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We continue our expanded Order Board News Notice with some new sections, a little humor, member recognition, updates on excursions, railroad memories and stories, and lots of input from members – If you have stories, memories or choose to respond to anything featured in a previous edition of the Order Board, please contact Bob at hultman@bellsouth.net or Susan at smt789@hotmail.com

Donations

David Jones \$100 cash and new TCRM member!

Tom Schmidt 25-30 of issues of various RR magazines

2021 TCRM Schedule

- May 29 Nashville Steam Preservation Society Open House
- June 12 Moonshine Runner Excursion Train to Carthage Jct.
- July 17 Murder Mystery Excursion Train to Watertown for Watertown Music & Arts Festival
- Aug 7 DelMonaco Wine Excursion Train to Watertown
- Aug 12 Combined TN State Fair & Wilson County Fair
- Aug 21 Lebanon TN
- Sep 4 Brews & Bluegrass Excursion Train to Watertown
- Sep 18 Southern BBQ Festival Excursion Train to
- Nov 6 TCRM Open House-Model Train Show

Other RR Events of Interest

May 30 - June 5 National Garden Railway Convention.

<https://ngrc2021.com> hosted at Opryland Hotel

June 5, 10-3pm, 26th Annual Manassas, VA, Heritage Railway Festival, <http://www.visitmanassas.org>

There will be elaborate layout displays created by a number of local model train groups, but no excursion rides to Clifton this year sadly, due to covid restrictions.

July 16-17 12th Annual Madison Model Train Show
City Road Chapel United Methodist Church in Madison, TN
Vendor tables still available. Contact: **Nathan Baker**, Chairman
Cell: 615-612-3324 nathanbaker@comcast.net

Aug 14 Train Collectors Association Music City Chapter Summer Train Show - Vol State College Gym in Gallatin TN
Information- 615-646-2232 E-mail petrone.v@comcast.net

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

Monthly Thursday Meetings On Hold

Until the COVID-19 pandemic is under better control TCRM will not hold monthly meetings.

Anyone wanting to present a program at a future Thursday night meeting, please contact **Bob Hultman** landline 615-833-5158 or cell 615-513-7187 or E-mail hultman@bellsouth.net

2021 Membership Renewal –

Join or Renew on Website or In Person in Hobby Shop

By **Bob Hultman**

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-MO's payable to TCRM & mail to TC Ry Museum 220 Willow St in Nashville TN 37210-2159 Attn – **Admin Staff**. TCRM office is not being staffed for the immediate future.

New TCRM Members

David Jones Piqua OH

Mrs. Juanita D Murphy Nashville TN

Allison Holly, Hope & Seth Thornton, Kelli & Noah White
Spring Hill TN (Family)

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

March 25 Storm Recovery Update

By **Terry Bebout**

Met with Dowdle Construction Group today (May 24) at TCRM for review of their proposal. Everything they have prepared seems in order. While their estimate is higher than what the insurance company projected I think we should give them notice to proceed and not wait on the insurance company which we all know will take a while.

Next step is Dowdle will prepare an agreement and when all parties sign they will begin. They think they can finish by November.

Dowdle will bill us monthly for work completed in the previous month. In the meantime I will contact the insurance company and see how much they will increase their payment. Editor Note- **Randal Brooks** was also at the meeting. Also learned from **Terry Bebout** that Dowdle will be preparing a written agreement with TCRM. Once that gets signed by all parties, then Dowdle will start demolition; that could be as early as 2 weeks from May 25.

TCRM Limited Reopening

By **Randal Brooks**

Randal Brooks has volunteered to be at TCRM on Saturdays from 9 am to 3 pm Central Time. He will be in the Museum building. If there's additional TCRM members on-site willing to escort visitors, then visitors will be able to go onto the boarding

platform. The Museum room & meeting room will be closed to visitors account stored items in Museum room & the unrepaired damage in the meeting room.

Editor Note- **Randal** will not be at TCRM on Saturday May 29. NSPS members will be staffing the Willow St gates & passenger walkway & boarding platform to guide 576 Open House attendees back to the NSPS facility.

Fundraiser for One of our Own Members

By Susan Thomas

Update – to date, the GoFundMe fundraiser has raised over \$2,100 for **Robert Blanchard** and his family. Thanks to the generosity of members and friends, his family have been able to start anew in a different apartment building.

