Southern Railway ‘Jim Crow’ passenger car to be restored

By Richard Stradling

The exterior of this Southern Railway “Jim Crow” car was painted in 1996, when the car went on display at the N.C. Transportation Museum in Spencer. Now the museum has received a grant from the National Park Service to restore the interior of the railroad passenger car.

CAR NO. 1211 WILL BE THE MUSEUM’S MOST EXPLICIT ILLUSTRATION OF HOW SEGREGATION WAS ENFORCED IN TRANSPORTATION IN THE SOUTH.

From the outside, Southern Railway Car No. 1211 looks like a solid antique. But inside, the car is another story, especially for those who lived through segregation.

While old passenger cars are fixtures at rail and transportation museums across the country, few show how they looked during the Jim Crow era in the South. Another notable example is the 1922 Pullman Palace car on display at the Smithsonian Institution. The car in Spencer, however, will be the first time after the restoration is completed, likely sometime next year.

In 1940, a dozen years after the Jim Crow era began, the car was acquired by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration based on interviews with witnesses to determine what the Jim Crow car would look like in the 1940s. Brown said the seats and the color that segregated dining cars were painted to resemble whites, including smaller bathrooms. And at a time when trains ran cars generally moved in one direction, the African-American section was in the rear of the car, he said. It’s really the extreme hot temperatures, von Haefen said. “Once it gets real hot, there’s nothing to do except stay in air conditioning and stay home.”

Transportation Museum is eager to put on display.

Much of the research on climate change centers on how it will affect agriculture, forests and human health, von Haefen said. Not much has been written about how climate change will affect daily routines and recreation, he said. “Our study is in one of the first to look at this possible way,” he said in an interview Monday. The research paper on recreational fishing does not template what fish might be surviving on the coast, he said. Earth gets warmer. Oceans are becoming hotter and more acidic, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change said in a report released last week. People still enjoy fishing as the planet’s temperatures. In a report released last month. The smaller of the two passenger terminals at Raleigh-Durham International Airport could more than quadruple in size within the next decade, as the airport tries to keep up with unexpected passenger growth has far exceeded projections made in the air port’s development plan. RDU already plans to open four gates in Terminal 1 next spring, bringing the total to 17 there to nine. With the new gates, current passenger terminals at Frontier, Allegiant and Spirit airlines are licensed to expand to 2 to 20 gates by 2025. The airport said it was needed to handle growth in a way that housed most of those that didn’t. The airport must build a new runway to make it for new exten sions, or piers, the existing terminal space. The new one won’t be finished until 2025 at the earliest, says bill sand ller, the airport’s chief oper ating officer.

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Durham County sheriff rejects challenge to candidate's citizenship

Gov. Roy Cooper's office says it will not accept a petition that was rejected by the Durham County Board of Elections to force a special election if the county court of common pleas judges doesn't rule on the challenge to the office of County Sheriff for incumbent Carlos Creamer.

The sheriff, a Democrat, is facing a challenge from Republican candidate, Victoria Petersen. The sheriff's office says it was rejected because it did not meet the requirements under state law.

The sheriff's office announced last week that it was receiving signatures on a petition to challenge Creamer's eligibility to run for the office of sheriff in the November election.

A spokesman for the sheriff's office said the petition was rejected because it did not meet the requirements under state law. The petition, which was submitted by Petersen, was rejected by the Durham County Board of Elections because it did not meet the requirements under state law.

The sheriff's office has not yet responded to the rejection of the petition. The sheriff's office says it will not accept the petition and that it will not pursue a special election if the county court of common pleas judges doesn't rule on the challenge to the office of County Sheriff for incumbent Carlos Creamer.