

April 2009 No. 4

Meeting - Monday April 13th 6:30 PM

## Chapter News

## Chapter Calendar

WG Bloom & Grow April 18<sup>th</sup>  
Dots & Dashes April 25<sup>th</sup>

## Health And Welfare

David Rhea's mother passed away on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Please keep David's mother and the family in your prayers.

Clarence Hurt was injured by a fall on March 19<sup>th</sup>. We wish Clarence a speedy recovery.

## CFC Listed in Wikipedia

The Museum now has a listing in Wikiedia!

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Central\\_Florida\\_Railroad\\_Museum](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Central_Florida_Railroad_Museum)

## March Birthdays

Cory Ward  
Clarence Hurt  
Sherry Hurt

## Speeders Make Annual Visit To Museum

Irv Lipscomb



March 14 - The speeders went from Winter Garden to Tavares and back. The chapter fed the participants breakfast beginning

before daybreak. An unexpected bonus was the generous donation of \$400 by the speeders group.

## Missing Flatwheels

Phil Cross is trying to complete the collection of Flatwheels. If you have any of the following issues please contact Phil.

1977 – May, July, August, September, October and December.

1978 – I need all months.

1979 – January, April, May, July, August, September, October, November and December.

1981 – October and December (it is possible that these 2 months were not published – I haven't been able to confirm).

2002 – May June, July, August, September, October and December.

## March Museum Report

By Ken Murdock

We had another outstanding workday at the museum on Saturday, March 28, with 8 members participating. For some reason Phil Cross is always the first one there! By the time Al Sharp and I arrived, Phil had finished weeding around the buildings. Phil then continued and finished his window cleaning project. The windows haven't looked this good in many decades. Phil and Al got involved in a small unexpected project when they tried to open the other front door to clean the glass behind the screen door. It involved disassembling the lock to free up a stuck deadbolt. Meanwhile, Allen Quinn brought his "Big Boy" size pressure cleaner and cleaned the caboose. It looks great! Allen didn't stop with that beast until he had cleaned all of the sidewalks around the depot. We were in the spring house cleaning mode!

Lloyd Brown disassembled the seatbacks in the caboose so that I could take them to be re-upholstered. Lloyd then picked up a paint brush and gave the new office desk tops another coat of varnish. They are looking good! He then got into the brown paint (his favorite color) and did some touch up work in the museum. To Mike, our in-house painter, I'm sorry that you missed out on these painting projects. We've got to do something with your slave driving boss who makes you work on museum workdays! Just kidding Neil! I worked on the model railroad and reorganized some showcase displays. I also hung the two large photos that were presented to Clarence Hurt and our chapter by Kathie Suriano last month when she was our guest speaker. The one presented to Clarence was a group photo of the chapter members who, as Partners in Education,

help Lakeville School launch their railroad museum. The other one was for the late "Conductor Henry" Labell, a chapter member, who loved to go to the school in his Disney conductor's uniform and talk to the children. Kathie told us how much the children loved Conductor Henry. He was a very, very special person.

Jim Shoemaker and Al Sharp worked on a showcase light fixture, trying to replace two ballasts. The wiring was so old that the insulation was cracking and falling off. It was finally decided to remove it completely and take it home where it can be completely rewired. Clarence Hurt was really missed. If you haven't heard, Clarence had a bad fall at home and has a compression fracture in his back. He will be wearing a brace for awhile. Clarence, we wish you a speedy and full recovery. Clarence, I want you to know that you were there in spirit. In your absence Jason Tursyn followed your tradition and showed up just in time for lunch! Jason did clean the glass on some of the showcases just before we headed for lunch.

Jim Shoemaker and Lloyd installed a light fixture in our work shop area and added a switch in the Roper Building so that we can turn on our lights without turning on the History Center's lights. Jason pitched in on this project after lunch as well. Jim donated most of the materials! Thanks Jim. This was a much needed project. Jeff Dearmin came out and met with Phil and me to get ideas on reworking our website. We now plan to have a separate website from Heritage for our NRHS chapter. Some things on our website will also be on Heritage's, such as information about both museums, and there will be links between the two. But we will also have things that pertain only to our chapter such as a calendar, membership application, meeting times, museum history, Flat Wheel newsletters, local railroad history with photos and etc. I think we will soon have a very first class website. Thanks to each of you who came out and made this a very productive day.