TCRM Excursion Train News

TCRM's German Mayfest Train Excursion
Submitted by **Mike Gillespie**, TCRM Member

Hallo Fans von Zugausflügen (hello fans of train trips)
On May 1, 2021, the TCRM took an imaginary train excursion to Bavaria in Germany. The Bavarian Bierhaus hosted the German Mayfest train excursion for the first time. Mayfest (or as it's pronounced/spelled in German, Maifest) is a celebration of the arrival of spring.



Photo by Susan Thomas

Upon arrival to board the train, all the men received green Alpine hats and the ladies received flowered headbands to wear for the celebration. Additionally, live polka music was being played as passengers boarded the train. All of the train cars were decorated with colorful German themed drapery, pennants and flowers.



Photo by Susan Thomas

As the train departed the museum and proceeded to Watertown, the staff from the Bavarian Bierhaus started serving lunch, a pretzel, Oktoberfest bratwurst and sauerkraut along with German beer. In an effort to try to keep the passengers from having to do all the walking, the staff from the Bavarian Bierhaus delivered lunch and beer to the passenger's seats. One thing that the staff soon learned after 30 minutes was how LONG the train was. It took quite some time to get to each end of the train with lunch. The beer flowed much easier.



Photo by Susan Thomas

The fun and celebration really began when LynnMarie and her husband Eddie, came to each train car and performed live polka music and singalongs. They also had a German question and answer session with winners receiving a prize. As always, the staff of the TCRM train excursion did an exceptional job in hosting each car. The operation of the train was smooth as usual. All in all, looks like everyone had a great time.

The Bavarian Bierhaus truly enjoyed hosting the event and getting to meet some of the great people who enjoy the TCRM train excursions. We look forward to the opportunity of hosting events again with the TCRM.



Photo by Susan Thomas

If you want to come and enjoy more German food, beer and exceptional music, please come out to the Bavarian Bierhaus located on the Cumberland River side of the Opry Mills Shopping Center. www.bierhausnashville.com



Lynn Marie and her husband Eddie welcoming and entertaining the passengers as they boarded the train.
Photo by Susan Thomas

Auf Wiedersehen!

June 12 Excursion

Our 10th trip for 2021 is our TN Moonshine Whiskey Trip. Passengers do not deboard the train so there's no definite destination. Safety meeting starts at 9:45 am Central Time on board diner 3119, passenger boarding follows at 11 am, then departure at high noon. Return to Nashville should be around 4:30 pm or so.

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.

Excursion Train Parking – Volunteers Needed

By Susan Thomas

You want to help out with the excursions but can't let your volunteer time take up the whole Saturday? Then think about helping out with parking. It is an early morning volunteer stint, and leaves the rest of the day free.

Mike Volle (L) & Lawrence Lilly (R), TCRM parking crew on a recent excursion train Saturday

Parking volunteers should arrive 30 – 60 minutes before the safety meeting starts. First responsibility is to put out traffic cones, and the electric golf cart makes the job so much easier. Then one parking volunteer works up the hill at the

Buntin gate and lot area, the second parking volunteer other works down near the black museum gate directing folks up to the Buntin lot and into the Handicapped parking.

Once the excursion train has departed, then it takes about 20 minutes to collect the cones and take down the signs. Please help out **Lawrence**, it is so much easier with two folks taking care of parking, and projects a professional image and welcome for our passengers. Soft drinks and bottled water for volunteers are available in the admin room.



Also, we need an additional volunteer to help welcome and direct the passengers as they walk through the Willow St. gate.

Randal as the station master is at the table next to the dock, but someone is needed to direct our patrons from the Willow St. gate to **Randal**, advise that the PortaJohns are available before they go get on the train, and answer any questions that the passengers may have, such as where can I get coffee, or how long is the trip, can walk through the different cars.

Again this is an early-bird volunteer position. Arrive an hour before boarding time, and leave when the train has departed. So this position requires only 2 + hours, but is very important.

Tuesday - Thursday Maintenance Team

By Susan Thomas

If you would enjoy participating in repair and renovation projects on Tuesday mornings, let **Bob Hultman** know and reach out to **Ken Fagan** at 2kenfagan@gmail.com. **Ken** will be happy to meet with you. **Ken** could really use some help performing continuing maintenance in these passenger cars. The following is a report listing work completed by **Ken Fagan** in response to issues as noted in the recent Car Status reports.

