

# THE ORDER BOARD

Tennessee Central  
Railway Museum

and  
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2022

Model Railroad Club  
Nashville Chapter NRHS

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## Member Opportunity to VOLUNTEER At the TCRM Open House Sat. Nov. 5 9am – 3pm



Mark your calendars, and plan to participate by volunteering or setting up a table.

**Volunteer Opportunities:**  
Contact team lead as listed to volunteer.

Table Set Up Wed or Thurs – contact Operating Crew  
Take down the tables – contact Operating Crew  
Dealer Set Up – Friday noon till ?- contact **Randal Brooks**

Parking Cones – contact **Randal Brooks**  
Morning set up and afternoon take down- need golf cart

Car hosts for tours of the cars - contact **Randal Brooks**  
4717, 9400 and 1 or 2 others

Cook and serve in the diner – contact **Terry Bebout**  
Host in the Operation Lifesaver Caboose - contact **Randal Brooks**

1266 Concession sales – contact **Peggy Bebout**

Greet our visitors and answer questions, - contact **Randal Brooks**

Docent the artifact room, - contact **Randal Brooks**

Hobby Shop table – contact **Hank Sweetman**

Company Store table - contact **Mike Volle**  
Price and set up on Thursday and Friday  
Help sell at the table Saturday

HO railroad – we need 3 people to run it - contact **Randal Brooks**

N scale – 3 people to run it - contact **Jason Sharpe**

Contact Randal at [randalbrooks@yahoo.com](mailto:randalbrooks@yahoo.com) or cell 615-477-2039 to find out where you would best fit.

All volunteers will receive a free meal ticket for lunch in 8510.

For more information, E-mail [randalbrooks@yahoo.com](mailto:randalbrooks@yahoo.com)  
Dealer tables: Contact Allen Hicks on E-mail at [cando3300@bellsouth.net](mailto: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.

The final page of this Order Board is a flyer that members can print and pass out to friends, post at work, in local libraries etc.

## Upcoming 2022 TCRM Excursions

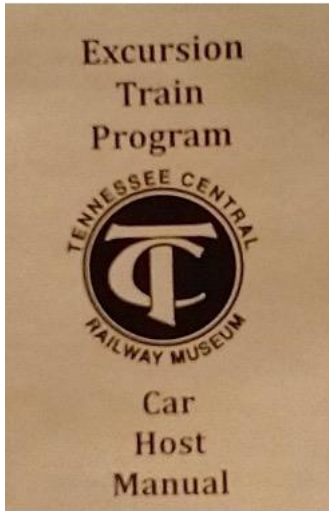
To mark up for future trips E-mail **Ted** at [ted4714@aol.com](mailto:ted4714@aol.com) or call his cell # 570-956-8810, up until the Friday evening before the Saturday excursion. Then call Rick White (615) 930-9313 to volunteer or mark off at the last minute. Ideally, we like to have a car host and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

Oct 22 Oktoberfest 4½ hour 90 mile round trip  
Oct 29 RT Fall Foliage Excursion. 100+ mile 5½ hours  
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.

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

TCRM has reached the “busy” time of our year. Most of our bunched rides happen from October through December. ALL are sold out. A full train – every seat – will be 560+ people. We are near that

often this time of year. That makes SAFETY even more important. There are many people to watch all the time. With so many passengers, and especially so many children on the seasonal trains, now more than ever, safety is Job # 1.



Make sure your yellow stool is properly and firmly placed as close to the trap as possible. This first “big” step can be a challenge for some of our passengers. Let’s do what we can to make it easier. Don’t let it overhang the curb as shown. Make sure it doesn’t rock and that it is steady.

The other thing that matters is everyone using the hand rail. This was pointed out at our recent training. I tell everyone to use the railing. Some, especially teens, think it doesn’t apply to them. When I see their scowls when I say it I remind them that even the “cool kids” need to be safe. The chuckle and/or reminder from their parents behind them helps at this point. When grown ups are determined that they are above it I immediately say “you too”. Look, we can’t be bashful. If we cannot stand up for a simple safety rule we may have to rethink our roles.



Last today, but especially not least, lending a helping hand. Car hosts have been witnessed from time to time standing like a statue watching people board. NO! Most folks are capable of climbing aboard by themselves. Many need a steady hand to grip as they step up on the yellow stool. Don’t be the statue. Reach out to lend a hand. Better

they don’t take your offer than risk stumbling because you didn’t. Moms and dads aren’t always parents either. Make sure a little toddler doesn’t fall trying to get up on the stairs because they want to do it themselves and their grown ups just watch.

