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Transition in the TCRM Board of Directors

Dominic Breeze has stepped down from his position of TCRM treasurer, and will remain on the board as a back up treasurer. Congratulations to **Mark Henry**, who has been elected to the TCRM Board and will fill the role of treasurer. He has a strong background in accounting which serves as his qualification for this position. Mark is an active member of the N Scale NTrak group and volunteers regularly in the TCRM Hobby Shop.

Update from TCRM President Terry Bebout

The rebuilding of our museum building damaged a year ago by the windstorm is nearing completion. Currently the floor is being refinished and will have a totally different look to it. The roof replacement on the two story portion of the building should finish the project.

The first use of the building will be on Saturday May 7, 2022 and will be our German Maifest Event. Partnering with the Bavarian Bierhaus, there will be German Food, German Bier, live music, and two train rides during the event.

The March 12 Excursion was a success despite the extreme cold weather, snow and ice. The majority of passengers did show up for the trip. The snow provided a very unusual and beautiful trip to Watertown and most walkways were clear for safe walking. The murder mystery play went well along with Buddy Jewell performing from car to car. Thanks to all the brave car hosts that made this trip a success.

New Members - Welcome

Wilson, Derrick and Brittany from Clarksville, Family membership. Membership # 383

A special welcome to our rerailed members.

I encourage new members (or not so new members) to contact **Randal Brooks** at randalbrooks@yahoo.com or on his cell 615-477-2039 to find out more about member activities and volunteer opportunities. He'll be glad to welcome you to TCRM.

TCRM BUILDING UPDATE



Over the last month **Randal Brooks**, **Bob Hultman** and crew have moved the HO modules and various seat cushions and other items from the two containers back into the shed. The two containers that were in the Penske truck lot are now gone. As of 3/19/22 we are still in the process of organizing the shed. There are some people that are interested in taking some of the **HO scale** modules that have been donated over the years. If anyone else wants any of the modules please contact **Randal Brooks** at randalbrooks@yahoo.com or cell 615-477-2039. Bob and I also have moved modules from the box car from the 50' plug-door box car back into the shed. Items that still need to be moved into the shed are the chest freezer that was originally in the meeting room behind the blue curtain and one module rack that is currently in the museum archive room. The module rack in the museum room has modules that will go back into the HO layout once we fully open up the building. That will be after May 7th.
Photo courtesy of Jason Sharpe

VOLUNTEERS Needed to set out the Eggs in Watertown on April 16 Submitted by Randal Brooks BoD Member # 10



The Easter Bunny Excursion on April 16 will take place in Watertown in the field close to the platform where our passengers disembark the train. This year we (TCRM) are in charge of the Easter Egg Hunt.

On the morning of April 16, Randal will drive to Watertown after the train leaves Nashville and distribute the 2000 eggs in the field that will be sectioned off. Randal needs at least six other people to help with the egg distribution and to help oversee the Easter Egg hunt. The Easter Egg hunt is only for our passengers, not the Watertown folks. Two or three volunteers will ride up to Watertown with Randal in his car, and other volunteers can either follow him or meet him at the Watertown platform. Please wear your TC name badge, black and white car host uniform or a TC shirt -- anything that identifies you as TC official, so passengers will know that you are with TCRM.

Meet Randal at TCRM at 8.45 for a prompt 9am departure by car with Randal to arrive in Watertown by 9.45 to put out the eggs before the train arrives. The train is expected to arrive between 11.00 and 11.30am. Once the egg hunt is over then there will be a limited amount of pickup of supplies. Volunteers can plan to leave Watertown by 12.15, with a return to TCRM by 1pm. Contact **Randal Brooks** to volunteer and coordinate 615-477-2039 or randalbrooks@yahoo.com

Upcoming 2022 TCRM Excursions*

Next Excursion Trains –

By Bob Hultman, Member # 15

TCRM's next trip is for 21 years old and up passengers on March 26, the DelMonaco Wine Tasting Excursion Train to Watertown. Safety meeting 8 am Central Time on diner 3119, boarding at 9 am, departure at 10 am. Return to Nashville ~ 6 pm or so.