CAR 9400 - Replaced ballast in overhead light seats 13/14.
Replaced ballast Seat 35 but it needs a switch.
Vestibule Steps - A machine shop is fabricating a new part.
Lower level- 9 ripped seat backs replaced

Dome - 2 bench seats reupholstered

CAR 3113 - Window Shade Replaced

CAR 7602 - Replaced 3 lamps in passenger lounge and toilets. Changed air filters. Reported A/C issue to operating crew. Located spare battery for vac and put it in charger.

CAR 4711 - Leg Rests - Some are repaired but others need more work.

CAR 7628 - Chair Rails - Cannot find any wooden pieces to fit. Might have to go with SS trim. Door on vestibule end realigned and now closes.

Car 4739 – Replaced 10 seatback cushions.

CAR HOSTS REMINDER - For each trip we provide a car report form in the car folder, should be in pocket of right side of folder. Please make sure to fill these out during the excursion as you experience issues in the car, so that the Tuesday – Thursday Maintenance Team can fix the issues before the next excursion. This can be problems with the seats, roof leaks, light bulbs burned out, vacuum cleaner not working, no water, sink and toilet leaks, vestibule traps etc, etc. If there are no issues, then just write NONE. These forms are the only way the team can know what needs attention and perform repairs in each car. “A stitch in time saves nine.” And **Ken** will send you an email reporting the status of the repair.

Restoration and Maintenance News

Submitted By Jason Whipp

Thought I'd send in a little progress report on the ICRR 9014 restoration. Since it was moved next to the shop six months ago, I've been working on removing all the old paint to apply primer in preparation for final painting.



The above picture is from a year and a half ago when I first started working on this project.

At this point, 95% of the engineer's side is completely in primer. I'd say the locomotive is about 50% completed as far as paint preparation. I'm hoping to have it finished by the end of August or September, but you all know how that goes.

The picture below from April 2021 shows the cab and right hood freshly painted with primer.



TCRM Hobby Shop Update

by Hank Sweetman

The Hobby Shop remains open every Saturday from 10 am until 2 pm, even though the Museum is closed due to the storm damage incurred in late March.

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.

We have recently received some N scale steam locomotives. These are Pacific types, with sound and DCC. Painted for L&N, GM&O and SP. Also we have some new N scale rolling stock.



Photo by Hank Sweetman

For HO modelers, we have a new selection of 40' boxcars from Walthers in a variety of road names.

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

our 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. We recently received a donation of HO items that are now available for sale. Come in and check out the selection.

Editors Note – We have a section at the end of the newsletter “Classified Ads” where you can post items that you are looking to sell or buy.

Thanks to our dedicated staff of volunteers who give up their time to allow the Hobby Shop to be open:

**Ed Davies Ron Fleitz Mark Henry TK Starkey
Susan Thomas Gary Willoughby Rachel Wooten**

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Atlas Announces N Scale NERR GE 8-40B/BW Locomotives

By Bob Hultman

TCRM member **Steve Johnson** sent an E-mail regarding Atlas Model RR Co announcement that Atlas was taking preorders for N scale GE 8-40B/8-40BW diesel locomotives including ones in NERR lettering scheme on the RJ Corman red & white paint scheme. Order deadline was mid-April.

Model RR Archaeology

By Steve Johnson

[Mar 15] I came across the attached Kusan ad in the January 1957 issue of MODEL TRAINS magazine. I’m sure many of our older members know that Kusan was located in Nashville, but I suspect most of the young ones have never even heard of Kusan, so I thought you may be interested in using the ad in the newsletter.



"K" SERIES REALISTIC TWO RAIL FREIGHT TRAINS
Ideal for the very young, yet realistic enough for the most experienced hobbyists. Every set is complete with power supply, track, lock-on and instruction book — READY TO RUN!
"K" series electric trains are a new concept in model train design, incorporating the utmost in mechanical simplicity. Complex mechanisms and short circuiting possibilities have been reduced to an absolute minimum. The "O" gauge track included with each "K" series train is the ultimate in realism. It's a model railroader's dream track with 17 ties per section, each beautifully engraved with a wood grain texture.
The incomparable Katy Flyer, illustrated above, retails for only \$19.00. Others to \$33.00. WRITE FOR A FREE CATALOG TODAY.
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Power Supply included with each "K" series train plugs into any 110-120 volt A.C. outlet.

