



July 2024

TIES AND RAILS

The Monthly Publication of the Crossville Model Railroad Club

President's Message

As you have heard our president Roberta (Bobbie) Dean has resigned as the president of Crossville Model Railroad Club. As she explained to the Board, she had to step down due to personal issues that require her full attention. She served our club for 2.5 years during a very difficult time for the club with us losing our home of over 20 years and has been leading the search for a new one. In accordance with our by-laws, I have assumed the duties and responsibilities of the President for the remainder of her term (12/31/2025). She will be hard to follow. I can only hope that you will give the support needed to accomplish the club's goal of a new home with operating trains. Bobbie, at the request of the board, has agreed to fill the now vacant position of Vice president for the remainder of the year (if elected at the July Meeting).

Ed Potts
President

CLUB PICNIC

August 12, starting at pm at 5841 Taylor's Chapel Road

Please Contact Ann Grogitsky

at 931-742-1824 or at anngrogitsky@gmail.com

Please bring chairs, your drinks, table service and a covered dish. Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be provided.

Next Club Meeting Monday July 8

BOD meets at **2:30PM** Membership at 4:00 PM

Location: Oaklawn Baptist Church

Looking for Some Luxury Train Rides?

Member Richard Morrison found these

https://www.atlasobscura.com/articles/vintage-rail-car-trips?mc_cid=7ecf586caa&mc_eid=b414889d35

CROSSVILLE MODEL RAILROAD CLUB TRAIN SHOW & SWAP MEET October 25 & 26

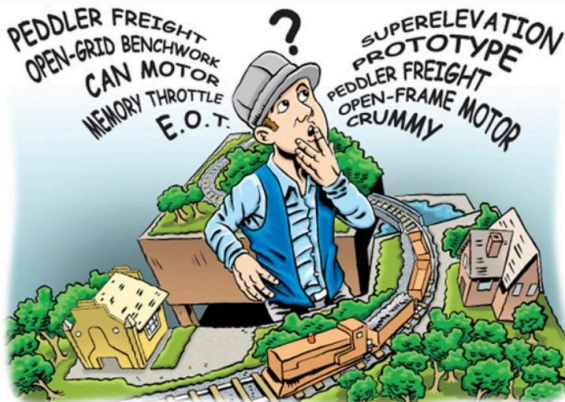
OAKLAWN BAPTIST CHURCH 3977 US 70 EAST
Many vendors in multiple scales of model
trains + books and railroadiana

Visiting Modular layouts in HO and N from
Central Railway Modeling and Historical
Association of Central South Carolina

Vendor tables available \$15 for your own
table(s), \$30 ea for 8 foot we provide

Contact Show Coordinator at:

crossvilletrains@gmail.com
for reservations and details



Not a joke just a comment
from a Lionel guy. Him
watching my 1948 Hudson
running around the track
and smoking up a storm.
His remark. Wow !
American Flyer did have
better smoke than Lionel.



FACEBOOK UPDATE

Our Site

CROSSVILIEMODELRAILROADCLUB PRESENTS

We have more than 1280 followers for our page and we average between 4 to 6 visitors a day. We have had 42 in the last 7 days. I mentioned that we may be getting close to a new home and these were some of the many responses we received:

Our page has lots of photos and videos you can review.

If you have something you would like posted on Facebook contact Pat Taylor

Sandra Millsaps
This is exciting news.

Paul Olson
Yay! Looking forward to hear all the details.

Tonia Wooten
Cool!

Judy Dorsey Pierce
Awesome!! I can't wait to see your new setup. What a magical place!!

Anna Walker
Luckily, I was able to take my Uncle to your spot at mall before it was closed! He is currently in the process of moving here! I hope you guys can find somewhere great soon! He was so excited to see you guys!!

Ronald & Sue Chapin
Do you have a GO FUND ME page?
Jason Miller
We would love to help.
Can not wait.

Robert Burns
My grandkids live in Harriman and seeing your display was something they would not miss.

Joe Wiggins
Every time I drive through I always stop. Hope you find a home soon.

Larry Green
Please hurry I am having withdrawals

James Radiker
So sorry you had to move. I really enjoyed my visits to your layouts and appreciated the skill and time it took to create them. Praying you will find a new and even better location.

