



# Ties and Rails

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

July 2023

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[www.crossvilletrains.org](http://www.crossvilletrains.org)

## **The Prez. Sez:**

Hi, all members. I wish you a great 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

I want to remind member that we have the upcoming picnic at Jim and Ann's home which they have so graciously let us use for the picnic. I would like for as many members as possible to show up since we are not having a regular meeting in August.

We still haven't found a new home. The Woodmere Mall was voted down as being too small. We are not going to find 5000 sq. ft. anywhere in Crossville, especially at what we were paying at the old mall.

As John has told everybody, Crossville is at least a dollar a square foot. We simply cannot afford that unless one of you has won the lottery. John has been doing an amazing job at tracking down possible places we may end up landing on. John is not the only person that should be looking. Everyone in the club can and should check on possible new locations.

Reminder: Monday, 7/3/23, is the next Board meeting at Shoney's at 10:00 AM and

the regular Club meeting will be at the Oaklawn Baptist Church, 3977 Hwy. 70 East at 3:00 PM on Monday, 7/10/23. Hope to see you all there.

## **Marketing Comm. Ralph Watson**

To put our name out into the community, there are 2 3 4 events in upcoming months. After the LOTS group comes to Sam Wilson's in July and our Club picnic in August, the next opportunity is our Club participation in Lunch on the Lawn, September 15th from 10AM to 2PM. This fundraiser is sponsored by Habitat for Humanity and consists of multiple community groups and businesses (vendors) setting up booths on the Courthouse lawn to offer small portions of food items or drinks and desserts to visitors who have paid for the privilege of roaming and sampling. CMRC will be participating with a booth and, as a sponsor, so our name and logo will appear in all publicity materials and on the menu given to each visitor. Over 1200 people are expected to attend.

These are the things CMRC needs to supply:

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If you have something you wish to put in the newsletter, contact Tom Shallcross at [chipmonk4@comcast.net](mailto:chipmonk4@comcast.net)

**Public Relations      Ann Grogitsky**

## **ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC**

The Annual CMRC Club picnic is held every August. This year it will be on Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup>.

What better time to see all your friends from the club that you haven't seen for months and it's a good time for new members to meet everyone; this includes your spouse/friend.

The picnic will be held at the Grogitsky's home at 5841 Taylors Chapel Road. Crossville and will begin at 5PM and we will eat around 5:30PM.

The club provides hamburgers, hot dogs, plates and silverware. You need to bring: 1) a dish to pass serving 8-10, 2) your favorite drinks, and 3) your own lawn chairs.

To sign up, call Ann at 931-742-1824 or

email me at [anngrogitsky@gmail.com](mailto:anngrogitsky@gmail.com). This is so we know how many burgers and hot dogs to buy.

I will have the sign up sheet at the July Club meeting.

*Ann*

## **HO Scale News**

**Paul Falk**

Ken Walsh has relocated to New England to address a serious medical issue.

Remember him and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

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**NO MATTER HOW NEW**

**THE BEST SAFETY DEVICE**

**IN THE TRAIN IS YOU**

**Burma Shave**

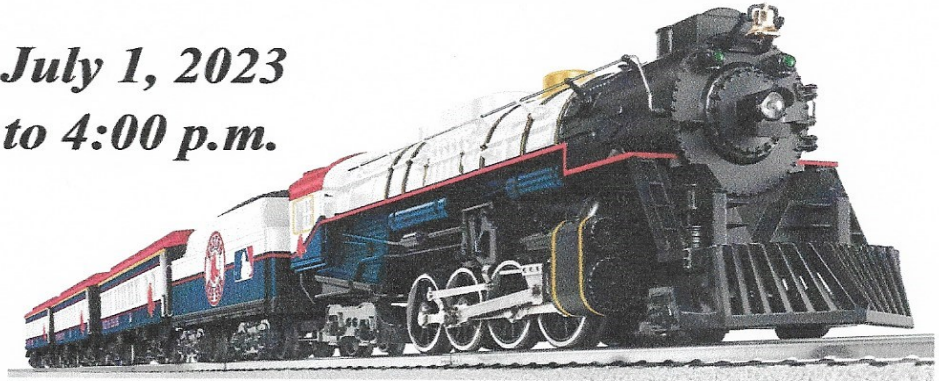
## **KNOXVILLE AIRPORT MODEL TRAIN SHOW – JULY 15, 2023 – OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!**

