



# Railway & Locomotive Historical Society, Inc.

## Southeast Chapter

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#### **Southeast Chapter 2010 Election of Officers**

During the October, 2009 business meeting Bill Howes and Art Towson agreed to be our Nominating Committee for the 2010 election process. At our November meeting they presented a "tentative slate" based on discussions they had with local members. However, we need to hear from any 'out of town' members who might be interested in running for the offices of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, or Treasurer. Please contact, as soon as possible, either Bill or Art with a note to our regular mailing address: P.O. Box 600544, Jacksonville, FL 32260-0544. If we have just four people running for the four offices, they will be installed using the Acclimation by Proclamation process.

#### **Southeast Chapter Banquet**

Our annual banquet will be held on our normal meeting night, January 14, 2010. It will be held at Copeland's Restaurant, 4310 Southside Blvd., Jacksonville, FL (998-4414), across from Tinsel Town at 6:00 P. M. We'll all order off their regular menu. See you there!

#### **The First Automobile to Key West, Florida**

The year was 1905: An automobile exceeded 100 miles per hour for the very first time. It was the same year that Claude Nolan became a Cadillac Motor Car agent in Jacksonville, Florida. Born in Sanford in 1883, Nolan moved to Jacksonville as a child. He graduated from Duval High School and later, Vanderbilt University. In 1905, law degree in hand, he returned to Jacksonville, where his father, George Nolan, served as mayor from 1903 until his death in 1906. Continued on next page.



**This LaSalle was the first automobile to reach Key West on December 23, 1927 by riding the rails of the FEC Overseas Extension.**

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## The First Automobile to Key West, Florida Continued

Nolan opened his Cadillac Motor Car dealership in a small building on East Church Street and became part of an industry that would grow to be a driving force in the nation's economy. The Florida land boom was beginning to gather momentum and within a few years the enterprise expanded to occupy a grand, three story dealership on Main Street. This building, built by Nolan in 1910, was designed by Henry J. Klutho, a prominent and prolific Jacksonville architect in the decades following the Great Fire of 1901.

In the 1920s he became the first person to drive to Key West. Nolan and a friend drove down the Florida East Coast railroad tracks from Miami to Key West accomplishing much of the journey by traveling over trestles spanning large stretches of water. They traveled behind a specially chartered trainload of reporters and newsreel cameramen

### Meeting of October 8, 2009

The meeting of the Southeast Chapter of the Railway & Locomotive called to order at 6:50 pm by Vice-president John Leynes. There were 5 members present.

Secretary's Report: The minutes for the February meeting were read and approved by the members present.

Treasurers Report: There was no treasurer's report – treasurer was absent.

Committee Reports: Website Committee: We are preparing to reserve a domain name for the website.

Old Business: John Leynes updated the group on the progress of the ACL 1504 preservation topic.

New Business: A nominating committee consisting of Bill Howes and Art Towson was established for the 2010 elections.

The "15-minute" Locomotive lecture was given by Bill Howes about the SP Daylight Locomotive #4449. Bill also presented a program about the recent Owosso Steam Festival.

Respectfully Submitted, Paul Newton Southeast Chapter Secretary

### Fifteen Minute Locomotive Lectures

Southeast Chapter members who attend our meetings have been enjoying the "Fifteen Minute Locomotive Lectures". However, we'd like to hear from members who can't attend. So, what is your favorite locomotive? It could be one you remember from childhood, or a favorite locomotive that you modeled, a locomotive that had a unique design feature, or just "your favorite locomotive". We've published some lectures in the Southeast Limited and would like to publish yours! Please provide a photos if possible.

### Announcements:

Our regular meetings are the 2nd Thursday of the month @ 6:30 PM, in the CSX Bldg., 500 Water St. Jacksonville, FL.

January 9th & 10th, 2010 - Model Train & RR Artifacts Show at Deland, FL

February 20, 2010 - Jacksonville Model Train & Railroadians Show

April 3, 2010 - Volusia County Fairgrounds, Lawrence Arena - DeLand, Florida

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## **Meeting of November 12, 2009**

The meeting of the Southeast Chapter of the Railway & Locomotive called to order at 6:45 pm by vice-president John Leynes. There were 8 members present.

Secretary's Report: The minutes for the October meeting were read and approved by the members present.

Treasurer's Report: Robert Van Nest reported there is a balance of \$8,841. He also noted that there are 57 members in the Chapter. The billing arrangements for 2010 memberships will be generated from the national organization and included in Railroad History #201. The treasurer's report was approved.

Committee Reports: Newsletter Committee: We are seeking articles. We are also considering sending out the newsletter electronically for those who desire.

Website Committee: John Leynes showed the group the new chapter website at [www.rlhssec.org](http://www.rlhssec.org). He is looking for content under the various sections. The chapter will not post 2009 newsletters because current newsletters are a privilege for paying members.

