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We continue our expanded Order Board News Notice with some new sections, a little humor, some member recognition, railroad memories and stories, a RR trivia quiz, and lots of input from members – so be sure to read the whole thing..... And then submit your stories and photos.

New TCRM Members

Lewis Casinger, Gurley AL
Leigh Hasty, Smyrna TN
Logan Sava, Franklin TN

Please welcome our new & RERAIled members as they take part in our activities & events.

Donations

George Benson - Soft-cover book Model Railroading's Guide to Model Photography

2021 TCRM Schedule

- Sep 4 Brews & Bluegrass Excursion Train to Watertown
- Sep 18 Southern BBQ Festival Excursion Train to
- Sep 25 Train Robbery Excursion to Watertown
- Oct 9 Fall Mile-Long Yard Sale Excursion Train to Watertown
- Oct 16 DelMonaco Wine Tasting Excursion Train to Watertown
- Oct 23 German Oktoberfest Excursion Train to Wilson County Fairgrounds in Lebanon
- Oct 30 Fall Foliage Excursion Train to East of Watertown **SOLD OUT**

- Nov 20 North Pole Express AM & PM Trips to Lebanon
- Nov 27 North Pole Express Trip to Watertown
- Dec 4 North Pole Express AM & PM Trips to Lebanon
- Dec 11 North Pole Express AM & PM Trips to Lebanon
- Dec 18 North Pole Express AM & PM Trips to Lebanon

Monthly Thursday Meetings On Hold

First it was the pandemic, and then the damage from the storm in March, TCRM will not hold the monthly meetings until further notice via The Order Board.

TCRM Limited Reopening

Randal Brooks continues to be at TCRM most Saturdays from 9 am to 3 pm Central Time. The Museum room & meeting room will be closed to visitors until the meeting room and model railway layout room area reconstruction is completed.

March 25 Storm Recovery Update

By **Terry Bebout**, TCRM President

Full scale repair construction will start finally on Monday from the storm damage that we suffered in March from the wind storm. Repairs are extensive and will take several months to complete. Luckily, we have good commercial insurance which appears at this time to cover the repair costs. We are going to do some upgrades while we are in this construction phase such as upgraded electrical system, LED lighting and complete HVAC system.

While construction is going on, we are not allowed in the construction area at all. So, if you do come to the museum, please be aware of this and don't wander in to see what's going on.

I will keep you updated as work progresses. When all is completed, we will have a celebration meeting with some additional museum information, great food and fellowship.

Flag Pole Replacement

By **Susan Thomas**

Ken Fagan spoke with the fellow installing the new pole and



Picture by Susan Thomas

asked him what caused the old pole to bend at an almost ninety degree angle. He said "the flag." "A pole that is rated for a wind of 100 mph without a flag will be rated for 60 mph with a flag." Who knew?



Picture by Horton Monroe

Other RR Events of Interest

Aug 21 Ntrak Set Up in Viola TN, 9 – 4pm

Aug 21 Train Show, Historic Railpark & Train Museum, 10 am-3 pm in Bowling Green KY Contact Kevin Comer for information - kcomer300@yahoo.com

Sept 9-12 SouthEastern Region Convention, Swamp Rabbit Express <https://swamprabbitepress.org> in Greenville, SC

Sept 16-18 L&N RR Historical Society Convention (50th!), <http://www.lnrr.org/Convention.aspx> in Cartersville GA

Sept 23-25 Mid-South Live Steamers Meet, Maury County Park in Columbia TN FREE TRAIN RIDES at a great park!

Oct 2-3 Piedmont Train Show, Clarence Brown Conference Center in Cartersville GA

Oct 30 Train Show, Cumberland Community Complex, Crossville, TN

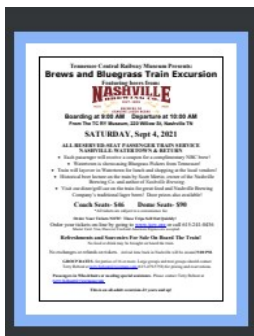
Nov 6 Model Train Show in Evansville IN at National Guard Armory, 3300 E Division St 75-85 tables (8ft/ \$20), 10 am to 3 pm Central Time - Free Parking, \$5 admission
Nov 13 Cordele RAILFAN Festival in Cordele GA

Fall 2021 TCRM Open House & Model Train Show Cancelled
 Unfortunately we are having to cancel the Fall 2021 model train show & TCRM Open House due to the building repair not being completed. So, we will aim for a restart in late March or early April 2022.