On Saturday, July 15, we'll share and promote toy trains by hosting the **Knoxville Airport Model Train Show**. The show features all types and sizes of trains in one of the Hilton Knoxville Airport Hotel ballrooms. Free parking is available until the Lot fills up. All registered LOTS Members and their guests can attend the show free of charge beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 15, as long as they are wearing their 2023 Convention name badges. Registered LOTS Members get exclusive access to the show for the first hour! If you do not register for the convention, you will not be admitted to the train show during the exclusive access time. You are welcome to attend beginning at 10 a.m. Tickets will be available at the door for \$8.00 per person. **Location: Grand Ballroom**

## *Summer Toy Train Show*

*Sponsored by the  
Music City Chapter  
of the Train Collectors Association*

*Saturday, July 1, 2023  
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.*



*Wilson County Fairgrounds  
“Made in Tennessee” Building  
945 East Baddour Parkway  
Lebanon, TN 37087*



*For information  
call (615-417-3094)  
[www.DixieDivisionTCA.com](http://www.DixieDivisionTCA.com)*



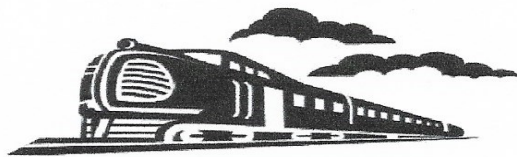
### **Featuring . . .**

- Operating Train Layouts
- Hard to Find Parts
- Dealers from Across the Southeast
- Door Prizes
- Drawing for Lionel Train Sets (Children 12 and under)
- Refreshments

*Admission: \$8.00*

*Children 12 and Under: Free Admission*

***FREE Parking***



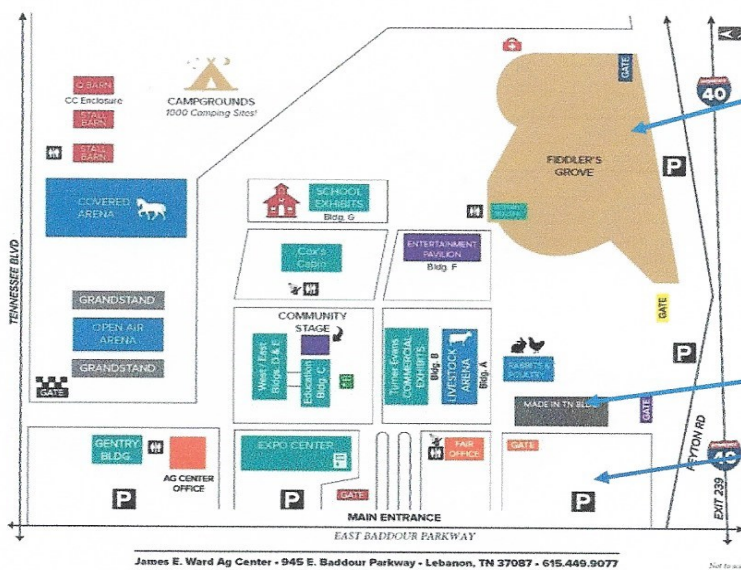
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Train Collectors Association

## New Mid-Summer Train Show Wilson County Fairgrounds

Made in Tennessee Building  
945 East Baddour Parkway  
Lebanon TN 37087

**July 1, 2023 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

**Admission is \$8 per adult (cash only) – Children under 13 FREE**



Visit the **Model Train Museum** exhibit in Fiddler's Grove **FREE** while at the train show.

**Made in Tennessee Building**

**FREE PARKING** at several locations around the building.

James E. Ward Ag Center • 945 E. Baddour Parkway • Lebanon, TN 37087 • 615.449.9077

### Dealer guidelines:

**Only paid table registrations will be accepted! No phone or email reservations will be accepted.**

**All dealers must be a member of the Train Collectors Association in good standing.**

**Empty boxes, beverage containers, and other trash should not be left under tables at the end of the show.**

**NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES or SMOKING ARE ALLOWED IN THE BUILDING.**

**\*\*\* Dealer table set up time is: 1PM to 7PM Friday June 30<sup>th</sup> and 7AM to 9AM July 1<sup>st</sup>**

**\*\*\* Paid table reservations cancelled after June 19<sup>th</sup> will not be refunded.**

**\*\*\* Mail payment to: MCCTCA, %Vic Petrone, 7600 Indian Springs Dr., Nashville TN 37221**

➔ **Make check payable to: Music City Chapter TCA** ←

Name \_\_\_\_\_ TCA # \_\_\_\_\_ **8ft--Rectangle tables \$35 each** \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

