

Carolina Conductor



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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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Tatra Rail Car

by Steve Baker

Tatra is the third oldest car maker in the world after Daimler and Peugeot. Their first gasoline powered automobile was sold in 1897. They had started manufacturing horse drawn carriages in the 1850's, and didn't cease production of those until the 1920's.



Präsident, the first factory made car in Central and Eastern Europe in 1897.

Tatra made all kinds of automobiles and trucks, plus two models of airplanes, a self propelled rail bus, and a variety of machinery, such as cream separators. They ceased automobile production in the early 1990's, but continue as a very successful truck

manufacturer today. Tatra, is located in the Czech Republic.

During World War II Tatra was instrumental in the production of trucks, and tank engines for the German war effort. Production of passenger cars ceased in 1999, but the company still produces a range of primarily all-wheel-drive 4x4, 6x6, 8x8, 10x10, and 12x12 trucks. The brand is currently mainly known as a result of the legendary Czech truck racer Karel Loprais: who in 1988-2001 won the world's hardest off-road race; Dakar Rally, as many as six times with the Tatra 815.

The vehicle of our interest is the Model 15/30 Railcar, which was fitted with railroad wheels. Note the gauges and controls are on the right side. Czechoslovakia drove on the right side of the road until invaded by Germany in 1939. The 24 HP engine was a 4 cylinder boxer engine, air cooled



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Photos Courtesy: Tatra Motors

Arrivals



Presidents Message

Hello everyone and welcome to the February edition of the Carolina Conductor. I can't believe that February is here and with the threat of winter weather on the way, I'm ready for spring.

I would like to thank all of our members that helped with the Easley Train Show, without you we couldn't have got it done. We were able to raise over \$600.00 in two days at the show.

There is a lot of rail fan activities coming up soon: the Asheville and Hickory train shows. TVRM and NS 21st Century Steam program trips are coming in April and the *Streamliners Days* at the N.C. Transportation Museum in May. Also we are planning a National Train Day celebration on May 10th at the HCRM and caboose; this will be the 1st anniversary of the opening of the Caboose. All these events and others will be listed in the Departures section of the newsletter.

Anyone reading these issues of the Carolina Conductor please remember to get your 2014 dues paid as this will be the last issue sent to you. We still need volunteers to help at the museum and caboose. If you haven't been by the caboose in a while please stop by look at the progress that has been made on the model train layout.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our special February membership program.

Sincerely,
Bob Klempner, President

Monthly Program

Our monthly membership meeting has been moved to Friday, February 28. Our program will be Ms. Stacey Hugo from NS Corporate, Norfolk. The meeting location has also been moved. It will be held at the Community Center at the "Village of Pelham". The address is 250 Westmoreland Road, Greer. It is off I85 exit 56 (SC Route 14). The Community Center is located in the Medical Office Building, at 7:00pm.

Ms. Hugo is Manger of NS Community Outreach. Her presentation will include but may not be limited to the following topics: NS Community Outreach functions; NS business projections with regards to various commodities - i.e. coal, auto, intermodal, agriculture, chemicals, etc. - especially how these pertain to the Crescent Corridor and Piedmont Division in terms of future traffic and industrial development; NS coordination with Amtrak and local governments in the development of commuter/regional rail; i.e. Charlotte - Raleigh, Newport News, and D.C.; and rumor mill stuff, such as NS plans to increase track capacity between DC and Atlanta and possible re-opening of the Saluda Grade line.

It should be an interesting and informative program. We look forward to seeing you there.

Board Minutes

Meeting was called to order on 2/3/14 at 7:03pm by Bob Klempner. The Greenville Chapter and CRHA Treasurers' reports were presented and approved.

Bob and Marv gave a report on the Easley Train Show. We had a very successful day there with approximately \$640 in sales and a lot of visibility.

We discussed the upcoming National Train Day in May including various fundraising activities. Bob will be contacting

the Amtrak Regional Representative from Charlotte to elicit their support for National Train Day.

