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Nashville Chapter NRHS

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New Members - Welcome

We encourage new members (or not so new members) to contact **Randal Brooks** at randalbrooks@yahoo.com or on his cell 615-477-2039. He'll be glad to welcome you to TCRM.

Dina Glardon – Nashville – Individual Membership

Jake Glasmeier – Mount Juliet – Family membership

Rob Waggoner – White Bluff - Family membership

Alex Robinson – Nashville - Family membership

Gene Austin – Franklin - Family membership

DONATIONS

Items to the Hobby Shop from several donors for resale.

Local Nashville Landmark Scenery Structures from the Old Children's Museum Layout from the Customs House storage in Clarksville. Coordinated by **Randal Brooks** with assistance from **Carter Newton** and **Dave Anderson**. Value – Priceless! On page 7 in this edition, we have pictures of some structures.

TCRM Fall 2022 Museum Model Train Show & Open House

Admission – FREE!

When: 9 am to 3 pm Saturday, November 5, 2022

Location: TC Ry Museum at 220 Willow St Nashville TN

What there is to do:

- Tour Restored Passenger Train Cars
- Dealer Tables
- Operating N & HO Digitrax DCC Model Railroads
- Tour a Restored Caboose
- Company Store
- Tour the NC&StL Ry #576 Steam Loco Restoration
- Tour a Diesel Locomotive Cab
- Food Service on 8510 Dining Car

A great family event for everyone!

For more information, E-mail randalbrooks@yahoo.com

Dealer tables: E-mail cando3300@bellsouth.net or call 615-519-0129 for information about future shows and dealer table availability.

Our Fair volunteers passed out our flyer and described all the interesting activities at the WilCo/State Fair, and of course, the "Free Admission" drew a lot of interest.

Member Opportunity to VOLUNTEER At the TCRM Open House Sat. Nov. 5

Mark your calendars, and plan to participate with a table or volunteer. We will need car hosts for tours of the cars, to cook and serve in the diner, to host in the Caboose, to greet our visitors, docent the artifact room. And of course, to set up and take down the dealer tables the day before. Contact Randal at randalbrooks@yahoo.com or cell 615-477-2039



TCRM VOLUNTEERS TURN OUT

Submitted by Susan Thomas, Order Board Editor



A steady crowd of fair patrons streamed through the Fiddlers Grove Train Museum Saturday morning. You should have heard the squeals of delight from the youngsters when they saw the elevated G scale trains running around the

suspended track in the museum. Kids of all ages waited for the moment the locomotive appeared from the tunnel. That created the perfect segue for our TCRM volunteers to ask "how would your kid like to ride on a real train? Do you know there are excursions train rides running right here, out of Nashville, on 1950s vintage rail cars?" Most folks did not know and were excited when we described our themed excursions rides. Thanks again to our hosts, Fiddlers Grove Train Museum, for inviting us to join them for the Fair. And thanks to our volunteers who have signed up to work one or more shifts at the Fair. Thanks to **Alex Clark, Gary Sagaser, Randal Brooks, Carol Grandstaff, Allen Hicks, Larry Norton, Susan Thomas, Bill daGator, Mike Volle, Gary Willoughby, Ross Musgrave, Dave Anderson.**



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**Support Reopening the Museum
on Fridays and Saturdays
You can help make it successful!
We need our dedicated volunteers to
commit to a schedule of 3 hours, once a
month – now that is doable for anyone!
Training provided.**

Let's further promote and reopen the museum on Fridays and Saturdays. In order to do this, we need dedicated volunteers that will commit to a schedule of once a month, welcome visitors and give tours. We want to give everyone the opportunity to participate and volunteer. The HO railroad is being refurbished as well as the N scale. The museum artifacts room has been re organized.

Ideally, if we had 2 volunteers for each day, one to work 9.30 – 12.30 pm and one to work 11.30 – 2.30 pm, that's 3 hours per volunteer, then it is not a burden on any one person. If you would like to help between 9:30 am and 2:30 pm on a Friday or Saturday, once or twice month, please respond or call or text board member **Randal Brooks** at 615- 477-2039 or email randalbrooks@yahoo.com

Upcoming 2022 TCRM Excursions*

Ted Brown has already taken over responsibility for the crew calls from **Bob**. To mark up for future trips E-mail **Ted** at ted4714@aol.com or call his cell # 570-956-8810.