Two weeks later on April 9 is our Spring Mile-Long Yard Sale Excursion Train to Watertown. Safety meeting 7 am Central Time on diner 3119, boarding at 8 am, departure at 9 am. Return to Nashville ~ 5 pm or so.

On April 16 our already SOLD-OUT Easter Bunny Excursion Train heads back to Watertown. Safety meeting 7 am Central Time on diner 3119, boarding at 8 am, departure at 9 am. Return to Nashville ~ 4:30 pm or so.

On May 7th the German Maifest event will be held in the meeting room along with the two excursions on that day. There is no charge to go to the event but there is a charge to ride on the excursions.

If you want to work any of TCRM's trips, E-mail **Bob Hultman** hultman@bellsouth.net or call cell 615-513-7187 or **Randal Brooks** randalbrooks@yahoo.com or call cell 615-477-2039 to mark up.

Apr 9 Spring Mile-Long Yard Sale Exc. to Watertown 6½ hrs
Apr 16 Easter Bunny Excursion Train to Watertown 6½ hours
May 7 German Mayfest Excursion 2 hours, 10 am departure
May 7 German Mayfest Excursion 2 hours, 2 pm departure
May 14 Watertown - Wine Tasting Excursion
May 21 Watertown - Train Robbery Excursion
*Complete listing of 2022 Excursions is on page 8

TCRM Vintage Car Maintenance Team

Submitted by Ken Fagan Member # 1331

Ken Fagan is down at TCRM most Wednesday mornings. 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

Ken Fagan goes down another rabbit hole!

I'm on a mission to repaint the inner and outer doors to the restrooms and lounges in the excursion cars which are in very poor condition with chipped paint and rust developing. On my first attempt I even removed the bottom vent and rinsed off 70 years of built up dirt. Since many of the "sex" bolts that screw into each other are missing or damaged that hold the vent frames, I used stainless steel # 8 machine screws and a lock nut. It worked out well but is very time consuming and not visible to most passengers and there are lots of doors to be painted so let's not let the perfect get in the way of the good.

My original plan was to remove an interior restroom door from one of the cars, refinish it and exchange it with a passageway door which is in far worse shape and more visible to the

passengers as they walk through the cars. I soon realized the passageway door had a push plate and didn't have the necessary holes for the latch assembly so the doors were not interchangeable. Rabbit hole number one!



So, Plan B was to refinish an interior lavatory door and exchange it with another lavatory door in the same position. To that end I removed and refinished the interior door on 4728 which isn't used as a lavatory anymore. Lo and behold when I went to install that door on 4717 the hole pattern on the hinge to the frame was slightly different -off by < 1/2". Rabbit hole #2!



Photos submitted by Ken Fagan

Since I didn't want to start drilling and tapping new holes, the plan (C?) was to remove a door, refinish it, and replace it on the same frame. To avoid interfering with trips, I am only doing this when there is a two or more week layover so there is time for two coats of paint to dry and cure. My learning from this is that removing the doors for sanding etc. is more time consuming than it is worth, and the doors can be successfully painted hanging vertically. So there you have it - the rabbit warren is dark but there is light at the end of the tunnel.

Now that there is a viable system, I invite any interested volunteers to contact me @ 2kenfagan@gmail.com and join the fun!

**Repaired Excursion Train Maintenance Issues
from February 17 to March 16, 2022
Submitted by Steve Tomblin,
Recording Secretary TCRM BoD Member # 377**

Repaired excursion train maintenance issues from 2-17-2022 to 3-16-2022;

3119 - Vestibule curtain between 4733 and 3119. Repaired.

4717 - Seat 39 leg rest loose. Repaired.

4717 - Air Conditioner low on Freon. Repaired.

4717 – Seat 17 does not recline. Repaired.

4719 - Women's toilet seat broken. Repaired.

4719 - Seats 13/14 light intermittent. Repaired.

4739 - Air conditioner very low on Freon. Repaired.

4739 - "A" end hall light dim. Repaired.

4739 - "B" end vibration noise from heater grill. Repaired.

7602 - Electric locker light switch intermittent. Repaired.

