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Museum Member **Christmas Party** is on Thursday December 15, 2022 at 6:30pm. A traditional catered dinner and door prizes. Good food and conversation, fun and prizes, meet new members and reconnect with long time members.



November 5th Open House and Train Show  
**A HUGE SUCCESS!!!**  
Submitted By Randal Brooks, BoD Member #10



Photo by Jason Sharpe

Our November 5th open house and train show was a huge success this year. The day started off with a fabulous breakfast of scrambled eggs, bacon, and sausage biscuits by



John Sparks, Ross Musgrave, Doug Uhler  
Photos by Bill daGator



Executive Chef **Terry Bebout** and diner crew. The company store sold about 85% of what was put out which included several Lionel O scale items and several HO items that had been donated over several years. The hobby shop had several "special sale" items which had been donated. Special thanks go out to the following members for giving up their Saturday to participate: **Rob Bartley,**

**Joyce Chapman, Dave Anderson, Mike Volle, Alex Clark, Ron Fleitz, Hank Sweetman, Joe Novak, Steve Gibson, Larry Norton, Leenie Newton, Peggy Bebout, Carter Newton, Bob Donovan, Doug Uhler, Ross Musgrave, John "Sparky" Sparks, Alex Dimitriev, Ken Fagan, Susan Thomas, Bill**

**daGator, Robert Blanchard, Bill Howard, Bob Donovan, Jason Whipp, Eric Henry and Ben Eby.** Apologies to anyone I might have left out.

Our "new to us" but "old" caboose was used for an Operation Lifesaver display. Our volunteers, especially the ones that have direct contact with the public, are the ones that keep our excursions and events like this going and repeat business.



Photo submitted by Bob Donovan

**Ben Eby** was at the controls of locomotive 52. Many members will remember **Ben Eby**, now an engineer with Music City Star, was a TCRM member as a teenager.

As of now we are planning our Spring open house and train show for April 22, 2023. Please mark your calendars. We hope to see you there.



Photo by Bill daGator

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## Company Store Results

Submitted by Mike Volle Member # 1241

The company store had a tremendous day of selling off donated items for the museum.



**Dave Anderson, Larry Norton, Susan Thomas** and others were a great help. We were able to sell off about 85% of what we put out. We had 2 consigners we sold for. Our total take was \$1162. After the payouts to the 2 consigners we netted \$1012.



A big thanks to **Randal Brooks** who organized and did a great job of running the event. Photos on left speak for themselves.



The next Open House will be April 22, 2023. We welcome railway related donations for the Company Store. We also take consignments, consignee earns 10% of selling price, TCRM keeps 90% of selling price.

Photos submitted by Mike Volle

## Hobby Shop Results

Submitted by Hank Sweetman Member # 1247

The Hobby Shop team had a very successful day during the Fall Open House. We were busy all day both in the Hobby Shop and at our sales tables in the Admin Room. **Mark Henry** and **Andy Hunter** had sales of over \$2000 in the Hobby Shop while **Ron Fleitz, Gary Willoughby** and **Hank Sweetman** sold over \$600



Photo by Bill daGator

We need more volunteers to work excursions in the diners at the counter with our expanding menus that have been quite successful. Contact Terry at

[Terry.Bebout@rjcorman.com](mailto:Terry.Bebout@rjcorman.com)



in the Admin Room. We saw a number of familiar faces and met some new friends. We also processed five membership renewals in the Hobby Shop. Thanks to all our volunteers.



## Excursion Train Car Host Procedures Training Corner

By Ted Brown Member # 1111

We have reached the fickle time of year weather wise. Some mornings it will be cool, cold even. By afternoon, or mid-morning it could be hot in your coaches. Especially filled with families and little children bouncing all around.

Don't be tempted. It may be best to shut off the heat or to even turn on the A/C. But, we all need to follow protocol and call the train chief to summon the electrician.

Few of us are properly trained to be around high voltage. It is likely you are not one of us. The Danger sign is not for show. It is very real. This high voltage cabinet is no place for anyone not trained or authorized. No matter who you are or how long you have been volunteering. This three phase high voltage will kill you in a heartbeat. And then you won't have one. I kid a lot, but this is no laughing matter. Even I shy away from this much voltage whenever possible.

So, keep in mind, if your car has changed environmental conditions, others probably have too. Call the train chief and tell them what you want. You may have to wait a bit. But this is a job only for those trained. Not a job for you. Be patient and that way you will be safe. We will all have a good day.