- Sep 3 Watertown - Brews and Blues Excursion
- Sep 24 Watertown - Train Robbery
- Oct 8 Watertown - Fall Yard Sale/Christmas Market
- Oct 9 Charter with EverClear Enterprises**
- Oct 15 Watertown - Wine Tasting Excursion
- Oct 22 Oktoberfest 4½ hour 90 mile round trip
- Oct 29 RT Fall Foliage Excursion. 100+ mile 5½ hours

*Dates and destinations subject to change

** newly added to the calendar

TCRM Vintage Car Maintenance Team

Ken Fagan is down at TCRM one or two mornings a week. He would welcome assistance from other TCRM members. If you would like the opportunity to learn maintenance skills on vintage rail cars contact Ken at 2kenfagan@gmail.com

Repaired Excursion Train Maintenance Issues

from 7-16-2022 to 8-15-2022;

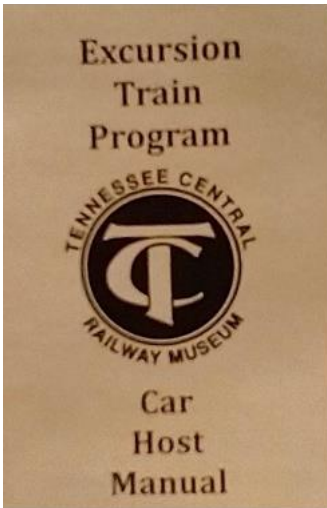
**Submitted by Steve Tomblin,
Recording Secretary TCRM BoD Member # 377**

- 3119 – “A” end door hard to operate. Repaired.
- 4717 – Seat 45 leg rest will not engage. Repaired.
- \$717 – Seat 46 leg rest will not engage. Repaired.
- 4733 – Tray table on back of seat 43 broken. Repaired.
- 4739 – Seat 6 leg rest broken. Repaired.
- 4739 – Seat 18 cover torn. Replaced.
- 4739 – PA inoperative. No problem found.
- 7602 – Overhead light at seats 9/10 out. Repaired.
- 7602 – Overhead light at seats 25/26 out. Repaired.
- 7602 – Overhead light at seats 55/56 out. Repaired.
- 7602 – North side trap will not stay latched open. Repaired.
- 7602 – Seat light at seats 39/40 – 45/46 out. Repaired.
- 7602 – “B” end door not closing properly. Repaired.
- 7628 – Light above seats 53/54 out. Repaired.
- 8510 – “A” end carpet tack strip loose. Repaired.
- 8510 – Overhead light at table 4 out. Repaired.

**Excursion Train Car
Host Procedures
Training Corner
By Ted Brown**

Hello Trainmen.
Our coaches spend long periods of time closed up. This can cause them to be stuffy and even musty especially in the high heat we've been experiencing. While opening the end doors while the train is being switched helps, there is a simple task all car hosts are encouraged to do before boarding that has a

positive impact. Spray some Febreze air freshener into the air intake vents. There are usually three in each coach. One each in the water closets and one in the main aisle over the door. This allows the fragrance to be pushed through the vents out into all parts of the coach and improve the atmosphere. Don't be shy. You don't need to spray until a stream of excess drips off of your wrist, but holding the nozzle down for several seconds, let's say about five, makes a big difference. Most coaches have a can or two of Febreze with the cleaning supplies. So, make sure there is a can for each rest room and one for the vents. Additional cans are available with the paper supplies in 3119.



8510 – Kitchen refrigerator thermostat intermittent. Replaced.

8510 – Defective wheel slip sensor indicated. Problem disappeared during troubleshooting.

9400 – Seats 56, 57, 59, 60, 61, 62, 64, 66, 69, and 70 armrest caps loose. Repaired.

9400 – Radiator cover at “B” end stepdown loose. Repaired.

9400 – Vent cap on floor of dome loose. Repaired.

9400 – Women’s room light out. Repaired.

9400 – Seats 11/12 will not turn. Repaired.

9400 – Passageway floor light out. Repaired.

9400 – Stairway floor light out. Repaired.

