



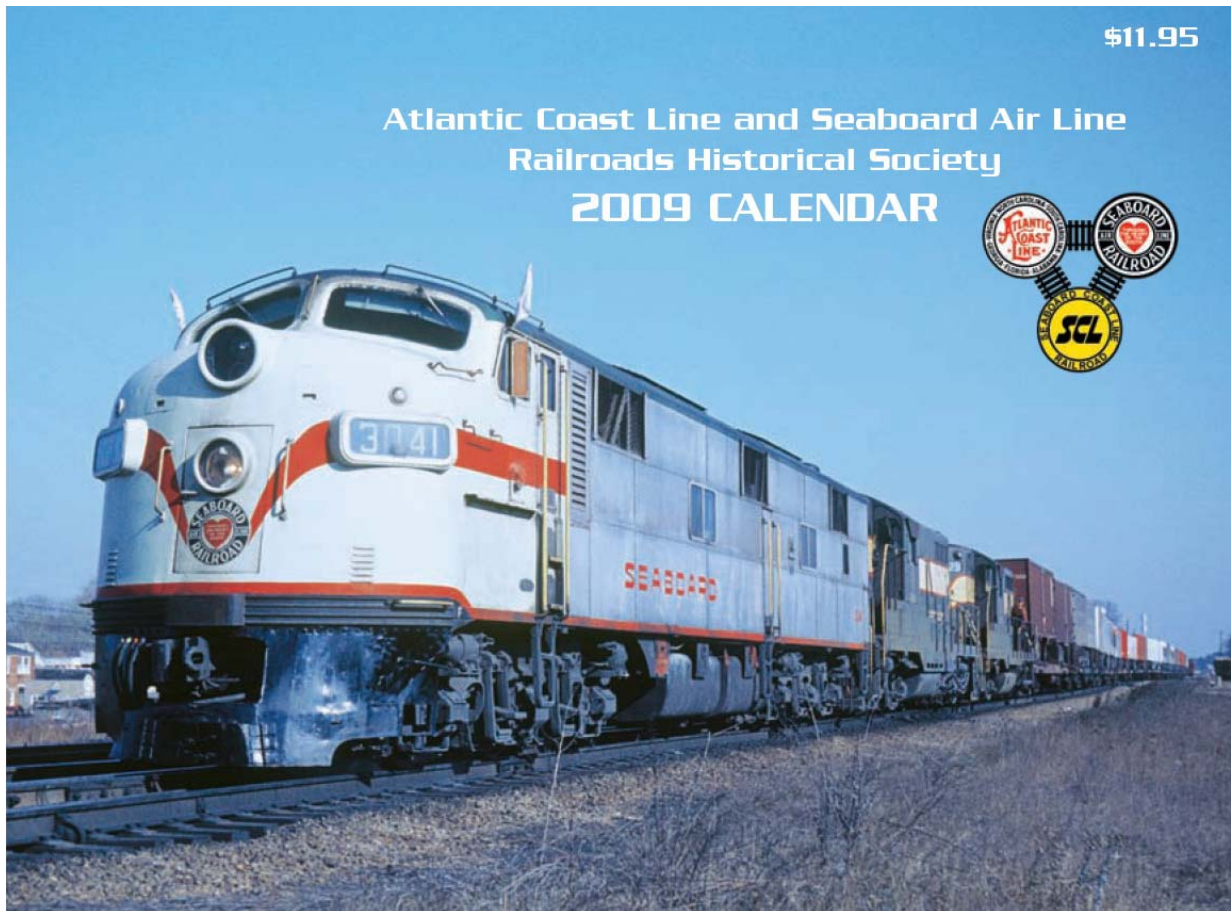
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Our 2009 Calendar



Our new 2009 calendar is being printed as we speak and will be ready to mail in early August. Order now and we'll get your copy, or copies, on the way at once. Our price remains just \$11.95 plus our reasonable shipping charge. The photo lineup this year is another great one:

Front cover: An SAL E unit and two Geeps pull a piggyback train.