2022

Aug 7-13 NMRA NATIONAL CONVENTION St Louis MO
https://www.eventsquid.com/event.cfm?preview&event_id=13724

TCRM Excursion Train News
 By **Bob Hultman, TCRM Vice President**



Our next excursion train is our Brews & Bluegrass Trip to Watertown on Sep 4. This is a 21 yrs old & up trip, so keep that in mind. Safety meeting starts at 8 am Central Time on board diner 3119, passenger boarding follows at 9 am, then departure at 10 am. Return to Nashville should be around 5:30 pm or so. As of very early Aug 18, 199 seats have been issued for this trip.

Click on above image for more information on this excursion

If you will work this trip, E-mail Bob Hultman at hultman@bellsouth.net or call landline 615-833-5158 or cell 615-513-7187.

TCRM Hobby Shop Update
 by **Hank Sweetman, TCRM Member**

The Hobby Shop remains open every Saturday from 10 until 2, even though the museum is closed due to the storm damage back in March.

We recently received another donation of HO rolling stock,



locomotives and accessories. A number of F7 locomotives, many passenger cars from the 1950's and a lot of freight cars. Stop in and check out the selection.



New items at the Hobby Shop include an HO 40' Southern gondola, Bowser HO wood chip hoppers from IC and MP, a Walthers HO offset hopper from CSX, a Walthers HO tank car from NS, a Walthers HO insulated boxcar from CSX and a KATO N scale SD70M from CSX.

We have a recent selection of new HO rolling stock from Walthers Mainline and Bachmann including several cabooses.



Hobby Shop pictures by Hank Sweetman

We have 2 display cases for sale. One is in the Hobby Shop and the other is in the upstairs conference room. Both cases have plexiglass covers and are made of oak. A great place to display your collection of rolling stock.

We still have a good supply of the Tennessee Central hoppers and box car kits from Accurail. We also have some additional decals for both kits to allow you to create new road numbers for your layout.

If there are items that you would like to have the Hobby Shop stock, please let us know. As always, we are ready to special order items for you.

We continue to need volunteers to staff the Hobby Shop. Our goal would be to only need a person to work every 6 weeks or so. The system we use is not difficult, and training is provided. This is a great way to meet fellow enthusiasts and learn more about the hobby. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Hobby Shop manager Hank Sweetman at hanksweetman@gmail.com or by phone at 615-406-6917.

The Hobby Shop is not set up to handle consignment sales, but we are always willing to accept donations.



TCRM Booth at TN State Fair/Wilson County Fair at Fiddlers Grove Update

By **Randal Brooks and Susan Thomas, TCRM Members**

The Fiddlers Grove Train Museum, led by **David Brooks**, is hosting TCRM volunteers. Thanks to David, we were inside in the dry and the cool, and well fed. The 576 folks had a tent set up outside in the heat and the rain, selling T shirts, pictures and interesting scrap pieces, nuts and bolts from 576. Darrell Cassom sand blasts them and cleans them up, so they are suitable as desk paperweights etc.

The TCRM volunteers are talking specifically about the Excursions, and the different themed rides we offer. We gave out hundreds of info sheets on the individual excursions, and handed out hundreds of Excursion Schedules which list the

excursions planned up to May 2022. Many guests chose to take a picture of the schedule on their phone saying, “you know, this piece of paper will get lost, but the picture will be stored on my camera.” Many said they had ridden the trains, but most did not know that there were train excursions from Nashville, and were excited about planning a trip



A Big Thanks to **Cilene Bosch, Randal Brooks, Bruce Hogan, Hugh Lowe, Ross Musgrave, Larry Norton, & Susan Thomas**



Pictures by Susan Thomas and Bill Nason

for volunteering and so that we had full coverage for each of the 10 days. News media reported there were over 100,000 visitors on the first Saturday, Sunday was a lot quieter, and Monday evening was quite quiet also – when there are less visitors passing through, it gives us more time to actually engage with folks and describe our different excursions. Wednesday we closed down early because of storms, Thursday we had more of a crowd, but again the thunderstorms dampened the visitor count. Saturday, the 21st, closing day, traffic was backed up from the I40 exit ramp in the afternoon headed out to the fair with great anticipation, but with the weather forecasts of flash floods, folks left early, and it was pretty chaotic trying to get out of the parking lot in the rain.

Model railroaders should definitely come out and see the Fiddlers Grove two impressive layouts. The original O scale, that is electrified with LED lights, and multiple trains running, and an HO layout, that is being expanded. It has several components that were printed on a 3 D printer. There is still a lot of scenery work to be done on that one. And a third track set up is under construction, an overhead G scale track. In the train depot they have lots of static displays, interesting posters and pictures. It is well worth a visit. The train museum is open Tuesday – Saturday, 10 am – 2 pm.

Restoration and Maintenance News

No update provided

TCRM Vintage Car Maintenance Team

By Susan Thomas, TCRM Member

Ken Fagan leads this team. He is down at TCRM every Wednesday morning. He would welcome assistance from other TCRM members.