8 January 1957

Photo submitted by Steve Johnson

(I don't recall ever seeing an issue of this magazine before...It's a Kalmbach publication, and it looks like a "clone" of MODEL RAILROADER, which was of course going at the same time. I'm interested in knowing its history). *Editor's note- Model Trains was the 1st model RR magazine I ever subscribed to, starting in 1958 sometime. It was aimed at the beginning model*

railroader, being published 6x a year. The magazine was not successful, ending in very early 1962. Kalmbach offered MT subscribers either MR or Trains magazines 1 for 1 on remaining issues due to MT subscribers. I chose MR, got my 1st MR subscription issue as April 62. I donated all my MT magazines to TCRM Library- **Bob H**

Also, to expand upon **Randal Brooks'** "Trains on TV" item from the last (Feb 2021) issue, I would recommend the "Hollywood's Railroads" series of books. Those are published by Cochetopa Press- <http://www.cochetopapress.biz/>

So far I have Volume Two which covers the Sierra Railway, and I plan on getting the rest of the series. This book is excellent, with many photos, a detailed history and lots of behind-the-scenes stuff. At the back are lists with dates and titles of movies and TV shows filmed on the Sierra Railway from 1919 to 2017. Three volumes are available now, with two more on the way.

HO Scale Model Railroad News

By Bob Hultman

Randal Brooks & I have moved several modules from the shed into the meeting room to prevent further damage to the modules. Immediate goal is to move any at-risk modules into a safer location until storm damage has been repaired. Other items in the meeting room also need to be moved out since the contractor, Dowdle Construction Group, anticipates starting repair construction within 2 weeks. We're planning a work effort Thursday, May 27 at 10 am if anyone will join us.

Nashville Ntrak News

No updates from the Ntrack group received for the May Order Board.

NScale Facebook Page:

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

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

YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAfw5a8YVISHQFaNBpuD34g>

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.

No member layout for this month – we welcome submissions, HO, Nscale, garden RR. All layouts are a work in progress!

TCRM Library News

By Carter Newton, TCRM Member

Happy May, everyone. My name is **Carter Newton**, and I will be trying to fill the big shoes **Don Strong** left behind in the TCRM Library and Archive. I've been a member for several years now, and split much of my time between car hosting and library work until 2020, when lots of things got a little weird for lots of us. While working with **Don**, I was able to make a few suggestions based on past experiences working in libraries and volunteering with other museums along the way (the jury is out

as to whether or not he took any of those suggestions). What I can say for sure, though, is that through the generosity of many members and donors, **Don** was able to assemble and organize an impressive collection of materials of interest to modelers, railfans, historians, and those who want to understand the history of railroading in Tennessee and throughout the United States.

We're working to find creative ways to share this unique collection with you, while both adding to it but also being good stewards of it for the future. Although the primary focus of the Library and Archive is history, this month I want to showcase something I believe is brand new, while also paying honor to one of **Don's** areas of interest.

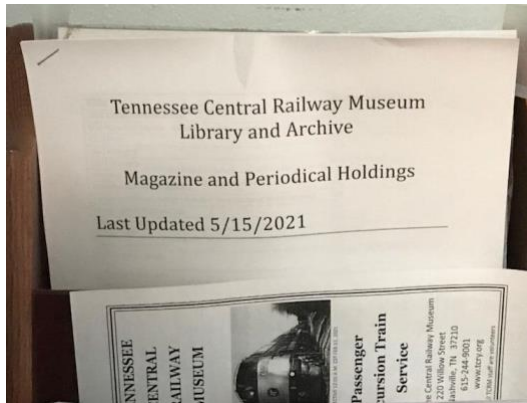


Photo by Carter Newman

What is it? This is the first complete listing of all of the magazine and periodical holdings in the Tennessee Central Railway Museum Library.

When is it from? This listing was created in the month of May, 2021, but is based on the collecting, horse-trading, and organizing done by **Don** and others - special gratitude here to museum member **Steve Bollig**, who Don relied on for logistics and his ability to get things done.

