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1st Tuesday of
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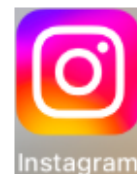
Central Railway Museum's Model Train Expo 2025



Another Successful EXPO!

Can't wait until 2026!

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Presidents message



This year's EXPO may well be the best one we have ever had. This is due to you, the members who volunteered to man it! Thanks for your participation! Please feel free to voice your own opinions about what was good, bad, or indifferent. Contact Sandy Eustis or me, soon, as the Steering Committee meets next Tuesday (February 25th) where we will evaluate our success.

Our members did it all, helped in the parking lot, helped vendors unload and load, and just being friendly made CRMHA a standout among all train shows.

The quality and quantity of member participation at the 2025 EXPO was notable. As a result, we were the recipients of a grant from the Coker Creek Foundation.



Now we must focus on the next challenge, the condition of the crown jewel of the museum, the HO scale layout. It is now 17 years old, and Mother Nature has taken her toll. Changes in humidity, temperature, and sunshine have caused constant expansion and contraction of everything. Metal changes shape at different rates from wood with resulting distortion. Also, the installation of the signals has resulted in the need for rejuvenating the scenery. Some electrical components have worn out and malfunctioned and must be replaced. There is the need for members who like electrical projects to work on these issues. There are loads more to do on scenery, add more shrubs, trees, ground cover, people, etc. The narrow-gauge railroad needs some regrading. There is a construction project in the making, creating a return loop in Augusta. And how about automation of the Danbridge layout? We are on the cusp of installing Layout Command Control (LCC). To accomplish this, we will need many hands to make it work. As an offshoot, this will be a teaching tool for anyone wanting to use that system at home.

The museum should be looking to implement self-guided tours, using a phone app and informational placards. This would be a great project for someone. There will be the need for help installing the theatrical lighting

Again, I will issue a call for members to commit to one Saturday per month (or even six Saturdays per year) to be a docent or run the exhibits. If you have the slightest interest in anything, please step up! You will be given plenty of TLC!

Thanks.

Bob Folsom

In this special EXPO issue, I have attempted to place as many photos as possible and thanks to Doug Line and John Johnston, I had a good selection available. As you will see in the photos, there was plenty of activity at the layouts and the persons at the sales tables were very active.



I personally enjoyed working on the HO Free-Mo layout. Thanks to Sandy Eustis and Bob Folsom's generosity, I was able to run my own train, the AMTRAK Pennsylvanian on the layout. It has been in boxes for several years and it was so nice to see it run. My Pittsburgh & Lake Erie loco and caboose also got some running time too. Bob showed some confidence in me when he asked me to watch the young members, Carter, Bray, Toby, Dylan and Jacob handle the throttles. These guys did really well as they guided the various trains around the Free-Mo. with no incidents. Really looking forward to next year.

Scott Unger
Editor

As the manager of our annual model train Expo, I'm always anxious about having enough member volunteers to put on a great show. Not only did I fill the volunteer assignments sheet earlier than ever this year, but I got way more compliments from our dealers than usual about the fabulous level of service we provided throughout the show. This is one of the main reasons we have seen earlier dealer



table sellouts for the past 4 consecutive years and grown our waitlist. Our happy dealers share their great experience at our show and then bring their friends to the show the following year. Lots of CRM members have built our reputation as the friendliest. I'm really grateful for all the help

The Central Railroad Model and Historical Association (CRMHA) recently concluded its much-anticipated annual railroad EXPO, which turned out to be a smashing success. The event was a testament to the dedication and hard work of all our members and volunteers who truly went above and beyond this year. The expo featured an impressive array of exhibits, with over 190 dealer tables showcasing the

latest in model trains, accessories, and historical insights into railroading.

Sandy Eustis
EXPO Manager

This year's expo was particularly notable for the diversity and quality of the operating layouts presented.



From the tiniest T scale to the grand G scale, enthusiasts had the chance to see nearly every scale in action. These layouts not only demonstrated the technical prowess of our community but also brought to life the rich history and intricate beauty of railroads in a way that captivated both seasoned modelers and newcomers alike.

The success of the expo would not have been possible without the collective effort of every member involved. From setup to the final breakdown, the camaraderie and shared passion for railroading were palpable. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all participants, dealers, and visitors whose enthusiasm made this event one of the

most memorable in our association's history. We look forward to building on this success for next year's expo, continuing to foster the love and appreciation for railroad modeling and history.

Doug Line
Secretary CRMHA

From the “Company Store Guys”!