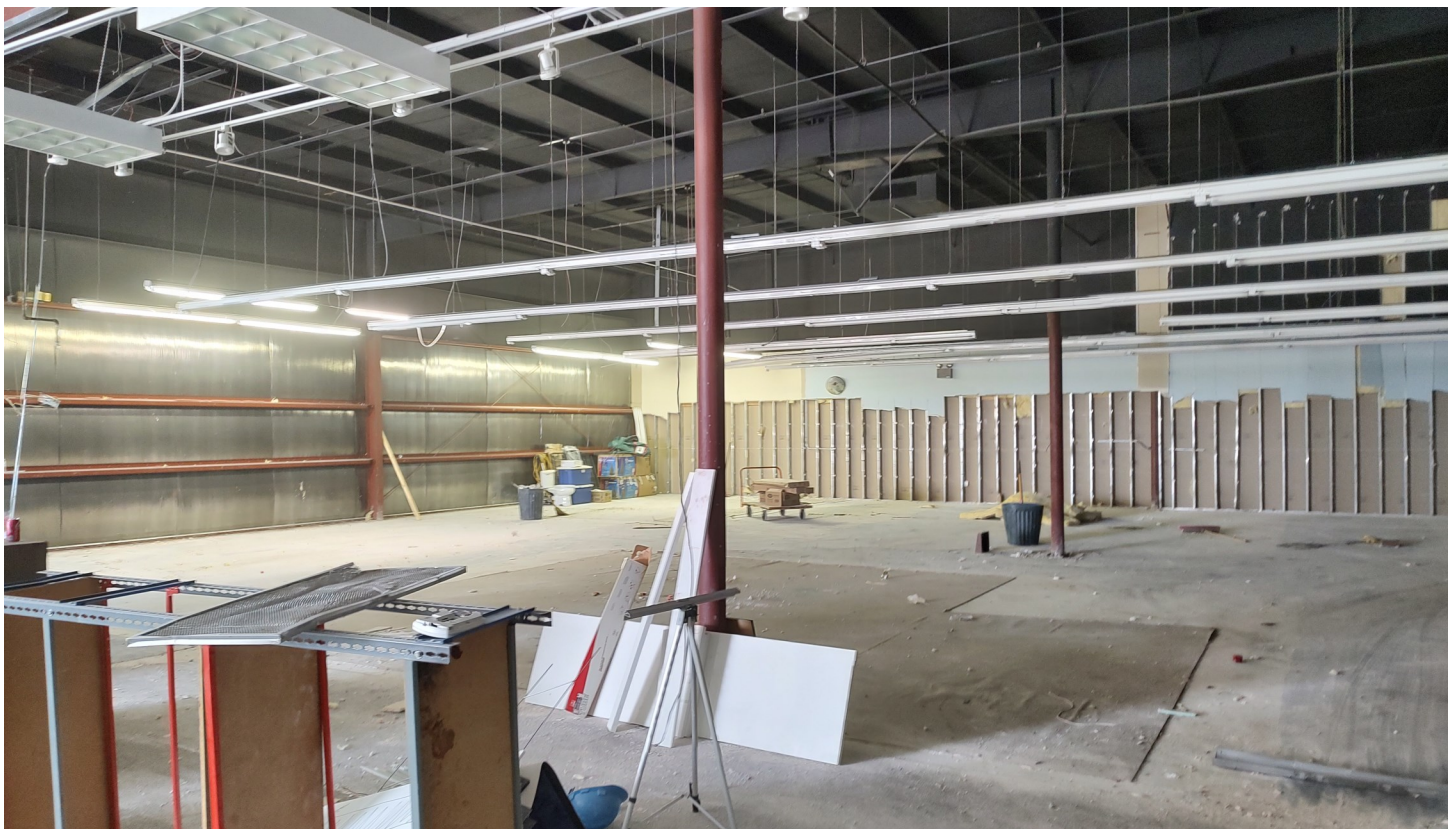
Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Setup Friday? Yes No Table configuration: Side by side \_\_\_ or back to back rows \_\_\_ on Wall? Yes No

For information call: 615-417-3094 or email at: [petrone.v@comcast.net](mailto:petrone.v@comcast.net) July 1, 2023



Photos taken 6/7/23 by Ralph Watson



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# ***CARTERSVILLE EXPRESS***

## **2023 SER CONVENTION**

**SEPTEMBER 14-17, 2023**

Come have a fun time at the  
**Clarence Brown Conference Center**  
5450 Georgia Highway 20, Cartersville, GA

Don't miss these great activities, including  
an NMRA Model Contest and Photo Contest, Clinics,  
White Elephant Table, Raffle Items, Prototype Tours and more.