Ken Fagan is working with Kustom Seating Unlimited (now known as KSU N.A. LLC) in Bellwood IL to develop a replacement seat upholstery for our passenger cars. This firm is the one who did the seat cushions for car 7602 several years ago. He and Mary Anne Bolle, internal sales manager, have been E-mailing back and forth on samples of fabric and other matters. **Ken** has shipped some seat cushions to KSU so they can more precisely prepare samples.

4719 Replaced bulb and starter, light now working
Reattached trim piece on wall between lower and upper panels
Installed new HVAC filter (dated 3/21) and cleaned return screen
Arm Rests Reattached - 6 armrests.
Couldn't duplicate seat back problem as reported on Seat 37/38
Hoover Cordless Emptied canister and cleaned filter

1266 Installed new A/C filter

7602 Hoover Cordless-broken wheel. I initiated process at warranty center. Units purchased 4/19 with a 5 year warranty. We will be notified when Hoover ships a replacement model to the Cool Springs store.

9400 Seat 35 Installed switch and checked wiring routing in overhead light- No resolution on fluorescent tube - only the reading light is working. Next step is to switch to electronic ballast.

3113 The door won't close completely so car is warm. On advice from Gene Turnage, I used the sledge hammer on the SS transition plate to try to break up the rust underneath that causes the plate to rise and jam the door. The door still slightly rubs on the plate but will close all the way with a small amount of encouragement.
Curtain between the cars is car not attached. Need carabiner or stout zip ties to attach curtain frame to car.

4711 The mens room door won't lock - cleaned up the locking mechanism which was gunked up, and oiled the lock. Locks with normal amount of effort.

TCRM Member and Customer Care Making the Grade

The Volunteer 80 - 20

Rule

By Susan Thomas, TCRM Member



If you lead or participate in any kind of volunteer organization, you're probably familiar with the 80/20 rule: 20 percent of the members do 80 percent of the work.
Are you one of the 20%, and if so why?
Or are you the one of the 80%, and if so, why?



The 80/20 rule is a reality of volunteering as persistent as it is disappointing. And as if the 80/20 rule wasn't bad enough, that 20 percent doesn't remain constant. Different people "rotate" through, so it seems that just when a volunteer is trained and, on their feet, they walk away.

Why does this happen? How can we, as TCRM members and leaders, better integrate both our new and our long-term members to become energetic enthusiastic volunteers so that they build friendships, derive satisfaction from learning, and participate in the passion of railroads.

Following are some suggestions:

Step 1: Invite the Volunteer

Research reveals that 80 percent of all volunteers who follow through with a long-term commitment were personally invited to work with someone. Often referred to as the I-C-N-U conversation: "I see you have a lot to contribute to others and the organization. In what area would you like to work and learn? We can help you and help grow your interest and skill and talent in that area."



Step 2: Confirm the Commitment

This is an important step and one that is often overlooked. Every volunteer wants to be committed, and recognized not for what they do, but for who they are and how they are valued within the organization. A volunteer also looks to build friendships with those who have similar interests and passions.



Step 3: Train the Volunteer



Every volunteer needs some kind of training. Even if the job is simple, training gives the volunteer confidence. It sends a message that the organization wants to invest in them. The volunteer will then invest their time and skillset in the organization.

Step 4: Feedback to the Volunteer

This is the step most organizations shy away from, afraid that the feedback will drive the volunteer away. Actually, the opposite is true. It can be awkward giving feedback to volunteers. But honest, constructive and consistent feedback (not criticism) and suggestions demonstrate care and appreciation for volunteers. It tells the volunteer they are worth the investment to help them grow, learn and build friendships. And it addresses personality issues which can fester and destroy the organization from within.



Step 5: Evaluate the Activity

This is different than Step 4 in that feedback is for individuals;



evaluation is for teams, procedures, and events. An after-action review, after every event is a must for a healthy vibrant growing volunteer organization.

Did the event achieve its goals?

Is the team working together well? What's missing? What should we stop doing? Evaluation is a strategic step that should be focused on learning from the past to keep the organization on track.

Step 6: Recognize the Volunteer

This step is the fun part, when you get to congratulate volunteers on a job well done.

By setting measurable goals, quantifying volunteer hours, honoring and recognizing accomplishments in front of others, we can build a stronger volunteer organization.



Step 7: Review

Different from evaluation, which is Step 5, review is a chance for each volunteer to assess their participation as a member and volunteer.



Are you supporting the vision of the organization, advancing the skillsets of yourself and others, building friendships with those who have similar interests, coaching and mentoring others.

And In Conclusion

Being consistent in the application of the steps above can have a massive impact on the health of a volunteer culture. When members and leaders follow these simple steps it might even help overcome the 80/20 rule in the organization.