7628 - Vestibule curtain between 9400 and 7628. Repaired.

9400 - Dome air conditioner low on Freon. Repaired.

Car Hosts – Please take the time to fill out the car status reports at the end of each excursion and list necessary repairs and issues.

If you would like to help volunteer on the maintenance team, to help close our open work orders, and more that are opened every week from car host after trip status reports, please reach out to **Ken Fagan** 2kenfagan@gmail.com

TCRM Member Spotlight

By Susan Thomas, TCRM Order Board Editor

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

We had no one for our spotlight this month, if you would like to participate, please contact Susan Thomas by text at 703-786-0690

**NASHVILLE NTrak
Submitted by Jason Sharpe**

Nashville NTrak has met twice in the month of march to work on all of our corners and Yard.



Pictures submitted by Jason Sharpe

**Cumberland Valley Model Railroaders
TCRM / Cumberland Division
HO RR Update**

Submitted by Bob Hultman

I have brought 4 different HO modules home to install securing hardware so that 120 VAC & lo-voltage electrical cords-connectors are not being dragged, damaged or destroyed while modules are moved or transported. I'll return these to the shed as I get the work on them completed. Additional work Randal and I did was to move stored items and sweep and vacuum dirt and debris as well as mud dauber nests out of the shed. Part of this effort is to increase the usable floor area in the shed. Various items for which TCRM has no use will probably be making one way trips to dumpsterland. Are there any modelers looking for scenery base material? There are several 5-gal buckets of dental plaster at TCRM on the east end of the dock. Plaster is free for the taking. At some close-in point (prior to March 26 trip,) the plaster will be off the dock. So get it in the next few days.

TCRM Hobby Shop

By Hank Sweetman, TCRM Member # 247

N scale modelers will want to come into the Hobby Shop and check out our new N scale rolling stock. We have some tank cars, boxcars and covered hoppers.



The **Gordon Smith** donation includes some very nice HO locomotives that are in excellent condition. It is believed that these are all DC locomotives and many of them are weathered. Also from our recent donations is a Rivarossi set of Milwaukee passenger cars in HO scale. We also have some IHC passenger cars from various railroads.



We have been fortunate to have received a number of donations last year. 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. It appears that the supply of imported items is improving, since we are getting some items that were backordered in.

Photos submitted by Hank Sweetman



TCRM Volunteer Recognition Excerpts from Passenger Comment Sheets March 5 Mardi Gras Trip Compiled By Susan Thomas, Newsletter Editor

Cecil Elliot – 4733 – Cecil was a lot of fun with great recommendations for places to visit while in Nashville

Robert Bartley – 3133 – Robert was awesome! Very helpful and entertaining!

Bryan Turner – 4739 – Bryan was very friendly and accommodating

Hugh Lowe – 4719 – Hugh was a very good host, and his stories along the trip made it enjoyable

Aleks Dmitriev - 4711- Aleks was very congenial and helpful Xopo wo cdanaho!

Joyce Chapman - 7628 – Joyce was very nice !

Ted Brown – 7602 – Ted was great – had a great time – look forward to taking others!

Joey Bryan – 4733 – Crew was very friendly and fun

And for a little humorWhen asked what he most enjoyed about the excursion trip, the answer was “Drinking, hot dogs and scenery (Junk Car Exhibit)



Bryan Turner, Stephen Hook, and Rick White with passengers,

Photo submitted by Bryan Turner, courtesy of our happy passengers

Excerpts from Passenger Comment Sheets March 12 Murder Mystery Trip Compiled By Susan Thomas, Newsletter Editor

Ken Oosting and Adam Shaw – 4719 – Ken and Adam were great ! Friendly and knowledgeable.

Robert Bartley – 3133 – Rob’s music was great!

Ted Brown – 7602 – Ted Brown was great! He took the time to speak with the entire family, even told us about other cars to visit, enjoyed the entire experience.

Alex Clarke – 4733 – The car host interactions were very funny, and the food options were good!

Aleks Dmitriev – 4733 – Liked the train ride and friendly hosts, also enjoyed the music and mystery shows, Alek’s uniform from Russia was awesome too!