## **CENTRAL FLORIDA CHAPTER, NRHS**

### **Combined Board & Regular Meeting Minutes**

**March 9, 2009**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Phil Cross.

The Chapter's Chaplin, David Rhea, led the members and guests in prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following Board members were present: Chuck Ansell, Phil Cross, Bill Dusenbury, Thomas East, Jerry Honetor, Clarence Hurt, Irv Lipscomb, Ken Murdock, and David Rhea.

Recognition of Visitors – Phil Cross

- Ben Salata – The new Director of the Winter Garden museums.
- Phil Dan from Eustis
- Greg Stiles
- Bill – from Charlotte, NC

Recognition of Members/Friends Concerns – Phil Cross

- Dwight Stoffels wife, Laura, is in the hospital.

Approval of February 2009 Combined Board & Regular Meeting Minutes – Phil Cross

- David Rhea made a motion that the February 2009 Combined Board & Regular Meeting Minutes be approved as printed in "THE FLATWHEEL". The motion was seconded by Chuck Ansell and was accepted unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – David Rhea

- David Rhea summarized the Treasurer's Report for February 2009.

Assistant Treasurer's Report – Jerry Honetor

- Nothing to report.

Vice President of Membership & Programs Report – Thomas East

Membership Status:

- Thomas East reported that thirteen members have not renewed their membership. They will be dropped from our membership if they do not renew by the end of March 2009.

Recent & Upcoming Chapter Events and Field Trips

- Ken Murdock summarized the recent trips to the Big Boots & Western and to the Ridge Live Steamers.
- Thomas East has scheduled a trip to Folkston, GA for April 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

Programs for the Coming Month's Meetings

- Clarence Hurt summarized tonight's program by Kathie Suriano about her experiences helping establish, develop, and operate Lakeville Elementary School Railroad Museum.
- Al Pfeiffer will present a slide show, "Things on Display in Florida", for the April 2009 program.

Technology Committee Report – Thomas East

- Nothing to report.

Library Committee Report – Jerry Honetor

- Jerry Honetor reported that he has located the software for a library program on the internet. He has downloaded a copy and can try it for a month to see if he likes it.
- Hugh S. Vierling has donated about two dozen books, pamphlets, old N.R.H.S. Bulletins, and many VHS tapes to the Chapter.

Vice President of Education Report – Irv Lipscomb

- The Orlando Sentinel has made the upcoming motor car meet in Winter Garden their spotlight of the week. Irv has received many phone calls concerning the event.
- David Rhea has volunteered to set the Museum up for the breakfast on Friday night. Phil Cross, Jason Turcyn, and Clarence Hurt volunteered to help on Friday night.
- Mike Ryan, Phil Cross, and Chuck Ansell volunteered to help with the breakfast on Saturday morning.

Museum Host Schedule – Irv Lipscomb

April 4, 2009 – Irv Lipscomb  
 April 5, 2009 – Jeff Dearmin  
 April 11, 2009 – Irv Lipscomb  
 April 12, 2009 – Museum Closed  
 April 18, 2009 – (9-1) Al Sharp, Lloyd Brown, Sylvia Brown, and Phil Cross, 1-5) Phil Baker, Al Pfeiffer, Bill Cogswell, and Phil Cross  
 April 19, 2009 – (10-1) Phil Baker and Phil Cross (1-4) Jerry Honetor and Phil Cross  
 April 25, 2009 – Open  
 April 26, 2009 – Open

**Museum Curator's Report – Ken Murdock**

- Chapter volunteer's logged 127.75 hours for February 2009.
- The Museum had 795 visitors during February 2009.
- The next Chapter work session will be held on March 28, 2009.

**Secretary's Report – Bill Dusenbury**

- Nothing to report.