TCRM Volunteer Recognition **By Susan Thomas, TCRM Member**

TCRM leadership thanks and recognizes our dedicated volunteers and members who made our August excursion possible. Also members who keep the Hobby Shop running, and organizing the shelves and cabinets of the Library, staffing the office on Saturdays, rolling stock and grounds maintenance.

Parking, Passenger Greet, and Station Master Check In:

Randal Brooks, Lawrence Lilly, Gary Miller,

Car Hosting:

Robert Bartley, Ted Brown, Joyce Chapman, Alex Dmitriev, Cecil Elliot, Steve Gibson, Bruce Hogan, Bill Howard, Don Marlin, Larry Norton, Ken Oosting, Mike Volle, Becky White, Rick White.

Food Service:

Terry Bebout, Ross Musgrave, Tanner Peterson, Steve Tomblin, Doug Uhler

Concessions:

Peggy
Bebout

Train Crew:

Thomas Grosse, Eric Henry, Stephen Hook, Logan Sava, Brent Thompson, Rick White

Maintenance:

Randal Brooks, Ken Fagan, Bob Hultman

Library:

Carter Newton, Allene Newton

Hobby Shop:

Ed Davies, Hank Sweetman

TN State Fair/Wilson County Fair

Cilene Bosch, Randal Brooks, Bruce Hogan, Hugh Lowe, Ross Musgrave, Larry Norton, Susan Thomas.

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Susan Thomas, Alex Dmitriev, Ken Fagan, Bob Hultman, Gary Miller, Carter Newton, Hank Sweetman.

Landscape and Building Maintenance:

George Benson

Apologies if we have left someone off the list, we have tried to include everyone from the crew call sheets and other activities. If you volunteered, and are not included, please let the editor know.

Excursion Train Car Host Procedures **- A Review**

By Bob Hultman, TCRM Vice President

TCRM's current Car Host Handbook has a 2012 Edition date. We need to review it and prepare a 2021 or 2022 Edition to update the content. Please send any changes or corrections you want to see in the new edition to **Bob Hultman** at hultman@bellsouth.net

Stories from the SlumberCoach 2095

By Bob Hultman, TCRM Vice President



Picture Courtesy of Amtrak

Years ago in the 1990s, TCRM would run school excursion trips out of Cookeville westward to Buffalo Valley & back. These were multi-day efforts so there was need for a crew dormitory car. Since TCRM owned a Budd SlumberCoach (2095 Silver Repose, ex-Chicago Burlington & Quincy RR), that car was in the excursion train consist at one end (think it was the west end next to the power car). Fortunately, the power car was not running all night since the city of Cookeville installed a 480 VAC electric power connection box on a nearby utility pole. We had dragged along with us a long 480 VAC "extension cord" to get power to the trainset.

So, in October 2010, TCRM was running school trips on a Friday, then a Cookeville-Nashville trip on Saturday, then return deadhead (no revenue passengers) to Nashville on Sunday. Friday night most of the crew were sacked out in the 2095, (maybe a few were still partying somewhere.....) tucked out from the day's trips up & down the hill between Buffalo Valley & Silver Point.

I was in one of the eight rooms with two beds, not being able to sleep..... looked out of the window and the outside scene was slowly moving left to right (my room was on north side of the car), this was 1 am to 2 am Saturday..... Suddenly there's a bunch of footsteps, outside noises and it dawns on me that the trainset is rolling slowly westward downgrade..... The next place the track levels out is maybe a mile or so west at a major highway grade crossing, next to which are several ball fields on the south side. Hmmm, not good..... But the

train slows to a stop and we don't have a runaway train after all. The commotion was from several crew running for the handbrakes and cranking on them to slow the train to a stop. I think Chris Cook was outside trying to throw wood pallets between the railhead & wheels to get the train to slow down.

The 480 VAC "extension cord" pulled itself free from the screw terminals in the 480 connection box on the utility pole. We were just awfully lucky that the cables were not cut by the wheels rolling over them while draped over the railhead. I'll let the operating crew explain how the train finally started rolling after sitting motionless for several hours. To commemorate the the Great Cookeville Runaway Train, all the TCRM participants received an appropriately silkscreened T-shirt.....

Editors Note – If you have any stories, pictures or memories that you can share about the SlumberCoach, please join our list of Order Board contributors by forwarding your story or pictures to Susan at smt789@hotmail.com

HO Scale Model Railroad News

By Bob Hultman, TCRM Vice President

A few more freight cars have gone thru the car shop for running repairs. There's also some analog DC diesel loco motives that used to run on the Sircy Bldg HO RR that need decoders installed so they can be added to the locomotive roster.