## TCRM Vintage Car Maintenance Team

**Ken Fagan** is down at TCRM one or two mornings most weeks. 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](mailto:2kenfagan@gmail.com)

The maintenance work is constant on our vintage passenger cars. Ken found some new door seals in the box car, and is replacing them, where he can. The challenge is to remove the originals, and replace with new, to reduce vibration, wear and tear, and of course, noise.



Photo by Susan Thomas



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

Car hosts: It is so important to report any issues you notice in the vintage cars. Catching an issue early protects our history.

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 the car host after trip status reports, please reach out to **Ken Fagan** [2kenfagan@gmail.com](mailto:kenfagan@gmail.com)

- 3113 – Table 3 light out. Repaired.
- 3119 – Under counter refrigerators not cooling. Repaired.
- 3119 – Table 2 light out. Repaired.
- 3119 – Table 11 aisle light out. Repaired.
- 3119 – Table 11 emergency light out. Repaired.
- 4733 – Trap door hold down latch hard to operate. Repaired.
- 4739 – Seat 7/8 window shade retract wire broken. Repaired.
- 4739 - Seats 45/46 light flashing. Repaired.
- 7628 – Seat 23/24 window shade will not pull down. No problem found.
- 7628 – Seats 21/22 light out. Repaired.
- 7628 – Tray table 3/4 will not stay up. Repaired.
- 8519 – Table 3 light out. Repaired.
- 9400 – Seats 41/42 will not turn. Repaired.

**TCRM Hobby Shop  
By Hank Sweetman, TCRM Member # 1247**

We were able to obtain one more of the recently released (and now sold out) L&N RS3's from Bowser. This is a very nice unit and would be a great addition to your layout. Hurry in to get this one!



Also just received donations of a number of structure kits still in the original boxes. Great values on these items.

Just received some more rolling stock from Gordon Smith. These are very nice units in great condition.



New items in the Hobby Shop are some L&N Ballast Cars from Bowser, and some TC Boxcar Red paint.

N scale track sections have been added to our normally stocked selection of N scale turnouts.

The L&N freight car kits that we have received from Accurail are still in stock.

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

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

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](mailto:hanksweetman@gmail.com) or by phone at 615-406-6917.

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.

**Atlantic Division SER-NMRA  
Meet Report**

**Submitted By Bob Hultman Member # 15**

I was able to attend the first SER-NMRA Atlantic Division Meet that occurred after my family & I moved to Summerville SC. The Meet was Saturday Nov 5 at the Golden Isles Model RR Club <https://www.exploregeorgia.org/kingsland/arts-culture/museums/golden-isles-model-railroad-club-museum>

in Kingsland GA. The current Division Superintendent is Rick Fulkerson. Geographically the Division consists of the coastal counties GA & SC, running from the GA state line to the NC state line. So, the Division is maybe 30 mi wide & 300 mi long.

The venue was 210 mi from my Summerville home, so with a 10 am start time, I was on the road by 0610 hr Saturday. Had to get petrol for the van, did that @Parkers Restaurant (a regional convenience store chain) & headed west towards I-95. So, approaching the great metropolis of Cottageville SC, I note a psgr motor vehicle on the other side of the road & then in the rear view mirror, the vehicle comes to life & turns left into my westward lane..... Got a sinking feeling that It might be a local gendarme..... Sure enuf the blue lites come on & I start looking for a safe place to get off of & away from the travel lane..... To make a long story even longer, I have a court date in mid Dec (at 1600 hr no less.....) 2022 to plead my case.....

After the 25-minute delay, I proceeded on to Kingsland & drove past the venue a few times before determining I was at the right place. The Golden Isles club is in the Kingsland RR depot (moved a couple blocks away from RR R-o-W). However, the city mothers & fathers have forced the club out effective 1 Jan 2023 account prohibitive rent increases. Fortunately, the club has procured a new venue in a building also used by Georgia Coastal Ry <https://thegeorgiatrain.com/>

The floor area is more than the club currently has & their HO RR should be able to be moved without it being totally demolished. Club members did say that the RR was not designed with the thought of having to move it. But, maybe with the cutting of various rails & wiring, parts of it at least can be moved & reused. Check the club's Website for photos of the RR.