If you did not make it to this year’s Train EXPO, you missed a grand event. This year, the Museum Company Store had an amazing assortment of thousands of goodies for sale. The museum operates by selling all of the donations received during the previous year. While the majority of the donations received are train related, Christmas ornaments, barbie doll items, a free-standing punching bag, belt buckles, etc. are among some of the items we have had for sale in the past. Since we have no control over donations received, all the items for sale will vary every year as no two years donations are ever the same.

Frequently the donated items have been sitting in a closet or attic for long periods of time and as such may include rare, valuable, long out of production items. This year our inventory for sale included many HO engines, freight cars, passenger cars, accessories, and a lot of already built, and boxed to be built, buildings. We had a larger than normal inventory of Lionel engines, freight cars, track, switches, and accessories for sale. We had an assortment of G Gage engines, cars, track, switches, and a complete vintage Jim Beam Whiskey Train for sale. (Of note- the Company Store salespeople did not get a chance to sample train contents as it was empty when donated). We also had many railroad -framed pictures for sale, some of which were fairly valuable. Hope to see you next year at our Train EXPO, where we will have a new inventory of items to sell. I do want to thank all the people for the many hours they spent helping the Museum Company Store have a successful operation this year. The thousands of items we had for sale had to be first loaded in our trailer at the museum. Then, these items had to be unloaded at the Impact Center and set up for display and sale. Then, fortunately, I had a group of motivated salesmen do a bang -up job, not just taking money, but going out of their way to convince people to buy what we were selling. Lastly, the items that did not sell had to be loaded back into our trailer for future sale. All of this took a lot of hard work by a lot of museum volunteers and I appreciate all that helped in any way with the Company Store operation.



Roger Smith

Company Store Manager



R. Scott Manning

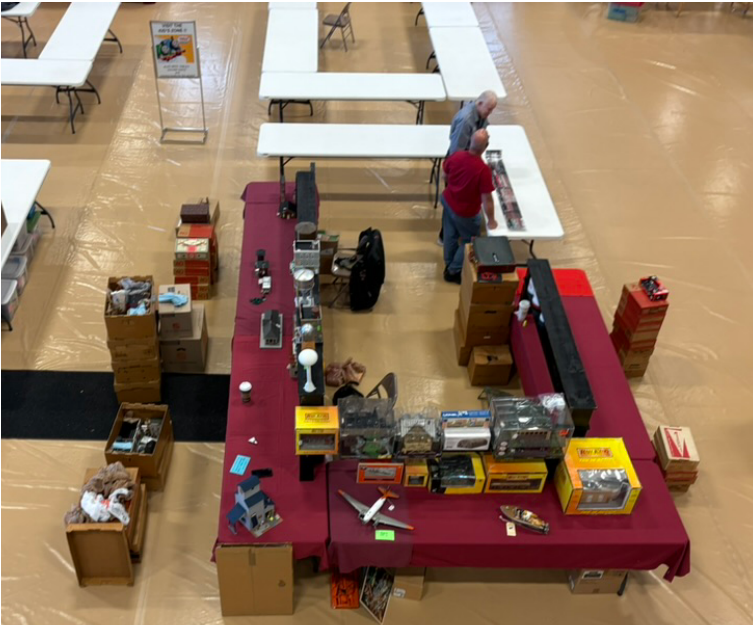
Lionel Legend

It was a bright and sunny day, yet still they came. They came to see and purchase from the great CRMHA store at the 2025 EXPO. Hundreds purchased items including G, O, S, HO, and N scales. There were many bargains and many commented they were very pleased. Electronics, transformers, Toys, memorabilia, buildings, pictures, and books were also plentiful. If you missed the opportunity this year, keep us in mind for 2026.

CRMHA EXPO 2025 And so, it begins





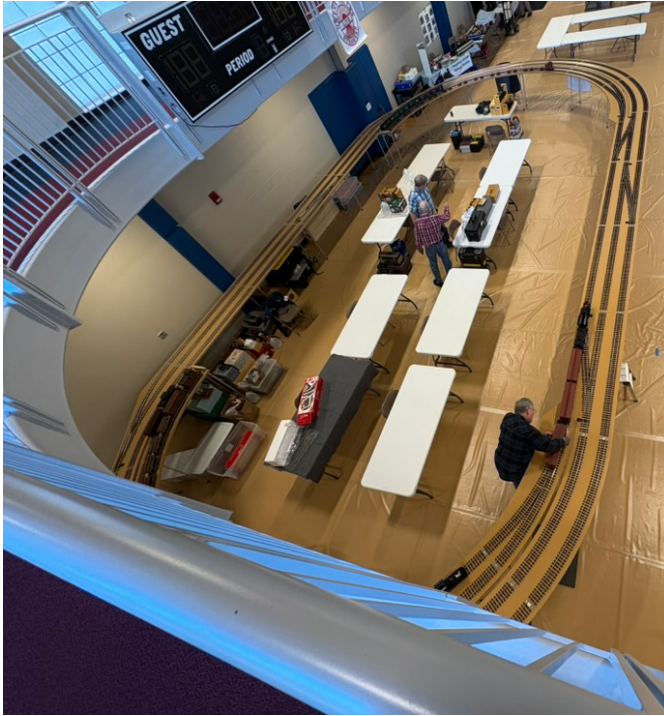






























Bray says see you next year!