Old Business: John Leynes updated the group that the ordinance designating the ACL 1504 locomotive as a landmark has been passed by the Jacksonville City Council.

The Plant System DVD has been updated to include a menu system & chapter links.

New Business: Bill Howes & Art Towson make up the nominating committee for upcoming chapter officer elections. The nominating committee presented a "tentative slate" based on discussions they had with local members.

Ed Mueller discussed the possibility of doing a presentation for the Palatka Railroad Historical Society and they would return the favor.

Upcoming Programs: The annual banquet has been planned for January 14th.

Announcements: Noted Folkston, GA railroad fan Marvin "Cookie" Williams passed away November 5, 2009. The chapter will send a card offering condolences.

The locomotive lecture and program for the evening was on the Auto-Train and a review of an inspection train over the Clinchfield RR. Both were given by Jim Smith.

Respectfully Submitted, Paul Newton Southeast Chapter Secretary



**We know it's winter, but we thought you would appreciate this photo of the northbound Tropicana "Juice Train" rolling through Folkston, GA, on 7/26/09.  
Photo by Jim Smith**

## 50 Question Quiz

The following quiz came from the May 3, 1930 issue of Railway Age and was recently published by the Southwest Chapter of the R&LHS. Unfortunately, they were unable to find the answers to the questions that had been published in the May 10, 1930 issue! We plan to prepare a list of answers at an upcoming meeting – so drop us a line at P.O. Box 600544, Jacksonville, FL 32260-0544, if you want to contribute answers.

The quiz starts with "What railroad runs each of these famous trains between what cities (first five questions)?"

- 1- Twentieth Century Limited?
- 2- Broadway Limited?
- 3- Congressional Limited?
- 4- Sunset Limited?
- 5- Golden State Limited"
- 6- What is the "Flying Scotsman"?
- 7- What is the Blue Train?
- 8- What two railroads built the first railroad from the Mississippi Valley to California?
- 9- What is known as the "sea-going railroad"?
- 10- What RR advertises that it "carries more passengers than any other RR in America?"
- 11- What rail system has the greatest mileage?
- 12- What has become of the Grand Trunk road?
- 13- By what railroad can you reach the Grand Canyon?
- 14- What RR has the initials AT&SF?
- 15- NYNH&H?
- 16- DL&W?
- 17- B&O?
- 18- With what RR was Cornelius Vanderbilt associated?
- 19- With what RR was Leland Stanford associated?
- 20- With what railroad was James J. Hill associated?
- 21- What is the oldest of America's trunk railroads?
- 22- Who invented the first successful locomotive?
- 23- What was the "Rocket"?
- 24- What was the first commercially used locomotive in the United States?
- 25- Who designed and constructed the first locomotive built in America?
- 26- Who invented the airbrake for railroads?
- 27- Who invented the modern type sleeping car?
- 28- Who invented the modern car vestibule?
- 29- With what service is the name Fred Harvey associated?
- 30- What was the "999"?
- 31- To what are the words Mikado, Atlantic, Pacific and Mountain applied?
- 32- What does such a number as 4-6-2 mean when applied to a locomotive?
- 33- How many INCHES apart are the rails of a standard gauge railway?
- 34- What part of a train is the tender?
- 35- What part of a train is the caboose?
- 36- What is the pilot of a locomotive commonly called?
- 37- What is the name of the building in which locomotives are sheltered between runs?
- 38- What signal is indicated when the arm of a semaphore block signal is horizontal?
- 39- What color light accompanies this signal?
- 40- When an automatic block signal goes out of order what does the semaphore indicate?
- 41- What is indicated by green flags on an engine?
- 42- What whistle signal does the engineer give while approaching a crossing?
- 43- In railroad slang, what is a hog?
- 44- Who is nicknamed the hoghead?
- 45- Who is the tallow-pot?
- 46- For what does O. R. C. stand?
- 47- In railroad slang what are "freezers"?
- 48- What is meant by a headender and a tailender?
- 49- What is the most famous of all railroad songs?
- 50- What two famous songs deal with railroad construction work?

Below are listings of movies that feature trains, that the editor has intended to locate for some years. The list is not inclusive of all such movies, but is a good enough list to keep you busy for a while if you want to locate and view them. The one in particular that the editor was trying to locate is “Emperor of the North (Pole)”, with Ernest Borgnine and Lee Marvin. Feel free to send us additional entries for a later follow up on this topic.

#### Feature Films Set On Trains & Around Railroads

##### TITLE, STARS, SYNOPSIS, YEAR REVIEW

Avalanche Express Robert Shaw, Lee Marvin, Linda Evans.

CIA operatives battle Soviet agents aboard a train across Europe. 1979 “BOMB”

Boxcar Bertha Barbara Hershey, David Carradine.

