panel Pro has been
installed.

Newsletter—JT Thorpe

Thank you for the articles and keep the
content coming.

Railfan Report

Mac recently rode the Amtrak Crescent from
Charlotte to Clemson and despite the hour was
able to recognize landmarks along the route. He
also has motor car trips on the Craggy Mountain
Line near Asheville.

Mac discussed NRHS activities in the
Spartanburg area and will prepare a newsletter

article with information about locations and events.

Pickens Railroad has been authorized to abandon in Pickens and Easley and out of service tags are posted at junctions. According to news reports the railroad is still in business in Anderson.

MODELERS' TIP

When painting HO-scale diesel locomotive shells, an inexpensive tool you can use to help keep your fingers clear of overspray and eliminate having to handle the shell while it is drying is to use an old cardboard tube from a roll of paper towels. Once the shell has been painted, you can simply leave it on the tube to dry. The light coats of paint are not going to soak and damage the tube, so you can keep reusing it.

Steam locomotives are little more challenging. Most plastic boilers will fit over the end of one of these tubes if the tube is slightly squashed, but those made from cast metal aren't likely to stay put, much less balance nicely while they dry.

For larger scales, try cutting a section from the tube your Christmas wrapping paper came on—sizes vary so some experimentation may be needed.

If someone has a suggestion for painting N or Z scale locomotives in a similar way, let us know!

NEW MEMBERS

The Central Model Railway & Historical Association extends a warm welcome to our five newest members:

- ❖ Anthony Smith
- ❖ Paul Hammond
- ❖ Carolyn Gibson
- ❖ Linda Gordon
- ❖ Shelton Jones

Scenery—Jim Reece

Lighting of structures continues.

Program

L Holt showed a DVD on the cross island railway in New Zealand.

DID YOU KNOW

Southern Railway operated at least one narrow gauge (3-ft) branch line up until 1934. In Southern's first year, it operated the former Elberton Air Line RR as a narrow gauge line before widening the 51-mile line between Elberton and Toccoa, Georgia to standard gauge.

The 9-mile long Roswell RR was also acquired during the formation of the Southern Railway, and remained a narrow gauge branch until it, too was widened in 1905. The line ran from Chamblee to Roswell.

A narrow gauge line in Mississippi, that had been part of the Georgia Pacific Railway division ran 23 miles between Stoneville to Percy, Mississippi. It was changed to standard gauge in 1903.

The longest narrow gauge line in the Southern Railway was a 51-mile branch that followed the James River from Claremont to Emporia, Virginia. Three miles of this line, from Emporia to James River Junction, were dual gauge, but the branch never was widened. Southern Railway leased the branch from the Atlantic & Danville Railway starting in 1899. Southern abandoned this line in 1934.

Locomotives that operated on these lines were marked as Southern and received an "N" designation at the front of their roster number:

Former Elberton RR #1 became Southern N805, but received a new roster number N3 when it was transferred to the Claremont branch

An 0-6-0 used on the Roswell branch was designated Southern N815, while the 3 locomotives assigned to the Stoneville line were N103, N104, and N105.

Four locomotives served the Claremont branch: N2, a 2-6-0, N3 (formerly N805), and a pair of 4-6-0s numbered N5 and N6.

Source: *Southern Railway System Steam Locomotives and Boats*, by R.E. Prince