The Division Meet itself started off with a photo presentation by 1 of the Division members featuring his pictures from trip to the USA Pacific North West & to the northern Rocky Mtns. After that was a brief business meeting & a show & tell session. Then most of the Division members went for lunch & then came back to the GA Coastal Ry building to where we got a look at the area into which the Golden Isles club would be moving. Following that, several members, including me, rode the GA Coastal Ry's 1st of 2 excursion trains of the day. I rode on an open-air car (fortunately no rain) the whole trip, pretty rough riding compared to the TCRM Budd cars. This open-air car can be seen in some of the photos on the GA Coastal Ry Website. The RR on which the GC Ry runs its trains is the St Mary's RR. It earns most of its revenue from storage fees collected from various car leasing companies. St Mary's RR also serves a few freight customers, including the US Navy nuclear sub base facilities near Kingsland. GC Ry provides live entertainment during the trip, but there was no car host assigned to work the open-air car. The diesel loco was an ex-ConRail EMD GP15-1..... Budd diner Silver Tureen was part of the consist. I think someone said that GC Ry leases its passenger cars from Ben Butterworth.



*The Silver Tureen diner car, photo from the GCRY website*

Most of the stored cars I saw were molten sulfur tank cars (UN 2448); there were also some plastic pellet covered hoppers. Once the train got back to Kingsland depot, passenger deboarded & then the train ran to the Class I RR connection very close by to run the GP15-1 around the trainset & then return the train to the boarding platform ready for the 1830 hr evening trip.

Rick Fulkerson & I after the trip talked for a while with a modeler regarding her building of various custom structures in various scales. Hopefully she'll become active in the NMRA & Atlantic Division. After that I got more petrol for the van & headed northward on I-95, exited onto US Alt Rt 17 at Walterboro, headed eastward & got thru Cottageville w/o attracting more LEO attention, arriving home safely ~ 2200 hr.

## TCRM Volunteer Recognition Compiled by Susan Thomas, Order Board Editor

TCRM leadership thanks and recognizes our dedicated volunteers, members and friends who participated in many activities in October and November. Volunteers make every excursion possible. Also, members who keep the Hobby Shop running, and organizing the shelves and cabinets of the Library, staffing the office on Saturdays, rolling stock and grounds maintenance, and setting up maintaining and running our model train layouts.

### Operating Crew Update Submitted by Tim Bebout BoD Member # 1042



I would like to recognize **Bob Donovan** and **Scott Frick** for taking their Operation Lifesaver volunteer class. They will soon be official OLI presenters.

Both members exhibit great dedication in the support of education and the museum mission. Extra curricula activities such as this are expected as part of the certification process to be in the operating crew.

### Our Excursions Can't Run Without the Hard Work and Dedication of Our Volunteers Each and Every Month

**Parking, Passenger Greet, and Station Master Check In:**  
Dave Anderson, Randal Brooks, Lawrence Lilly, Gary Miller, Bill daGator, Leenie Newton, Carter Newton, Susan Thomas, Mike Volle, and Gary Willoughby.

**Car Hosting:**  
Robert Bartley, Robert Blanchard, Randal Brooks, Gary Miller, Ted Brown, Alex Clark, Joyce Chapman, Nick Connors, Hunter Coley, Alex, Pasha, and Peter Dmitriev, Cecil Elliott, Scott Frick, Brent Geddes, Steve Gibson, Brenton Jones, Hugh Lowe, Don Marlin, Larry Norton, Joe Novak, John Sparks, Margaret Ann Trail, Bryan Turner, Mike Volle, John and Lisa Wilson.

**Food Service:**  
Terry Bebout, Brenton Jones, Thomas Jones, Ross Musgrave, John Sparky Sparks, Steve Tomblin, Doug Uhler.



**Concessions:**  
Angel Bebout, Peggy Bebout, Stephany Frick.



**Train Crew:**

Tim Bebout, Bob Donovan, Alex Dmitriev, Eric Henry, Stephen Hook, Tanner Peterson, Brent Thompson, Lee Ware, Rick White.

**Maintenance:**

Randal Brooks, Ken Fagan, Brenton Jones, Steve Tomblin.

**Library:**

Carter Newton, Allene "Leenie" Newton.

**TC Hobby Shop;**

Ed Davies, Mike Embree, Ron Fleitz, Mark Henry, Andy Hunter, Hank Sweetman, Gary Willoughby.

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Robert Blanchard

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

**October 29, 2022, Fall Foliage Excursion  
Excerpts from Passenger Comment Sheets**

Car 1266 – **Peggy Bebout** - The souvenir lady was real nice – a very pleasant trip.

Car 3113 – **Hugh Lowe** – The ride was great ! Hugh is really nice. We enjoyed his tips, stories, and smile.

Car 3119 – **Rick White** - We enjoyed the crew, the scenery and spending time with my son – looking forward to spending time with my son.

Car 4711 – **Brenton Jones** – great car host, great experience for kids, and great coordination among all employees! We really appreciate your dedication to preserving such an important part of both Tennessee's and US history!

Car 4717 – **Robert Blanchard** – Our host, **Robert**, was very congenial and courteous.

