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**Preserving the Past.
Active in the Present.
Planning for the Future.**

Meeting Site:

Woodmen of the World
721 East Poinsett Street
Greer, SC 29651-6404
Third Friday of the Month at 7:00 pm

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Spartanburg, SC 29301-2330

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A DAY AT ROCHELLE RAILFAN PARK

Our day, October 22nd, 2013, started out early before the sun



north-west. Rochelle is called the Hub City for this crossing of these

had come fully up. For those not familiar with Rochelle it is about 100 miles west of Chicago and hosts the crossing of the UP (ex-CNW) main line to the west and the BNSF (CB&Q) line to the Pacific

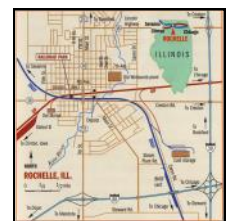
two major railroad lines.

Activity can be brisk but enjoyable under the city provided shelter. The new UP Global III Intermodal yard is just west of town and gen-

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Arrivals



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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Welcome to the another new year of railroading in the Upstate. Our organization has seen many changes and much growth in the last year and more improvements are on the horizon. You are enjoying the latest improvement with the introduction of the *Carolina Conductor* and its new editor, Bruce Gathman.

The caboose, another new addition this past year, has been a successful addition to our museum in Spartanburg. If you haven't been by to see what's going on please come on over some Wednesday or Saturday.

Just a reminder that the 2014 dues are due now if you want to continue your membership and receiving the new *Carolina Conductor*. There was a small increase in the dues structure this year to offset ever increasing costs of doing business.

The 501(c)(3) status for both the NRHS and CRHA have made some progress recently. Our goal is to get both organizations in full tax exempt status and assets transferred by the end of this calendar year.

We look forward to having some great programs lined up for the year. If you have any ideas contact the VP Terry Brelsford.

Sincerely,
Bob Klempner, President

JANUARY PROGRAM

Lester Collins will be presenting a video tape of how the Norfolk Southern recovered from Hurricane Katrina in the New Orleans area and possibly other tidbits. Tidbits is not something prepared by Lester for us to eat unfortunately. His ham was delicious at the Christmas party.

JANUARY MINUTES

The board of directors of the CRHA continue to take on a large agenda with regard to the Museum, the Caboose and other future projects. We continue to put the finishing touches on the caboose and look to complete some minor repairs and complete the HO train layout.

The Greenville Chapter of NRHS received its 501-3C status and we have begun to circulate ideas for fundraising. Bruce Gathman will take over the editing and publishing of the monthly newsletter, to now be called the *Carolina Conductor*. Many thanks to Bruce for his efforts here as well as on the HO layout.

We also began talking about the restoration of the REA truck belonging to the Greenville Chapter. Mike Saverino will be the new Caboose Manager. He will be backed up by Milton Ashley when he is out of town. The caboose manager will be responsible for coordinating volunteers, making sure maintenance tasks are completed, and coordinating outside vendors for caboose construction and repair.

Bob Klempner, Marcy Collins and Milton Ashley will have a similar role overseeing the museum. We are going to have a volunteers meeting sometime in early February

so everyone understands the duties and expectations of being a Hub City Railroad Museum volunteer and to also introduce volunteerspot.com an online volunteer scheduling system.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael Saverino, Secretary

LAST COPY OF NEWSLETTER?

If you have not paid your 2014 dues this will be your **first and only** issue of the *Carolina Conductor*. Please pay your 2014 dues by no later than January 31st to continue your annual membership and enjoy all the activities and benefits associated with it in the CRHA. Use the attached application form and mail to address as shown.

Also, you will continue receiving this new revised and expanded publication monthly. The CRHA *Carolina Conductor* replaces the NRHS *Palmetto Rails* and is part of the eventual transition of the NRHS membership to the CRHA.

The board of directors would like to thank Lynn Duncan for his time as editor of the *Palmetto Rails* during a time of growth and consolidation for both the NRHS and the CRHA.



**NRHS 501(c)(3)
tax exempt status
has been reinstated!**

Departures

CENTRAL RAILWAY MODEL AND HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION TRAIN SHOW



Photo: Ed Welch ©2013



The annual train show will again be held in Easley at the Bagwell Gymnasium, 111 Walkers Way, this coming February on Saturday the 1st from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm and Sunday the 2nd from 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm. Admission is \$6.00 for adults and children under 10 are free with an adult.