Offering a steady hand as folks exit is just as important. They can’t lean forward and grab a railing when getting off. Nothing but air. Be the guy. Offer your hand.

A couple of simple items takes so much risk out of the boarding process. We will all be better off for it.

## 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)

## Repaired Excursion Train Maintenance Issues from September 19 to October 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:2kenfagan@gmail.com)

- 3119 – Floor trim strip at seats 2 C/D loose. Repaired.
- 7602 – Seat 45 recline button not working correctly. Repaired.
- 7602 – Women’s room light shade issue. Replaced.
- 7602 - Seat 51 recline button cover has sharp edge. Repaired.
- 8510 – Glass front display case not cooling. Repaired.

## TCRM Hobby Shop By Hank Sweetman, TCRM Member # 247

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.



The Hobby Shop will be having tables at the Train Show and Open House on November 5 featuring markdowns on many donated items. Stop by and check out the values!

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 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.

## Bowling Green Train Show and Sale Submitted by Ron Fleitz, Member # 226

It was held on Saturday August 27<sup>th</sup> at the Historic Railpark and Train Museum in Bowling Green, KY from 9 am until 3 pm. It has always been a great show for me and we saw several other TCRM members in attendance as well. All the rooms were bursting with vendors mostly from Kentucky which gives a different model perspective to the shows that are in Tennessee, though some of the vendors have attended Nashville area shows in the past. At the Winter meet last February, there was even a gentleman who helped me with an engine problem I had and repaired it for no charge. A much appreciated bonus I wasn't expecting!

In addition, the Museum opens up at 10 and if you bring your wife along, she (as mine always does) will enjoy shopping in their gift shop. The tours are fun too.

If you have any money left after the return of the TCRM Open House on November 5, you might consider visiting their next train show early next year. The specific date should be available in November and should be mentioned in an upcoming TCRM communication.

## TCRM Member Spotlight Submitted by Don Marlin Edited By Susan Thomas, Order Board Editor

Name: Don Marlin

Membership #: 1060

TCRM OB: When did you join the Organization?

DM: 2011

I guess my experience with railroads began very early on March 22, 1939, the day I was born! I came into a Railroad family, my father eventually being a 47 year veteran of the Louisville and Nashville (L&N) railroad company. He followed in the footsteps of his father and two grandfathers who were engineers and conductors.



Don Marlin's grandfather, John C. Corbett, is the engineer in the cab.

All worked for the L&N. I had the opportunity to be a Railroad employee myself, if only for a short time. After high school graduation I went to work for the L&N as an electrical apprentice. My tenure was set, for I wanted to work to assist with my monetary requirements before attending college. After a year I left the L&N for the University of Tennessee in Knoxville to study engineering and architecture. When I returned to Nashville I went to work for an architectural and engineering firm as a draftsman, designer. In 1962, I joined the US Army Security Agency serving for three years in Frankfurt Germany. While living in Frankfurt I had the opportunity to travel extensively, visiting most of the European countries where I soaked in their history and architecture (my passion.) For the past 57 years I have been employed in the construction industry in Tennessee, Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Missouri, and Texas. Today I remain involved in construction as a self-employed project estimator for several local contractors. Over the years I have designed and built several homes in Tennessee and surrounding areas, mostly for friends in my family. I assume that someday I may consider retirement.

**TCRM OB: Do you have a home layout and what inspired you to build it?**

**DM:** My interest in toy trains began when I received my first electric train at age 6 for Christmas. Each birthday and holiday thereafter I received various items to augment my hobby and eventually at age 9, I moved my set up from the living room floor to a layout in the basement where it continued to grow for several more years. I received some notoriety when I was 15 when an article about my hobby was published in the Nashville Tennessean Sunday magazine (This will be featured in a future edition of the Order Board.)



*Don looking over his layout.*

I have continued my interest throughout the years with set ups around the Christmas tree every year for my children's and grandson's entertainment. ("so I say!")

