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Florida Central Trip

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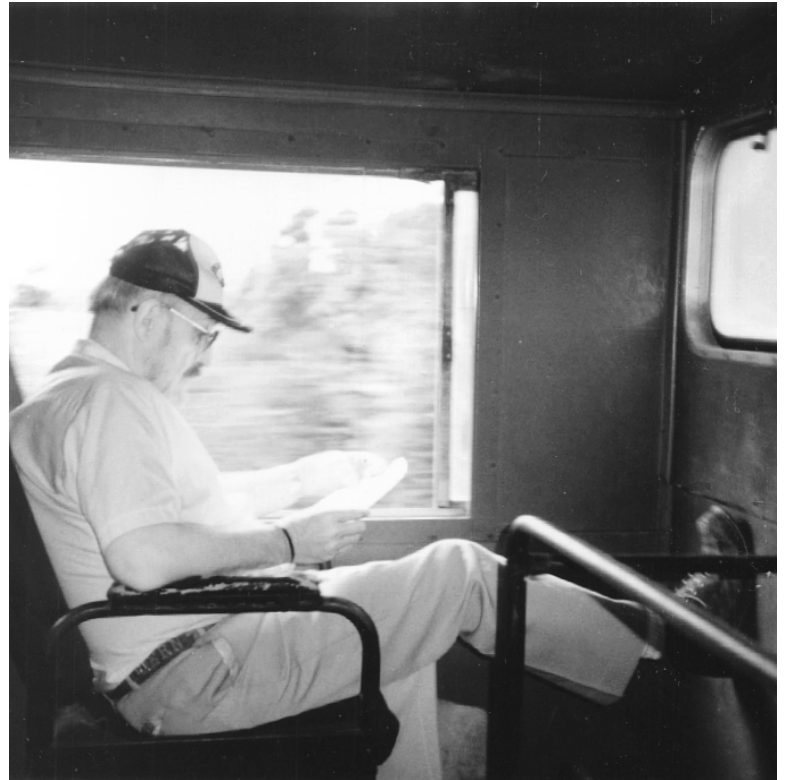
The Pinsly Railroads (Arkansas Midland Railroad, Florida Central Railroad, Florida Midland Railroad, Florida Northern Railroad, Greenville & Northern Railway, Pioneer Valley Railroad, and Railroad Distribution Services) have their Florida Central shops at Plymouth, Florida.



Our train for the day consists of FCRR #55 and two ex-Chessie cabooses (cabeese?).



Our host, Mr. Bennett J. Biscan, General Manager and our engineer for the day, provided us with ...



Caboose rides ...



and Cab rides.



Our noon stop for lunch at Okeefe's, in Tavares, FL. Note the lawn railroading.

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Our merry crew: Paul Friederich, Lloyd Lewis, Richard Dickinson, Cliff Vander Yacht, Mark Bennett, Larry Brennan; Frank Dewey, Arby Vandenbossche, and Jim Smith.



Southeast Chairman, James Smith, presents the B&O Spike Exhibit to CSXT Manager Communication & Public Affairs, Melinda Dirsa, for display at the CSX building at Jacksonville. The spike was one used to build the original B&O Railroad between Baltimore and Ellicott City, MD.

Chattanooga Choo Choo and side trips with the NRHS

photos by Cliff Vander Yacht



ABOVE: Bob Werth of the North Florida Chapter, National Railway Historical Society, surveys the grounds of the Tennessee Valley Railroad while others head for the station. There are four storage tracks here in front of Grand Junction Station. After watching a slide show on the history of the TVRR, we boarded the train and rode around the wye and through Missionary Ridge Tunnel to the East Chattanooga Depot. There the engine is turned. Then back again. We then had lunch in the dining room.

NOTE: Bob both contributed the most to the "BUS FUND" (it's a *motor coach* we rode), and later won its contents.

LEFT: The Inclined Railway was also on the agenda. Here one of the cars approaches the lower level while its complement reaches the top at the same time. We rode this car up and the other one down.





On the way back to Atlanta, we “railfanned” along the railroad right-of-way, turning deliberately onto side roads so as to stop for the trains at grade crossings. It must have been quite a sight. We also inspected the plaque shown at left at the location where the *General* came to the end of its *Great Locomotive Chase* run. The *General* itself now resides inside the building shown on the right, the “Big Shanty Museum — Home of the General,” at Big Shanty, Georgia.

The officers and staff of the
Southeast Chapter of the
Railway & Locomotive
Historical Society extend to all
a Merry Christmas/Happy
Hanukkah and a Historic
New Year.

Norfolk Southern Steam 1966 - 1994

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Mr. David R. Goode
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Dear Sir:

The members of the Southeast Chapter of the Railway and Locomotive Historical Society were saddened to hear of your company's decision to terminate the steam excursion program. As the program is coming to the end of its last season, we would like to take the opportunity to thank you and the employees of Norfolk Southern and its predecessor companies for many fine memories the program provided us over the years. You were able to keep a bit of history alive for a long time. There is something about mainline steam operation that is a thrill to anyone who is fortunate to experience it, either on-board the train, watching the train go by or listening to the whistle in the distance. This we will miss. It has been a great program and we thank you for it.

