



Ties and Rails

Official newsletter of the Crossville Model Railroad Club
and Div. 16, Southeast Region, NMRA

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The Prez sez:

Well, it's December. Thanksgiving is gone and Christmas is hard charging towards us.

I hope everybody had a great Thanksgiving. I am reminding everyone of our upcoming Christmas dinner at Lake Tansi. It is December 12 and starts at 5PM. If you have not paid the very minimal cost of \$10.00, please let Bruce know. Last year's dinner was a great time for everybody that was there.

On another note, we were going to have a Board meeting on the Tabor site on Monday, the 27th but I changed it to Mon.,

Dec. 4th because some members that were going to be there were out of town. The meeting on Mon., the 4th, will be a discussion on the Tabor site. All members are welcome at any of our Board meetings unless it is noted "For Board Members Only", which is a rare issue. I am going to try to have this meeting at the Tabor site so if there are any questions that we have toward the site, we can ask Greg while actually at the site.

So I hope everyone can come to the Christmas dinner. If I do not see you before Christmas, have a Merry Christmas and a Great New Year.

Marketing Committee -

Ralph Watson

This Christmas, CMRC will be displaying a Christmas Tree at the First National Bank at 1386 N. Main St., Crossville. It is expected to be available during normal banking hours until Christmas.

Thanks to Mike Durnwald, Bruce Herring, Ann Grogitsky and Ralph Watson for setting the tree up



Oh, For The Good Old Days

The young lady's facial expression says it all!!



O Scale News

Bruce Herring

I have been invited to set up my modular Christmas display for two events in Pikeville.

The first event is December 2nd at the Bledsoe County Fairgrounds from 10 AM to 4 PM in the exhibit hall.

The second event is in an empty storefront in downtown Pikeville on December 14th for the big Light Up Pikeville event.

This should be fun. If you have nothing to do on either of those dates, come on down!

News from the NMRA

SER Superintendents: Please pass this along to your members in case anyone would be in Chattanooga on any of these upcoming Saturdays:

The layout is located at 4119 Cromwell Road, Chattanooga, TN 37421 in the basement of the former NMRA HQ building.

And you can also enjoy all the 1:1 equipment on display at TVRM, as well as riding on the Missionary Local (1 hr. round trip)

<https://www.tvrail.com/>

You are invited to this open house at the TVMRi layout this Saturday (11/18) from 10am to 3pm ET.

Multiple trains will be running and TVMRi members will be available to answer questions.

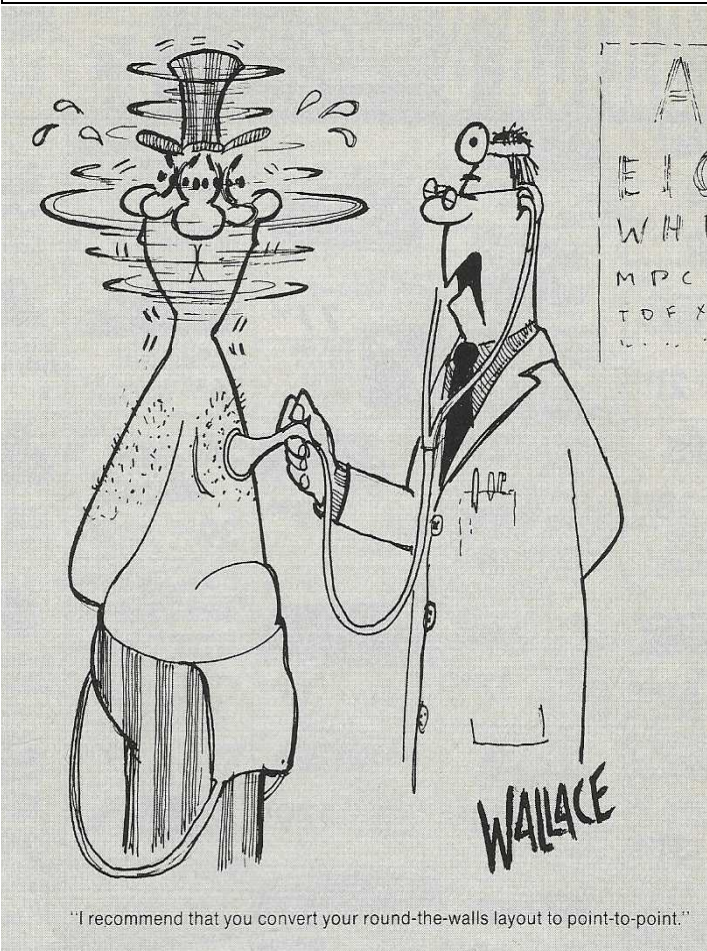
This layout is nearing completion and is an HO representation of the CNO&TP Rathole Division between Danville, KY and Harriman Junction, TN. Photos and videos of the layout can be viewed on the TVMRi website at:

<https://tvmri.org/>

If you cannot make it this Saturday, we will also have open house from 10am to 3pm on these Saturdays:

2023 - December 2 and 16

2024 - January 6



"I recommend that you convert your round-the-walls layout to point-to-point."



Plateau Division
Southeastern Region
National Model Railroad Assoc.



Congratulations to Bobbi Dean upon the completion of her Scenery Certificate. Division AP Chairman Richard Morris presented Bobbi her certificate at the meeting on 11/20/23



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5 CHRISTMAS TRAIN SET

CABOOSE	HEIRLOOM	TRACKS
CHOO-CHOO!	HOUSES	TRADITION
CHURCH	LIGHT	TUNNEL
ENGINE	SCENERY	VILLAGE
FREIGHT CARS	SNOW	WHISTLE
	SWITCH	

October 11, 2023

First National Bank of Tennessee invites your organization to join us in celebrating this Christmas season.

It is an honor for First National Bank of Tennessee to host the Parade of Trees once again, with the decorating of the trees starting at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 28, 2023.

What an awesome event, which is due to your continued support and dedication. You and your organization are the foundation for the success of the Parade of Trees. Please join us this beautiful season to make 2023 the best year ever. Hundreds from the community and surrounding area will come to view and admire the trees.

We are extremely grateful to each of you for your support. We look forward to seeing you Tuesday, November 28, 2023. If you would like to participate or need additional information, please contact anyone listed below.

Your friends at First National Bank of Tennessee,

* Robyn Hively
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Brandi Brink
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931-707-3516

April Neely
931-707-3513

Sherri Miller
931-707-3512

Melissa Kirby
931-707-3521

Trees are scheduled to be taken down on
Thursday, December 28, 2023



We have 6 people, including myself, that will be putting up a CMRC Christmas Tree at the First National Bank of Tennessee this year. Even if you don't bank there, you are welcome to come in and view the trees. There are trees on the main floor and on the second floor. When you show up, you will draw a number out of a hat and that will be the location where your tree will be. When we know where, I will send out an email to the membership.

Bruce Herring

Marketing Comm. Ralph Watson

Modelers Event

Actually more of an activity. On a whim and without too much planning, I spoke up at the November meeting inviting any and all to come to my house on the following Friday for train room preparation, layout planning, track plan discussion, bench work prototyping, DCC clinic, and just general conversation with a dash of conspiracy.

That didn't happen, but after giving it some thought, I have decided that it should and will happen.

On the third Friday of each month, everyone who is smarter than a bag of Woodland Scenics Super Trees is invited to come for interesting work, kibitzing, talk, and dreaming in three dimensions.

One caveat: the train room is at the top of 15 stairs. We can hold activities in the garage/workshop also.

The address is 951 Holiday Dr., Crossville.

The times will be from 10 to 3 and the first date is 12/15.

Send a text to 931-248-4263 with your pizza topping preferences.

Ralph

Marketing Comm. Ralph Watson

Resource Available

For anyone with a valid library card, Art Circle, Putnam County, Lawson McGhee, White County or Oak Ridge or even out of state, you can open an account on an app called Libby. Nothing to do with the food company.

The app is free to download and use. Libby is a lot like Kindle giving access to 200,000 books of all types.

A lot of the books are also available in audiobooks format so you can listen while traveling or walking the dog.

I am currently into Clinchfield No 1 - Tennessee's Legendary Steam Engine by Mark Stevens and 'Alf' Peoples.

There are also thousands of magazines in both current and prior issues. You want to read People in French or Arabic? The Kalmbach titles: Model Railroader, Trains, Classic Trains, Classic Toy Trains are all there, for FREE.

No MRC or Gazette yet but that might get added. Check it out!

Ralph

29th Annual Christmas Toy Train Show

Saturday, December 9, 2023

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



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