9400 – Wall covering loose near water fountain. Repaired.

backer plate while the disc is being repaired and what a new disc brake looks like.



This picture shows the worn disc removed from the main backer assembly. The six visible pins align the new disc brake replacement. There are holes in the alignment pins. Wire is driven through two opposing pins to hold the replacement pads in place.

Disc Brake Repairs

Submitted by **Tim Bebout**, B of D Member # 1042



This is an example of one of the used disc brake shoes that most of our equipment takes. I thought members would be interested in seeing the used disc brake along with a picture of the main



This is an example of the new disc brake pads affixed to the backer plate. Here you can see the wiring that was driven into the pins. The heavy wire will be bent in place to prevent movement.

Participating in this project was **Bob Donovan** and **Aleks Dmitriev** under the supervision of **Tim Bebout**.

HO Modelers Update

Randal Brooks Board of Director #10

After weeks of adjusting, repairing, and improving, a train was finally run around the complete layout.



Our first operation in front of guests was on July 16th for the Watertown Murder Mystery Jazz Festival Excursion. **Gary Sagaser** ran the layout as people were waiting to board the train.



Volunteers that have donated time and materials for this are **Randal Brooks, Gary Sagaser, George Gilbert, Bob Hultman, Dave Anderson, Horton Monroe, Gary Willoughby, and Gary Miller.** My apologies for anyone I left out.



There is one module that does not have any scenery on it. This module is open for anyone that wants to build structures, or add scenery.





We encourage members to operate the layout but please be considerate of others. Please do not leave any personal engines on the layout, especially on the inside and outside main line. In the past some personal equipment has been damaged. Please be cautious when you are reaching over the layout so as to not damage scenery or

scenery buildings. It would be best if each person would bring their own throttle. Digitrax throttles can be purchased in the hobby shop.

Please Do not leave food and drinks on the layout as this attracts ants. There is one tool box that belongs with the RR.

Please Do not leave big personal rolling tool boxes under the layout. These will be in the way when someone needs to trouble shoot the layout and the Museum cannot take any responsibility for any tools, controllers etc, left at the layout.

Nashville NTrak News

No update this month

TCRM Hobby Shop

By Hank Sweetman, TCRM Member # 247

New at the Hobby Shop this month are some Intermountain HO 40' PS-1 single door boxcars. We have a number of them lettered for the L&N, and some from other roads.



Also just received are some N scale L&N 8-panel 2-bay hoppers from Buford shops.

Through the efforts of Allen Hicks, we have gotten some L&N rolling stock kits from Accurail:

#5917 - 50' steel boxcar - later L&N large lettering

#3458 - 40' steel boxcar - Old Reliable lettering

#5233 - 50' steel boxcar - Old Reliable lettering

#5720 - 50' steel boxcar - Blue car

#1411 - 36' wood boxcar



#7210 - 40' wood boxcar

Stop in and check out these new items as well as our stock of all your modelling needs.



We have been fortunate to have received a number of donations recently. Currently our shelves are full of locomotives, passenger cars, freight cars and assembled structures. Our thanks go out to everyone who donated items to the Hobby Shop, and we welcome members of the museum to come in and check out our new offerings.

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.

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.

TCRM Volunteer Recognition



Excerpts from Passenger Comment Sheets from Excursions

By Susan Thomas, Order Board Editor

August 6, 2022 Wine Tasting to Watertown

Car 3113 - **Robert Bartley** – We had a great time – the staff was amazing. We loved Robert because he took great care of us.

Car 3119 – **Larry Norton** – All the volunteers were very welcoming and helpful. Every TCRM volunteer was knowledgeable and helpful. Shout out to Larry – he is a very kind man.

Car 4711 – No surveys available

Car 4717 – **Cecil Elliot** – Cecil and Adam were very entertaining, it was a great birthday gift for my husband.

Car 4719 – **Scott Frick** – Our host was wonderful and very friendly! Enjoyed, and will be back this fall, and with the lads for Polar Express.

Car 4733 – **Alex Clark** – The hosts were excellent, they were so pleasant, funny and helpful.

Car 4739 – **Margaret Ann Trail - Margaret** was awesome! Give Margaret a gold star!