Why is it significant? So far as we are able to ascertain, this is the first published list of the magazine collection at TCRM. The collection itself includes over 100 different titles, with issues for some of the magazines dating back to the 1930s. Several of the collections are complete to the present, meaning that for some titles, we have sixty, seventy, or even eighty years worth of issues either in bound volumes, or carefully stored in magazine boxes. This printed list contains the titles as well as the years or volumes we have, and this copy is in the magazine rack outside the library door at the Museum. If you're curious and have access, take a look! In the coming months, we're working to find ways to make this index available for more folks, as well as finding the best ways to make the actual magazines in this index accessible to you as well. Stay tuned, there's more to come!

Railway Memories and History in Tennessee and Beyond

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

A Moment in Nashville Railroad History

Submitted by Randal Brooks, TCRM member

As I was walking one day in Shelby Park down by the river, I happened to walk under the railroad bridge that crosses the Cumberland River. Upon closer inspection I discovered this plaque on the greenway. In the picture to the right you will see the Metro Nashville Water Treatment Omohundro Pumping Station. This is the pumping station and bridge that our Tennessee Central Railway Excursions pass each time we do a trip.

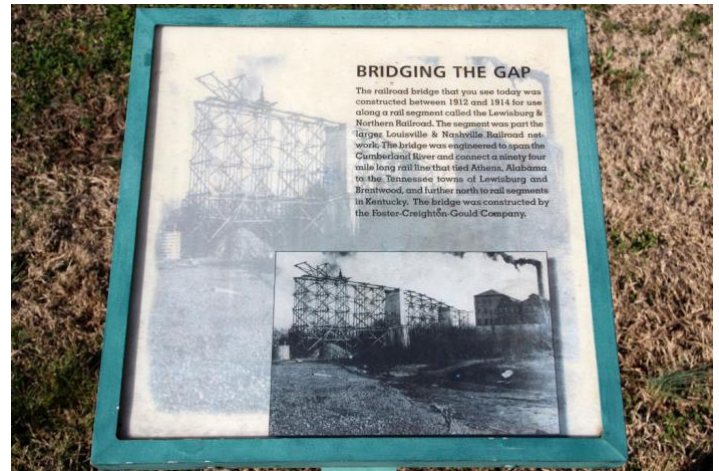


Photo submitted by Randal Brooks

The narrative from the plaque reads as follows:

"Bridging The Gap, The railroad bridge that you see today was constructed between 1912 and 1914 for use along a rail segment called the Lewisburg and Northern Railroad. The segment was part of the larger Louisville and Nashville Railroad network. The bridge was engineered to span the Cumberland River and connect a ninety four mile long rail line that tied Athens, Alabama to the Tennessee towns of Lewisburg and Brentwood, and further north to rail segments in Kentucky. The bridge was constructed by the Foster-Creighton-Gould Company."

The historic high-level railroad bridge over the Cumberland River in Nashville, Tennessee was constructed by the Foster-Creighton-Gould Company in association with the American Bridge Company. The 3,000' long bridge consists of a main Camelback through truss span, three Warren through truss spans, three deck truss spans and viaducts at each end. The bridge was constructed 1912-14 for the Louisville and Nashville Railroad (L&N) and is now owned by CSX.

Memories of Working on the Railroads in Russia

Submitted by Alex Dmitriev, TCRM member

Let me tell about some milestones in my railway career. The railroad job had been my dream since my childhood. I started my education in Railway University in 2006 and graduated in 2013. The same year I graduated vocational school as a locomotive driver assistant (AC electric locomotive).



In November 2013 I started work in the Russian Railways as station operator at a small station. This station had one main line, two sidings and several industrial spurs. Eight passenger trains, six commuter trains and ten to twenty freight trains passed through that station daily. In addition to train handling, the station did switching work on the industrial spurs.

After six months of work I was promoted to station operator at a bigger station. This station had less train movement but lots of switching work at the station and many industrial spurs. Year passed quickly and I was learning a lot and gaining more and more expertise. Again, I was promoted, this time to a station master (yardmaster) My successful career was interrupted due to our family relocation to US.

Editors Note – Stay tuned! In next month’s newsletter Alex shares some of his challenges in his role as station operator in Russia!

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

When The Whistle Blows and You're Not On-Board...

