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Donations

Gary Miller- \$225 cash

Owl's Roost Campground- 1 Club Car 2-seat electric golf cart; TCRM member **Moose Guzman** was the key person facilitating this donation.

2020-2021 TCRM Schedule

Dec 5 2 North Pole Express Excursion Trains to Lebanon
Dec 12 2 North Pole Express Excursion Trains to Lebanon
Dec 19 2 North Pole Express Excursion Trains to Lebanon
Feb 6 2nd Annual Bellevue Model Train Show at Bellevue Baptist Church 9 am – 3 pm
Feb 13 Valentines Excursion Train to Watertown

No November Thursday Night Meeting

There won't be any November meeting, especially since November is almost over with. And, there won't be a Christmas Road Kill Buffet this yr account CoVID-19 concerns.

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

Activity Fee for 2021 - Renewal

TCRM annual membership renewal is now due. Mail your activity fee renewals (**\$35 individual, \$40 family membership**), made payable to TCRM to TC Ry Museum at 220 Willow St in Nashville TN 37210-2159 Attn – **Admin Staff**. TCRM office will not be staffed for the rest of the year 2020. Go to <https://www.tcry.org/volunteer> to get you to the Get Involved Web page, or you can scroll to the bottom of the 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.

New TCRM Members

Steve Durr & Allison Hines Nashville TN

Karl Tartt Clarksville TN

Margaret Ann Trail Lebanon TN

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

Membership Feature Now on Website

By **Bob Hultman**

TCRM now has on its Website a Get Involved page where new members can join TCRM and where current members can renew their membership. This is a service provided by Etix, our current ticket-selling service provider who has absorbed WhistleTix.

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From 1 of TCRM's Long-Time Members

By **Randal Brooks**

In your next newsletter could you re-emphasize a call for car hosts, food service personnel, parking attendants, souvenir sales personnel and HO RR operators, etc.

Say something about the importance of these positions. **Terry** has always said how important these are and on the passenger comments forms are the compliments on our volunteers. If members would like to see these forms, they're up in the 2nd-floor conference room.

Could you reach out in the newsletter to some of the members who we have not seen in years and years. Even before the pandemic we were losing car hosts. Also to our core volunteers: talk up the recruiting of new volunteers. Talking up of recruiting other volunteers can also be done during the excursions.....

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Replying to **Randal**, no need for me to do that when you've already done so. I too encourage those members who have stayed away from TCRM to come on down & get involved in some activity to help the Museum along. There's lot's to do, we'll have a 2nd utility cart available soon (6 batts not holding a charge being replaced), so things are getting slightly better at TCRM. TCRM is closed to the public, but not closed to the members. There does need to be some prior planning so a member knows if the bldg can be opened up. Contact me at landline 615-833-5158 or cell 615-513-7187, E-mail hultman@bellsouth.net about when members will be @TCRM & doors unlocked.

Excursion Train News

By **Bob Hultman**

We have now successfully run 7 excursion trains in the 2020 CoVID-19 era. There are 6 North Pole Express trips yet to go for CY 2020 as the schedule in the upper left of this page shows. We have been critically short of car hosts the last several trips to where **Rob Bartley & Ken Oosting** have worked 2 cars on some of these trips. Many thanks to all the car hosts who have worked the CoVID-19 era trips, most especially those working 2 cars at a time.

Our next 2 trips go to Lebanon on Saturday Dec 5. Safety meeting starts at 7 am Central Time on diner 3119, boarding at 8 am or slightly after, departure at 9 am. Return to Nashville should be around 11:30 to 11:45 am. Wash & rinse x2, Dec 12 & Dec 19.

Our North Pole Express trips have a few changes this time around..... We are not doing story-reading for children during the trip. Car decorating has been upgraded with garland strung along the edge of the overhead luggage racks..... Many thanks to those TCRM elves who did the decorating work.

We are always looking for TCRM members to help work these trips. To do so, contact **Bob Hultman** landline 615-833-5158 or cell 615-513-7187, E-mail hultman@bellsouth.net

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No November Thursday Night Meeting

Open Letter from TCRM Librarian Don Strong

By Don Strong

"Please place anything addressed to me or the Library in the Don Strong folder on the admin desk or under the library door.