Bruce discussed input for the February newsletter. Mike and Bob then discussed the February and March meetings. The BOD approved moving the February membership meeting to Friday February 28 to accommodate Ms. Stacey Hugo from Norfolk Southern Corporate. She will be providing the program and will presenting a wide range of topics of interest to our membership. Bob discussed a potential March program involving the presentation of the history of Southern Railroad dining china. The presenter will bring samples and place settings from various eras.

We discussed the solicitation of a fundraising poster involving "Trains of the South Carolina Upstate" by Andy Fletcher. Mike will be interfacing with Andy and Lynda Fletcher to finalize the poster.

The status of the volunteers meeting was discussed. Mike and Milton will set-up this meeting when their schedules can accommodate. At this meeting we will be discussing the new volunteerspot.com scheduling system, museum and caboose rules and procedures and off hours work details.

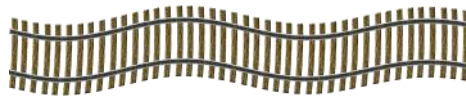
We also discussed caboose access, after hours access, status of the alarm systems, status of caboose signs, cub scout tour, and the procurement of additional brochures.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Saverino



Stone culvert under the old Southern Railway line near Piedmont, S.C., believed to have been built in the 1850's. Photo by: Jim Hopkins ©2014

Departures



21ST CENTURY STEAM!

2014 SPRING EXCURSION SCHEDULE

- March 29** ~ Chattanooga, TN to Attalla, AL
- March 30** ~ Chattanooga, TN to Oneida, TN
- April 5** ~ Bristol, VA to Radford, VA
- April 6** ~ Bristol, VA to Bulls Gap, TN
- April 12 & 13** ~ Grundy, VA to Devon, WV
- April 19** ~ Chattanooga, TN to Cleveland, TN
- May 17 & 18** ~ Ludlow, KY (Cincinnati area) to Danville, KY
- May 31 & June 1** ~ Lexington, KY to Oneida, TN
- June 7** ~ Chattanooga, TN to Stearns, KY

Read more about the excursions at:
<http://ttrail.com/pages/21st-Century-Steam>



Asheville Train Show

Western North Carolina
 Agricultural Center
 1301 Fanning Bridge Road
 Fletcher, North Carolina 28732

February 28—Noon to 7:00 pm
 March 1—9:00 am to 5:00 pm
 For more information go to:
www.asheville-trainshow.com/index.html

Piedmont Division



Model Train Show

Atlanta, Georgia
 2 Galleria Parkway
 Atlanta, Georgia 30339
 At I-285 and I-75

March 15—10:00 am to 4:00 pm
 March 16—10:00 am to 4:00 pm
 For more information go to:
www.themodeltrainshow.com



First container being loaded at Inland Port.
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Remember Valentine's Day



Original Watercolor by Mary Rose Gathman ©2014



SC Inland Port under construction circa November 2013.
 Photo by Bill Poovey ©2013



Norfolk Southern train at SC Inland Port Dedication

Photo by Ronnie McCallay ©2014

Rare Mileage



Gainesville Midland Decapod (2-10-0) #206 with a freight train at Candler, GA.



Blue Ridge Railway southbound mixed train near Anderson, SC being pulled by a Southern Railway 2-8-0 #544 on June 25, 1948.

Manifest

Norfolk Southern Heritage Units in the Upstate!



Illinois Terminal heritage unit #1072 an SD70ACe at Spartanburg rounding the curve toward CP Magnolia.



New York Central heritage unit #1066 an SD70ACe passing under the old wood overpass at Duncan.



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Savannah & Atlanta #1065 an ES44AC, at Magnolia station.





Marker Lights



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flat configuration. Brakes were mechanical, pedal operated for the front, and manual (lever) for the rear.

A two speed, no reverse transmission allowed the rail car to hit speeds of 80 kph (50 mph).

The rail car had a turntable that lowered by crank, and allowed for easy reversal of direction.



The interior was sparse by today's standards.



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Pennsylvania heritage unit #8102 an SD70ACe with Conrail #8098 an ES44AC at Greer.



New Jersey Central #1071 an SD70ACe.



Nickel Plate #8100 an SD70ACe.

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