Small-town girl joins a gang of train robbers during the Great Depression. 1972 \*\*½

Breakheart Pass Charles Bronson, Ben Johnson, Richard Crenna, Jill Ireland.

Beleaguered train with medical supplies and troops is on its way to plagued Fort Humboldt. 1975 \*\*\*

Brief Encounter Celia Johnson, Trevor Howard.

Two London commuters, married to others, meet in a railway station and fall in love. 1945 \*\*\*\*

Broadway Limited Victor McLaglen, Marjorie Woodworth, Dennis O’Keefe, Patsy Kelly, Zasu Pitts.

A publicity stunt staged on the Broadway Limited train goes awry. 1941 \*\*

Canadian Pacific Randolph Scott, Jane Wyatt. Surveyor helps push the Canadian Pacific Ry. through Rockies, contending with saboteurs, hostile Indians and romance along the way. 1949 \*\*½

Cassandra Crossing, The Sophia Loren, Richard Harris. Train passengers have been exposed to a deadly disease. 1976 \*\*\*

Closely Watched Trains Vaclav Neckar, Jitka Bendova.

A young train dispatcher becomes a lover and a hero in WWII Czechoslovakia. 1966 \*\*\*

Danger Lights Louis Wolheim, Robert Armstrong, Jean Arthur.

The girlfriend of a tough rail yard boss falls in love with a young hobo turned train engineer. 1930 \*\*

Emperor Of The North Pole Lee Marvin, Ernest Bornine, Keith Carradine.

Hobos vie for supremacy on the railroad. 1973 \*\*\*½

General, The Buster Keaton, Marion Mack. Silent comedy finds engineer (Keaton) chasing Union spies who have stolen his locomotive.

Based on the Civil War event The Great Locomotive Chase. 1927 \*\*\*\*

Ghost Train, The Arthur Askey, Richard Murdoch, Kathleen Harrison, Peter Murray-Hill.

Stranded passengers wait for a train at an English railway station purported to be haunted. 1941

Grand Central Murder Van Heflin, Patricia Dane, Cecilia Parker, Virginia Grey.

An actress is murdered in a private rail car in New York’s Grand Central Terminal, where a convict has just escaped. 1942 \*\*½

Great Locomotive Chase, The Fess Parker, Jeffrey Hunter.

Union spies steal a train and try to destroy Confederate bridges and track. Based on the same Civil War event as The General. 1956 \*\*\*

Great Train Robbery, The Sean Connery, Donald Sutherland, Lesley-Anne Down.

In Victorian England, a master criminal makes elaborate plans to steal a shipment of gold from a moving train. 1979 \*\*\*

Grey Fox, The Richard Farnsworth, Jackie Burroughs. On his release from prison, an aging stagecoach bandit goes to Canada to rob trains. 1982 \*\*\*

Harvey Girls, The Judy Garland, John Hodiak, Ray Bolger, Preston Foster.

Women move west to become waitresses at Fred Harvey’s rail-station restaurants serving cross-country train passengers. 1946 \*\*\*

Jesse James Tyrone Power, Henry Fonda, Nancy Kelly, Randolph Scott.

Their family wronged by the railroad, brothers Frank and Jesse James turn to train robbing to exact their revenge. 1939 \*\*\*

Lady Vanishes, The Margaret Lockwood, Michael Redgrave, Paul Lukas, Dame May Whitty.

A woman mysteriously disappears during a train ride, but only one fellow passenger seems to remember her. 1938 \*\*\*\*

Lady Vanishes, The Elliott Gould, Cybill Shepherd, Angela Lansbury, Herbert Lom.

Light-duty remake of Hitchcock classic has some nice steam-train cinematography. 1979 \*½

Lone Wolf Takes A Chance, The Warren William, June Storey, Henry Wilcoxon.

Gang’s plot to rob an impregnable railway car carrying U.S. currency plates. Interesting country depots and station yards. 1941 \*\*½

Major And The Minor, The Ginger Rogers, Ray Milland, Rita Johnson, Robert Benchley.

To save on train fare, a woman disguises herself as a child and is taken under the wing of a fellow passenger. 1942 \*\*\*½

Mrs. O’Malley And Mr. Malone Marjorie Main, James Whitmore, Ann Dvorak, Phyllis Kirk.

A Montana widow and a Chicago lawyer solve a double-murder aboard a train to New York. 1950 \*\*

Murder In The Private Car Charles Ruggles, Una Merkel.