I've also brought more reinforced cardboard boxes to TCRM for HO RR item storage. Many of the boxes that were in the shed for years have caved in or otherwise have damage, so reinforcing them or replacing them is an ongoing project. Really looking forward to a new shed roof without any roof leaks.

Nashville Ntrak News

No updates from the Ntrak group received for the August Order Board.

Ed. Note- Nashville Ntrak did set up their N scale RR at the Madison Train Show July 16-17.

NScale Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1210543609120218>

Website: <http://www.nashvillentrak.org>

YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAfw5a8YVISHQFaNBPUd34g>

TCRM Library and Archive News

By Carter Newton, TCRM Member

Unless otherwise indicated, the Library & Archive is open to museum members on Saturdays from 10-1. Other arrangements may be possible, please contact me to discuss options if you're interested.

Library Update – Books and Periodicals

Happy August, all. The TCRY Library and Archives covers three rooms, each of which contains a mixture of books, periodicals, and artifacts. As of this writing, all of the books in Room 1 have been entered into an electronic catalog. This means that more than 60% (by shelf-feet) of the books in the library have been cataloged (plus all of the periodicals, and some of the artifacts). Beyond a wealth of information about various railroad companies, the library also includes plenty of material of interest to both freelance and prototype modelers - from detailed car and locomotive diagrams, to photos and paint-scheme colors, and even to plenty of historic "how-to" model railroad guides. Ever been curious about what your older brother's, father's, or grandfather's (or maybe even your mom's, aunt's, or grandmother's) model railroad was like? We have guides from A.C. Kalmbach and Lionel for the construction of complete model railroads from the 1930s, 1940s, 1950s, and beyond.

What comes next? The cataloging of books will continue until all three rooms are complete (on track to be done before October), and then all attention turns to the artifacts and records related directly to the Tennessee Central, and of railroading in Middle Tennessee. In late August, new computer equipment will arrive that enables the installation of library management software that will track not only books and magazines, but also electronic files like images and PDFs of scanned materials. Stay tuned for discussions of how we get there, and for upcoming volunteer opportunities!

Featured Object of the Month

What is it? A complete conductor's kit

When is it from? The early 1910s

Why is it significant? This kit gives us a peek into a day in the life of a Nashville, Chattanooga, and St. Louis Railroad conductor in the mid-1910s. J.A Ayres would have carried this with him to work, much like a banker would carry a briefcase or a carpenter would carry a toolbox. All the materials that Mr. Ayres needed to get through a day would have been in this box.

Inside this steel box are several



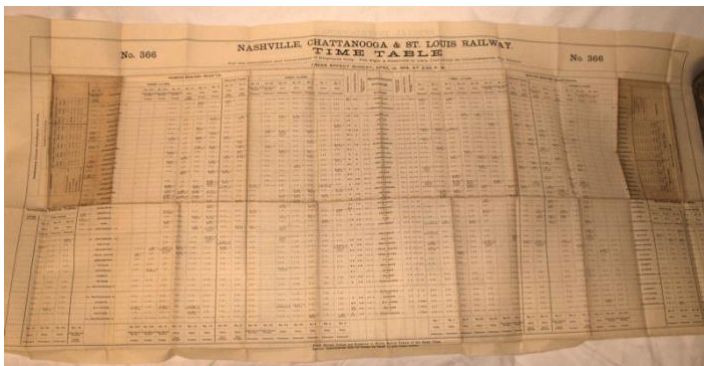
compartments. The contents on top most likely represent the materials that Conductor Ayres would have needed most frequently. Among those are effective writing utensils (he seems to have had a preference for pencils), receipt books, books to keep records of the hours the crew worked, as well as set-outs and pick-ups of freight cars.

The lid of the box has a hatch for materials that the Conductor needed to keep on hand, but needed to keep out of the way when not referencing them.



These are the official rulebooks that govern the movement of trains and operations on the NC&StL. Since the conductor was the ultimate authority on the train, it was Conductor Ayres's responsibility to be sure that moves were safe and adhered to the rules of the road.

Railroading made for long days, and Conductor Ayres kept other useful items in this kit, including a collapsible tin cup, corn cob pipes, and a matchbox. The twisted brown material is rolled tobacco. Other contents of the kit include passes between Nashville and Wartrace, TN, a 1914 NC&StL timetable, and a pair of insoles, which suggests that Conductor Ayres probably spent a lot of time on his feet.



Pictures from Carter Newton

Do you know more details about this kit, or how it came to the TCRM? Email me at c.carter.newton@gmail.com so we can better document this fantastic artifact from Tennessee's railroad past.

Railway Memories and History in Tennessee and Beyond

If you have stories, memories or photos to share on local RR history, or more, please contact the Susan Thomas at smt789@hotmail.com

Office Pranks

Submitted by Gary Miller, TCRM Member

The landline (AT&T) phone isn't working, the company provided Bic pen won't write....and the rule book states...?