Car 4719 – **Joe Novak** – I would definitely do this again, and our host **Joe** was very educational!

Car 4733 – **Margaret Ann Trail** – Very pleasant trip, felt like we were "riding the rails" Staff was very courteous and knowledgeable. We will be back to act like hobos!

Car 4739 – **Brent Geddes** – Hosts (**Brent** especially) were very nice. The scenery was beautiful and I wish we could have gone all the way to Monterey.

Car 7602 – **Ted Brown** – Its nice that so many volunteers help run things. We enjoyed **Ted's** hosting gift!

Car 7628 – **Joyce Chapman** – The train overall, our host Joyce is a delight to talk to and very knowledgeable of the train, and the trip. Lots of fall colors. Give **Joyce** a raise!

Car 9400 – **Don Marlin** – **Don** is an amazing host. He is very knowledgeable about the train, the cars, the railway and local landmarks! We will be back again soon.

**Decorating our TCRM Building for the  
North Pole Express Excursions**

Thanks to **Terry and Jane Coats**, assisted by **Randal Brooks** and **Gary Sagaser** to bring a bucketful of Christmas cheer to TCRM to welcome our passengers on the North Pole Express.

**Photos submitted by Terry Coats Member # 247**



*In the meeting room*



*On the dock*



*On the dock*



## ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE TRIPS....

Submitted by Robert Bartley, Member # 1333

### Oktoberfest Excursion.....

It was Oktoberfest Saturday and was a wonder to behold. A sold-out trip brought many fun seekers to the museum. Food was served in 8510 and there was brew to be had in 3119.

A line formed on the platform the likes of which I hadn't seen before. Two lines became one as the food line organically merged with the boarding line. After order emerged from chaos (thanks to our Train Chief and Car Hosts), **Rick** directed us to "button-up", turned the train over to the conductor and the wheels started to turn. The able crew in 8510 kept serving box lunches, snacks and other hot and cold goodies throughout the trip.



A special addition to our seasonal theme was an incredible music trio. The sounds of trumpet, tuba, and accordion were heard throughout the train from end to end. I'd had the pleasure of adding a piano part to their tunes on last year's trip when

3113 was in the consist. This year I added a vocal line to "The Birth of The Blues".

I hosted 4719, a car which is not only a jewel in our collection, but also was the car our recently departed member, **Ken Oosting**, would host. I've hosted 4719 a couple of times along with **Ken's grandson, Adam**, since his passing and each time I look at it as continuing his tradition. There's a copy of **Ken's** book, "An Ounce of Wisdom" in the luggage area of the car and I enjoy reading through it when I can between my car host duties. A good time seemed to have



been had by all. Many kind words were shared from passengers upon de-boarding with promises to return for future trips. Another "one of those trips" from this humble car host's perspective.

*Photos submitted by Robert Bartley*

## Memories of Working on the Railroads In Russia – Story and Pictures

Submitted By Aleks Dmitriev, Member # 1403

### Impossible.....

In our Region of Gorkovskaya Railway (an integral part of Russian Railways) there was a Benchmark title award. A station, depot or department could be awarded this title. What does this title mean for a railway station? If I explain it simply, the benchmark station is a station that works perfectly:

1. There aren't any train delays caused by the malfunction or incorrect actions of employees.
2. All deviations in the operation of the station's devices and equipment must be detected and eliminated in a timely manner.
3. Workers at the station must have good knowledge.
4. The station should be clean and beautiful, as well as the station workers should make a little more effort.
5. The station should be better and better.

When I came at the Uski station as the station master, the station had been awarded the Benchmark title. The previous station master had achieved this title. But he was promoted and for three or four months the station was under the managing station master of a neighbor station or another person who has the right to temporarily replace the station masters or station operators on different station. So the station was without a host. And I came with almost zero knowledge of the work of the station master. What should I expect? Two and a half months from my arrival at the station there was an audit from the headquarters of our railway. I have already written a little about how this happens. So when the auditors came in the station operators office they found nobody at the remote control console. They asked "Where is the station operator?" I answered "I don't have a station operator" "How it could be a benchmark station?" they said. I had nothing to say.

After the inspection, the entire commission gathered on the platform, and the head of the railway interviewed auditors from different departments. All of them answered, to confirm the Benchmark title. And the final question the head of the railway asked the chief auditor of the railway. His answer was like a thunderclap to me. He said: "the Benchmark title should be revoked, to cancel the monthly inspection performed by the station master, to appoint an extraordinary inspection by the heads of the region, since three slow orders were issued at the station due to deviations in the track maintenance".