Car 7602 – **Ted Brown** and **Bruce Hogan** – Enjoyed it so much and will tell people about this excursion – everyone was very nice and friendly

Car 7628 – **Joyce Chapman** – Joyce was awesome – Please let Joyce taste some of the wine – she was awesome!

Car 9400 – **Don Marlin** – The wine sampling was nice and the car host was wonderful. It was a lovely day – would recommend to friends. Mr. Marlin and the Del Monaco wine rep were excellent hosts. All volunteers were very welcoming and helpful.

Where History Can Take Us Submitted by Robert Bartley Member # 1333

One of the many appeals the museum holds for me personally is the ever presence of history and the unending opportunities for the curious to be curious.



As a frequent host on 3113, I've been looking into its storied past in order to respond intelligently and factually when asked by our passengers.

Starting with the museum's site, I further explored and, yes, I found its class of cars in the consist of ESPEE's Sunset Limited of the fifties and, interestingly enough, discovered that it passed mere miles from my home in Connecticut during its run on AMTRAK's Montrealer.



But this is all prelude to the fun I had looking at old pics of SP's Daylight once all its passengers had de-boarded and the army of cleaners, polishers, washers, and repair folks took over.

Fellow car hosts and repair crew, we follow in the footsteps of a long and tireless group whose job it was to prepare the luxury trains to be luxurious again eliminating the signs of wear and tear from the runs just completed.



I downloaded several pics from the article I'd found and share them here with you. As a founding member of the Car Wash Guys, I was proud to see that our techniques almost exactly replicate the actual techniques with a brush and hose utilized by those who came before. If only we had their numbers... and their ladders. Make special note of the fellow with the push broom sweeping the papers along the floor of a coach, not unlike our handouts at the end of a trip (sorry Randall). The more things change, the more they stay the same. Enjoy!



Photos submitted by Robert Bartley

The mystery hotel from the Children's Museum. Do you recognize it?



Photos by Susan Thomas

Nashville Local History Portrayed in the Former Children's Museum O Scale Layout Submitted by Susan Thomas, Order Board Editor

As noted under our Donations section on page 1, some of the scenery structures have been donated to the Museum. The Union Station from that layout was donated several years ago and has been awaiting a talented individual to renovate that structure.

Two of the donated structures are pictured below. One is the Roundhouse, and the other is a Hotel, but which one? What is so interesting about these structures is that the named businesses sponsored the structure, so their name could be on the layout. But most buildings have lost their corporate branding. Come down to the museum. Take a look at the structures and help us identify the buildings. And help us determine the best way to make an informative attractive display.



The round house

Memories of Working on the Railroads in Russia – Story and Pictures By Aleks Dmitriev, TCRM Member # 1403

Russian railway co-workers team up to save a life.

It was warm February day, the temperature was -8 to -10 degrees Celsius (17 - 14 F). I wrote warm, because in our region of Russia we have -30 to -35 C (-22 to -31 F) sometimes with wind. Therefore, if you are wearing winter clothes at -10 degrees Celsius, you actually feel quite warm.

So it was nice weather. There was a lot of fresh snow on the ground everywhere. I and my station operator arrived at our station by commuter train. My station operator was starting his shift at the console, and I took a shovel and cleaned the path from the platform to the station building. A couple of days previously we had cleaned the tracks of the station with a snow collecting machine and the tracks were in a normal condition. But I had already started to think about planning the work of the machine again.

It was supposed to be a calm winter day. No major maintenance work was planned at our station for that day. And the operator worked at the console rather in order to gain experience, and

there was no need to take control of the station from the train dispatcher. I was sitting in my office and working with papers and computer programs. The stationmaster always has a lot of paperwork!

But suddenly the operator called me on the internal phone and asked me to come right away. When I came to the station operator room, he told me that the train #4303 had emergency stopped to avoid hitting a man. Fortunately, it was only a freight locomotive without any cars, and the engineer was able to stop the engine quickly.



Same type of locomotive in the same area, but in summer time instead of winter

The locomotive engineer reported that they didn't hit the man, but they requested the ambulance and the railway police, and he said something about frostbitten feet. My station operator was confused. I told him to accept the locomotive to the middle track with a stop at our station. I would then climb into the locomotive and personally figure out what happened. The train was near the station.

