

# **ACL & SAL HS Jacksonville February 2018 Meeting**

## **Presenters and Presentations**

**As of February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018, Subject to change; updates will be posted as necessary**

### **Saturday 2/10 Banquet**

#### **45 Years on the Railroad with Clarence Gooden – Keynote speaker**

Our banquet speaker on Saturday night, Clarence Gooden retired in early March of 2017 as Chairman of CSX having been promoted to this position from President in February. A Waycross, Georgia native, Clarence signed up as a temp worker with the Seaboard Coast Line in the early 1970's, cleaning out cars during summers and on weekends while attending the University of Georgia. After graduating in 1974, he had a choice between teaching history for \$23 a day or working as a laborer for almost double that. "The real world kicked in," he said, explaining his decision to sign up with SCL. His 45 plus year career included extensive experience in Transportation for SCL, L&N, Seaboard System and CSXT. In 1999, he was named vice president of transportation, the following year he became a senior vice president of the Coal Service Group, and in 2001 he accepted the position of CEO and president of CSX Intermodal. In 2004 Clarence was named executive vice president for sales and marketing as well as chief commercial officer. From 2015 into 2017 Clarence served as President of CSX. Clarence still lives in Jacksonville and remains busy serving on several boards and engaged in philanthropy and enjoying life.

#### **Jacksonville Terminal with Joe Oates**

"Uncle Joe" Oates, co-founder and, for many years, prime mover and magazine editor of the ACL & SAL HS, and longtime SAL/SCL/CSXT employee, will provide an interesting view Joe Oates on Saturday night will also provide an extensive presentation on Jacksonville Terminal.

### **Thursday 2/08, Friday 2/09, Presentations and Presenters**

#### **Railfanning CSX in the South**

Danny Harmon, well known railfan and video producer, works for Fox 13 in Tampa. Danny will provide an oversight of railfanning CSXT in the south

#### **The Bone Valley in the 21st Century**

Ryan Higgins is Director Fertilizer Sales and Pier Operations for CSXT in Tampa. He will provide an overview of The Bone Valley Phosphate operations in the 21st century

#### **The Big Sandy**

Charles Boggart is President of the CSXT Historical Society and will provide a unique perspective of the Big Sandy area of the Chessie side of CSX in West Virginia and Kentucky through post cards and other images

#### **35 Years from the Cab**

Doug Riddell, well known writer, photographer and raconteur, worked 35 years with Seaboard Coast Line, Seaboard System, CSX and Amtrak. He will tell the story of his 35 years "from the cab"

#### **Chicago Congestion Challenge, CREATE & 75th street Project**

Eric Hendrickson is Director of Network Planning with CSXT in Jacksonville, FL, having worked for the Soo Line, CP Rail and Amtrak before joining CSXT in 2003. Eric will provide a fascinating overview of the challenges in Chicago, and the projects underway to improve operations including CREATE and the 75th Street project

### **ACL & SAL Passenger Trains of the 1960's**

Larry Goolsby, author, Lines South Editor and longtime member of the ACL and SAL HS, will provide an overview of ACL and SAL passenger operations in the 1960's just before and after the SCL merger in July 1967

### **ACL/SAL/SCL equipment**

Larry will also provide an overview of ACL/SAL/SCL cars and locomotives in a presentation developed by Paul Faulk

### **Trains of the Twilight and The Night**

"Uncle Joe" Oates, co-founder and, for many years, prime mover and magazine editor of the ACL & SAL HS, and longtime SAL/SCL/CSXT employee, will provide an interesting view of trains in Twilight and the Night

### **The Florida Special - The Last 10 Seasons**

Jim Langston, recently retired from CSXT and ACL & SAL HS member will tell the story of the last 10 seasons of the famed Florida Special, the flagship winter season passenger train. This will cover the last 5 years under ACL, 4 under SCL and the one and only Amtrak season

### **Jacksonville Passenger Consists - 1968-1970**

Jim Langston is scanning the passenger train consists from Jacksonville Terminal for 1968, 1969 and 1970 in the Societies archives from Rocky Mount, NC. Jim will provide an update and examples of the consists. This includes all SCL and FEC arrivals and departures and such trains as the Florida Special, Silver Meteor, Champion, Silver Star, City of Miami, South Wind, Palmland and others.

### **Modeling SCL Passenger cars**

Jim Langston will provide an overview of modeling SCL passenger cars in HO and our Society SCL passenger decal sheets.