Small-time detective tries to protect an heiress aboard her father’s private rail car. 1934

Murder On The Orient Express Albert Finney, Lauren Bacall, Martin Balsam, Ingrid Bergman.  
 Agatha Christie's master-sleuth Hercule Poirot investigates a murder on a snow-bound luxury train. 1974 \*\*\*

Narrow Margin, The Charles McGraw, Marie Windsor. Cop escorts gangster's widow on a train with hit men aboard. 1952  
 \*\*\*1/2

Narrow Margin Gene Hackman, Anne Archer, James Sikking, J.T. Walsh. Remake of 1952 thriller (see previous listing). 1990  
 \*\*1/2

Now Or Never Harold Lloyd, Mildred Davis, Anna Mae Bilson, William Gillespie.  
 A man escorts a child on a train. 36-minute silent film is packed with some of the funniest train footage you'll ever see. 1921

Once Upon A Time In The West Charles Bronson, Henry Fonda, Claudia Cardinale, Jason Robards.  
 A mysterious stranger joins forces with a desperado to protect a beautiful widow from an assassin. 1968 \*\*\*1/2

Rock Island Trail Forrest Tucker, Adele Mara, Bruce Gray.  
 The president of the Rock Island Trail company tries to expand his railroad into the Midwest. 1950

Runaway Train Jon Voight, Eric Roberts, Rebecca De Mornay.  
 Two escaped convicts and a female railway worker find themselves trapped on a train without brakes or an engineer. 1985 \*\*\*

Santa Fe Randolph Scott, Janis Carter. Following the Civil War, four Southern brothers move West.  
 One helps build the Santa Fe Railroad, the others make trouble. 1951 \*\*

Saratoga Trunk Gary Cooper, Ingrid Bergman. Gold-digger meets a Texas gambler in 1875 New Orleans  
 and becomes involved in a battle over a valuable railroad trunk line between Albany and Binghamton. 1945 \*1/2

Shadow Of A Doubt Teresa Wright, Joseph Cotten, Macdonald Carey, Henry Travers.  
 In this Hitchcock thriller, trains play a crucial role, bringing trouble to the California city of Santa Rosa. 1943 \*\*\*1/2

Shanghai Express Marlene Dietrich, Clive Brook, Anna May Wong, Warner Oland.  
 A notorious woman and the British officer she once loved find themselves together on a Shanghai-bound train. 1932 \*\*\*

Spy Train Richard Travis, Catherine Craig, Chick Chandler, Thelma White.  
 Nazi spies plant a time-bomb in railroad-station baggage. Filmed at Los Angeles Union Station. 1943

Terror By Night Basil Rathbone, Nigel Bruce. Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson are retained to protect the Star of Rhodesia  
 diamond while aboard a London-to-Edinburgh express train. 1946 \*\*1/2

Terror On A Train (aka Time Bomb) Glen Ford, Anne Vernon.  
 An expert must defuse a bomb aboard a British freight train loaded with explosives. 1953 \*\*1/2

Toast of New York, The Edward Arnold, Cary Grant, Frances Farmer, Jack Oakie.  
 No trains, this movie about the battle between Cornelius Vanderbilt and Big Jim Fisk over the Erie must be included. 1937 \*\*\*

Train, The Burt Lancaster, Paul Scofield, Jeanne Moreau. During World War II, the French Resistance tries to stop a  
 Berlin-bound train filled with art treasures without destroying the cargo. 1964 \*\*\*\*

Twentieth Century John Barrymore, Carole Lombard.  
 Screwball comedy in which a Broadway producer tries to win back his ex-girlfriend, now a big star, during a long train trip.  
 1934 \*\*\*\*

Under Siege 2: Dark Territory Steven Seagal, Eric Bogosian, Everett McGill, Katherine Heigl.  
 A mad genius hijacks a Denver-to-Los Angeles passenger train. Fortunately, Seagal is aboard. 1995 \*\*

Union Depot Douglas Fairbanks Jr., Joan Blondell, Guy Kibbee, Alan Hale.  
 A busy city train station is the setting for this multi-threaded character-driven story. 1932 \*\*\*

Union Pacific Barbara Stanwyck, Joel McCrea, Akim Tamiroff, Robert Preston.  
 The Union Pacific Railroad builds the eastern portion of America's first transcontinental railroad. 1939 \*\*\*

Union Station William Holden, Nancy Olson, Barry Fitzgerald.  
 Railway police and city law enforcement join forces when kidnappers choose an urban train station as the ransom drop. 1950  
 \*\*1/2

Von Ryan's Express Frank Sinatra, Trevor Howard. British and American prisoners-of-war seize the Nazi train that  
 is transporting them from Italy to make a run for neutral Switzerland. 1965 \*\*\*

Whispering Smith Alan Ladd, Robert Preston. Railroad detective must hunt down an old friend who is wrecking trains and rail  
 cargo. 1948 \*\*1/2



**A sign of the times and the down economy! This photo by Jim Smith, shows some of the many stored CSX locomotives at Rice Yard in Waycross, GA on 8/7/09.**