**TCRM OB: What was your primary interest or reason for joining?**

**DM:** My original consideration for joining the TCRY Museum was to participate in modelling with the N gauge group. I have been involved with my own N scale layout at my home since 2005 utilizing an area in my basement until 2010 when, during

the Nashville hundred year flood we had about 2 feet of water accumulate over a day and a half of rain in the basement. So, with the help of my daughter we managed to bring most of the layout, parts and pieces, upstairs and placed it on our dining room table where it sat for quite some time! Before that fateful day in time, we had never experienced water in the basement (not since our parents built the house in 1933.) So as not to be defeated I began construction on a two story utility and modelling building. Now the layout is safe on the second floor, I assume!!! Since I have always been interested in electricity and building design and construction the model train hobby fits all venues. I enjoy the challenge of electricity and the design of layouts and buildings.

**TCRM OB: What has been a highlight of your membership experience over the years?**



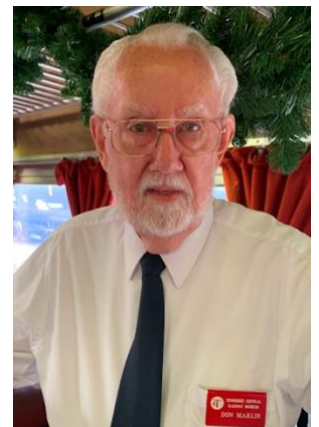
**DM:** A few months after I had joined TCRY I received a call from **Bob Hultman** with a request to participate in the Day Out With Thomas (DOWT) event that was scheduled to start the next day. So, of course, I accepted the task. My job at that event

was to "make popcorn" near the front gate and hand out the bags of popcorn while greeting arriving event goers (I can't count how many times I burned my fingers on the popper!!)

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

**DM:** Bob propositioned me that same day to consider car hosting, so my training began shortly after on October 8, 2011 aboard coach 7602 assisting **Dave Lawrence** as vestibule host. I guess that day set my destiny at TCRY and after several other trips, on February 4, 2012, I was assigned to work on coach 9400 and to the present day I have always been aboard the dome car.

Participation as a car host has been the most rewarding experience in my association with TCRY. The opportunity to greet are many varied guests, discuss some Railroad and TN history, and make their experience riding the train an enjoyable one. Also, having the opportunity to enjoy the association with other railroad freaks as well!!



*Don on the North Pole Express*

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

**DM:** So as long as good health prevails, look for me on 9400, up in the dome!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



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

Contact Terry Bebout to sign up.

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

### 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 September and October. 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.

### Our People Park Patron's Cars Professionally!

Compiled by Susan Thomas, Order Board Editor

For the recent wine tasting excursion, parking was a particular challenge, because there were so many more cars than usual, but **Lawrence Lilly** and his team, **Dave Anderson**, **Gary Miller** and **Mike Volle** did an admirable job, as always.



Once the Buntin lot had filled up, the cars were parked along the road – all the way from Stanley at one end of Willow to Fairfield at the other. Nashville's finest "men in blue" even conducted a drive by inspection to ensure the road was clear and the cars were safely out of the traffic flow. We must have passed with flying colors, since they did not stop, and as can be seen from the pictures, it was a job well done!



We even had vehicles parked on Decatur Street.



As one of our volunteers remarked, we had many more one passenger-one car patrons this time. When it's a family excursion, we generally have more passengers per vehicle. Driving the golf cart up the hills, the parking cones are out before the safety meeting begins. Lawrence packs the cars like sardines in to the Buntin lot, and then up and down the road. And to accommodate the late comers, and yes there are always late comers, we have to keep a couple of parking places open right by the door so our tardy patrons can jump out and hustle down to the train tracks.

### Our Excursions Can't Run Without the Hard Work of Our Volunteers in September and October

#### 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, Ted Brown, Alex Clark, Joyce Chapman, Cecil Elliott, Alex Dmitriev, Pasha Dmitriev, Scott Frick, Steve Gibson, Dina Glardon, Bill Howard, Hugh Lowe, Don Marlin, Larry Norton, Joe Novak, Adam Shaw, Austin Siebing, Margaret Ann Trail, Mike Volle.

#### Food Service:

Terry Bebout, Brenton Jones, Thomas Jones, Ross Musgrave, 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, Hank Sweetman, Gary Willoughby.

**HO Layout for Excursions:**

The HO Layout has not been running for the recent excursions.

**N Scale Layout for Excursions:**

Steve Ders, Mark Henry, Alex Robinson, Steve Wright.