January: SAL's *Silver Meteor* is ready to leave Tampa Union Station.

February: ACL and RF&P F units congregate at Acca Yard in Richmond.

March: Seaboard RS-2s and RS-3s circle the turntable at Yeoman Yard in Tampa.

April: The SCL *Champion* crosses a bridge near Tampa with RF&P and SCL E units.
May: An SCL C420 leads a Family Lines freight on ex-Monon trackage in Indiana.
June: An SCL passenger train rides the ex-ACL "Bow Line" in Alabama.
July: A pair of SAL SDP35s lead the *Palmland* at Miami.
August: An ACL E6 leads a passenger train on street trackage at Augusta, Ga.
September: A Seaboard RS-3 and S-12 switcher work at St. Petersburg.
October: Seven ex-ACL first-generation units pull an SCL freight in Alabama in 1968.
November: The SCL *Silver Meteor* pauses at Lake Wales, Fla.
December: An SAL SDP35 with a local passenger train weathers a snowstorm at Raleigh, N.C.
Rear cover: Seaboard's *Silver Meteor* pulls into the Savannah passenger station in 1966.

And... in case you missed our 2008 edition, we have just a handful left, but one can be yours for just **\$3.00!** Even better – if you missed our past calendars (1998 through 2007) – limited quantities of those years are still in stock too, and we are placing them on fire sale status for just **\$1.00 each!** You can't get a better photo bargain anywhere!

To order, just go to our web site catalog pages to get and print a copy of our order form, and indicate "C-09" for the 2009 calendar and identify by year any of the past calendars you'd like to add. Shipping is \$4 for one item or \$7 for 2, then add \$1 for each additional item up to a maximum of \$10 (see the form for details). Or – you can also pay via PayPal by going to our web site at http://www.aclsal.org/ecommerce/ecommerce_1.htm and ordering merchandise using the instructions at the end of this newsletter.

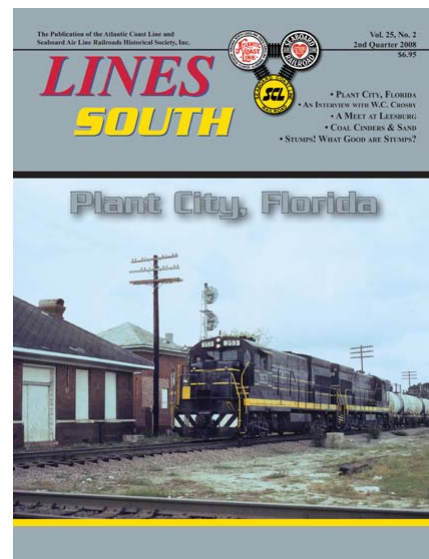
25th Anniversary Issue of Lines South Arriving Soon

What's 25 years old and never looked better? If you guessed Joe Oates, we're very sorry, but that extremely wrong answer gets you SO booted off the island. Instead, the correct answer is *Lines South* magazine, which debuted a quarter century ago this summer. To help mark our 25th anniversary year, the next issue (Third Quarter) will include a look back at our first 100 issues plus several features by our staff, members, and friends reflecting on what we and the railroad history community have accomplished and the challenges facing us in the years ahead. Don't miss it – it's yours, along with all our issues, for joining at our modest membership rates of \$28 for one year or \$52 for two years (contributing categories also available). You can quickly and easily join **online** at <http://www.aclsal.org/membership.htm>.



← **WRONG** answer...

... *much* better! →



Atlanta Train Show August 9; Fall Shows Scheduled

Plan now to join us for the Atlanta railroaders and model train show on Saturday, August 9. The show will be held at the North Atlanta Trade Center, 1700 Jeurgens Court, Norcross, from 9:00 to 4:00. We'll have all our latest products, and anticipate the 2009 calendar will be there. This is also always a great time to see our many members and friends in the area. For full details, contact Charlie Miller at (703) 536-2954 or go to www.gserr.com.