Later I found that the step in the three rail joints was one millimeter more than is allowed. I had nothing to say again. The monthly station audit wasn't performed by me. My auditor made this station audit and I only watched and studied. It was sad. But I didn't have time to worry. Immediately after the departure of the commission, I had to sit in the operator's seat, take control of the station. Issue speed reduction warnings to passing trains, and organize work to eliminate these deviations. And during the next year, I had to organize the work of the



station so that in the fall of next year I, and my station, would receive this title again. Which I did. At the end of the next summer of 2016 the station was almost ready to be presented as a benchmark station. During that year we didn't have any train delays, at the monthly station audit I tried to catch each millimeter in the violation of the track and switches maintenance. I spent a lot of time improving the knowledge of my station operator. I was ready to present the station. But at the end of August 2016 I was called to the head of our department. When I came to his office, he made me an offer that I couldn't refuse. It was an urgent transfer for me as the station master of two other stations. I had to give my consent right there in his office. What did I get? Instead of one station ready to be presented to Benchmark title, I received another that also had to be presented to receive the same title. Instead of one operator, I had to manage five. The previous station was without loading and unloading of cargo, and the new station will have cargo work, with which I was almost unfamiliar. This is a lot of new problems and a small increase in salary. And the cherry on this cake, instead of an hour and a half commute from home to work, I will have to spend two and a half hours on the one way commute. The next day after this job interview I went to my new station. I talked with the station operator. I walked the entire station from one end to the other, inspecting the tracks and switches. My new station looked worse than my previous one. I understood why they couldn't earn this title in the last three years. During these years they had presented twice a year to earn it and each time they were rejected. The station wasn't perfect. It was not bad, but it was not so good. On the next day I had another job interview with the head of our region of the railway. It wasn't a long interview, he asked a couple question about me and my experience. But his main question was: "Will the Chur station (my new station) be a benchmark station this fall?" I'd already seen the station and I answered him: "it is unreal." He got up from the table, took the frame in which the phrase was written from the wall, put this frame into my hands and said read aloud. I read:

*"Impossible is just a big word thrown around by small men who find it easier to live in the world they've been given than to explore the power they have to change it. Muhammad Ali"*

After reading this I replied, "I got it, I have to do the impossible."

Arriving at the new station as a station master, I expected that the previous station master (a young guy) would come and hand over the cases to me,

explain what has been done and what has not been done, what needs to be done, where what documents are located, as well as the features of the station.



*The old platform at the Chur Station*



*New concrete on the platform – view to the south*

What different departments planned to do in order to present the station as a Benchmark station remained only in the plans and was not done.



*New concrete on the platform – view to the north*

I began to bother the heads of various departments (track



*The switch with fresh paint*

maintenance, maintenance of switches and signals, energy, maintenance of platforms and buildings).

Maybe they planned to do all this in the last month, or maybe my perseverance helped.

But the work went on. The tracks were cleaned of grass and vegetation, the concrete was renewed on the platform, the switches were painted (although I was told that there was no paint).

I myself had to buy folders of one gray corporate color so that the documents would look neat at the station operator's workplace. Yes, I was spending my personal money.

Unfortunately, managers want everything to be perfect, but they don't want to spend a cent on it. We had to make everything out of nothing. For the arrival of the commission, I prepared an album with photos: how it was and how it became. This amused the commission a lot. The head of our railway noticed that I had a date and time stamp on the photos. And he told the whole commission, "you say that it takes months and years to make a benchmark station, look, everything can be done in four hours," All auditors and heads of different departments were laughing. The Chur station has become a Benchmark station. My previous station, which I was preparing, also returned this title. But it is not as difficult to get it as it is to confirm it every six months. Looking ahead, I will say that we managed it all the time before I left for the USA.



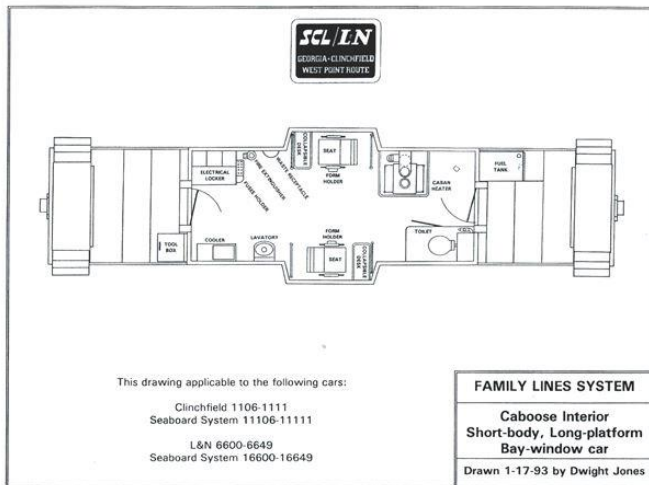
What did this title give me? A small cash bonus, which is less than I spent my money to prepare the station. And probably this title brought more stress and problems. But it was a challenge. It was an opportunity to make yourself and a part of the world around you a little better.