Kathy Manis
Still praying for a great facility and price

Dan Harvey
Do you have a GoFundMe page?

Bryan-Lindsey Parsons
In the meantime are there any meet ups planned? My 13 year old really wants to make some friends who share his passion for trains/machines. We just moved here near Spring City.

Anna Walker
Ohhhhh!!!! My uncle will be ecstatic!!!

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Sheila Hill
Woohoo! Mike and I are so happy to hear this.

John-Angel Wade Lumpkin
This is fantastic news!

Gary Nelson
Great news!

Andrea Thompson
Love to donate.

Douglas Paton
That is awesome news. Look forward to visiting

Public Relations

Mike Durnwald, Jim & I attended the Chamber "After Hours" in June. We spoke with the president of the chamber and the former county mayor and a number of other people there and they all encouraged us and told us not to give up.

A lady that saw us on facebook contacted Pat, she wanted to talk to the lady in G scale that she talked with when we were at the mall. Pat gave me her number and she and her 2 sons (ages 20 & 16) ended up coming to our house and after seeing our layout, they were enthused about starting a G scale in their backyard and also in joining our club.

We still have a big following on facebook.

Ann Grogitsky

**If you use fire wood I
have a neighbor who is
giving some away for
FREE
Contact PAT T if interested**



Our annual club picnic is on August 12, it will be at Jim & Ann Grogitsky's house, 5841 Taylors Chapel Rd beginning at 5 pm. We will plan on eating at 5:30. There is plenty of parking. The club provides hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, plates and silverware. You need to bring a dish to pass (serving at least 8 people), your own drinks and lawn chairs.

We have an outdoor G scale layout and and indoor On30 layout.

This is a great time to meet the newer members and visit with the people we haven't seen in a long time, but that means that you have to sign up so we know how many burgers to get.

I will have a sign-up sheet at the July meeting, but you can also call me Ann, 742-1824 or email me at anngrogitsky@gmail.com to let me know what dish you are going to bring. We need main dishes like Potato Salad, cole slaw, beans etc., salad of all kinds and desserts.

We also need 2 cooks, please let me know if you are interested in grilling.

Voted Ohio's Best Family Entertainment Center, EnterTRAINment Junction is unlike any indoor family entertainment center. You can marvel at the world's largest indoor train display. Slide, climb and play in a children's play area. Discover at the railroading museum and more! It's like a theme park all indoors!

Our 2nd world-class attraction is the A-Maze-N Funhouse – the greatest funhouse on earth. Plus, from Memorial Day through Labor Day, engineer your own locomotive around a track in a hand-cranked railroad car or ride our narrow gauge train ride.

Additional seasonal and special events for everyone, [click here for event dates and information](#). For more information visit our [frequently asked questions page](#) or call us at 513-898-8000.

Looking for places to stay or more things to do in our area? [Travel Butler County for more information](#).



CLOSING IN 2025

"It is a sad day for us all," said EnterTRAINment Junction owner Don Oeters, who created the train-themed family attraction 16 years ago following his long-held dream of building the world's largest indoor train display for the public to enjoy. "This has been a labor of love for so many years and a lot of really good people have put their hearts and souls into this project to make it the best family attraction possible. I've tried to find a person or a group to buy the business for over 2 years with no takers. To have to close it all down is a real heartache for me."

"We are announcing our closing intentions now," said Oeters, "so that the everyone has six more months to enjoy EnterTRAINment Junction's many offerings before we close the doors. Those folks who love EnterTRAINment Junction and want to visit again, have a chance to do so. And for those who have always wanted to see EnterTRAINment Junction, but haven't... well, we wanted to give them an opportunity to visit before closing our doors as well. Of course, already booked birthday parties and other group events scheduled for the remainder of the year will go on as planned", Oeters said.

EnterTRAINment Junction's most popular events –

- Everything Thomas in August,
- Jack-O-Lantern Junction in the fall
- Christmas at the Junction in December

will go on as planned and offer the public a "last-chance opportunity" to experience these popular events one more time or perhaps for the first time.

A specific closing date in January 2025, has not yet been determined.



Fond Memories