I was standing on the platform when the locomotive stopped in front of the station building. I climbed into the locomotive and entered the cab. The engineer was sitting in the cab on the right, the assistant to the engineer was on the left, and between them was a middle-aged man of medium height who trembling violently. His feet were wrapped in rags. The man quickly began to tell me that he was at the dacha (summer house outside the city) and drank vodka with other men, and the men suddenly wanted to kill him, and he ran out of the house and ran down the road.



The railway crossing where the man stopped the train, he ran from the houses behind (screen shot from Google street view)

He ran barefoot in the snow because he did not have time to put on shoes. The men ran after him. He ran to the railway and stood in front of the train. The locomotive crew was able to stop the locomotive and took him on board. Now it became clear why the police were needed, and it is clear why an ambulance was needed - the legs were most likely frostbitten.

I understood that in the village where my station is located, the roads had not yet been cleaned after the snowfall - I did not see a working tractor. This means that the ambulance would not arrive quickly, and neither would the police. And even if they did arrive quickly, the poor man would have to walk barefoot through the snow again to the station building, and then from there to the ambulance... Then I made a decision and told the locomotive crew that we would immediately send them to the next station, Agryz (a large sorting yard), and I would call this station so that the locomotive would be sent to a location where an ambulance and the police could access more easily. While they would be travelling down the track at this time, the police and medics would have time to arrive at the next station.

I got off the locomotive and quickly headed to the station building, and on the move I called the operator of the Agryz station by the railway cell phone and quickly explained the situation to him. A young and very intelligent guy was working that shift, he immediately understood me and said that they would do everything right. As soon as I went to my operator, I immediately told him to send the locomotive to Agryz. Of course, we explained everything to the train dispatcher. My operator prepared the route, two yellow lights came on at the output signal, the upper one was flashing, the locomotive gave a long horn and went off. I went out to see him off. I was sure that in about 15 minutes, somewhere at the next station, this locomotive would stop and an ambulance and police would be there waiting for it. That's how the locomotive crew saved the life and health of a man.

Photos submitted by Aleks Dmitriev

Operation Lifesaver

By **Jill McClintock**
Executive Director, TN
Operation Lifesaver



Don't take shortcuts with your life!

With the start of school please remind children and teens that walk near railroad tracks to get to/from school, shortcuts are never worth the risk. Always follow directional signs and markings that let you know where it is safe to cross the tracks. Avoid distractions, stay alert and focused at places where the roadway crosses the railroad tracks.

Always expect a train! They are quieter than ever. Trains can come from both directions and abandoned tracks are still railroad property.

If you aren't expecting a train you can expect tragedy! Stay Off! Stay Away! Stay Alive this school year!!



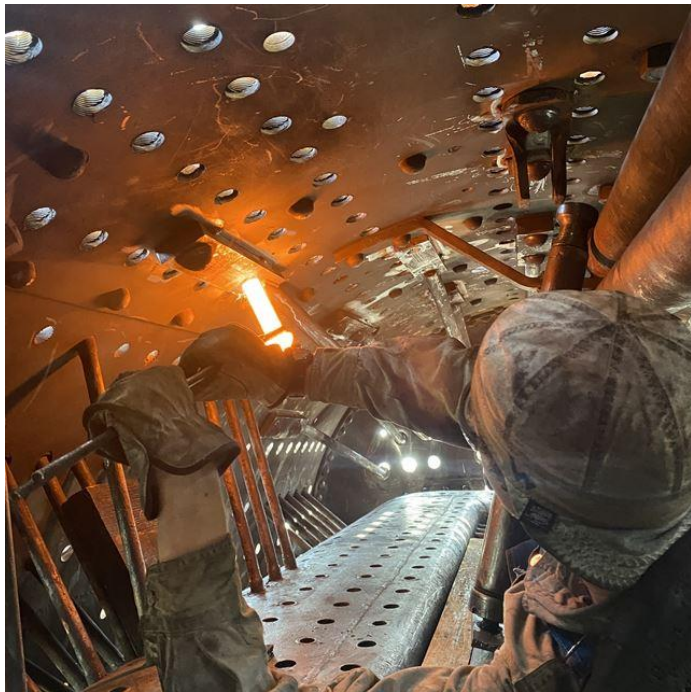
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Nashville Steam Preservation Society, Inc.
By Joey Bryan
Board Secretary
Communications Manager