**Order Board / Newsletter Contributors:** Susan Thomas, Terry Bebout, Randal Brooks, Ted Brown, Alex Clark, Bill daGator, Alex Dmitriev, Bob Donovan, Don Marlin, Hank Sweetman, Steve Tomblin.

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.

## September 24, 2022, Train Robbery Excerpts from Passenger Comment Sheets

Car 3113 – **Robert Bartley** – Staff was very nice ! Loved Robert and his music! Loved the shopping, the food and the show in Watertown.

Car 3119 – **Margaret Ann Trail** - Margaret Ann was absolutely fabulous – I will be back!

Car 4711 – **Cecil Elliott** – The souvenir shop was excellent. The food choices were also good. The views were the best part! Cecil is amazing!

Car 4717 – **Joe Novak** – Enjoyed the ride, will look at potentially doing again next year, maybe one of the wine tastings!

Car 4719 – **Adam Shaw** – I liked everyone's attitude. This is my second trip and I have enjoyed it both times.

Car 4733 – **Larry Norton** – I can't wait to do another excursion! Larry and everyone involved was so nice.

Car 4739 – **Mike Volle** - Thanks to everyone for making my grandsons's birthday an awesome day – an awesome experience

Car 7602 – **Ted Brown** – The ride – we never been on a train before – the host was great – he was informative. The western show was great as well as the food – we will be back – it is a great experience.

Car 7628 – **Joyce Chapman** – The experience of riding on the train, the cute town – Watertown, pleasant staff (Joyce was wonderful!) Train robbery reenactment was great!

Car 9400 – **Don Marlin** – A friendly environment and the actors and car host were all very nice. All of our questions were answered and the train was comfortable.

And even for **Rick White** – we loved train **Chief Rick White**

## October 8, 2022 Mile Long Yard Sale Excerpts from Passenger Comment Sheets

Car 3113 – **Robert Bartley** – This was lovely – I'll definitely recommend it to others – the host was amazing!

Car 3119 – **Larry Norton** – clean, punctual and an overall pleasure – we will certainly be back !

Car 4711 – **Aleks and Pasha Dmitriev** – Excellent staff and customer service. A very nice ride and clean rest rooms.

Car 4717 – **Steve Gibson**– Everyone was very kind and courteous – I enjoyed this first train ride ever!

Car 4719 – **Joe Novak** – The flea market and scenery were great, and Joe was cool. The bathrooms and whole train was clean. The guys in the safety vests were helpful.

Car 4733 – **Scott Frick** – Came with our church group and had a bunch of fun riding and talking in the car. The seats were comfortable. Scott was really informative.

Car 4739 – **Hugh Lowe** – The host was a wealth of knowledge and happy to share his expertise. Also he is very safety conscious for all of us.

Car 7602 – **Ted Brown** - Ted had a very good sense of humor. Our first trip but not our last. Th train was comfortable and fun. A great wat to travel.

Car 7628 – **Joyce Chapman** – This was our first train ride – We enjoyed the experience and Joyce is a wonderful host.

Car 8519 – **Cecil Elliott** – Cecil was exceptional! Excellent service and his customer service is superb.

Car 9400 – **Don Marlin** – Mr. Don was wonderful and very informative.

**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**.

## Riding the Rails - Railroad Excursions Member Stories

### Tennessee Valley RR Museum

Submitted by Susan Thomas, Order Board Editor

"Tea on the Homefront" is the newest offering to add interest and variety to their menu of experiences on their RR. A few enterprising and creative ladies had taken the old storage room above the waiting room in the Grand Junction TVRM station on Cromwell Road. The period pictures and glass cases displaying artefacts from the great days of railroading offered a wonderful dining atmosphere. English High Tea with an American twist! The meal was served on the iconic three tier server. Delightfully mismatched teacups, plates and tea pots graced the table. The food was all lovingly home-made in the kitchen there at the station and without a doubt was the most flavorful and tasty I've ever had, and I've have indulged in English High Tea served all over the world!



A little bowl of delicious tomato bisque with a grilled cheese sandwich began the meal. Followed by the most delicious breakfast casserole molded in an egg shape and served with tiny tomatoes. And to complete the savory

course was a petite chicken salad croissant. Dessert was a miniature apple buttery tart, a moist scone, and a light banana mousse and to top it all off, a bite of cheesecake. The flavors were outstanding. And it was all so filling. Service was attentive and the ambience was wonderful. There is a working fireplace and I imagine when they do "Tea with the Elves" at Christmas time, then that same room will be beautifully decorated and the fireplace will be adorned with Christmas stockings and a blazing fire.