Soo Line Railroad sent a letter on June 2, 1978, they checked my work history and background and if I was still interested, after filling out an application and submitting it, I was hired, and was scheduled to start June 19 1978 on the first shift Neenah WI operators job to train. After training for 23 days, I received my first assignment to break-in (train) for three days July 20-22 1978 on 3rd Opr position C F Yard and then work various extra board jobs by assignment from the Chief Train Dispatcher.

In November 1979, I had worked a wide variety of jobs, operator, agent, traveling agent, supervisory agent on the Eastern Division. Instead of traveling and hotel rooms, I wanted something more permanent and there was a vacancy on 3rd Opr Shops Yard North Fond du lac WI. I bid on the job and became the senior seniority bidder and was awarded the job. The 3rd largest terminal on the Soo Line behind Schiller Park IL and Minneapolis Shoreham Yard MN

After working that job for about 2 years I noticed all of a sudden, I would come into work and one day the land line phone (AT&T) I answered an incoming call, stating "Soo Shops Yard operator." The person on the other phone repeated themselves, and we could not communicate. I hung up. The person called again, and another person called. I was considering calling AT&T to report phone problems.

Later another day, the same problem. The company supplied Bic ball point pens, one day I could not communicate with a person calling on the land line, my Bic pen wouldn't write. Later, the plug that connected to the circuits for the dispatcher's phone wouldn't work. I began to check the phone, and found that the mouthpiece had been disconnected, there was no ink cartridge in the Bic pen. And sitting down, I almost went onto the floor, as the office chair I was in, went sideways. Paperwork was not where it should have been. All these issues and try to keep railroading? Another day, I was on the IBM 026 keypunch machine generating a train arrival report. Sending the report, I received a computer generated message "Report not accepted nor relayed, correct all errors and resubmit report." What? I thought I had generated the report correctly without errors.

Further investigation revealed that the punch cards were reversed in the card bin the keypunch, no wonder the computer was unable to process the report! The Bic pen ink cartridge was removed, paperwork scattered where it normally shouldn't have been. Dispatchers phone unplugged. Caster removed from my office chair (lucky I didn't fall and get injured). I finally realized I had been set up by a clerk that worked in the yardmasters office in the tower of the building. It got to the point that every night I'd

come in for 3rd shift, I would check everything on, around the desk, pens, computer punch cards and chair, for sabotage!



After a few months, I declared WAR! ON! I went up into the yardmasters office, after buying a cup of coffee out of the vending machine (never good coffee!), removed a caster from the clerks chair, took ink cartridges out of pens, turned punch cards in his machine

around, and as I was doing this, the yardmaster had an ear-to-ear grin on his face, and last but not least, purposely spilled the fresh cup of bad coffee on the clerks computer printed track and yard sheets. Later, the clerk came down from upstairs...heading somewhere, and I heard him say “Truce, Truce!”



There was a rule about horseplay, games, not to be played while on company property or on duty. I guess some employees didn't pay attention to those rules, although we did care about safety and operating rules.

Railroad Preservation in the 2010's

This video was prepared by one of our former members, Brian McDonnell.

He features many of the historic railways and locomotives across the country. Watching it brought back many memories of fun times with my family and friends.

How many of these historic railways and museums have you visited?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rAaSdEdcIow&ab_channel=HighIron

Memories of Working on the Railroads in Russia

Submitted by Alex Dmitriev, TCRM member

“Run! Forrest, Run!”

I think many people know this phrase from “Forrest Gump” movie. In the movie these words helped little Forrest. But at my station same words “Run! Run!” could be the reason of boy death...



Alex at his Station Operators Desk - Picture by Alex Dmitriev

In about a month after previous story took place, I was enjoying a warm sunny day at the station. It was almost the end of my day shift. A commuter train arrived on time into the nearest siding and I made way for the freight train to proceed through my station on the main line.

During these operations I noticed that there were two boys walking near the siding, but they were at a safe distance from track. I just kept my eye on them and watched them approach the station building – I decided that I would shout out to them and ask to leave the station if they came any closer. I turned the switches, the signal light to the green for freight train and went outside to watch the train passing though the station. One of the duties of station operator was to check every passing train visually. At the moment when the diesel locomotive of the freight train had already passed me and was fast approaching the boys, one of them suddenly sprinted across the two sidings towards the main line where the freight train was moving!

What happened next felt like slow motion in some movie... Terrified I watched as the boy jumped from one rail to the next one, getting closer and closer to the moving train. The Engineer gave a long loud horn blast. It was pointless to shout at the boy because the sound of engine horn drowned out all the other sounds around us. About a hundred feet left... And the boy disappeared, hidden from my line of sight by the passing train... A few terribly long minutes stretched on and on while the freight train was passing. All I could do was wait and see if the boy is safe or...