Don Marlin – 9400 – Enjoyed the train ride and the friendly staff, and had fun! He was very helpful.

Randal Brooks – 4717 – Very nice host! The ease of boarding and the very relaxed atmosphere, all staff were helpful informative and friendly.

A Blast from The Past Submitted By Bob Hultman, Member # 15

Author’s note- The PDF file of the February Order Board of my story was incomplete. So, the following completes my story.

From time to time TCRM members, visitors, ne’er-do-wells and total strangers may have heard me referred to as “Bub”..... I can’t remember which TV character went by that name..... Ah, but Google is somebody’s friend, Bub was William Frawley’s character name during the first several seasons of the sitcom My Three Sons in the early 60s. Anyhoo, back many years ago, I was very active with the HO modular RR group Cumberland Valley Model Railroaders. We would set up our modules at various public venues around Middle TN & run the RR to promote the hobby, maybe gain a few more members & actually enjoy the hobby.

At one of these HO RR setups at 100 Oaks Mall in Nashville, reporter Bill Welch for the Tennessean newspaper showed up and interviewed some of our members. We were pleasantly surprised that the Tennessean considered a CVRM HO RR setup to be newsworthy. The resulting article consisted of 3 B&W photos and a 4-paragraph story-photo captions. Featured in the photos were 2 steam locomotives modeled by the late **Russ Hart**, a close-up of the freight yard module group built by **Terry Bebout, Kevin Kimbro** and me; last was a photo of me running 2 Chessie System EMD GP35s elephant-style. Reading thru the article, the paper saw fit to render my name as **Bub Huttman**. Now, I do expect the occasional fumble spelling my last name, but the Tennessean is special, so they managed two fumbles on the same play. The heck of it is I had given the reporter one of

my TCRM business cards (yes, the cards have both words of my name spelled right). TCRM is not immune from such editing and proofreading derailments..... Just closely examine the written material in the TCRM entry hallway.....

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

Fast and challenged promotion.

The events described in my past story took place on July 5, 2014. It was a Saturday. At the beginning of the next week my station master had to make a monthly station audit. And I asked him if I could participate in the audit, to start learning the job of a station master. The audit was planned for the next day after my night shift, and after another station operator took over my duty, I went to the station master’s office. For almost the whole day I walked with him and the track maintenance supervisor, the signal maintainer, and the radio network maintainer across the entire station. We checked each turnout, each track, and each rail joint. They describe to me the many parameters and measures that must be checked at each of the turnouts, the possible malfunctions that can occur, and that the station master must check. I felt that my head would crack from an overabundance of information. I thought that I would never be able to get it. After we finished checking the station, we went back to the station master’s office and he then allowed me to enter the information about some malfunctions we had noted in the special computer program – it is the station master’s duty. After spending almost 24 hours at the station, I went home. I wanted to advance, and I wanted to learn the station master’s job and make the next career step.



Uski station, station building, platform, tracks

After a couple of days I was called to the headquarters of Izhevsk Region of our Railway. The chief of our department offered me an acting station master position at the Uski station. I said, “I’ve just started to learn this job, I am not ready.” But they said I could handle it. I said “ok. When should I start?”. “On Monday July 14” they answered. That was the next Monday. It was a very rapid change in my life, but I took the challenge and agreed. They told me that Rashid (a very experienced station

operator who was eligible to work at many stations, and who also trained me at the beginning of my work as a station operator) will show me everything. I knew he was able to teach me, he could describe and explain things very well, but when I asked how many days will I have for the practice, their answer shocked me. Usually, when even a station operator goes from one station to work at another station, they have a two week training period, an examination and 3-10 days working under supervision. How did it happen that they promoted me from station operator to station master? I don't know, because all my promotions were abnormal, but I think it should be in the same time frame. I had to do it for three days, because due to a lack of personnel Rashid had to work at another station! Monday morning I came to my new station for the very first time, and by Thursday I am an acting station master. Those three days were overloaded with new information. I had to study the station documentation; the computer programs that station master must work with, some of them needed to be checked daily, other ones monthly. Also I had to learn the remote control console, it looked similar but it had major differences to what I knew. The worst thing about the remote control console was that there weren't any signals for switching movement. So all the switching movements at the station go under the red light, and system doesn't control the rightness of what the operator is doing. So it was necessary double and triple check myself or the station operator who works under my supervision.