Included with the tea was the train ride through pre civil war Missionary Ridge tunnel,

completed in 1858, and back. It's only about a 20 minute ride, but with a PA system working through out the carriages, and a comprehensive well written historical narrative there's a lot to appreciate about the impact of the railroads on this community, especially during the Civil War. Once at the other station, you watch steam locomotive 4501 turn on the turntable and then make a run by. The turntable is 80' long, the locomotive is 85' long so it is a tight fit, and great to watch! In addition, there's a



quick tour of the workshop, where our narrator proudly described the pieces of equipment under restoration. They also have a small gift and snack shop and offer a custom made local ice cream, affectionally named

"smoke and cinders." The return ride was delightful. This is a track that was abandoned by Southern Railway because the tunnel was too small, and restored by TVRM in 1971. Since they run rides almost daily, they trim the branches back away from the track so



that it is possible to lean out of the one section of one carriage that was open (I think a baggage car section) However when being drawn by a steam locomotive there is an inherent risk of

getting smoke and cinders in the eyes, and yes, we enjoyed the complete experience!

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

**Problem solving and the "rewards" for it.**

During the winter 2015-2016 when I was working as a station master of Uski station, I found one problem that was at the station for years, may be 7 or 10 years. You know that in Russia in winter we have lot of snow. And if there is snow in the railway switch between the rail and the blade, the snow will become compressed and it will make a gap between the rail and the blade. The railcar wheel flange can get between the rail and the switch blade and there will be a derailment.



Part of Izhevsk station at winter time. You can see the switches cleaned but the tracks are not.

There are different ways to keep the switches clear of snow.

1. The simplest way is to have maintenance guys on duty 24/7. They clean the switches time after time dependent on how much snow is falling. The station operator must prepare the routes for the trains in advance. And if any switch doesn't lock in the proper position the maintenance guys walk fast or run to the switch to clean it.

2. At the Pozim station where I worked as a station operator there was an air compressor with air pipes providing the compressed air between the rail and the blade. The system blew the switches of the station clear one by one. The station operator just needed to press the button on the remote control console.

Sometimes the maintenance guys connected the air hose to the pipe and cleaned the turnout by the air.



The switch at the Pozim station. The red arrow points the air pipes to the switch blade. The blue arrow points the box and the connection for the air hose.



Cleaning the turnout by hose with compressed air

3. The Uski station had another way to have the switches clean from the snow – it is the electrical heating of the rail and the blade.



The red arrow points to the electric heating elements on the rail



How the switch with electrical heating looks in the winter time

The electrical heating of the switches works great, but not at the Uski station.

The system of electrical heating of the switches had two modes of work. At one mode it works if the button on the remote control console of the station operator is pressed. If there are interruptions in the power supply, when the button is pressed, the system turns on again when the power supply is resumed. But when the operator leaves and transfers control to the train dispatcher by turning the special key in the console the heating system is off because the key is in the electrical circuits of the system.

There is another way to work the heating system independent of station operator and train dispatcher. This mode of operation is activated in special electrical cabinets at different ends of the station. But if there are interruptions in the power supply, the electric contacts in the electrical cabinets are switched off and when the power supply is resumed these contacts need to be switched on manually in cabinets at different ends of the station. But there were interruptions in the power supply quite often, almost daily. It happened because of emergency switches, or because of various works in the power supply. And after each interruption the maintenance guys must go to the different ends of the station (1 mile long) to turn on the system manually. So there were different ways the system works, but no one way works the proper way.



When I figured out how the system actually works, I started to write the letters to the department that maintains the signals and switches, and to the department that provides power supply. But everyone responded to me that their system was made according to the projects and rules and works the proper way. But as a result, maintenance guys had to run to each end of the station all times of day and night. And the station master has the headache about possible train's delays.

I escalated the problem to the head of our region of the railway, and to the head of our department, but no one did anything.

It was the end of the winter when I decided to ask for advice at the conference on the internet site of the people who works in the department of maintenance of switches and signals. I described the problem and asked that may be somewhere there is a solution to the problem.

The one man who was the head of this department for all of the Russian Railways in Moscow became interested in the problem and asked me for the name of the station. He wrote that there is the technical solution and the local department should solve it easy.

