



# Central Crossings

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## **Presidents message**



I had the opportunity last weekend to visit the Railroad Experience<sup>®</sup> museum in John City, TN. It occupies a sizable building in the downtown area with plenty of adjacent parking and sports a huge sign in front. It is very professionally done inside. It features a small theatre, children's playroom with a G-gauge layout up on the wall. A smaller N-scale layout greets you followed by a much larger one in the layout viewing area. Very compact with much detail and beautiful scenes. Sadly no trains running. Surprisingly, there is a sizable HO<sub>n3</sub> layout with

beautiful mountain scenery, and one train running on a long continuous run. Finally, there is the HO scale layout with three peninsulas and a repair area behind it. There was one train running on a long continuous run. All the layouts were basically one level - no helixes. There were four TV monitors showing four different train watching cameras. I didn't stay to see a presentation about steam locomotives. I am always comparing other museums to the Central Railway Museum. We regularly have more trains running every Saturday in a more compact setting. We also have very complete displays in S and O gauges with trains running most of the time. Our G gauge display features three different trains. Comparatively, I am very proud of CRM! I would like to bring to your attention some upcoming activities in which are chances for you to participate. Train shows in Greer and Hendersonville, and the 150th anniversary of the Town of Central. There are more details about these events from our Program Chairman, Sandy Eustis.

There are more opportunities for participation right here in Central! More scenery work to be done on the museum HO layout, as well as the Free-mo project. The track building project is ongoing Saturdays from 2pm - 5 pm. Later we will shift over to decoder installations and after that, decaling and painting,

Regardless of your skill set or amount of experience, you will find opportunities!

Bob Folsom

Follow us on!



**Special Notice**

The back steps of the Museum (Warner Street side) are not safe to use. The Town of Central is taking action to replace them. It may take a period of time, so please use the main entrance until further notice.



Jim Alexander





My Fellow Members,

Summer is for outdoor parties with friends and family, and we've got a great one in the works! On Friday evening, **August 8**, there will be a special CRM outing at a Greenville Drive baseball game. For just \$35 a ticket, you'll get a good seat in a block reserved for us, a "ballpark food buffet" (whatever that means, probably a hotdog and chips(!?) in an area designated for us, AND an ice cream voucher for use at Sweet Carolines. BONUS: August 8 is also a Fireworks Night, with a good show scheduled for after the game against the Rome (Ga.) Emperors.

So....Grab your spouse, your kids, your friends and neighbors, ther kids, your neighbors' friends, and of course your neighbors' friends' kids' friends, and join us for a fun and VERY affordable evening of baseball, ballpark food, fireworks, and just plain ole hanging out together at a a Drive game.

The only catches here are that we need to have at least 25 folks in our group to get preferred block seating and the included food, and we need to let the Drive folks know in June how big a seat block to hold for us.

Therefore, please reply to this email ASAP to let me and CRM member Scott Unger (who is making the arrangements with the Drive) know how many people will be in your party.

We'll see you at the game,  
Sandy Eustis, CRM VP for Programs



This issue is cobbled together to feature some important info. 1. We can't use the back entrance until we get new steps. 2. As Sandy says above, how about taking in a baseball game at Fluor Field, one of America's best places for minor league baseball, CBS says so. Click on the link:

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/how-minor-league-ballpark-revived-struggling-south-carolina-downto-wn/> 3. Check out Sage's Corner suggested by Ken Greenwood . 4. The Mosby's visited Johnson City.

I'm always looking for content, feel free to suggest your ideas.

Scott Unger  
Editor

More ongoing activities at the Museum:

Harry and Paul are busy boys!



Fixing a little bit of rot here



Installing some shelves in the Lionel Room



Building and staining a Handrail for the American Flyer Room here



Busy People!





Visitors!



## A new Feature "Sage's Corner"

Pictured here is Sage Viehe .

Some of the old members will remember Sage. Sage kept the Lionel layout functional and was our go-to historian regarding the heritage layouts (both Lionel and American Flyer).

Another thing that Sage liked to do was share with everyone stories or videos about Trains (both old and new) for everyone to enjoy and learn from. Unfortunately, Sage died due to COVID-19 when it hit us the hardest.

So to honor everything Sage did for us at CRMHA, and to keep one of his traditions alive, we are hopefully going to resurrect the passing along of information regarding Trains.

