

May 2009 No. 5

Meeting - Monday May 11th 6:30 PM

## Chapter News

The Chapter has save approximately over \$250 in copying and postage costs in 2008 by using electronic distribution for the Flatwheel. If you are still getting a printed copy please sign up for electronic distribution.

## May Birthdays

John Richeson  
Sylvia Brown  
Alan Rodgers  
Lloyd Brown

## Morse Telegraphers Event

Clarence Hurt

.Allen Quinn and I had a very successful day (April 25) with about 100 in attendance. This was the best attendance I had ever witnessed and although Dan Andrus set up his motion detector at the intersection of Boyd and Plant. I attribute the good turnout primarily to Irv's publicity in the West Orange Times. A number of visitors told me that this was what brought them out.



I opened up at 9:00 AM to the public and had several visitors before the coders finished setting up around 10:15, and there was a steady stream of visitors all day.

They expressed their appreciation for us making the facility available to them. Several of them are retired Railroad people. A couple of them, father & son, drove 4 hours from Miami to attend. I wish more of you could have been there for this event.

A birthday cake was cut and served to celebrate Samuel B. Morse's 218<sup>th</sup> birthday.

## 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.

## CENTRAL FLORIDA CHAPTER, NRHS

### Combined Board & Regular Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2009

The Meeting was called to order at 7:07pm by President Phil Cross.

Chapter Chaplin David Rhea led the members and guest in prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following Board of Directors were present: Chuck Ansell, Phil Cross, Bill Dusenbury, Clarence Hurt, Irv Lipscomb, Ken Murdock, and David Rhea.

Recognition of Visitors – Phil Cross

- Todd Nielson – belongs to the Susquehanna Valley Chapter in Binghamton, NY.

Recognition of Members/Friends Concerns – Phil Cross

- Ted Jansen – will be having a heart cath.
- Dwight Stoffel – had his gall bladder removed.

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

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

Treasurer's Report – David Rhea

- Treasurer David Rhea summarized the Treasurer's Report for the month of March 2009.

Assistant Treasurer – Jerry Honetor

- Absent

Vice President of Membership & Programs Report – Phil Cross for Thomas East

Membership Status Report:

- 43 paid members and 6 members not renewed

Chapter Events and Field Trips:

- Thomas East is planning a trip to Folkston, GA on April 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009. This will be a drop-in event.

Monthly Programs:

- Tonight's program will be a slide show "Railroad Equipment on Display in Florida" by Al Pfeiffer .
- The May 2009 program will be an Operation Lifesaver Presentation by Kevin Sweat.

Technology Committee Report – Thomas East

- Absent

Library Committee Report – Jerry Honetor

- Absent

Vice President of Education Report – Irv Lipscomb

- Irv Lipscomb gave a report to the Chapter about the breakfast for the motor cars. The Chapter broke even on the breakfast, but the motor car group donated \$400 to the Chapter.

Museum Curator's Report – Ken Murdock

- Chapter members donated 137.5 hours for the month of March 2009 and have donated 506.25 hours year to date for 2009.
- The museum had 850 visitors for the month of March 2009 and has had 2,190 visitors to date for 2009.
- There will not be a work day for April 2009.
- The next work day will either be May 16, 2009 or May 30, 2009.

Secretary's Report – Bill Dusenbury

- Nothing to report.

Assistant Secretary's Report – Clarence Hurt

- If anyone knows about any sickness or distress, please let Sherry Hurt know.
- Irv Lipscomb made a motion to appropriate a \$50 line item for cards and postage. The motion was seconded by Chuck Ansell and the motion was accepted unanimously.

National Director – Chuck Ansell

- Nothing to report.

Historian – Phil Cross

- Missing FLATWHEEL list – making good progress on finding old copies of "THE FLATWHEEL". We are missing most of the year 2002.
- Chapter Activities History – The activities for the years 2007 through 2009 are complete. Phil is working backwards to complete.
- Tavares & Gulf Railroad DVD – The master copy has been delivered to a professional in Winter Garden for finishing.