After week or two, I received copy of the letter with the instructions to the local maintenance department of signals and switches to solve the problem. In the next summer the department solved the problem.

But the local leaders didn't like the way I solved this problem. As people told me, the head of our department was furious when he found out about it. But in a personal meeting, he smiled at me and said that he was being ironic about my way of solving this problem.

At the end of spring my station had an audit by the commission from the headquarters of our railway with the head of our railway. At the audit many auditors from different departments flooded the station and checked everything. It is very stressful situation for station master and station operator who is on duty.

At the same time somebody asked to turn the switches in different parts of the station, and at that time there could be the trains passing the station, and in the office of the station operator many people took and checked the documents, and the boss of the railway could ask anything from the lots of instructions to check knowledge of the operator.

When I was station operator I was on duty during the audit three times, and at that time I was in the role of station master. For station master it is more stressful because he is responsible for all at the station and for his station operator too.

My station operator was the young man just out of university; he worked little more than half a year. The auditor asked the operator a question requiring in-depth knowledge of how switches and signals work, especially during repair work. My operator misunderstood the question and asked the auditor to repeat the question. The auditor repeated the question, but slightly changed it. The question sounded almost the same as the first time, the difference was in one word, but its meaning had changed significantly. In the first case, the correct answer was yes, in the second case no. The operator got confused and answered incorrectly.

A couple of weeks later, the head of our department organized a review of station inspections. He described in detail how operators at other stations answered quite simple questions by mistake. He read out the questions and their answers. He shamed the station masters, listened to their excuses. At the last minute of the conference, he only said to me: "The station master of the Uski station will be punished for the weak knowledge of your

operator." And he finished the conference. It was obvious that he did not want to voice this difficult question that was asked to my operator, and clearly did not want to hear my explanation of how this question was asked.

## 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 museum room & meeting room are now open to visitors for the excursions and when the museum is open. 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.

## 2022 TCRM Excursion Calendar\*

- Oct 29 RT Fall Foliage Excursion. 100+ mile 5½ hrs
- 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

## 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 – 51/2 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.

## Other RR Events of Interest 2022-23

**Nov 5 9am – 3pm TCRM Open House**  
220 Willow Street Nashville TN

**Nov 5-6 10am – 4pm** Crossville Model Railroad Club Over 5000 square feet of space is available. Rental tables will be available for \$15 per 8 feet. Admission is free. The CMRC layouts will be open just down the hall. Their location is just off of I-40, about 60 miles east of Nashville. An address and map are on their webpage.  
<http://crossvilletrains.org/Welcome/>

**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.**

**11-19-22 Evansville Indiana**  
**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**

**Mark your calendars  
Save A Date 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. **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@tcrv.org](mailto:bjones@tcrv.org)  
Prices vary on the event and length of the rental

## Renovated Meeting Room Usage Policy

### Submitted by Terry Bebout, President

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.

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.

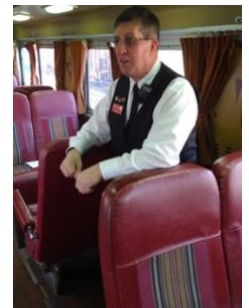
No messes left in the meeting room, or things like mops, buckets, brooms, or tools left out.

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

**John and Lisa Wilson** from Springfield, TN  
**Leonard Gant** from Russellville, KY

Welcome to the TCRM Family!  
Both were passengers on one of our recent excursions on Car 3113. Thanks to **Robert Bartley**, our car host, who encouraged our patrons to join the museum, and gave them each an application.

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

\$14 miscellaneous cash donation  
Kevin Painter with the Reading Railroad Heritage Museum, and Jeff and Kathy Toms of Ohio, on September 21 and other visitors on September 17 resulted in donations totaling \$70.00.

## Donations In-Kind

### Submitted by Randal Brooks BofD Member # 10

We welcome donated items both for the museum and the COMPANY STORE for November 5, Open House.

Mike Volle, DVD's and books  
Mike Stone, DVD's and books  
Dave Anderson, Office Chair  
John Ralph, Office Chair

Thanks to all for your generous donations!

## TCRM and Model Railroad Club Board of Directors

<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**



## Tennessee Central Railway Museum

<http://www.tcry.org>

### Fall 2022 Tennessee Central Ry Museum Model Train Show & Open House

9 am to 3 pm Saturday, November 5, 2022

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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