

# The CRM&HA NEWSLETTER

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 **Editorial** by Ray Johnson

## Central Railroad Festival Participation Uncertain

Participation by the CRM&HA in the 1998 Central Railroad Festival is in doubt, according to the latest reports from the Board of Directors. As of June 18th, no word had been received from the Town of Central regarding a proposed date for the Festival, usually held in September each year.

According to Division Superintendents **Seel** and **Hughes**, if information is not received in time, the divisions' modules cannot be properly readied for a showing the club can be proud of. Additionally, other vendors would need time to plan for the event; after a certain point, it becomes very unlikely that enough vendors would have an open weekend in their schedule. Due to publisher's lead-times, it is already too late for the event to be listed in most major modeling and railfan magazines, traditionally one of the widest-reaching advertising methods for the festival.

The Central festival was held for a number of years on Labor Day weekend. However, in 1997, the town changed to the last weekend in September, in order to avoid competing festivals. According to many comments heard by this reporter, the change was favored by most participants.

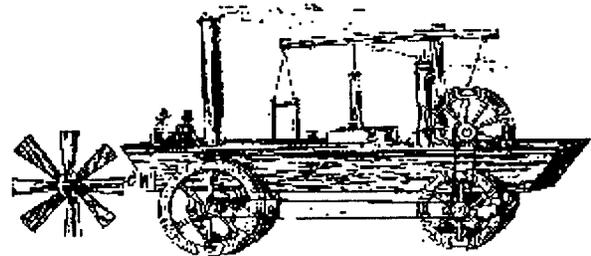
We hope that the Town of Central does not intend to abandon what has always been a fine and well attended event.

## Winnsboro Trip Proposed for October

**Mac McMillin** and **Gene Tagliarini** have been working to put together a CRM&HA club trip to the **South Carolina Railroad Museum** near Winnsboro in October. Trip Chairman Tagliarini has proposed Saturday, October 17th as a probable date for the excursion.

"That will be a regular working day for the museum" Mac stated. "We will try to arrange some motorcar rides in addition to the normal attractions" he said. McMillin also noted that "regular" train rides would be available, on the museum's usual schedule for a small fee. Admission to the museum property is free.

According to Gene, transportation to the site is still undetermined, and he is seeking club member input. Trippers may want to carpool, rent a multi-passenger van, or exercise other options. Gene requests that all members interested in the trip contact him at the July meeting, or call him at **864-654-4994**. Information on the museum can be had at their website at [www.scrm.org](http://www.scrm.org), which appears to have been extensively revised since it was last reviewed in this newsletter. Additionally, museum pamphlets can be obtained at area rest stops and hobby shops.



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HEY!!!!!!



**what IS that weird contraption at the bottom of page one ?? WE dunno, either, but we hope SCRM has one! Take the trip & find out!**

## Secretary's Report

By Curt Ehmann

### April Meeting Notes:

The April general meeting of the Association was held on April 16; 13 members were in attendance.

Treasurer reported a current balance of \$3,781.80 in our Checking account after receiving \$40 in Membership Dues and mailing our March/April Newsletter. At this time dues have been received from 27 members and 2 or 3 are still "in the mail."

Rob Seel reported that he and Gene Tagliarini had completed their audit of the Treasurer's records for 1997 and found everything to be in good order.

Under the category of "Old Business," Steve Zonay then read a letter from Pat Price, Chairman of the Land-0-Sky's Train Show held last year in Asheville, NC. Pat first thanked our Association for "door-keeping" their event, and enclosed a check for \$1,000 as their "way of recognizing the hard work our members performed" over the 2-day Show. After the shock wore off, the Treasurer was instructed to gratefully acknowledge this unusual generosity. It was noted that Railfest '98 will be held on May 2 for anyone that wishes to attend.

Ray Johnson reported that space had just been located on Seneca's Main Street to display our trains at the

City's Heritage Festival to be held on May 9th. Brand new space measuring about 24' x 30' in a new restaurant in Ram Cat Alley can easily accommodate our HO Modules, so Rob Seel and his HO Division members will arrange to set up on May 8th and run their trains on the 9th.

The Dick Harshman Collection of Railroadiana, Rolling Stock and related material has been received and placed in our rooms at the Central High School Building. Howard Garner, Rob Seel and Steve Zonay met with Dick's daughter and agreed to accept and catalog all of the material. They tentatively offered \$1,000 to the Estate, depending on their final valuation. After an acceptable payment is made, CRMHA members will be given an opportunity to buy items of their choice. Then Howard will offer the rest to the public through a dealer's page on the Internet. Remaining material can be offered for sale at future shows or be retained as Association property.

Railfan Reports: The Orient Express went through town Monday night on its way to Atlanta. It will return to Greenville on April 28th-but this time, during the afternoon, so we can see it!

The Pickens Newspaper of April 16 has an interesting article about the Pickens Railway, which is celebrating it's 100th Anniversary.

The Greenville Railroad Historical Association and the Pickens Railway are working on an excursion for sometime this year.

**"I forgot to submit MY article this month!"**