TWO FIRMS SUBMIT BID TO REFURBISH STEAM ENGINE FOR RAILROAD

A \$600,000 project to refurbish a steam engine will begin in March or April, said Swain County Manager Kevin King. The project included in the economic development loan to Great Smoky Mountains Railroad was approved by Swain County Commissioners last year, and will be paid for with revenue from the 4 percent county tax guests pay to stay at motels. Another \$100,000 to construct a turntable will be completed by county workers at an undetermined date.

The county received bids

from Steam Services of America of Sylva and Wasatch Railroad Contractors of Cheyenne, Wyo., to refurbish the steam engine. King will make his recommendation to commissioners at their 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10, meeting at the Swain County Business Education and Training Center. Accepting the lowest bid is not that easy in this case due to the project's specialized nature, King said. Kim Albritton, general manager of GSMR,



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is assisting King, who indicated the county conducted an informal bid process last year to get feedback before proceeding with the loan. That helped the county get a better idea of what they were looking for this time around, he said.

The \$700,000 economic development loan to GSMR was finalized in October. The county went through BB&T bank. The lengthy time it took to finalize the loan was because of its complexity. Economic development loans can take longer to finalize, King said. "There's a lot more steps involved," he said. The county will own the steam engine and turntable, and lease it to the railroad. King expects the steam engine to be running by the fall 2015. The railroad will not pay a fee for the engine and turntable, but must meet certain criteria laid out in the agreement. The county will use tourism

dollars to pay off the loan in 15 years.

46TH ATLANTA MODEL TRAIN & RAILRODIANA SHOW AND SALE

Saturday, January 18, 2014

Categories: Model Railroad, Operating Exhibit, Railroad Memorabilia, Toy Train / Collectible Show, Train Show and Sale

North Atlanta Trade Center
1700 Jeurgens Court
Norcross, GA 30093

COLUMBIA MODEL TRAIN SHOW

Saturday January 25, 2014

Categories: Model Railroad, Operating Exhibit, Railroad Memorabilia, Toy Train / Collectible Show, Train Show and Sale

SC State Fairgrounds
Rosewoods Building
1200 Rosewood Drive
Columbia, SC, SC 29201

VALENTINE DINNER TRAINS 2014

Friday

February 14th

and Saturday

February 15th

Train trips depart at 5:45

PM each day .

Tickets not sold

online for this

event. Seating is limited. Tickets are

being sold by reservation form only.



South Carolina Railroad Museum
110 Industrial Park Road
Winnsboro, South Carolina 29180
803-712-4135

www.scrm.org/welcomepage.html

Rare Mileage



Southern Railway #'s 5245 and 1462 assaulting Saluda Grade.



Clinchfield train #73 leaving Spartanburg.

Manifest

Norfolk Southern Heritage Units in the Upstate



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The Norfolk Southern Railway Heritage units are travelling all over the system. A few have even been spotted in Spartanburg during daylight hours - so a photo record could be made.

The #8114 painted in the original Norfolk Southern Railway paint scheme showed up with ten units in tow on an extremely long manifest train. The General Electric ES44AC was delivered on 3/22/2012. The original Norfolk Southern was acquired by the Southern Railway in 1974.

Initially, Norfolk Southern planned for 18 heritage locomotives, which included eight GE ES44AC units to be numbered as NS



8098-8105. When Penn Central was added as the 19th heritage unit, NS chose to make the PC unit an EMD SD70ACe and switched the original NS scheme to instead be applied to a GE ES44AC.

Conrail (NS) #8098 is seen trailing head end power on another manifest freight. You can follow the locations of all the NS and other railroad heritage units by going to: www.heritageunits.com/. Railfans report to this web page sightings of

heritage units so you can determine if one is headed toward

your location.

Although the EMD SD70ACe Erie-Lackawanna unit #1074 wasn't photographed in the local area it is one of the most photographic paint schemed heritage units on the Nor-



folk Southern. It was photographed in Roanoke, Virginia.

More excellent local photographs of heritage units, taken by Moss Miller, will follow next month.



Marker Lights



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frozen storage buildings just southeast of downtown. I came back thoroughly soaked and chilled from the snowy, rainy, 36° weather but was warmed by the great photos I had taken. To watch more action from Rochelle go to this youtube link for a starter: www.youtube.com/watch?v=6b3OKCXjkfc



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erates lots of traffic. Sometime unusual
loco consists can be seen.

You can never be too prepared for a change in the weather. Crews were called out to fix a sagging crossing in the snow flurries and trains showed evidence of having travelled through a snow storm further out west.

Union Pacific paint scheme Y724 and other units are stationed near the large



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