A True Excursion Train Story

Submitted by Robert Bartley, TCRM Member

It was my second season as a car host just getting used to working solo. We were stopped in Baxter for a town festival and had just finished de-boarding. Traps were being raised and I noticed an elderly man and a young girl crossing directly behind the generator car. I was in the last passenger car at the end. I radioed that I was going around the back of the train to make sure the two passers-by had indeed passed by before the train was going to move off to our lunch location up the track. As I rounded the corner to head back to the trap, the Train Chief radioed, "Is Robert back on the train?" A voice (whose name shall not be mentioned to protect the guilty) radioed, "YES" before I could correctly state my location. As I shifted into overdrive in hopes of reaching the trap before the horn blew... the horn blew and a second later the train started rolling.

So I waved at the train and walked up to the street festival and had several good laughs with folks who witnessed the whole thing and had a delicious sandwich and gourmet coffee from two food trucks. As the train pulled in after lunch, I made my way back and thanked the stars in heaven the train was heading to lunch and not back to Nashville.

Car hosts **Robert Bartley** and **Carol Beckwith** enjoying the platform accordion music prior to the May Fest excursion.



What It Takes to Run A TCRM Excursion

By Susan Thomas

This is a new section we are beginning 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.

This month we are featuring **Gary Miller**, TCRM member and volunteer, who currently serves as our Dispatcher for all of our Excursions, and **Lawrence Lilly** and **Mike Volle** who help with parking for our passengers.

Lawrence is another one of our unsung heroes, who we count on for every excursion. He faithfully arrives early on a Saturday morning, puts out the cones, some of which he even bought himself. Most of the time you don't even see his name on the crew call sheet that Bob sends out. And after the Excursion train has departed, then he has to explain to any late arrivals, that this train waits for no man – this train leaves on time!

But **Lawrence** needs some help, one person cannot handle both the Buntin lot and also direct our patrons in to the handicapped lot. (see Lawrence's picture on page 3)

Gary Miller, who was hired by the Soo Line Railroad Company (Minneapolis, St Paul and Sault Ste Marie Railroad) in 1978 first moved to Nashville in 2004. In 2005 he joined TCRM, and volunteered as a car host for a couple of years working most trips each year. Unfortunately due to health issues, he could not stand for long periods of time and so could no longer car host. He continued volunteering in other ways, such as scraping lettering off TCRM's former Amtrak F40PH. Gary was also involved in HO model railroading.

Prior to September 2006 when the N&E main line upgrade was completed and the Music City Star began operations, there was no dispatcher on duty in Lebanon. However, once CTC (Centralized Traffic Control) was installed a dispatcher was required to be on duty during train operations. Initially, **Brandon Baxter** and **Jim Greene** qualified and worked as dispatchers on Saturdays when TCRM excursion trains operated. At the end of December 2015, **Mr Greene** was retiring, and so the search began for another dispatcher. **Terry Bebout** sent out an email that any member interested in the position should contact him. **Gary** told me, "I notified him of my interest, went to meet the dispatchers and eventually trained beginning January 5, 2015. Training was not five days per week, but I trained until the end of March 2016, took the rules test, passed a drug test and my first day dispatching qualified was April 2, 2016." **Terry Bebout** and **Steve Tomblin** are currently the only qualified train dispatchers that could work in **Gary's** absence (health or other issues).

As the train dispatcher, he reports directly to **Terry Bebout**, President of TCRM and General Manager of Transportation Solutions Group (TSG) Music City Star. NERR uses the General Code of Operating Rules (GCOR), NERR train dispatcher's manual of instructions, Emergency Preparedness (E-Prep) manual, NERR timetable and special instructions, and a

book listing all hazardous materials transported by rail. Rules exams are generally required annually for GCOR, periodically for and on the other aforementioned documents and instructions.

When he was first working as a dispatcher in 2016, the TCRM excursion train was usually the only train operating on the NERR railroad. A few years later, trackwork was in progress on some Saturdays, and he would have to coordinate between keeping the train moving while having the track crew in



the clear and yet allowing as much track work to be accomplished as possible.

February 27, 2021 was the day with the most train movements on NERR. He was managing the TCRM excursion train, an NERR empty rock train from Nashville to Lebanon, an NERR freight train with interchange from CSX at Vine Hill to Lebanon, and at the same time, spotting and pulling customers cars. At times he's also had a special Music City Star train and the TCRM excursion train operating.