Mystery of the Half-a-Hundred



Following the departure of the CRMHA Expo vendors, Scott Manning and I did a quick search for any remaining items of importance. Near the back left area of the Rock Springs Impact Center I noticed a scrap of paper on the floor under one of the display tables. Looked like a chewing gum wrapper so I picked it up to throw into the trash can. To my surprise it appeared to be part of a dollar bill. When I smoothed it out, I found it was a \$100 dollar bill torn in half length-wise. After checking with the Impact Center Director, we decided to bring in a professional; that professional now

has the task of seeing if this Half-a-Hundred had any value. Good luck Dylan!!!
Jim Alexander



A Round of Applause for Our Success

What an incredible Expo we just pulled off! Everyone pitched in, and the result was a hit—vendors, exhibitors, and attendees had nothing but praise. The event buzzed with a fantastic mix of layouts, modeling displays, and railroad treasures of every kind, delighting everyone who stopped by. It's a testament to our teamwork, and we deserve to savor the moment!

Meanwhile, the museum's been buzzing with activity. Brian and Scott M. have poured their hearts into the Lionel and American Flyer layouts—Brian's button-pushing upgrades are turning it into a hands-on delight for visitors. Bob, Howard, Ken G, Scott U, and I are pushing the signal project toward the finish line, while Tom, Bob, Howard, and others have revamped the trackwork in CP190 and the Peachtree platform leads. Over in Seneca Yard, Ray and Ken M have been realigning switches and swapping in new ties to keep things rock-solid. It's impressive work all around—let's take a second to step back, pat ourselves on the back, and celebrate these wins together!

Doug Line

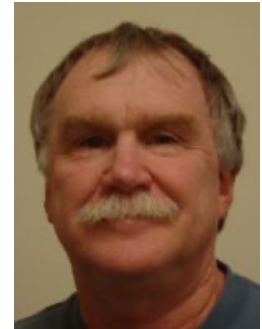
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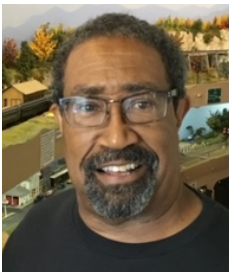
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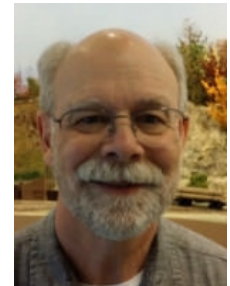
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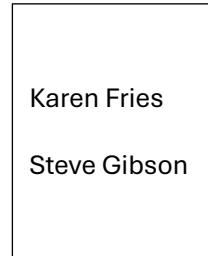
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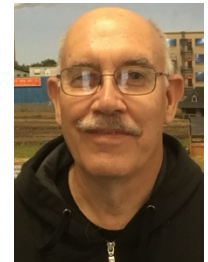


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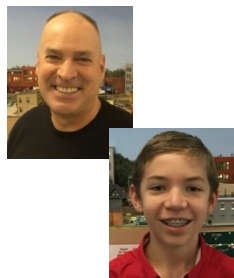
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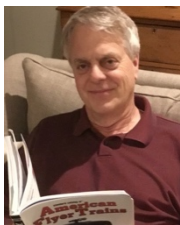


Roger Smith
Company Store

Central Railway Museum Leadership and Organization (Continued)



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Lionel Heritage
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Monthly Speaker
Coordinator



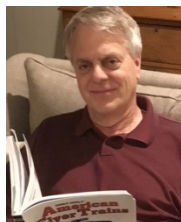
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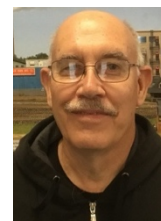
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Jesse Cranford
Thomas The Train



Rob Seel
Dambridge



Harry Kelley
G Scale Ceiling

Some website links of interest:

Some YouTube channels

Horseshoe Curve

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ssuM6NJQ2no>

Oh ya, our own!

<https://www.crmha.org/exhibits/train-cam/>

Bowser is taking pre-orders for Pickens Railroad

VO-660 #2 in HO scale with DCC and sound.

Click on this link to [Trainworld](#)

Rob Steel





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Please record my membership in the Central Railway Model and Historical Association.

