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

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The Prez sez:

Welcome to November. The year is almost over and we are still looking for a new place to set up our layouts.

The Club has some sad news. We lost a very valuable member recently. Dale Woods passed away. He will be missed. Unfortunately we all are getting older and we need to find a new place and get some younger individuals to join and carry on the legacy of the Crossville Model Railroad Club.

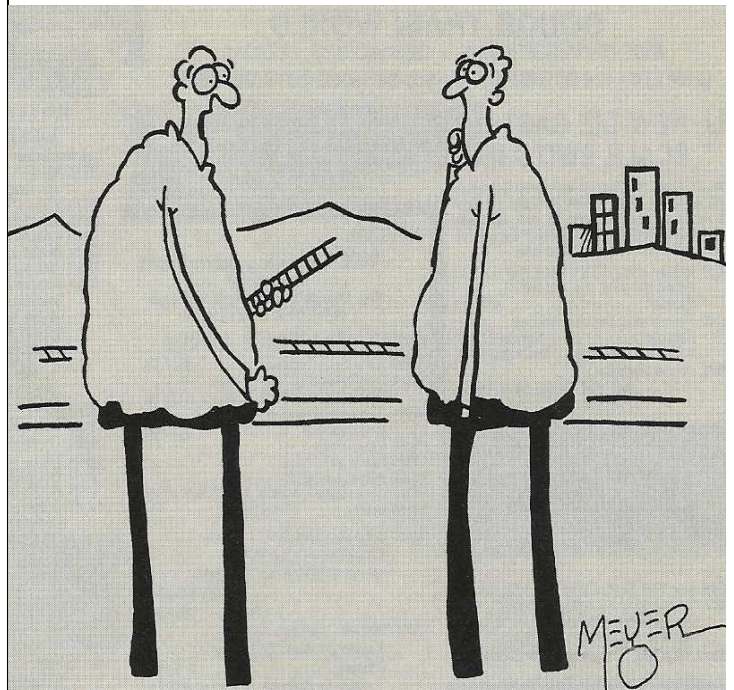
On a lighter note, the October Swap Meet was very successful. Again, I want to thank all of those involved that made it a great success. I especially want to thank Pastor Dave for letting us again use his church. He has been most gracious letting us use the church for our meetings. When you see Pastor Dave, please thank him for all he has done for us.

On another note, we need someone to volunteer to write our newsletter. Tom has done a phenomenal job all these past years. He will write a column in this newsletter about his having to step down from this posi-

tion. The newsletter is extremely important to the club as it keeps members informed of what is going on and updates to club members. When you see Tom, thank him for all the great work he has done for many, many years.

Please do not forget the upcoming Christmas Party. If you have not yet signed up. Please do so and pay Mike the small fee at the November meeting.

See you at the meeting!



"I went to seven doctors before I found one who said I needed model railroading."

If you have something you wish to put in the newsletter, contact Tom Shallcross at chipmonk4@comcast.net



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George Dale Woods

We regret to inform you of the recent passing of Dale Woods.

Services were at Central Baptist Church on Saturday, October 28, 2023.

RIP, Dale.

Expo 23 Video

There was a video made during our Expo 23 and is presently on YouTube.

See the following link:

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Newsletter Info

Since January 2011, I have had the privilege of either assisting my wife when she was the Editor of the Newsletter or assuming the duties of the Editor when she was no longer able to do the job.

As I advance in age, I find that I am no longer able to spend the time necessary to do the job and participate in other activities to which I have made a commitment. This includes my continued attempt at constructing my own home layout.

With this in mind, I will be giving up my efforts at publishing the newsletter with the December issue. Besides it is time to get some new blood in the process.

I have notified Bobbi of my intentions and she will be looking for someone to take over the duties of Editor.

I told Bobbi that I would work with whoever takes over the position to make the transition as painless as possible.

If any of you have an interest in the position, please contact Bobbi as soon as possible so we can make the transition as smooth as it should be.

Thank you to all of the members that have provided articles, etc. over the past 13 years as you have all been a great help.

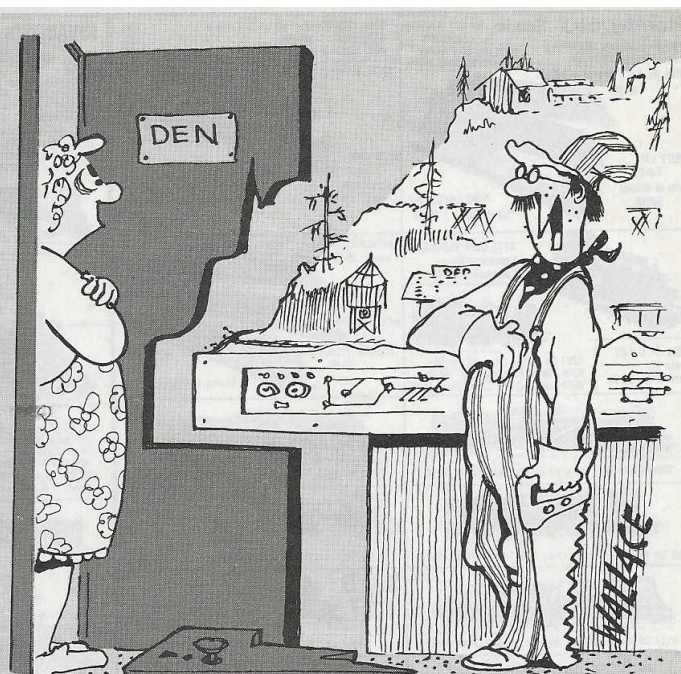
City/County Growing

At a recent meeting of the County Commission, the appointment of Joshua Selby as the first Cumberland County codes director was approved.