President's Report – Phil Cross

- The motor cars visited Winter Garden on Saturday, March 14, 2009. There were 23 speeders and 4 hi-rail vehicles. The Chapter sponsored a breakfast again this year and NARCOA donated \$400 to the Chapter.
- The annual Bloom & Grow "Spring Fever in the Garden" event will be held on April 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.
- The annual WGHF Museums Board Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, May 11, 2009. The Golf Tournament Committee would appreciate any volunteers from the CFC-NRHS for the day of the tournament. The profits from the event support all three museums.
- Anonymous Donor Challenge for recruiting student members from the Lakeville Elementary School student body. Chuck Ansell made a motion that the chapter donate \$100. Irv Lipscomb seconded the motion and the motion was accepted unanimously.
- Appointment of members for 2009 Committees. Clarence Hurt and Chuck Ansell were appointed to the Education Committee. Al Pfeiffer was appointed to the Program Committee.

Items from the Membership

- David Rhea made a motion for the Chapter to sponsor Patrick Smith to the Adult Railcamp. The

Chapter will pay the \$750 fee. The motion was seconded by Chuck Ansell and the motion was accepted unanimously.

#### Refreshments

- April 2009 – Clarence Hurt
- May 2009 – Chuck Hanus
- June 2009 – Irv Lipscomb

Al Sharp made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Chuck Ansell seconded the motion and the motion was accepted unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
William C. Dusenbury  
Secretary

### Flatwheel

Delivery of the Flatwheel by email in PDF format is available. If you wish to signup, 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 your name on them so I can return them promptly.

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### **Other RR News** **Golden Spike Tower - The World's** **Largest Rail Classification Yard**

By Tom Mather

During our October 2008 drive out west, Annette and I visited North Platte, Nebraska. The Golden Spike Tower and Visitors Center opened in May 2008. The 95-foot tower provides a view of Union Pacific's Bailey Classification Yard, the world's largest. The Yard is eight miles long, 200 tracks wide and consists of diesel repair shops, sand tower, track maintenance, and in-train repair and refueling depot. The diesel shop can hold 78 locomotives and employs 400 workers. The entire yard employs about 3,500. The east and west hump yards sort 3,000 cars each day and it is easy to see why the visitor's brochure states that "more trains pass through North Platte, Nebraska, than anywhere on the planet." While we were viewing the Yard activity several Powder River coal trains passed through the yard from west to east. At over one mile in length, each was pulled by two locomotives and assisted by one at the rear.

This past September the Nebraska tourism department sponsored its second annual Rail Fest. Over 10,000 people attended and were treated to bus tours into Bailey Yard and ten historical or special locomotives and entertainment at the old town Cody Park Railroad Display. The park five miles east of Bailey Yard is home to UP 4-6-6-4 Challenger #3977, only one of two remaining Challengers in the world and #3977 is the only one in public display. Next to the Challenger is EMD Centennial freight diesel #6922. This eight-axle monster of 6,600 hp is 98 feet long and weighs 545,000 pounds. Bottom line: Don't miss North Platte. For additional information refer to [www.goldenspiketower.com](http://www.goldenspiketower.com) and [www.railtownusa.org](http://www.railtownusa.org). Gulf Coast Railroading Gulf Coast Chap NRHS

## **This Does Not Look Like Fun**

Nothing like an end of winter photo or two just to remind us Floridians of what living in the north is like.

Photos of the IANR train trapped in snow just south of Highway 18 between Nora Springs and Rockford from Midnight Friday until Noon on Sunday (1/24/09).



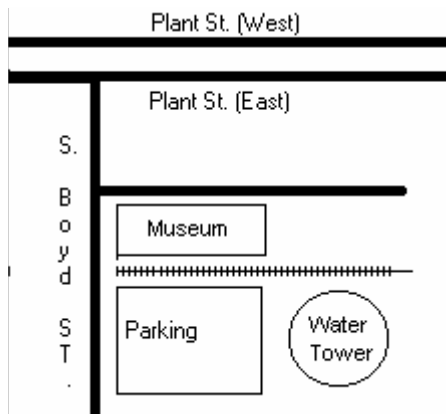
# THE FLATWHEEL

1354 Foxfire Drive  
Apopka, FL 32712

May 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>

**Flatwheel-** Material for the Flatwheel (including exchange newsletters) should be sent to:

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