### **Tropicana Juice Train**

Gilbert Thomas, President of the H B Plant Railway Historical Society will provide an overview of the famed Tropicana orange juice trains history and modeling

### **Modeling considerations for the 1970's modeler**

Gilbert Thomas will also provide us on key spotting features on freight cars etc. for the 1970's. Brake wheels, running boards, reporting marks etc.

### **Weathering scenes and Modern Freight Cars**

Paul Newton recently wrapped up a 19+ year career with CSXT and is on to other challenges. A long time ACL & SAL HS member, Paul will share his techniques for weathering scenes and modern freight cars

## **Event and Presentation Schedule Table Follows on Next Page**

## 2018 Meeting Schedule - As of February 5th, 2018

Thursday & Friday Sessions in the "Capitol Rooms" in the base of Tower 2

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		Orientation of Presentations			
		Passenger	Freight	General	Modelling
<b>Thursday February 8th - Presentation Sessions - Preliminary Schedule</b>					
Session	Room >	Montgomery	Atlanta	Columbia	Raleigh
	3:00 PM	4:00 PM	Registration & Store <b>Set Up</b>		
1	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	Registration & Store	Newtonson: Weathering scenes and modern freight cars	Langston: Jacksonville Passenger Consists - 1968-1970 TBD
	5:00 PM	7:00 PM	<b>Dinner On Your Own</b>		
2	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Registration & Store	Hendrickson: Chicago Congestion Challenge, CREATE & 75th ST Project	Goolsby: ACL/SAL/SCL equipment Thomas: Modeling considerations for the 1970's
3	8:30 PM	9:30 PM	Registration & Store	Riddell: 35 Years From the Cab	Oates: Trains of the Twilight and The Night Langston: Modeling SCL Passenger cars
<b>Friday February 9th - Presentation Sessions - Preliminary Schedule</b>					
Session	Room >	Montgomery	Atlanta	Columbia	Raleigh
	8:30 AM	9:00 AM	Registration & Store <b>Joint Welcome</b>		
4	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Registration & Store	Bogart: The Big Sandy	Goolsby: ACL & SAL Passenger Trains of the 1960's Harmon: Railfanning CSX in the South
5	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Registration & Store	Higgins: The Bone Valley in the 21st Century	Langston: The Florida Special - The Last 10 Seasons Thomas: Tropicana Juice Train
	11:30 AM	1:00 PM	<b>Lunch On Your Own</b>		
6	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Registration & Store	Harmon: Railfanning CSX in the South	Langston: Jacksonville Passenger Consists - 1968-1970 Oates: Trains of the Twilight and The Night
7	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	Registration & Store	Bogart: The Big Sandy	Thomas: Modeling considerations for the 1970's Langston: Modeling SCL Passenger cars
8	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	Registration & Store	Higgins: The Bone Valley in the 21st Century	Goolsby: ACL & SAL Passenger Trains of the 1960's Newtonson: Weathering
	5:00 PM	6:30 PM	<b>Dinner On Your Own</b>		
9	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	Registration & Store <b>Cookies at 7:30 PM!</b>	Hendrickson: Chicago Congestion Challenge, CREATE & 75th ST Project	Langston: The Florida Special - The Last 10 Seasons Thomas: Tropicana Juice Train
10	8:00 PM	9:00 PM	<b>Closed</b>	Riddell: 35 Years From the Cab	Goolsby: ACL/SAL/SCL equipment TBD
	9:15 PM	9:30 PM		<b>Joint Wrap Up</b>	
	9:30 PM	10:30 PM		<b>ACL &amp; SAL General Meeting</b>	
<b>Saturday February 10th</b>					
	9:00 AM	5:00 PM	40th Annual Jacksonville Rail Fair - Prime F. Osborn, III Convention Center - ACL & SAL HS Store Open at the Show		
	6:00 PM	6:30 PM	Reception - Cash Bar - Sago Room		
	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	Buffet Dinner - Sago Room - the traditional quality Crowne buffet we all know well		
	7:30 PM	8:30 PM	Guest Speaker - Clarence Gooden, Chairman / President CSX Transportation, retired		
	8:30 PM	8:45 PM	Break - Cash Bar closes at 9:00		
	8:45 PM	10:00 PM	Joe Oates- Jacksonville Terminal Revisited - Expanded and Remastered		
	10:00 PM	11:00 PM	Open for Slides - any volunteers? Call Jim Langston at 727-365-4077		
<b>Sunday February 11th</b>					
	9:00 AM	7:00 PM?	Train watching at Folkston, GA		