This could be interesting stories you may happen upon, youtube videos you may have stumbled upon, whatever you feel is interesting, then let's start passing along things we may have found or discovered for others to enjoy and even learn from.

Just let the subject read Sages Corner and pass it along to the [allmembers@crmha.org](mailto:allmembers@crmha.org) email distribution list. You will also see some of those posts shared here in the newsletter too.

Don't be afraid to send out something, this is how we share the hobby we love.

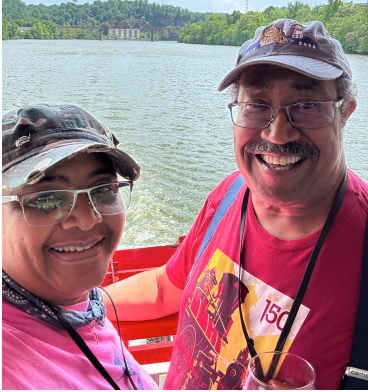
So to start this off, Ken Greenwood is sharing an interesting article from the Smithsonian.

To thank America for its support during the war, France sent a boxcar stuffed with gifts to each state.



[https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/long-lost-merci-train-given-to-new-jersey-after-world-war-ii-has-been-found-180986420/?utm\\_source=smithsoniandaily&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=editorial&ctg=93125502](https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/long-lost-merci-train-given-to-new-jersey-after-world-war-ii-has-been-found-180986420/?utm_source=smithsoniandaily&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=editorial&ctg=93125502)





Lynn and I just returned from an amazing weekend in Johnson city. The George L. Carter chapter of the NRHS hosted a program with a reception at the Johnson City Railroad Experience, a tour of the Knoxville Locomotive Works, an excursion on the Three Rivers Rambler and lunch on the Star of Knoxville Riverboat.

For the Big Train Show I highly recommend the Carnegie Hotel, the Firehouse restaurant down the street, and the Olive Restaurant. I left a few CRM&HA brochures there but plan to take some more.

Regards,  
Ken Mosby

Johnson City Railroad Experience  
<https://www.johnsoncityrailroadexperience.org/>



Members,

We still have more work to do on our two-month post-expo museum repairs. I want to thank all who have been helping with this effort! Progress was made yesterday troubleshooting the short on the paper mill spur. I mistakenly thought the short was fixed only to find out I was testing on the main and not the spur. After lunch we discovered the switch in the back on the spur was causing the intermittent short readings. From what I could see, behind the buildings, the breaks around the frog on that switch look very tight. Leaning on the layout anywhere from the left to the rear area affects the short readings and throwing the switch, which is seldom used, definitely affects the readings! More work to do!



Ken, our V.P. of Exhibits

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Special Projects  
HO Signaling



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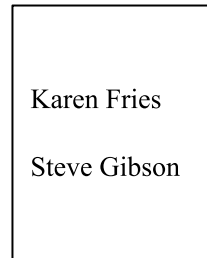
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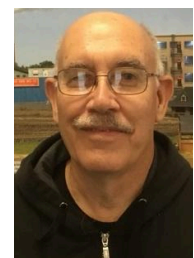


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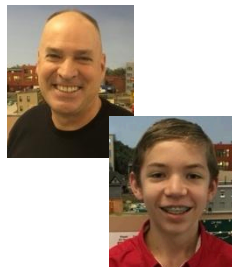
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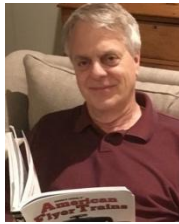


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Layout



Brian Sykes  
Monthly Speaker  
Coordinator



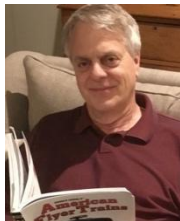
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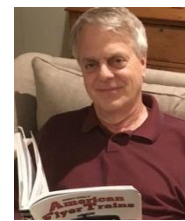
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HO Free-MO.



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/>

Here is a link to a good website for Z scale modeling

<https://www.zscalehobo.com/>



# Central Railway Model and Historical Association

P.O. Box 128, Central, SC 29630-0128

## Adult (age 18+) Membership Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contacts:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel.: \_\_\_\_\_

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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

Maximum per family: \$70

Send cash or check payment to:

**CRM&HA, Inc., P.O. Box 128, Central, SC 29630-0128**

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You may also click on the link below where you can join the club via the web.

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

## NEWS FROM MAIN STREET CENTRAL



**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