576 Turns 80!

It's been a while since our last update, but that doesn't mean the work has stopped! Our regular crew of volunteers led by Stephen Hook is making daily progress on No. 576. Over the summer we have reassembled the lead engine trucks and trailing trucks with new or serviced wheelsets. The final patch is being welded into the backhead of the firebox and new brackets are being installed



in the boiler. There's still a list of things to accomplish on the frame and with the boiler before the driver wheels can be reinstalled. Speaking of the drivers, our contractor FMW Solutions is finishing up their work on the drivers and bearing

boxes and we expect them to be back in the shop in the early Fall.

This month marks 80 years since No. 576 was built and arrived in Nashville for service on the NC&StL Railway. No. 576 and the first order of J-3 steam locomotives rolled out of the American Locomotive Company's Schenectady Shops in August of 1942. There was little fanfare for the new equipment as 576 and her sisters were immediately put into service to aid in the mobilization effort for World War II.



We are celebrating 576's 80th birthday in style with several things planned to mark this milestone. Country Music Hall of Famer Marty Stuart and Harry Stinson stopped by the shop to film a special video for 576. <https://youtu.be/n3DuneanuRW> Watch for that and other updates on the Nashville Steam Facebook and YouTube pages.

Photos submitted by Joey Bryan

Monthly Thursday Meetings On Hold

First it was the pandemic, and then the damage from the storm in March 2021. Monthly member meetings will resume in 2023.

TCRM Limited Reopening

Randal Brooks continues to be at TCRM most Saturdays from 9 to 3 pm Central Time. The Hobby Shop is open most Saturdays from 10 – 2pm, The Library is open most Saturdays from 10 – 1pm

2022 TCRM Excursion Calendar*

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- Oct 22 Oktoberfest 4½ hour 90 mile round trip
- Oct 29 RT Fall Foliage Excursion. 100+ mile 5½ hrs
- Nov 19 North Pole Express AM & PM 2½ hrs
- Nov 26 Lebanon - North Pole Express
- Dec 3 North Pole Express 2½ hour rides RT AM & PM
- Dec 10 North Pole Express 2½ hour rides RT AM & PM
- Dec 17 North Pole Express 2½ hour rides RT AM & PM

*Trip dates, destinations, events and equipment subject to change.

** Newly added

Mark your calendars For TCRM Activities



**TCRM Fall 2022 Museum Model Train
Show & Open House**
9 am to 3 pm Saturday, November 5, 2022
Free Admission

Museum Christmas Party has been
scheduled for **Thursday December 15,
2022 at 6:30pm**



TCRM Meeting Room Available for Rental

We now have our newly renovated meeting room available to rent to the public for functions. Our first rental is set for a graduation party in August. **Brenton Jones** will be managing these events so if you know of someone looking for a nice room to rent for a gathering, he can be contacted for more information and to arrange the details bjones@tcry.org

Prices vary on the event and length of the rental.

2022 Membership Renewal –

**By Bob Hultman TCRM Member # 15
Now on Website or In Person in Hobby Shop**

If you have not already renewed, please do so either online, or if you prefer to renew in person, you can go to the Hobby Shop 10 am – 2 pm on Saturdays. Note that when you renew online through Etix, there is a fee of about \$3.50. If you prefer, you can go to the hobby shop, renew there, and there will be no additional fee.

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.

Volunteers Needed to help Bring Stories and Photos to the TCRM Order Board Newsletter

Find out more about the opportunities by emailing Susan Thomas at smt789@hotmail.com

Want to build a portfolio of your work on social media?

Like to have your photos published?

Are you a story teller?

A writer?

A poet?

A videographer?

We need your skills and passion to build the Order Board into an important communication tool for all members of the museum.

TCRM and Model Railroad Club Board of Directors

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EDITORS NOTE

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 articles and pictures. If you have interesting stories and photos of your model layout at home, want to recognize a volunteer for service, railway excursions, RR museum visits, Broadway Dinner Train memories, Railroad memories, TC History, a quiz, positive or humorous interactions and photos with our passengers, share them with all our members!

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