Yours truly,

James A. Smith
Chairman, Southeast Chapter

STOLE A LOCOMOTIVE

An Enterprising Youth from the Wild, Wild West Heard From.

Reproduced from the Florida Times-Union, Saturday, November 28, 1885

Wednesday evening, about 9:30 o'clock, Engine No. 3, named the W. L. Crawford, was stolen from the yards of the Jacksonville, St. Augustine and Halifax River Railway, at St. Augustine. Early next morning General Manager Crawford, of the road, was notified of the fact, and he at once called to his aid Captain Ivers to assist him in capturing the thief. About 7 o'clock yesterday morning the two left this city on a special engine in search of the one that had been reported stolen. They had not proceeded far, however, before some of the machinery of the engine broke and they were forced to transfer to a construction train which was near by, and then proceeded on their way. When between Sweetwater and Bayard they found the missing locomotive, with the cab burned off and the boiler flues all burned loose.

After a long search Captain Ivers succeeded in finding a very suspicious looking boy. The boy was arrested but persisted that he did not run the engine out from St. Augustine, though he acknowledged that he was on her. He said that two men had got on board and run her out. The Captain went on to St. Augustine, but failed to learn anything more definite and returned to this city. On his return, after talking with the boy awhile, the latter acknowledged that he did run the engine out and that he left her at Register Station. He gave his name as Dick Baldwin and is about 13 years of age. He at one time said that he had been traveling with a circus and came from Chicago; at another, that he came from Kensington, Ill., at another from Michigan. He is now in jail.

Captain Ivers deserves credit for the persistent manner in which he followed the case up and made the arrest. He found on the boy three large rings and a large watch chain. The amount of damage to the locomotive cannot as yet be estimated. There is only one thing more for that boy to do, and that is, to capture a red-hot stove.

CITY ITEMS

Reproduced from the Florida Times-Union, Saturday, November 28, 1885

In the Circuit Court yesterday the case of the State vs. Richard Baldwin, the boy who was arrested for stealing the locomotive of the Jacksonville, St. Augustine and Halifax River Railroad a short time ago, was tried and the defendant acquitted.

Minutes of the Southeast Chapter, Railway & Locomotive Historical Society

The October meeting of the Southeast Chapter of the Railway and Locomotive Historical Society was held in the 13th floor conference room of the CSXT GOB Thursday, October 13, 1994, at 6:00 P.M. A quorum was present. Chapter Chairman Jim Smith chaired the meeting. The treasurer, Paul Friederich, reported a total of \$1641.23 in the treasury. A motion was made by Frank Dewey and seconded by Lloyd Lewis to accept the report. The motion passed. The minutes of the September meeting were presented by secretary Frank Dewey and approved after a motion made by Paul Friederich and seconded by Mark Bennett..

Old business -

Mark Bennett reported the trip to the Central Florida will be a train ride over the railroad. There will be no charge for the train, but a collection will be made to show our appreciation to the crew. The trip is tentatively set for November 5. Plans include a slide show by Bruce Abels. Members were polled to show their interest. It was decided to phone the membership when the final date has been tied down.

New Business -

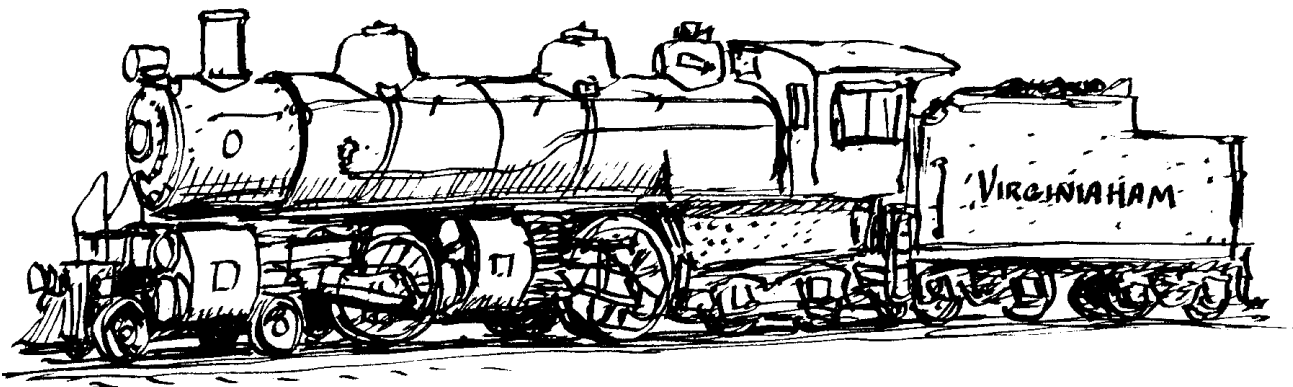

Lloyd Lewis, Frank Dewey and Richard Dickinson were appointed by Chairman Smith to be a committee to develop a field trip to Savannah.

Announcements -

Flyers were made available for Bill Griffith's new RF&P book.