*The head of the Gorkovskaya Railway shakes my hand congratulating me on awarding the station a Benchmark title. The head of our region (who gave me the Mohammed Ali phrase to read) looks at me sternly. Photos submitted by Aleks Dmitriev*

## Our New Caboose – CSX - 16604

### Submitted by Brenton Jones Member # 1343

CSX Caboose 16604 was one of 50 cabooses ordered by the Louisville and Nashville (L&N) railroad in late 1980. Originally numbered L&N 6604, the caboose was built by the Fruit Growers Express Company of Alexandria, Virginia. Number 6604 was the fifth caboose of the order, being completed in February of 1981. 6604 was a new design in the railroad world known then as a "Long Platform, Short Body Caboose." This new design helped facilitate the movement away from the idea of train crews living on cabooses, to simply working in them throughout a work day. The smaller body design was cheaper to construct and had fewer fixtures to maintain such as windows, bunks, and lockers. The caboose body weighs in at 30,000 lbs with each truck weighing an additional 9000lbs. Its length is 43 feet and it has a width of 10 feet. All 50 of these cabooses then went into general pool service throughout the L&N territory. In 1986, L&N (by then the "Family Lines System") would be merged with other railroads to create the CSX railroad and 6604 would be one of 25 rebuilt in 1991 for use with the new railroad. 6604 would serve faithfully, ending up in local service around Nashville, Tennessee until it was officially retired in 2022.



*Caboose 16604 layout from the Dwight Jones L&N Caboose Book.*

In October 2022, a CSX official contacted **Terry Bebout** about the caboose and asked if the museum had any interest in the

potential donation of it. It was agreed that the Museum would happily accept the donation of the caboose, and with **Tanner Peterson** working as a Project Manager the caboose was moved to the museum grounds within two weeks.



A big thank you must go out to museum member **Cecil (Andy) Elliot** who works for Maxim Cranes and was able to help the Museum secure a crane for the move.







Within days of the move, the operations crew was able to uncover all the windows on the caboose, replace most broken windows, replace a missing door and deep clean the caboose in preparation for the museum fall open house.



The end goal for this Caboose will be a full restoration and to have the caboose back operating on occasional museum excursions.



A cleaned up interior of the caboose

The next task will be finding and repairing a couple of leaks in the body of the caboose, repairing the smoke and ventilation stacks that were cut off, replacing the water damaged flooring, and prep for a new coat of paint. The big question is, what scheme do we paint it in?

*Pictures submitted by Brenton Jones*

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



**Every 3 hours a person or a vehicle is hit by a train in the United States.**

With the Holidays upon us we want to make sure everyone makes it to Family gatherings in one piece. Please remember to follow all the signs and signals at the crossings. They are there to warn you but will not protect you if you ignore them. Rail property is private property therefore walking on railroad tracks and in rail yards is illegal and dangerous. Please feel free to go on the Operation Lifesaver website ([www.oli.org](http://www.oli.org)) and post any of the PSAs located in the material section to your social media sites to help save lives this Holiday Season!

I am very thankful this year for all the Volunteers at the museum who have helped share our safety message! You are a Blessing!!

**Help Support Reopening the Museum on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays  
You can help make it successful!  
We need our dedicated volunteers to commit to a schedule of 3 hours or 6 hours, (9 am – 3pm) once a month now that is doable for anyone!  
Training provided.**

Let's further promote and reopen the museum on Thursdays, 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, or 1 person for 6 hours, then it is not a burden on any one person.

If you would like to help on a Thursday, 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](mailto:randalbrooks@yahoo.com). Or email **Terry Bebout**.

## Thursday Meetings On Hold

First it was the pandemic, and then the damage from the storm in March 2021. Quarterly 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 museum artefact room, meeting room are now open to visitors for the excursions and when the museum is open. Right now this is only on Saturdays. We want to open Thursday, Friday, Saturday if volunteers will step forward to help.

On November 12, for example, we had 5 different groups that Randal took down to go through the cars, the caboose and locomotives. These groups came from between 10 am – 1 pm. Most were from out of town, and that resulted in \$45 donations. We need more help on Saturdays!

