

## Caledonian Railway Association

Scottish Charity No. SC014554

### Membership Application

First Name & Initials .....

Family Name .....

Address .....

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Postcode .....

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Membership rates for year from 1st May : tick

UK Membership £25

Non-UK supplement £6

card packaging of Journal - extra £2

Total .....

Payment methods:

..... Cash

..... Cheque/Postal Order

payable to "Caledonian Railway Association"

..... Online Banking

to CRASSOC 10047366 sort code 80-08-64

..... Credit/Debit Card

*Please consider signing the Gift Aid Declaration  
overleaf*

**I agree that my personal details may be recorded on  
a database for the sole purpose of the administration  
of the Association.**

Signature .....

## The Caledonian Railway

The "Caley" was the foremost of the Scottish pre-grouping companies, reflecting the Saltire flag with its blue locomotives and by its adoption of both the "Lion of Scotland" and the Ancient Royal Arms of Scotland to adorn its locomotives, carriages, buildings, company documents, etc.

The Act of 31 July 1845 establishing the Company as "The Caledonian Railway", included the absorption/amalgamation of a number of existing lines. With the other lines incorporated on the same day, in one gigantic piece of co-ordinated railway planning, all engineered by Joseph Locke, his London to Carlisle line was extended to Glasgow, Edinburgh, Aberdeen, Dundee and Greenock.

The line opened on 10 September 1847 from Carlisle to Beattock and from Beattock to Glasgow and Edinburgh on 15 February 1848. It met the northern lines on 7 August 1848.

By 1866 the Scottish Central and Scottish North Eastern Railways had been absorbed by the Caledonian, which continued to develop many lines within the coal and iron fields of central Scotland, extended its rail heads to Ardrossan, Wemyss Bay, Gourock, Oban and Ballachulish on the west coast and built Grangemouth docks on the Forth following its acquisition of the Forth & Clyde Navigation.

The development and operation of the steamer fleet on the Clyde was as dynamic and colourful as the development of the railway itself.

Among the many notable stations built by the Company Glasgow Central station was, and is still today, considered as one of the finest in the UK.

With one of the most severely graded mainlines in the country and ever-increasing train weights the Company always had a requirement for reliable and powerful locomotives. With Drummond and McIntosh as locomotive superintendents the Caledonian Railway locomotive acquired legendary status.

**The Caledonian Railway was absorbed into the  
London Midland and Scottish Railway in the  
Grouping of 1923.**



## Caledonian Railway Association

Promoting the study of all aspects of the  
Caledonian Railway, its constituents,  
subsidiaries and successors,  
in all their forms and activities



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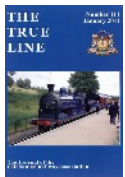
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## Caledonian Railway Association (CRA)

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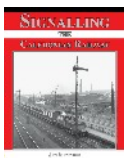
For all those interested in **The Caledonian Railway**, its constituents, subsidiaries and/or successors. The **CRA** was formed in 1983 to further the study of the Caledonian Railway, in all its forms and activities. The benefits of membership include:

- **The True Line** Journal, an A4 format glossy magazine, published quarterly with articles of historical interest, News for the Membership and a letters page for the request and exchange of information. Back numbers of the Journal are available from the Sales Officer.



- A wide range of **reprints** of Diagram Books, Timetables and other Company documentation, available to members at reduced prices.

- A growing list of high quality comprehensive **publications** covering a range of Caledonian Railway topics; available by Mail Order and at discounted prices to members



- **Association Archive** is held in Glasgow University Business Archive Centre. The **Archive** is accessible to all researchers by application to the University, by email: [enquiries@archives.gla.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@archives.gla.ac.uk)
- The **Archive** has a wide range of **Documents, Maps, Drawings and Photographs** covering **Locomotives, Rolling Stock, Signalling, Structures and Stations**, which represent the full history of the Company and the assets it created through the LMS period to British Rail and to Privatisation.
- A full detailed catalogue is available via the website.

- **Meetings** are held in Glasgow on Saturday afternoons during the winter months, at which there are talks or slide shows. The AGM in March combines the business of the Association with a day of talks and exhibitions, rounded off by an annual dinner.
- The **Sales Stand** attends a number of Model Railway Shows and Heritage Railway Events in various parts of the country, details are available in the Journal and on the website, [www.crassoc.org.uk](http://www.crassoc.org.uk)
- The **CRA** maintains contact with Heritage Railways, Museums and National Archives to assist in preservation and or conservation of artefacts, archives and information relating to the Caledonian Railway.
- The lively internet-based **CRA Forum** is open to all registered members for raising questions and exchanging information on all topics related to the Caledonian Railway and/or modelling it.

[www.crassoc.org.uk/forum/index/php](http://www.crassoc.org.uk/forum/index/php)

**Membership is open to all on the payment of an annual subscription.**

To join the Caledonian Railway Association please complete the application details, detach and send the form, with your subscription to:

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e-mail : [memsec@crassoc.org.uk](mailto:memsec@crassoc.org.uk)  
CRA web site : [www.crassoc.org.uk](http://www.crassoc.org.uk)

## Gift Aid Declaration

**Caledonian Railway Association Charity SC014554**

Please treat as Gift Aid donations all qualifying gifts of money made from the date of this declaration.

I confirm that I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6<sup>th</sup> April to 5<sup>th</sup> April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the Charities and Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) to which I donate will reclaim on my gifts for the current tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand that the charity will reclaim 25p. of tax on every £1 that I give.

Name: .....

Post Code:.....

Date :.....

Signature:.....

Please notify the Association if you wish to cancel this declaration, change your name or home address or no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.

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### Benefits of Gift Aid to the CRA

With over 90% of members signed up for Gift Aid the CRA receives over £2000 per annum, which can be used to further our programme of publications, archive purchases and fund new developments.

We who are no longer wage earners may still pay income tax on our pensions, savings and some benefits and are therefore eligible to participate in the Gift Aid scheme.

**All that is required is that you complete the above four lines.**