In the absence of an administrative assistant there has been an increase in missing magazines, some of which I have been able to replace thru donations. The latest is the May/June 2020 issue of *Diesel Era* which is not a common magazine and difficult to replace.

Whoever has it please bring it back."

TC Ry Mural Unveiled in Watertown

By Susan Thomas

As the mayor stated in his speech at the mural unveiling, "Watertown does not have an airport, a river, or an Interstate, but we do have a RailRoad!"

Watertown was selected as a site of one of the murals for the Wilson County Mural Initiative, and the community chose to feature the Tennessee Central Railway.

The mural is painted on the wall of AR Restoration located on Main St before you get to the Public Square! You can't miss it. The mural was painted by Pat Jackson of Sun Graphic Signs. A group of TCRM members attended the unveiling event, and TCRM President Terry Bebout gave a short speech.

Car hosts - be sure to direct your Watertown passengers to it - a perfect spot for Selfies!



TCRM Member **Susan Thomas** & an unidentified fellow in front of the Watertown TC Ry Mural..... Photo by ???

Railroad Store & Flea Market

By Susan Thomas

In order to give railroad fans and their kids a taste of railway history before they board the train, a group of members launched an initiative this week for the Railroad Store and Flea Market. This is an opportunity to sell model railroad items, pictures, and brick-a-brack that have been donated by members and others to TCRM. The money raised will go to a Member Initiative Fund where members will decide how to use the money. Our flea market launch on Saturday November 28, netted \$83.50 for our Member Fund.

So, members, please donate your RR items to the flea market, contact **Bob Hultman** or **Randal Brooks**, and we hope you will come out on an excursion morning, work our flea market for 90

minutes, meet our railfanning passengers and help and encourage them in their interest of model railroading and railroad history!



2 photos by **Susan Thomas**



Electric Golf Cart Donated to TCRM

By Bob Hultman

TCRM member **Robert "Moose" Guzman** was the catalyst for Owl's Roost Campground's donation of a Club Car electric 2-seat golf cart to TCRM. The campground used it for general maintenance work & had replaced the cart with a newer cart. **Moose** persuaded the campground manager to donate the old cart to TCRM since it had been sitting for most of a yr unused. Many, many thanks to **Moose** for for bringing about this very useful donation.

TCRM Building Upgrade

By **Tanner Peterson**

Today (Oct 18) **Eric** and I wired up and installed a new flag pole light so we can keep Ole Glory up round the clock.

The new light is wired in with the fluorescent fixture on the overhang in the front of the building. I put it on a photocell so the flag light and the fluorescent fixture will turn on and off dusk to dawn.

I bought a new cover plate for the wall switch in the hallway and bypassed and remove the light switch that controlled it.

TCRM HO Model RR News

By **Bob Hultman**

Not a lot of progress on the 2 new 6' modules in the HO RR in the past several weeks. The N scale modelers headed up a storage shed cleanout effort (very sorely needed, thanks to the Nsv Ntrakkers) & then there was the prep activity for the TCRM Open House & Model Train Show. Next significant thing is to develop specific plans for the 6' module nest to the Sircy Yard west end..... Several members have stated interest in steam loco facilities- roundhouse, turntable, sand tower, etc. We'll have to see what we can come up with. There's some structures already floating around that would be suitable as a basis for a small steam terminal.

TCRM Hobby Shop News

By **Hank Sweetman**

The Hobby Shop continues to be open every Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm to assist our members with their modeling needs. The Hobby Shop will be open on December 26, but closed on January 2 for physical inventory.

We still have a good supply of the Accurail TC hopper and boxcar kits. We have also received some decals from Accurail that will allow you to add more road numbers to your TC cars, both hoppers and boxcars.

We have recently received some new items into stock, so stop by and check out our new arrivals.

As always, the Hobby Shop is ready to take your special orders for items not in stock.

Thanks again to our volunteers whose efforts keep the shop going.

Upcoming Conventions & Shows

Feb 6 2021 2nd Annual Bellevue Model Train Show 9 am to 3 pm @ Bellevue Baptist Church

Nathan Baker, Chairman

2nd Annual Bellevue Model Train Show

12th Annual Madison Model Train Show

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