The Hobby Shop is open most Saturdays from 10 – 2pm, The Library is open most Saturdays from 10 – 1pm

## TCRM Passenger Car Tours

Tours of the passenger cars are conducted on Saturdays when the train is at the station. The building continues to be open on Saturdays. On any other days, tours of the property can be arranged by contacting **Randal Brooks** at [randalbrooks@yahoo.com](mailto:randalbrooks@yahoo.com) or by calling cell 615-477-2039. Tours are free but donations are welcome.

## Upcoming 2022 TCRM Excursions

To mark up for future trips E-mail **Ted** at [ted4714@aol.com](mailto:ted4714@aol.com) or call his cell # 570-956-8810, up until the Friday evening before the Saturday excursion. Then call **Rick White** (615) 930-9313 to volunteer or mark off at the last minute. Ideally, we like to have a car host and a vestibule host for each car. Since vestibules are shared, the vestibule host can help out and back up car hosts in both cars.

Nov 19 North Pole Express 2½ hour rides RT AM & PM

Nov 26 North Pole Express - Lebanon

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

\*Dates and destinations subject to change

All the North Pole Express Excursions are listed on the web site as SOLD OUT.

## 2023 TCRM Excursion Calendar\*

Feb 11 Valenshines Excursion – 3 hour ride

Feb 18 Watertown - Wine Tasting Excursion

Mar 4 Mardi Gras Excursion – 3 hour ride

Mar 11 Watertown – Murder Mystery

Mar 25 Watertown - Wine Tasting Excursion

Apr 8 Watertown – Easter Bunny Excursion

Apr 15 Watertown – Mile Long Yard Sale

May 6 German Mayfest Excursion – 2 hour ride

May 13 Watertown - Wine Tasting Excursion

May 20 Watertown – Train Robbery Excursion

July 8 Moonshine Run - 3 hour ride

July 15 Watertown – Murder Mystery / Jazz Festival

Aug 5 Watertown - Wine Tasting Excursion

Sept 2 Watertown – Brews and Blues

Sept 23 Watertown – Train Robbery Excursion

Oct 7 Watertown – Fall Yard Sale/Christmas Market

Oct 14 Watertown - Wine Tasting Excursion

Oct 21 Watertown – OktoberFest

Oct 28 Fall Foliage – 5½ hour ride

Nov 18 North Pole Express 2½ hour rides RT AM & PM

Nov 25 North Pole Express 2½ hour rides RT AM & PM

Dec 2 North Pole Express 2½ hour rides RT AM & PM

Dec 9 North Pole Express 2½ hour rides RT AM & PM

Dec 16 North Pole Express 2½ hour rides RT AM & PM

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



**Mark your calendars  
Save A Date For TCRM  
Activities**

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

TCRM Open House April 22, 2023. Contact Allen Hicks for dealer tables. And plan to volunteer that date!



2022 Fall Open House – Tables on the dock

## Other RR Events of Interest 2022-23

**Dec 10 9 – 4 pm** Christmas TCA Show at Nashville Fairgrounds Expo # 2 building. Admission \$7 cash only, under 13 free.

Operating layouts, door prizes drawings all day, snack bar for breakfast and lunch. For info call 615-417-3094

<http://www.dixiedivisiontca.com>



For the following listed events we need more info and are subject to change – please email the OB editor as details become available.

Feb 2023 National Guard Armory, Jeffersonville Indiana

Spring 23 - Evansville Indiana

Spring 23 – Jeffersonville IN

Spring 23 – TCRM Open House

Spring 23 – TCA Casey Jones, Germantown TN

Spring 23 - TCA Music City Chapter Volunteer State

Community College, Gallatin TN

July 14-15 Annual Madison Model Train Show, City Road

Chapel contact Nathan Baker 615-612-3324

### TCRM Meeting Room Available for Rental

We now have our newly renovated meeting room available to rent to the public for functions. **Brenton Jones** is 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](mailto:bjones@tcry.org)

Prices vary on the event and length of the rental

### Building Improvement Update Submitted by Terry Bebout, President

We are currently having the exterior window frames and related items cleaned and painted. This will be a big improvement to the appearance of our facility.

### Renovated Meeting Room Usage Policy

These rules are in place to help maintain the new and orderly condition of our meeting room. Let's all strive to keep it that way.

With the new floor finish, **NO** vehicles to be driven into the meeting room.

Approval from the Board is required before hanging any item on the walls.

Approval from the Board is required before hanging any item from the ceiling.

All furniture, modules, or anything taken into the meeting should have rubber feet or rollers, to avoid scratching the brand new floor.