**Keynote Banquet Speaker**  
**Todd Stennis - Amtrak**

**Self-guided Layout Tours - Friday through Sunday**  
**Operating Layout Sessions - Thursday through Saturday**

**Non Rail Activities include**  
**Gibbs Garden - Lunch - Big Door Vineyards**  
**Booth Western Art Museum - Lunch**

Information is subject to change. Please watch for updated info and register at

**[2023serconvention.org](https://2023serconvention.org)**

**Hosted by the Piedmont Division, NMRA**



## PUZZLE # 47

## RIDING THE SUBWAYS

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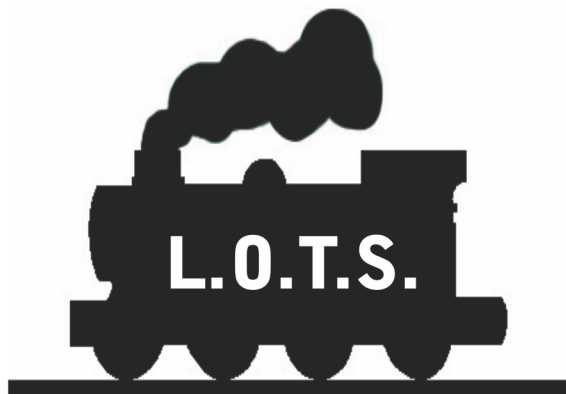
**Knoxville Airport Model Train Show**  
**Hilton Knoxville Airport**  
2001 Alcoa Highway, Alcoa, TN 37777  
**July 15, 2023 ~ 10 am - 3 pm**  
**Open to the Public!!**  
**Admission: \$8.00 each**  
Kids 12 and Under Free!

All Gauges and Scales

- Train Layouts & Displays
- Train Drag Races - 10:30 am
- Buying & Selling Trains & Related Items
- Thomas the Train Layouts

More Information ~ [www.lots-trains.org](http://www.lots-trains.org) or 513-598-8240

# Model Train Show



**July 15, 2023**  
**10 am - 3 pm**

**Hilton Knoxville Airport**

**Operating Layouts and Vendors**  
**Kids FREE - Adults \$8.00 ea**

Marketing *cont. from page 1*

4—6 volunteers with big smiles to pull items from storage, transport and set up/take down, clean up, and return to storage. Staff the booth.

A 10 x 10 popup tent canopy, preferably lightweight and easy to erect.

A large sign with our name and logo.

Popcorn machine and all the supplies for making 300 - 500 servings of popcorn. Extension cord.

Hand wipes since no running water nearby.

2 tables and 3 chairs; maybe a fan.

Trash can

The N scale portable layout (or some other operating train equipment).

A donation jar. No, we cannot sell hats and whistles or drinks.

Written flyers describing our status/needs in searching for a new location and ongoing fundraising.

Ann and Ralph will be sending out information to the media and other trains related groups.

**This will all need to be in place at the July 10 membership meeting as there is not a scheduled business meeting in August.** A duty roster will be available. Comments and commitments should be sent to Ralph Watson [rxalph@gmail.com](mailto:rxalph@gmail.com) 931-248-4263.

The next event is even BIGGER. EXPO 23 is happening despite CMRC being 'homeless' for the time being. Everybody will get a chance to play trains for a couple days. The Miami Valley Modular Railway group from Dayton, Ohio will be bringing their portable double main line HO layout to Crossville in October. They will set up on Oct. 5th at Oaklawn Baptist Church, 3977 Hwy 70 East. The layout and a trains swap meet will be open from 9AM to 4PM on Friday and Saturday, Oct 6 & 7, and dismantle on Saturday. We plan to charge a \$5. admission fee to help cover the Ohio group's travel costs. Helpers for set up, visitor control and take down will be needed. The Church kitchen will be making concessions and selling drinks. The swap meet space is limited to a 25 x 26 foot room so there will only be a few tables and no more than 2 tables per person, please. Book tables at \$20. per 8 foot table with Ralph as noted above. Publicity for this event has already started on [crossvilletrains.org](http://crossvilletrains.org) and into our contacts from Expo 21. Flyers and a simple road map will be developed and included in the PR campaign. This event will be discussed at the July 10 membership meeting also. A duty roster will be available for sign ups.

As always, any members who have trains running and any members who want to run trains, Ralph will act as matchmaker to put these groups in touch with each other.