**Assistant Secretary's Report – Clarence Hurt**

- Clarence has not been able to get a response from the Dot's and Dashes group about being at the Museum for the motor car event. He will try and get them for a later date.

**Website master's Report – Jeff Dearmin**

- Jeff Dearmin reported that we have access to both the Museum and Chapter websites. He would like to post a new membership application on the website. The calendar section needs to be redone.
- Phil Cross suggested we consult with Ben Salata about our website.

**National Director's Report – Chuck Ansell**

- Nothing to report.

**Historian Report – Phil Cross**

- Missing Flatwheel List – Continuing to search for missing copies of "THE FLATWHEEL".
- Chapter Activities History – Continuing to update the document as time permits. The years 2007-2009 are complete.
- Tavares & Gulf Railroad DVD – Editing process to pick up speed in March with the help of a professional...to be paid for by an anonymous donor.

**President's Report – Phil Cross**

- Motor cars to visit Winter Garden again Saturday, March 14, 2009. They will run from Winter Garden to Tavares and return. The Chapter is sponsoring a breakfast again this year.
- Annual Bloom & Grow "Spring Fever in the Garden" event to be held April 18-19, 2009. Will need extra museum hosts for both days. Phil Cross, Phil Baker, Al Pfeiffer, and Lloyd and Sylvia Brown have volunteered for Saturday. Phil Cross, Phil Baker, and Jerry Honetor have volunteered for Sunday.

- Annual WGHF Museums Board Golf Tournament will be held Monday, May 11, 2009 at the West Orange Country Club. The Golf Tournament Committee would greatly appreciate any volunteers from the CFC-NRHS for the day of the tournament. The profit's from the event supports all three museums.
- Anonymous Donor Challenge for recruiting student members from the Lakeville Elementary School student body.
- Appointment of Members for 2009 Committees – looking for members to serve the Chapter. Will discuss next month.

**FCRR Update from Bill Dusenbury**

- The FCEN #59 is painted and back in service. The locomotive is an ex-Rock Island EMD GP18 and was acquired from the Florida West Coast Railroad in 2005.

**Inland Lakes Railway update from Neil Bagaus**

- Absent

Tonight's refreshments are provided by Roger Wilson.

Al Pfeiffer made a motion that the Meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by David Rhea and was accepted unanimously. The Meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
 William C. Dusenbury  
 Secretary

**Flatwheel**

Delivery of the Flatwheel by email in PDF format is available. If you wish to sign up, please send me an email or talk to me at the meeting.

I'm always looking for reader articles and photos. Did you do any rail fanning on your vacation? Tell us about it! When giving me photos etc., please put you name on them so I can return them promptly.

**Other RR News**



Irv Lipscomb caught the Amtrak #98 at the Palatka station 30 minutes late on March 16

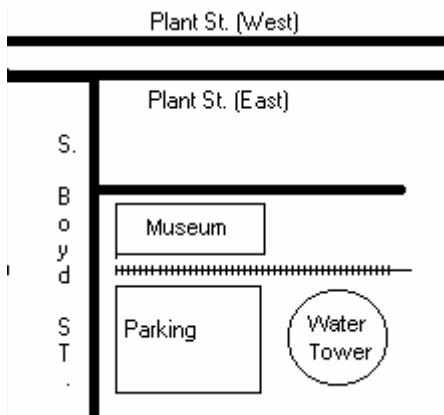
# THE FLATWHEEL

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April 2009

**The Museum:** is located in downtown Winter Garden at 101 South Boyd Street, Winter Garden, FL 34787

It is open to visitors on **Daily 1-5 PM**, excluding holidays, or by special arrangements.



**The Central Florida Chapter** of the NRHS meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 7:30 PM at the museum location. Guests and visitors are encouraged to attend. The executive board meets at 6:30 PM of the same evening unless otherwise announced.

Club correspondence and other materials for the club should be sent to:

CFC-NRHS  
PO Box 770567  
Winter Garden, FL 34777-0567

**Web page:** <http://www.cfcnrhs.org>

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