After Atlanta, we'll shortly begin our annual fall show lineup, one of the busiest show seasons of the year. Make your plans to visit one of them now, and don't miss our selection of books, magazines, models, CDs, DVDs and tapes, and more. We can ALWAYS use more help in staffing our tables at these shows, especially in Florida. Please contact us at archives@aclsal.org if you can help at shows or just want to find out more about our train show activities.

Here's the current list – watch our web site for other updates.

October 11-12, Timonium, Md. – Great Scale Train Show, Maryland State Fairgrounds. Hours 9-4 Saturday, 10-4 Sunday. Admission \$7. Details: http://www.gsmts.com/a_datesplaces.html.

October 18, Manchester, Ga. – Manchester Railroad Days, Manchester Cotton Mill. Hours 9:00 to 4:00. Details: (706) 846-5341, <http://www.manchester-ga.com>.

November 2, Gaithersburg, Md. – Gaithersburg Transportation Artifacts Show and Sale, Montgomery County Fairgrounds. Hours, 9:00 to 4:00. Details: Charlie Miller, 3106 N. Rochester St., Arlington, VA 22213-1348, (703) 536-2954, rrshows@aol.com, web site www.gserr.com.

November 1-2, Raleigh, N.C. – Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club Train Show, N.C. State Fair Grounds, Exhibition Building, 1025 Blue Ridge Road, 9:00-5:00 both days. Admission \$6.00. For more information contact George Lasley, (919) 834-5531 or glasley@bellsouth.net; web site <http://www.nrvmrrc.org/>.

Amtrak Trip Planned for 2009 Jacksonville Meeting

“Show of hands” needed now

**By John Buckley
Jacksonville Meeting Coordinator**

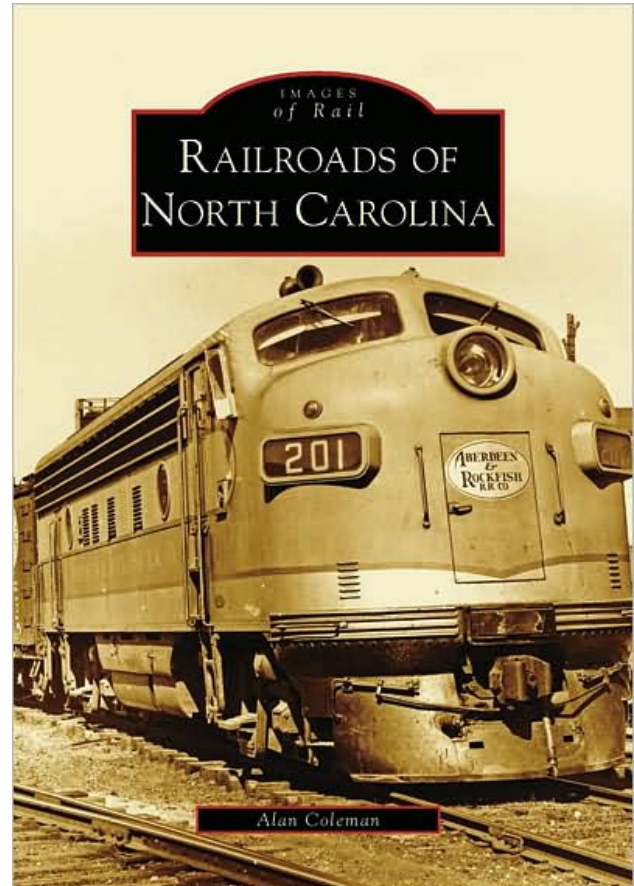
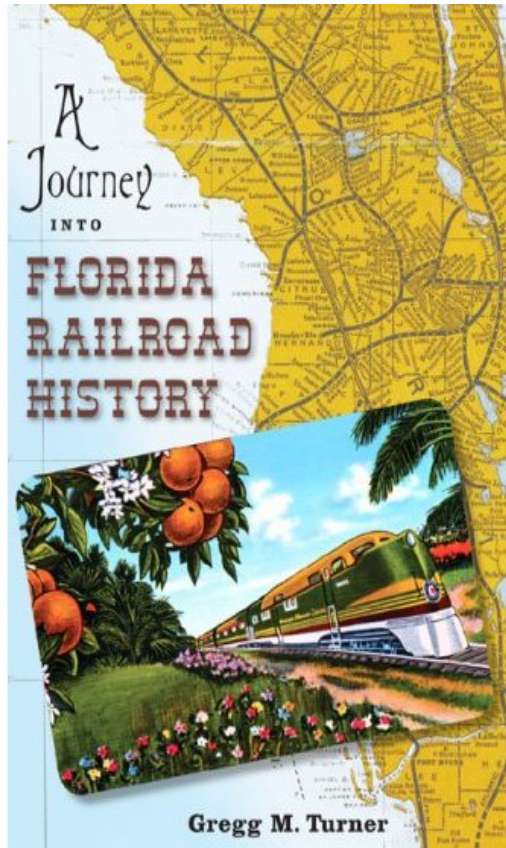
As I promised at the Jacksonville meeting, I have been in contact with Amtrak regarding our plans to ride from Jacksonville to Winter Park and back during the February 2009 meeting. Just to remind everyone and inform those not at the meeting, next year's plan is to forego the bus trip and instead hop aboard Amtrak and have a nice train ride down to Winter Park and back. Winter Park is just a few miles north of Orlando, and the station is right in downtown, within easy walking distance to stores, restaurants, and other attractions.