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**Habitat**  
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# LUNCH ON THE LAWN

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**Friday, September 15, 2023**  
**11:00am - 1:00pm**  
**Cumberland Co. Courthouse Lawn**  
**Downtown Crossville**

## SAVE THE DATE!

To learn more, contact Jessica at  
(931) 484-4565 or email  
[jessica@cchabitatforhumanity.com](mailto:jessica@cchabitatforhumanity.com)



*Terminus Chapter*

## ATLANTA TOY & MODEL TRAIN SHOW

### SEPTEMBER 23, 2023

V.F.W. POST #5408  
4764 Cobb Parkway NW | Acworth, GA 30101

Operating Train Layout  
New and Antique Toy & Model Trains  
Parts • Appraisals

ADMISSION:  
TCA Members - \$7.00 / Person  
(Accompanying Spouse FREE)  
General Public - \$10.00 / Person  
(Accompanying Spouse FREE)  
Children 17 and under with accompanying Adult: FREE  
Show Hours: 9AM-2PM

OPEN TO GENERAL PUBLIC  
\*\*Portions of the proceeds benefit Atlanta Area Ronald McDonald Houses\*\*

For more Information, visit:

[www.terminuschaptertca.com](http://www.terminuschaptertca.com)

V.F.W. Post 5408 • 4764 Cobb Parkway NW, Acworth, GA 30101

Directions from Atlanta:

I-75N to Exit 277, turn LEFT onto GA-92, Turn RIGHT in 0.3 MI and continue following GA-92 Drive 3.2 MI & turn RIGHT onto US-41N / Cobb Parkway, VFW Post 5408 is 2.2MI on the RIGHT

**Train Collectors Association  
Terminus Chapter**

## Special Project

The LOTS (Lionel Operating Train Society) is going to be touring my O scale layout in place of visiting the CMRC Museum. However they said they would love to have the N scale traveling layout present on the afternoon of July 15th so it shows the visitors we are still trying to be active and the club is still around.

For this event I would like to have about 2-4 (or more) members from the club come out and bring the layout, as well as some N scale trains to run (can be club or personal property). The more members present the better, as I could also use some help with crowd control around my layout. Members who are not associated with the N scale layout are also welcome to come and help set up and take down, and/or just be there to represent the club. The more the merrier.

Sam Wilson 256-910-1248

**DON'T LOSE YOUR HEAD  
TO GAIN A MINUTE  
YOU NEED YOUR HEAD  
YOUR BRAINS ARE IN IT  
Burma Shave**



## 63<sup>rd</sup> Atlanta Model Train Show



### GAS SOUTH CONVENTION CENTER

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6400 Sugarloaf Parkway • Duluth, Georgia 30097

### Saturday, August 26, 2023

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Over 300 Tables of Model Trains and Railroad Collectibles For Sale  
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## **SMOKEY CITY RAILS MODEL RAILROAD CLUB & MAGIC VALLEY TCA**

**BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA**

**PRESENTS**

# **FALL 2023 TRAIN SHOW & SALE**



**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27.....4 PM - 8 PM**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28.....9 AM - 3 PM**

### **LOCATION** (SEE MAP ON BACK)

**HELENA SPORTS COMPLEX  
1110 SPORTS COMPLEX DRIVE  
HELENA, AL 35080**



### **ADMISSION**

**FRIDAY ONLY.....\$6.00**

**SATURDAY ONLY.....\$6.00**

**\*\*SPECIAL 2 DAY PASS.....\$10.00\*\***

**CHILDREN 8-12.....\$2.00/DAY**

**CHILDREN UNDER 8.....FREE**

**(PAYMENTS ACCEPTED BY: CASH, DEBIT/CREDIT CARD VIA  
SQUARE, CHECK AND VENMO)**



### **MORE INFORMATION**

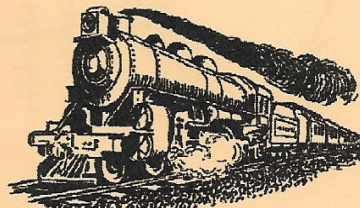
**BY MAIL: SMOKEY CITY RAILS**

**P.O. BOX 609**

**PELHAM, AL 35124**

**BY EMAIL: MIMS9006@BELLSOUTH.NET**

**BY PHONE: 205-587-1338**



# **TRAIN SHOW and SALE**

Sponsored by the **Crossville Model Railroad Club**

**October 6th and 7th, 2023**  
Friday Saturday

**Oaklawn Baptist Church**  
**3977 US 70, Crossville, TN 38555**

Featuring **The Miami Valley Modular Railway**  
and their **50' x 85' Layout with Multiple Main Lines**

**Sale Tables \$20** Limited space available.  
To reserve your tables contact show coordinator at  
**[crossvilletrains@gmail.com](mailto:crossvilletrains@gmail.com)**

**Volunteers needed to setup layout on the 5th,  
set up tables, work the front desk and tear down layout on the 7th**