Annual Dues: Regular (voting) member: \$40. Each additional family member (non-voting): \$10

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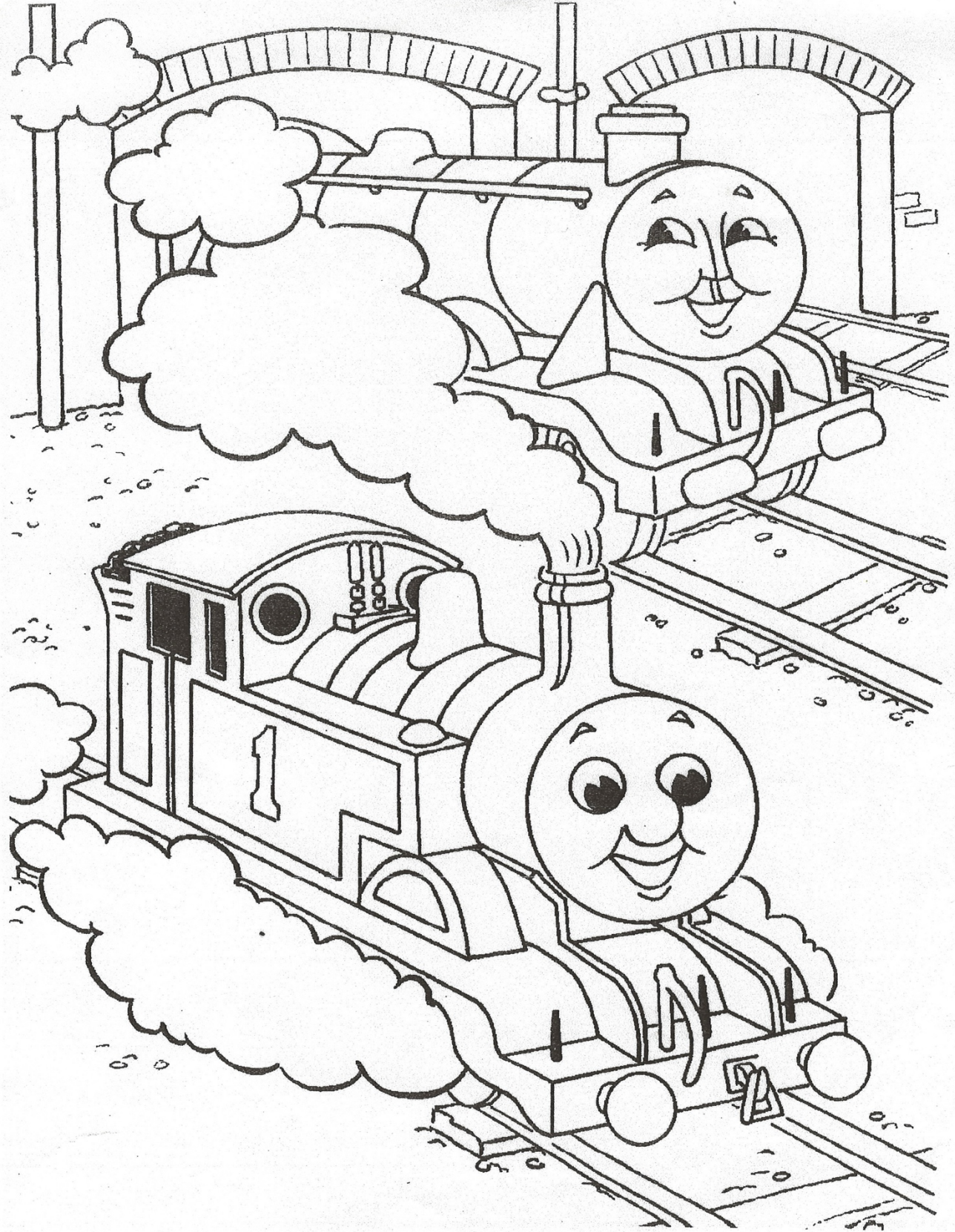
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<https://www.crmha.org/onlinemembershipform/>

Little Dougie Line's Coloring page



NEWS FROM MAIN STREET CENTRAL



Spring "First Friday" Concert Dates

Historic Depot: March 7, April 4, May 2, and June 6.

Annual Spring Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 5, 2025

Unity in the Community Event

Saturday, April 12, 2025

Annual Central Car Show

Saturday, May 24, 2025

Police Department Fundraiser

Saturday, June 14, 2025

Super Saturday for Central Tigers

Saturday, August 23, 2025

Trick or Train on Main Event

Saturday, October 25, 2025

Fall "First Friday" Concert Dates

Historic Depot: Sept 5, Oct 3, and Nov 7 .

Christmas Tree Lighting and Parade

Friday, December 5, 2025