The program was the first chapter slide contest conducted by Larry Brennan. Several of the members brought excellent slides or photos. Jim Smith took the honors with a winter scene of the Wellsboro, Indiana, depot. The November 10th meeting will feature railroads of Colorado by Jim Smith and Lloyd Lewis. Jim Smith will furnish refreshments. The December meeting program will be the Stewartstown Railroad by John Humes and anyone with Stewartstown memories to share. The January meeting will be the annual banquet.

Respectfully submitted,



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L. Brennan '94

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The November meeting of the Southeast Chapter of the Railway and Locomotive Historical Society was held in the 13th floor conference room of the CSXT GOB Thursday, November 10, 1994, at 6:00 P.M. A quorum was present. Chapter Chairman Jim Smith chaired the meeting. The treasurer, Paul Friederich, reported \$1658.96 in the treasury. The minutes of the October meeting were accepted.

Old business -

Jim Smith read a draft letter to be sent to Mr. Brisky. The letter will be sent in the near future.

A picture has been taken of the presentation of the B&O Spike to CSX. It will be submitted to National for inclusion in the Newsletter.

The Florida Central Trip Committee reported it was a good trip. There was a discussion of what we might be able to do to show our appreciation to the railroad. It was suggested to send the General Manager of the FCEN a lamp similar to the ones used for the convention gifts.

Bill Howes reported on the National meeting held in Kansas City. He said it was a pretty routine meeting except the Pacific Coast Chapter can no longer subsidize their portion of the archivist salary. National will take up that portion formerly carried by the Pacific Coast Chapter. The Pacific Coast Chapter also proposed having the National pick up Bruce Klienschmidt's salary. Bruce handles the National membership. The proposal was not accepted on the floor. The material from Muncy has been moved to Sacramento. Bill and others packed up the material and trucked it west. DLW 592 had no progress. The Newark convention will be May 4-7. There was a discussion of the purpose of the National Convention and what program possibilities there are in the New York City area.

Mark Bennett reported all of the incumbents will stand for re-election. There was a discussion on the election of a representative to the Nation Board. Ed Mueller made a motion to accept the committee slate. The motion was seconded by Art Towson and passed. Ballots will be included in the next *Southeast Limited*.

New business -

There was a discussion on the NS decision to quit the steam program. A motion was made by Mark Bennett and seconded by Arby Vandebossche to write a letter thanking the NS for the many years of steam operation after most railroads had quit using steam years ago. The motion passed.

The January meeting will be the annual banquet. Arby Vandebossche will look into having the meeting in the private rooms at the River City Brewery.

A motion was made by Mark Bennett, seconded by Frank Dewey and passed to renew the chapter membership in the Jacksonville Maritime Museum at the \$35 level.

Southeast Limited -

The next issue of the *Limited* will be a reprint of the Times-Union article on the FEC.

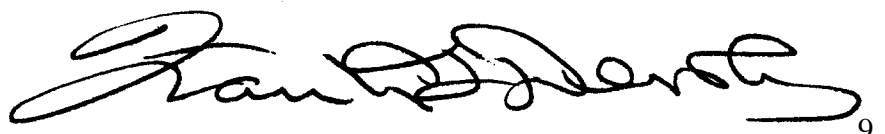
Announcements -

There will be a train show Saturday and Sunday, November 12 & 13 at the Armory off Normandy Blvd.

Art Towson told of his trip around eastern Michigan including a ride on the Huron and Eastern's home built office car.

The program was slides of Colorado by Jim Smith and Lloyd Lewis. The December 8th program will be a video tape by John Humes of the Stewartstown Railroad. Anyone else who has Stewartstown material should bring it to the meeting. Ed Mueller will provide refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Friederich", with a small number "9" at the bottom right of the signature.

January 12th Banquet

We have at this time made reservations for a private party in the nonsmoking section of the River City Brewery for our dinner on Thursday at 6:00 PM, January 12, 1995. Please plan to attend. This is the January business meeting.

Savannah Trip — February 11, 1995

The final plans for the Savannah trip have been made. We will leave CSX North Parking lot promptly at 9:00 AM. One short pit stop on the way up. Savannah Chapter, NRHS, is planning lunch for us. After lunch, the ladies (and whoever else wants to) will be dropped off at River Street for about 2 to 2½ hours while the rest of us go to the Georgia Roundhouse complex operated by the Coastal Heritage Society. We may also visit Southover Yard. On the way home, we will stop at Oglethorpe Mall, which has shops and a variety of places to eat your evening meal, from fast-food to full restaurant. The fare: \$33.00 if there are 24 or less, \$28.00 if there are 25 or more. The fare includes the motor coach, gratuity for the driver, meal at NRHS Savannah, and admission to the Georgia Roundhouse. Mail your checks made payable to the North Florida Chapter, NRHS, to reach Arby Vandebossche at 3134 Courtney Woods Court, Jacksonville, FL, 32224 by February 2nd. Please call her at (904) 223-5133 (leave a message) to tell her the check is in the mail. Note: There will be no refunds for no-shows.

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