Northern part of Uski station

What is the job of station master? If I write a book about the job it would be a thick book, and even then, some things would be untold. But I will try to explain it briefly. The station master must be the owner, and the host of the station. The station master is responsible for all that happens within the borders of the station, from the entrance signal at the one side of the station (600-800 feet before the first station switch), until the entrance signal from another side, from safety (it is the highest priority of course) to garbage on the station or tracks. The Station master supervises the station operator (s) and all types of major maintenance work at the station.



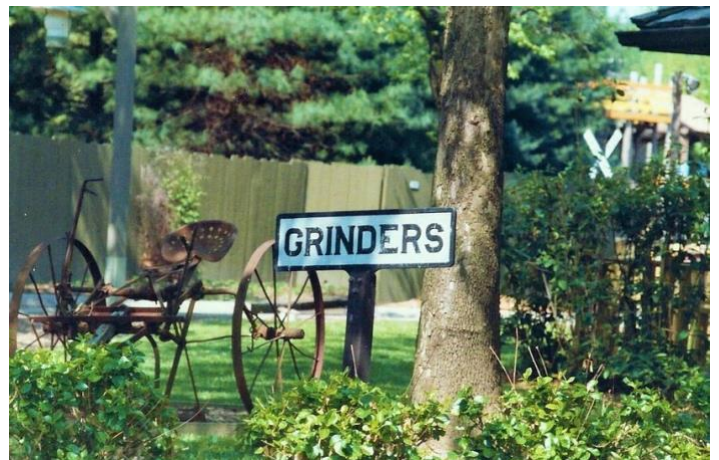
Southern part of Uski station

And there are good words in the regulations about work of station master: "In the field of safety of trains movements, the orders of the station master have the highest priority for all employees of any department working at the station." How deep the rabbit hole into which I fell will become more clear from my future stories.

Historical Railroad Connections to the People of Nashville

Opryland Station – Grinders Switch Submitted by Randal Brooks, Board Member (from a story on Facebook)

This iron signpost in front of the Grinders station at Opryland was the actual Grinders station sign on the Nashville Chattanooga & St. Louis (NC&StL) Centerville branch in Hickman County. When surveyors were laying out the route in 1880, the best route into Centerville was through a farm owned by Mrs. Mary Griner. Railroad officials paid her a visit and asked to purchase the right of way through her pasture. She said she



would have to consult with her husband, and went into an adjoining room. She emerged a few minutes later, and said that her husband had accepted their offer, but with the stipulation that a station would be built there bearing his name. It seems that her husband had died four years earlier, and she was actually talking to a photo of him. Anyway, they came to an agreement. The

NC&StL foundry in Nashville, which was between Centennial Park and Charlotte Ave., cast all of their station signs out of iron (they also fabricated the parts for repairing the steam locomotives). Somehow there was a miscommunication, and the station sign was delivered as "Grinders" instead of "Griners". It was decided to leave the name as Grinders rather than cast a new sign. Minnie Pearl added the "Switch" in her routine. This sign made its way to Opryland somehow.

This photo was taken in 1983. If anyone knows what happened to this sign after the park closed, please let us know.

Information source: "History and Architecture of NC&StL Railway Depots and Terminals".

Railroad History

Submitted by Terry Bebout, TCRM President

Tennessee Central to Illinois Central – North Nashville
When the TC went out of business on August 31, 1968 the Illinois Central was ready to step in from Hopkinsville to North Nashville. Little did they know the business in the area of north Nashville was drying up and would soon leave them with few customers.

The photo shows a publicity promotion right after the IC takeover on Harrison St in Nashville. To bad it did not produce the amount of freight traffic to keep the line viable for the IC.



TC RY Museum Case Knives

Submitted by Terry Bebout, TCRM President

TC RY Museum Case Knives are on their way and will be available to members at a cost price of \$37.50. This will be a limited time offering until April 30, 2022.

