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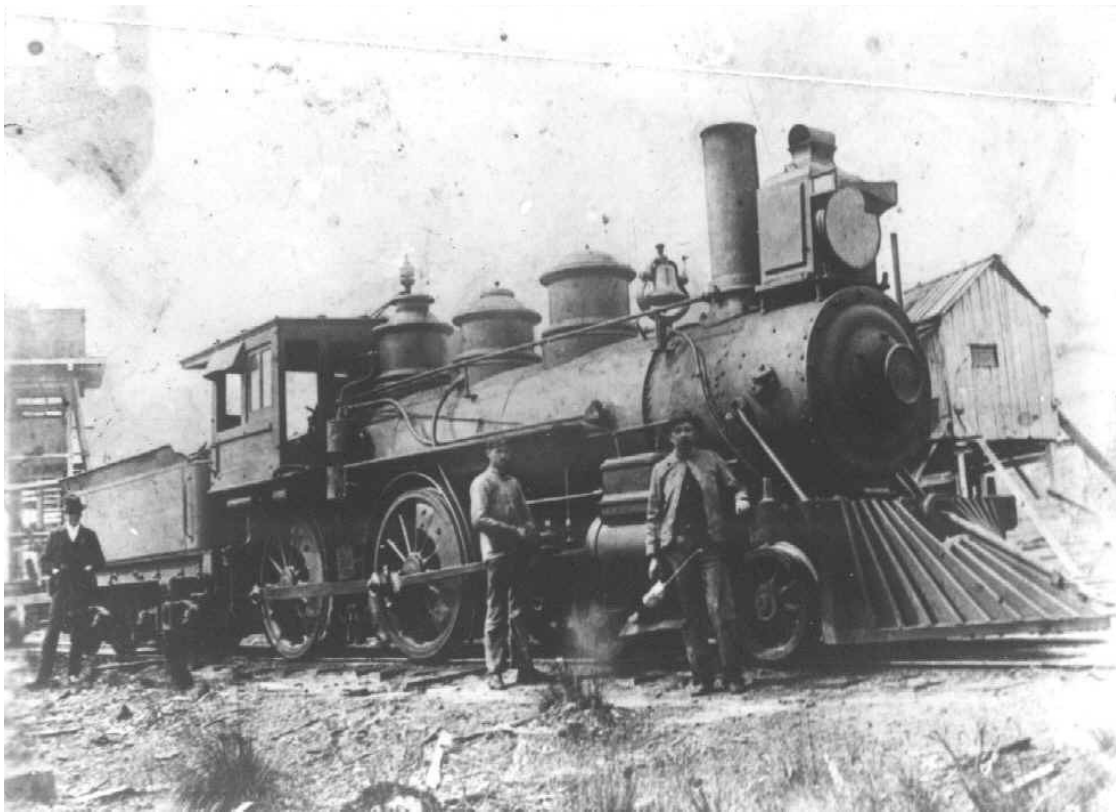
The Gordon Depot

Meeting the Third Monday of Each Month at 7:00 p.m.

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Hawkinsville and Florida Southern Railroad #8
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The Middle Georgia Railroad Association

The MGRA is a non-profit organization designed to preserve and promote Railroad History in the Middle Georgia Area, as well as model railroading and railfanning. We welcome all members regardless of sex, religion or race. Middle Georgia Railroads include the Central of Georgia Rwy, Southern Rwy, Seaboard Coast Line, Atlantic Coast Line, Georgia Southern & Florida Rwy, Macon & Birmingham, Hawkinsville and Florida Southern, Macon, Dublin and Savannah, Wrightsville & Tennille, LOP&G, SG, AV&W, Louisville and Nashville, NC&StL, Tennessee, Alabama, and Georgia, and others.

The MGRA meets once a month on the third Monday at 7:00 P.M. at the Central City Park's Exchange Club located at Central City Park in Macon during February, April, June, August, October. Meetings are held at the Gordon Depot in January, March, May, July, September and December. Membership fees are \$20.00 annually. As a member you receive a monthly Newsletter, invitations to field trips, and best of all fellowship! Each month there are a wide range of guest speakers on railroad history, model clinics, and more. For more information, please visit the MGRA website at: www.middlegeorgiarailroadassociation.com

Note from the President

Hello once again. SUCCESS! The MGRA Trainshow was a great one and many thanks to all who were involved whether as a vendor or a participator. We could not have done it without you! It was a lot of work but everyone seemed to enjoy it despite the a/c problems. The food was fantastic provided by the Jones County Fire Department which we are grateful that they pulled it off at the very last moment. We are looking at moving at the Macon Coliseum next year plus perhaps moving it back to either April or early May. If you have any ideas please present it at the next meeting. **Feedback** is what we are looking for so please tell us what you thought about the show.

Please be making plans to attend our next MGRA Meeting which will be on July 16, 2007. Scheduled program is our Show and Tell. If you recall from last year this was a big hit. Bring in your favorite railroad item: model, photo, memorabilia, pass, stock certificate, DVD or video...and be prepared to talk about it for five minutes. The meeting will be at the Gordon Depot. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. Refreshments and doorprizes will be served.

I would like to thank Jamie Reid and Jason Greene for their program at the last meeting in May. I understand it was a full house. I appreciate Ken Preston for presiding during my absence. Thanks guys.

--Mark

Flyers to be E-Mailed

Due to the ever rising cost of postage stamps and reproductions it is proposed to put the MGRA Flyer on our website and emailed to our members as a PDF file. This will be a substantial savings to our organization. Therefore beginning (unless you specify) in August 2007 there will be no more hardcopies of the MGRA Flyers mailed out. Nearly everyone has a computer. We will also put out email alerts monthly to accommodate the flyer to advise you on upcoming railroad events. It is imperative that you put your email address (readable) when you sign in at the next meeting. More about this to be discussed at the Monday night meeting on July 16. See you at the Gordon Depot!

Central of Georgia #509

Thanks to Ken Preston, the ever ugly Christmas Lights that are on the Central of Georgia's #509 will finally come off. Ken has been working with a City Official about removal of the lights but it comes with a price.... it needs to be repainted. This sounds like a fun project for our group when the coolness of Autumn returns. We have notified Allen Tuten of the Central of Georgia Railroad Historical Society and invited them to partake in the project. With a little more luck, a permanent shed with a picnic table will be constructed to help protect the engine. She certainly is a beautiful engine. Stay tuned.



Ashburn, Georgia Depot (G85)



Southern GP50s at Chula on the GS&F

MGRA Upcoming Events

July 16	MGRA Meeting – Gordon Georgia Show and Tell
August 11	Southeast Railroadiana Show North Atlanta Trade Center, Duluth
August 20	MGRA Meeting – Macon Georgia Central City Park Joe McKinnon on the Agriama
September 17	MGRA Meeting – Gordon Georgia Allen Tuten and the Central of Georgia Railroad Historical Society
September 29-30	Georgia Southern and Florida Historical Society Workshop on the LOP&G at Live Oak Florida
October 19-20	Manchester Days Manchester, Georgia
October 22	MGRA Meeting – Macon Georgia Central City Park NMRA Convention Report by Max Roesel
December 1	MGRA Meeting – Gordon Georgia Christmas Meeting and Swap Meet

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NC&StL HS

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Southern Railway Historical Association

Tennessee Alabama and Georgia HS