Gary lives in Nashville near Centennial Park, so on Excursion days he has to drive to Lebanon to perform his volunteer duties, about a 70 mile round trip.

The Centralized Traffic Control is computerized and is signaled for train operations from Riverfront to Lebanon Music City Star (MSC) platform (MP 31.2), then from Lebanon MSC platform to MP 35 is the yard limits. Then all main line tracks from MP 35 to MP 108 Monterey is Direct Train Control (DTC). This means there are no signals, and it is also known as dark territory. A DTC form is used authorizing train movements within trackage specified in blocks, MP 35 to Milepost 45 Watertown block, MP 45 to MP 60 Carthage Junction block, etc.

Mile Post Listings from Riverfront Station to Monterey

Where's What?

Mile Post	Station/Sighting	Siding
0.4	Nashville	
1.7	TCRM	
1.8	Southern Junction	
3.3	Waterworks/CSX Trestle	
7.9	Donelson Station	575 ft
9.9	Stone River Bridge	2555 ft
10.6	Hermitage Station	
15	Green Hill	
17	Mt Juliet Station	300 ft
23.4	Martha Station	2555 ft
25.2	Cairo Bend	
27.2	Hamilton Springs Station	
32	Lebanon Station	2005 ft
39.3	Shop Springs	
45	Watertown	650 ft
52.6	North Alexander	
58.6	Hickman	
60.9	Carthage Junction	
64.4	Sebowisha	
65.6	Lancaster	
68.9	Caney Fork River	
70	Buffalo Valley	
75	Silver Point	
82.4	Baxter	
85.1	Double Springs	
90.3	Cookeville	
94.5	Algood	1200 ft
99.8	Brotherton	
108.4	Monterey	

Editors Note – Stay tuned! In next month's *Order Board* **Gary** shares some more information on the role and responsibility of a railroad dispatcher!

Artifact of the Month From the Museum Artifact Room



For over a century the Pullman Company defined passenger care and comfort on the national railways. The company manufactured its own equipment embossed or stamped with a logo for the use of those travelling aboard their cars. The China is an example of one of the several patterns used aboard Pullmans dining and sleeping cars.

From the Information card in the Museum room:
China circa 1920–1950

On loan to TCRM courtesy of the Wilson family.

TCRM Member Spotlight By Susan Thomas

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.

Name: **Doug Uhler** Membership # **439**

TCRM OB When did you join the Organization?
DU 2004

TCRM OB What was your primary interest or reason for joining TCRM?
DU Riding trains sounded like fun. I wanted to bring a train experience to people young and old.

TCRM OB Do you have a home layout and what inspired you to build it?
DU No

TCRM OB How has your interest or participation in TCRM changed over the years?
DU Not much has changed. My grandson works on the train now too.

TCRM OB What has been some highlights of your TCRM membership experience over the years?
DU Remembering the overnight trips to Cookeville. Dining and sleeping on the train. The “Day Out With Thomas” events

were a lot of work but it was all worth it watching the children having so much fun. A couple of car-train accidents were also memorable.

TCRM OB What area of volunteering or activity do you participate in?

DU I have always worked the diner. I drove **Frank Holt** (RIP) nuts on most trips. At “Day Out With Thomas” I always worked the food tent.

TCRM OB Do you car host on the excursion train?

DU I only work the diner.

TCRM OB How could TCRM better meet your needs as a member?

DU It is all I need now.

TCRM OB Do you think that you will still be a member in 5 years?

DU If I can still get there and still help out.

Railroad Quiz

**If you find an interesting RR quiz, or would enjoy developing a RR quiz, submit to Susan Thomas at smt789@hotmail.com
Submitted by Bryan Turner, TCRM Member**

1. What was the name given to Norfolk & Western's coal powered steam turbine locomotive?
2. According to John Young, who was president of the C&O and later NYC, what could a hog do that a person couldn't?
3. The Monon owned track in how many states?
4. Tommy Boyce and Bobby Hart wrote the song "Last Train to Clarksville". What town were they referring to when they started writing the song?
5. What train's passage was carried live on WSM radio for over a decade?
6. What was Southern Gauge?
7. What railroad's passenger train was taken by Jack Lemmon in the Out of Towners?
8. Jimmie Rodgers, the Singing Brakeman, was a brakeman for which railroad?
9. What train depot did Johnny Cash purchase and move?