Make out your checks to TC RY Museum and mail to 220 Willow Street Nashville Tennessee 37210. Purchased knives can be picked up in the hobby shop. If you want it mailed to you add \$5.00 to your payment and provide a valid USPS address.

Operation Lifesaver

By Jill McClintock
Executive Director, TN
Operation Lifesaver



Volunteering for Rail Safety:

The TN Central Railway Museum has been an important partner of Operation Lifesaver for over 20 years. Rail safety is included in almost all activities and events with the public and many of the museum's volunteers are also trained volunteers for Operation Lifesaver. Our partnership has been a great asset in educating Tennesseans on the dangers of railroad tracks and trains. We especially love the Operation Lifesaver Caboose that travels the railways of Middle Tennessee!

If your passion is volunteering, educating others and talking about trains then consider becoming a volunteer for TN Operation Lifesaver (TNOL). Just go to our website (www.oli.org) and click on "Volunteer". It will ask you to complete a short application which will be sent to me for approval. You will then receive an email containing an online training link to complete at your convenience. Once the training is complete, we will meet in person to finish up your training. All the presentation materials and safety handouts are provided to you - so simple!! We have programs for all ages and provide you, the volunteer, with a variety of different

presentation platforms to meet all personalities. All we ask is that you complete two activities for Operation Lifesaver a year. This will be super easy seeing that you already volunteer at a railroad museum. Please give me a call or send me an e-mail if you are interested and have questions.

Jill McClintock 615-656-1223 jmoodytnol@comcast.net

Monthly Thursday Meetings On Hold

First it was the pandemic, and now the damage from the storm in March 2021, TCRM will not hold the monthly meetings until further notice.

TCRM Limited Reopening

Randal Brooks continues to be at TCRM most Saturdays from 9 to 3 pm Central Time. The Museum room & meeting room will be closed to visitors until the meeting room is completed. 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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 - Apr 16 Easter Bunny Excursion Train to Watertown 6½ hours
 - May 7 German Maifest Excursion 2 hours, 10 am departure
 - May 7 German Maifest Excursion 2 hours, 2 pm departure
 - May 14 Watertown - Wine Tasting Excursion
 - May 21 Watertown - Train Robbery Excursion
 - Jun 26 Watertown - Private Charter- Train Collectors Assn.
 - Jul 16 Watertown - Murder Mystery/Jazz Festival
 - Jul 24 Watertown - Private Charter-Lionel Collectors Assn.
 - Aug 6 Watertown - Wine Tasting Excursion/Harvest Days
 - Sep 3 Watertown - Brews and Blues Excursion
 - Sep 24 Watertown - Train Robbery
 - Oct 8 Watertown - Fall Yard Sale/Christmas Market
 - Oct 15 Watertown - Wine Tasting Excursion
 - 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.

Other RR Events of Interest 2022

May 5-7 Mid-South Live Steamers Public Spring Meet
<https://www.midsouthlivesteamers.com/calendar/public-spring-meet-r2dw9>

May 18-22 Railroad Prototype Modelers (RPM) Conference at Indy Junction 2022, a multi-Regional Convention.
<https://www.indyjunction2022.org>

June 15 -19 National N-Scale Convention, Nashville TN

Aug 7-13 NMRA NATIONAL CONVENTION St Louis MO

https://www.eventsquid.com/event.cfm?preview&event_id=13724

NMRA SouthEastern Region will NOT be holding a Regional Convention in 2022. They hope to get one underway for 2023, however.

In Memoriam

Ken Oosting – Volunteer and Car Host

A tribute by **Susan Thomas - Order Board Editor**

One of the great benefits of being the Order Board newsletter editor and an active volunteer, is that I get to know so many of TCRM members, brand new folks as well as our old timers. I had the opportunity to get to know him more when he accepted an invitation to participate in our Member Spotlight feature in this very publication. He was spotlighted in last months (February 2022) edition. I am so glad that we all got to know him better, but so saddened by the sudden loss. I wish I had been able to capture more of his stories, his years of experience, and his passion for railroad heritage in the Order Board.