The train passed and I saw that the boy was safe and sound walking on the other side of main line. I called railway police (again), and when the boys approached the station building, I was there to stop them and detain them. I handed them over to the railway police, who delivered them back to their parents. I hope they realized that their behavior could cost them their lives.

While I was waiting for the police to arrive, I talked to the boys explaining them exactly why they were stopped by me (I had authority to do it on station premises). It turned out that it was the older one (an 11 year old) who dared the little one (a 9 years old)

to play chicken and run across the tracks in front of moving train...

We never know what we can expect from kids on railroads...

Operation Lifesaver

By Jill McClintock

Executive Director, TN OLI



School is starting in August!

All School Buses will stop at every railroad crossing.

Drivers need to prepare to stop as well, if following a bus.



Walking on railroad tracks or property is dangerous and illegal. If we see kids using tracks or rail yards as short cuts to school, to please contact OLI and the school.

TCRM Member Spotlight

By Susan Thomas, TCRM Member

We spotlight long-term members, the foundation of our Museum, and our new members who bring fresh energy and ideas to the group. We look forward to your participation.

Allen Hicks, former Treasurer of TCRM, and on the Board of Directors.

Name: Allen Hicks

Membership # 68

TCRM Order Board: When did you join the Organization?

AH: I've been around with this organization since its inception in 1982 when it started as the Cumberland Division of the Southeastern Region-National Model Railroad Association.

TCRM Order Board: What was your primary interest or reason for joining TCRM?

AH: I was co-superintendent (along with Jim Adair) for a couple of years and we held our first Division Meet at the Goodlettsville Community Center on November 13, 1982. I held the office of Secretary and Vice President of the SER in the mid and late 80's.

I've had an interest in trains - both in modelling and the prototype - since I was in the fifth grade and have been a member of the NMRA since 1960 and a member of the National Railway Historical Society since 1971. I've always liked railroad photography and have amassed a sizable slide and photograph collection and have had photos published in several railroad related books by several authors over the years.

TCRM Order Board: Do you have a home layout and what inspired you to build it?

AH: I've built several layouts through the years and the current one is, and has been, in a stagnant state for a lot of years - just holding some of the many models I've built and collected over the years.

TCRM Order Board: How has your interest or participation changed over the years?

AH: My interest in the organization has continued over the last several years although I've had to cut back on activities especially due to family and my own health issues. I'm still a member of the Board of Directors and but gave up the Treasurer's position at the end of 2018.

TCRM Order Board: What have been the highlights of your membership experience over the years?

AH: I have been well pleased with the accomplishments of this organization and those accomplishments have helped me to realize the reality of REAL railroading by having qualified as a brakeman to work in the crew of the Broadway Dinner Train with my first paying trip on May 16, 1991. I later qualified as a conductor and this, of course, led to numerous trips on the BDT and later when TCRM started running excursion trains.

The organization sponsored and held a convention for the Southeastern Region/NMRA at the Opryland Hotel in 1990 which was a huge success with patrons coming to Nashville from all the southern states plus many others and we continued to hold a couple of Division Meets until the separation of TCRM and the SER/NMRA in 2020.

TCRM Order Board: What area of volunteering or activity do you participate in?

AH: I plan to continue to pass acquired knowledge of our operations and railroading on to our younger members as they ask questions in their efforts to learn more about railroading. I've also done some work in the Hobby Shop in helping the shop acquire models of Tennessee Central equipment for sale to our members and visitors.

TCRM: How could the organization better meet your needs?

AH: This organization continues to provide many opportunities for the membership in many areas of the railroad hobby be it modeling or the real thing. Just maintaining the train set and the buildings is major work for the many that participate and the Hobby Shop is an added benefit for the ones that enjoy that part of the membership package.

TCRM: Do you think that you will still be a member in 5 years? Why or Why Not?

AH: Here's hoping that I'm still a member in 5 years - it will be interesting to see where we as an organization will be at that time.

Sad News – Passing of Brady Lewis

By Bob Hultman, TCRM Vice President

Received an email on August 17 from **Allen Hicks**- “Just thought I would let you all know that Judy and I lost our 19 year old Grandson Brady Lewis (Teresa's son) to injuries sustained in an automobile accident early this morning. Details are incomplete at this time. Please keep Allen & Judy Hicks and their families in your prayers during this most difficult time..... The Hicks’ mailing address is 833 Kenny St in Gallatin TN 37066-3535.

Member Model Layout Spotlight

Show us your layout and tell us your story, your successes and your challenges. Email Susan, smt789@hotmail.com so we can feature your layout in a future issue.