Answers on page 11

TC Company Store News By Susan Thomas

Closed indefinitely due to the storm damage.

Operation Lifesaver Update

By Jill McClintock

Executive Director - TN Operation Lifesaver

With warm weather now upon us, people are out and about. Just a few safety reminders as we explore our wonderful state:

- Walking on or beside railroad tracks is illegal and dangerous.
- The only safe place to cross tracks is at designated public crossings with a crossbuck, flashing red lights or a gate.
- Crossing tracks on a bike, with a stroller, in a wheelchair, or on other narrow wheels requires caution and extra attention.
- Stay off railroad bridges and trestles.
- Do not attempt to hop aboard railroad equipment at any time.
- No tracks should be considered abandoned or inactive.
- Taking photos or filming on the tracks is illegal and dangerous.
- The average train overhangs the tracks by at least 3 feet.
- Distractions around trains, such as wearing headphones, can cause serious death or injury.

Trespass Fast Facts:

People aged 16-40 are most likely to be involved in these preventable rail trespassing incidents.

Each year, track trespassing results in more than 1,000 trespass incidents, including more than 500 deaths and approximately 500 injuries.

Since 1997, more people have been killed in trespassing incidents than in vehicle-train collisions.

Stay Off! Stay Away! Stay Alive!



Nashville Steam Preservation Society – NSPS - 576 Update

By Joey Bryan

On May 5th and 6th, Nashville Steam took part in the annual Big Payback fundraiser. This event is a 24-hour marathon fundraiser hosted by the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee that highlights the efforts of more than a thousand local non-profit organizations. We had our most successful year yet raising more than \$15,000 in just 24 hours! And because of a generous matching grant the total amount raised was nearly \$30,000! The funds will go towards covering the cost of lifting the locomotive to remove the wheels for inspections and repairs. And during the event, we revealed the recently restored capped or "bell" stack.



Photo submitted by **Joey Bryan**

This type of smokestack was a defining feature for steam locomotives on the Nashville, Chattanooga, & St. Louis Railway. No. 576's stack cracked as early as the 1970s and by the time we relocated the locomotive in 2019 it was in two separate pieces. But now the original cast iron piece is back together and good as new! Thank you to everyone who donated towards the Big Payback!

Nashville Steam will be hosting a mini open house on Saturday, May 29th from 10am to 3pm. Come out and walk through the shop and see what we've been up to on No. 576!

Classified Ads Items Wanted - Items for Sale

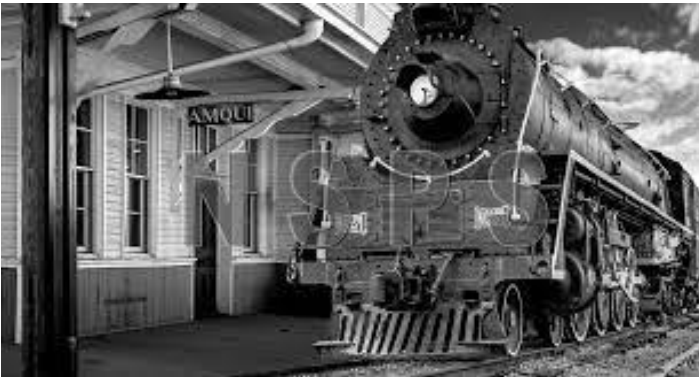
None submitted this month

Correct Answers to the R.R Quiz on page 9

1. Jawn Henry
2. Cross the country without changing trains
3. One (Indiana)
4. Trick Question - Clarkdale, AZ They later decided that -ville sounded better than -dale, and changed the name. (A persistent myth is that the song refers to Clarksville, TN, but Bobby Hart said they had never heard of Clarksville, TN until after they wrote the song.)
5. L&N's Pan American
6. Track gauge of 5' 0", commonly used by railroads in the South, something many railroads didn't change until the 1880s.
7. Penn Central (former New Haven)
8. New Orleans and Northeastern (owned by Southern)
9. Amqui Station on the L&N.



Amqui Station building at the House of Cash, from the Amqui station.org



From NSPS. Amqui Station and 576

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If you enjoyed reading this expanded newsletter, let the Order Board 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 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.

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