Ken and I “shared” the same vestibule for many an excursion, he hosting 4719 and I hosting 4711. Those two cars are placed at the end of our long consist, so our passengers have to walk so far to board and deboard the train. Ken and I would have our disagreements about the deboarding process. He always wanted to deboard the passengers onto the gravel ballast, and I wanted to have our passengers walk through the cars and deboard onto a concrete platform. As a female, my perspective was different than his! I wear lighter weight shoes or sandals, as do many of our passengers, and feel the pain and know the potential for a twisted ankle walking on uneven surfaces! So we compromised and gave our passengers the choice of where to deboard!

Ken passed on his passion for TCRM to his grandson Adam Shaw. Adam has been hosting with his grandfather for a couple of years, and already has purchased his car hosting uniform and will continue the family tradition and his grandfather’s legacy.

A Message of Encouragement for Kens grandson, Adam Shaw
Submitted by **Robert Bartley**

Adam, I am so very sorry and saddened by the loss of your Grandfather. He and I came into each other’s lives four years ago when I joined TCRM and have car hosted with him ever since. We had good conversations together over that time and I feel fortunate to have known him.

I’m personally delighted that you choose to continue hosting with us on the train. Your youth and the energy and fresh outlook that you bring is welcomed (at least by this old-schooler). You also pay a wonderful tribute to your Grandfather and continue his legacy.

I’ll give whatever assistance you need as you start going “solo”. Since I’m mostly in the car next door, I’ll look in to see how you’re doing. I look forward to seeing you when you return.

Again, my deepest sympathies to you and your family during this very hard time. Your Grandfather’s spirit and strength will get you through.

A tribute by **Timothy Bebout**

Ken was always one of the most welcoming and mild mannered members. He was one of the most dependable car hosts for the excursion trains. His dependability and wonderful character is what has made the TCRM such a success.

Ken's focus to the passengers will be sorely missed. His commitment and passion to the museum Train operations is a true inspiration.

A tribute by **Aleks Dmitriev**

Sadly, I worked with **Mr. Ken** for only a year. It so happened that I started working on the train when he was wintering in Florida, and at that time I took care of his car. When he returned, I continued to work in the neighboring car 4711. We met boarded and deboarded passengers together. On the last excursion, we also met passengers together near vestibules 4719 and 4711, and now he's gone. It's hard to believe. On the excursion on February 19, **Mr. Ken** surprised me. It turned out he told the passengers about me, one of whom was a CSX employee. And later he brought me to them and introduced me personally. And he asked me to recount one of my stories - it was the story about ghost train. I had a good conversation with a fellow railwayman and exchanged contacts. Thank you, **Mr. Ken**.

Tributes for **Ken Oosting** from our recent passengers.

"Family time, the experience, and the train host, **Ken Oosting**, was amazing !!"

"Very good time talking with **Ken Oosting**"

"Our host **Ken Oosting** was awesome !!"

"Most enjoyable was our nice ride and our host '**Ken**' "

"Our host **Ken Oosting** was a wonderfully delightful man"


"Best host ever"

"The personal interaction with **Ken** our host, was a highlight of the whole trip"

"Enjoyed learning about facts and history of the railway period, communicating with **Ken** was a great personal touch to this trip"

"The two things I liked the most were the moonshine and **Ken's** knowledge!"

"**Ken** was wonderful, very knowledgeable about the area and the train"

"We had a great time ! We  **Ken**"

May **Ken Oosting's** passion for the excursion train continue to ride with all our volunteers and future excursion passengers. Thank you, **Ken** for sharing your passion for riding the rails with thousands of our passengers over the years!

Billy Odom

Correction to his recent In Memoriam in the February Order Board

We mistakenly listed Ariana as Billy Odom's daughter, she is in fact his granddaughter. We apologize for any discomfort or pain this may mistake have caused.

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 down to the Hobby Shop 10 am – 2 pm on Saturdays. Note that when you renew on line 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.

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**.

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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

*Please do not send pictures with the new Apple HEIC format, Our photo manipulation software does not yet support that format. If you send pictures in that format we will not be able to use them for the Order Board.