No food, food containers, drinks or drink containers left in the museum room overnight.

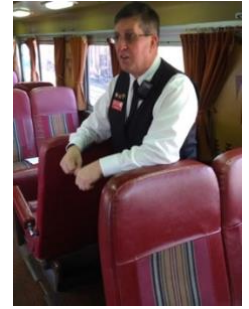
Tidy up after yourself before you leave. Any items taken out must be put back in its place. The room is to remain tidy 24/7.

No messes left in the meeting room, or things like mops, buckets, brooms, or tools left out.

If you spill something or make a mess you are responsible to clean it up same day. Nothing should be left out overnight.

### TCRM VOLUNTEER NAME TAGS Submitted by Alex Clark Member # 24533546423

Alex has volunteered to place the orders for name tags, pick up, and deliver the finished name tags to TCRM. Payment to Alex must be in cash. Please make sure you have the right change with you when you pick them up from Alex at TCRM.



Three fastening styles are available:

**Magnet Bar - \$12 each**

Good for wearing on shirts/blouses, thinner materials.

**Single pin – \$12 each**

Good on thicker materials.

**Double Pin / Military Bar - \$13 each**

Stays on jackets/coats better. Special Order - may take longer.

You can order multiple styles if desired.

Alex will hold an order until he gets sufficient requests or every month as needed.

Cash Payment due upon picking up name tags.

Contact Alex for more details at: [Alex9063@outlook.com](mailto:Alex9063@outlook.com)

### 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](mailto: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?

This is the newsletter for the members and about the activities and members of TCRM. Do your part to keep it going. We need your skills and passion to build the Order Board into an important communication tool for all members of the museum.

### New Members - Welcome Submitted by Randal Brooks Member # 10

The Fall Foliage trip on 10/29/22 was a success in gaining some new volunteers. Please welcome **John and Lisa Wilson**. They joined and rode with us on 9/24/22. They were in training on our Fall Foliage trip 10/29/22 as carhost.

Also please welcome **Lisa Tucker** and family who rode with us and paid a family membership of \$40.00 on 10/29/22. Car host **Hugh Lowe** was responsible for recruiting them on the excursion train.

Any new member wishing to volunteer please contact **Randal Brooks** at [randalbrooks@yahoo.com](mailto:randalbrooks@yahoo.com) or phone 615-477-2039

Welcome to the TCRM Family!

I encourage new members (or not so new members) to contact **Randal Brooks** at [randalbrooks@yahoo.com](mailto: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 fill you in on what's coming up.

## **Monetary Donations**

### **Submitted by Randal Brooks BofD Member # 10**

\$11 in miscellaneous donations from visitors on October 29  
\$45 in miscellaneous donations from visitors on November 12

## **Donations In-Kind**

### **Submitted by Randal Brooks BofD Member # 10**

We welcome donated items both for the museum and the Company Store.

## **TCRM and Model Railroad Club Board of Directors**

Member **Rick White** has been selected as a Board Member for TCRM to replace the late **Robert Marsmaker**

<b>Terry Bebout</b>	<b>President</b>
<b>Allen Hicks</b>	<b>Vice President</b>
<b>Mark Henry</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
<b>Steve Tomblin</b>	<b>Secretary</b>

### **Board Members**

**Tim Bebout - operating crew trainer**  
**Dominic Breeze – back up treasurer**  
**Randal Brooks – volunteer coordinator**  
**George Gilbert**  
**John Kennedy - legal adviser**  
**Gordon Smith**  
**Gene Turnage**  
**Rick White – Crew Chief**



# Tennessee Central Railway Museum

<http://www.tcry.org>

## Spring 2023 Tennessee Central Ry Museum Model Train Show & Open House

9 am to 3 pm Saturday, April 22, 2023

Location- TC Ry Museum at 220 Willow St Nashville TN

## Admission – FREE!

- Tour Restored Passenger Train Cars
- Dealer Tables
- Operating 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, contact TCRM at 220 Willow St in Nashville TN 37210-2159  
FAX 615-244-2120 or E-mail [randalbrooks@yahoo.com](mailto:randalbrooks@yahoo.com)

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

Directions- Go to I-40 westward Exit 212 Hermitage Av to Hermitage Av, turn left  
towards Nashville, then turn right onto Fairfield Av, follow the sign to TC Ry Museum.

From the west, follow I-40 eastward to Exit 212 Fesslers Lane, turn left onto Fesslers  
Lane, go northward to Lebanon Rd; turn left towards Nashville, go about 2+ miles, turn  
right onto Fairfield Av, follow the TCRM sign to TC Ry Museum.

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