Fiddlers Grove layout, Photo Susan Thomas

No member layout for this month – we welcome submissions, HO, Nscale, garden RR. All layouts are a work in progress! Next month we will include an article and photos of the impressive Fiddlers Grove layouts.

What It Takes to Run A TCRM Excursion

This is a new section we are continuing this month to feature all of the behind-scenes work performed by so many of our TCRM faithful volunteers, who are our Unsung Heroes.

This includes maintenance and cleaning of the cars, preparation of documentation for the car folders, the promotion of the excursions, the loading of the food and beverages on the diner cars, distribution of the wine and glasses for our popular wine tasting excursions, ticket documentation for will call tickets, parking attendants who make sure everyone is parked safely, the station master and greeter to welcome the passengers, the car hosts who ensure safety and satisfaction aboard the train, the operating crew who fill the water tanks, and build the consist, the train engineer, the dispatcher, and many many more. It takes a whole coordinated team, working together, to ensure our customers leave with only positive memories of a great experience and a smile in their heart.

TCRM Car Hosts Anecdotes

If you have stories, memories or photos to share from TCRM excursions and activities, please contact the Susan Thomas at smt789@hotmail.com

Working the Wine Tasting Trip – August 7, 2021 Submitted by Alex Dmitriev, TCRM member

On this trip I worked in the 4711 car. The entire car was booked by one group, so I was lucky to have only one contact name for all 48 seats. Cody organized the trip for his friends, and friends of friends. I asked him about the absent passengers. He knew that four of his friends would not come, and four others came at the last moment when we did this check. Before our

departure back to Nashville in Watertown, I asked him if all the passengers were on board, he double checked, and we were good to go. It was a great group to work with, and I was happy to make photo with the group and our 4711 car after arrival to Nashville.

After I made a photo, I started cleaning the car, and in one seat I found a watch. I grabbed it and ran out from car. And, in this case it was much easier because I just had to find the one contact, Cody. I gave him the watch and he found owner very quickly.

In my car. We had a fantastic server from the Del Monaco



company, Her name is Skyler. She did great job! Unfortunately, it was her last trip. She completed her nursing education and graduated and will work at a hospital. She likes the role and responsibility of a nurse, and I think she will do it perfectly.

I hope we will see Skyler as a passenger someday. On this wine tasting trip, I had a good car, 4711, great passengers, and partnered with an excellent Del Monaco team. This trip was wonderful!

Classified Ads

Items Wanted - Items for Sale

TCRM member **John Coles** will buy large (more than 30 items) model RR collections. E-mail him johnr.coles@yahoo.com

2021 Membership Renewal –

Now on Website or In Person in Hobby Shop By Bob Hultman, TCRM Vice Presiden

If you have not already renewed, please do so either online, or if you prefer to renew in person, you can go down to the Hobby Shop 10 am – 2 pm on Saturdays.

The URL <https://www.tcry.org/volunteer> takes you to the Get Involved Web page, or you can scroll to the bottom of the TCRM Web Home page & click on the Get Involved choice. Once there, the left side is for new members to join, while the right side is for current members to renew their membership. If you need your TCRM Membership #, contact **Bob Hultman** at hultman@bellsouth.net or call cell 615-513-7187 for it.

If you have to mail your activity fee renewals (**\$35 individual, \$40 family membership**), make checks payable to TCRM & mail to :

TC Ry Museum, 220 Willow St., Nashville TN 37210-2159
Attn – **Admin Staff**.

TCRM and Model Railroad Club Board of Directors

Terry Bebout	(president, ex officio)
Bob Hultman	(vice president, ex officio)
Dominic Breeze	(treasurer, ex officio)
Steve Tomblin	(secretary, ex officio)

BoD Members - Tim Bebout- operating crew trainer, George Gilbert, Allen Hicks, John Kennedy- legal adviser, Robert “Mars” Marsmaker, Gordon Smith & Gene Turnage

If you enjoyed reading this expanded Order Board newsletter, let the editors know- Bob at hultman@bellsouth.net or Susan at smt789@hotmail.com

It took much work and time to put it together, with many members contributing stories and pictures. If you have stories and pictures, your model layout at home, Broadway Dinner Train memories, Railroad memories, a quiz, humorous interactions and photos with our passengers, share them with all our members!

If you, or you would like to see one of our members featured in our **TCRM Member Spotlight** feature, let us know. We'll reach out to you or to them. Contact Susan at smt789@hotmail.com

Note that for any submission to the newsletter, the deadline is the 17th of each month. Any submission received after the deadline date will held until the next monthly Order Board. The editors reserve the right to edit any submission for space and readability.

Contact the Order Board editor at hultman@bellsouth.net or call his cell phone.