For our group, here is what Amtrak has proposed to me. We will ride No. 91, the *Silver Star*, to Winter Park. It leaves Jacksonville at 7:15 a.m., arriving in Winter Park at 10 a.m. This gives us a little over four hours to explore before hopping aboard 98, the *Silver Meteor*, at 2:15 p.m. for our trip back to Jacksonville. Amtrak was hesitant to schedule us on No. 97, which arrives southbound in Jacksonville at

9:23. If it's running even an hour late, it could jeopardize our chances of catching the northbound *Meteor* – so better safe than sorry.

Fares: Just \$40 round trip, and seniors (62 and over) are discounted at \$34. That doesn't include meals, but breakfast on the train – what could be better?

To make all this work, I need your help. If you want to take this trip after seeing the schedule and the fares, please send me an e mail **now** at acl.champion@yahoo.com with your name, your age, and whoever you think would be coming with you.



New Books Feature Florida, N.C. Rail History

Well-known author and historian Gregg Turner has completed a comprehensive book on Florida's rich railroad history. This new title, *A Journey into Florida Railroad History*, has been released by the University Press of Florida. The book (304 pages, 6x9", hardbound with dust jacket) explores at length the fascinating story of Florida's railroads, from their inception in the 1830s to the active post-modern era. The book puts particular emphasis on the formative 19th century years. Every major company and period of development is examined along with all the key players such as Flagler, Plant, Chipley, Sir Edward Reed, Ed Ball, and many more. The book has over 50 images, many never before published. Our discount price for this attractive new book is just \$25 plus our standard shipping charges.

Another new release is *Railroads of North Carolina*, by Alan Coleman. This photo history covers all the state's major lines, including of course ACL and Seaboard. The 128-page softcover book is one of the popular Arcadia "Images" series. It is full of vintage photos and also includes some brief history of the state's railroad system. Our price is just \$19 plus shipping. Use our catalog (as detailed earlier) and order by title.

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1. Log on to your PayPal account.
2. Click on "send money."
3. Use internetsales@acsal.org for the email address you are sending the money to.
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5. Tell us in the message area what you are paying for – please use the catalog code, the item description, and the item price.
6. Click on "send payment."

Any questions – let us know at internetsales@acsal.org. Thanks as always for your support.

The e newsletter is back

After going on an unauthorized and very long break, the e newsletter is back. Those responsible are being sought by the authorities and will be suitably punished (perhaps by making them find every instance of "Coast Line" and "Air Line" being spelled as one word in the popular press, and writing the necessary thousands of protest letters). Thanks for your patience in the meantime. As always, let us know what you think about the newsletter and our other endeavors, and please send along any suggestions you have. – *The (chained to their desks) editors*