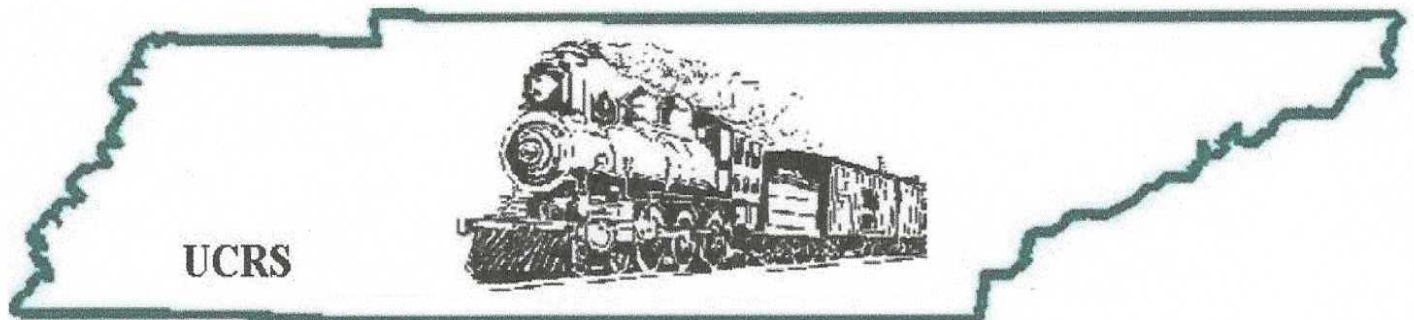
The county intends to launch its building codes department in January. Until then, the city will perform those related duties for the county.

Since the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, the county has had 89 residential and 11 commercial permits issued.

We are growing, folks, so we can expect to have an increase in population in the near future. It may explain why the rental cost per square foot is as high as it is as we continue to look for a new home.



"As you requested, my love, the layout no longer obstructs the opening of the door."



Upper Cumberland Railroad Society

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During the last few months, I have received a number of questions regarding the UCRS from mostly our newer CMRC members. This article is designed to announce a forum for current CMRC members to attend a briefing on Thursday morning, November 16, 2023 (10 AM), at Pastor Dave's Church facility (Oaklawn Baptist Church on Rte.70 East), in one of his classrooms.

The purpose of the forum is to explain what UCRS was created for, and what it has done in past years, as well as the current status and plans for our immediate future. This discussion will focus on the primary purpose of the Society (Education in the world of Model Railroading), as well as our current plan for our first Clinic for the 2024 Fiscal Year in January (date and location to be announced). This Clinic will address the need to identify 'Model Railroad Design' concerns for the home modeler, and other considerations to assist the effort by preventing unnecessary expenditures prior to identifying what you really wish your railroad to be. (and how to get there)

Come join us to get a better understanding of what the Upper Cumberland Railroad Society (UCRS) can provide for you in the world of model railroading.

Please RSVP to Art at: arcy22tn@gmail.com

Sincerely,

Art Landrigan, Chairman UCRS

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,

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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

Updated covenants OK'd for outlet mall

Over the past many years, we, as occupants of one of the Mall suites, have heard many stories/rumors regarding the history of the mall as well as different opinions as to what could be done there.

Recently, the Crossville Chronicle published an article about the mall that I thought may be of interest to some of the members.

“The owner of Landers Crossroads - the former Crossville Outlet Center - will have a new set of land restrictions for the former shopping center.

Cumberland County and owner Orion Investment have agreed to changes and restriction of the property once earmarked for industrial development.

The property at 228 Interstate Dr. was part of the former Crossville-Cumberland County Industrial Park, originally platted March 8, 1976.

The initial restrictions prohibited retail establishments. However, those restrictions were waived ahead of the 1988 construction of the VF Factory Outlet Mall.

While the area does have industrial development, commissioners noted that many of the properties have become retail. There is

a shopping center across the street, and the former mall is behind Buc-ee's.

While the outlet center once boasted dozens of shops, only Rack Room Shoes remains. The rest of the building is blocked from public access.

Te covenants and restrictions are also uncertain and in dispute with regard to their respective efficacy, abandonment, termination and enforcement, and the parties now wish amicably to enter into this Declaration, the new covenants state.

The approved covenants supersede all previous covenants and restrictions.

Under the new covenants, the owners can use the property for any commercial use permitted by zoning laws and regulations such as retail sales, multi-family living units. Short term rentals, so long as the activity is not noxious, offensive or illegal.

Buildings will be limited to 90 feet in height, with required setbacks of 50 feet from the front property line and any building and 25 feet from the side and rear property lines.

The property must include adequate paved off-street parking facilities.”

Apparently we were given a lot of misinformation over the years which may explain why some of the things were done the way they were.

Remember Our Wooden Train?

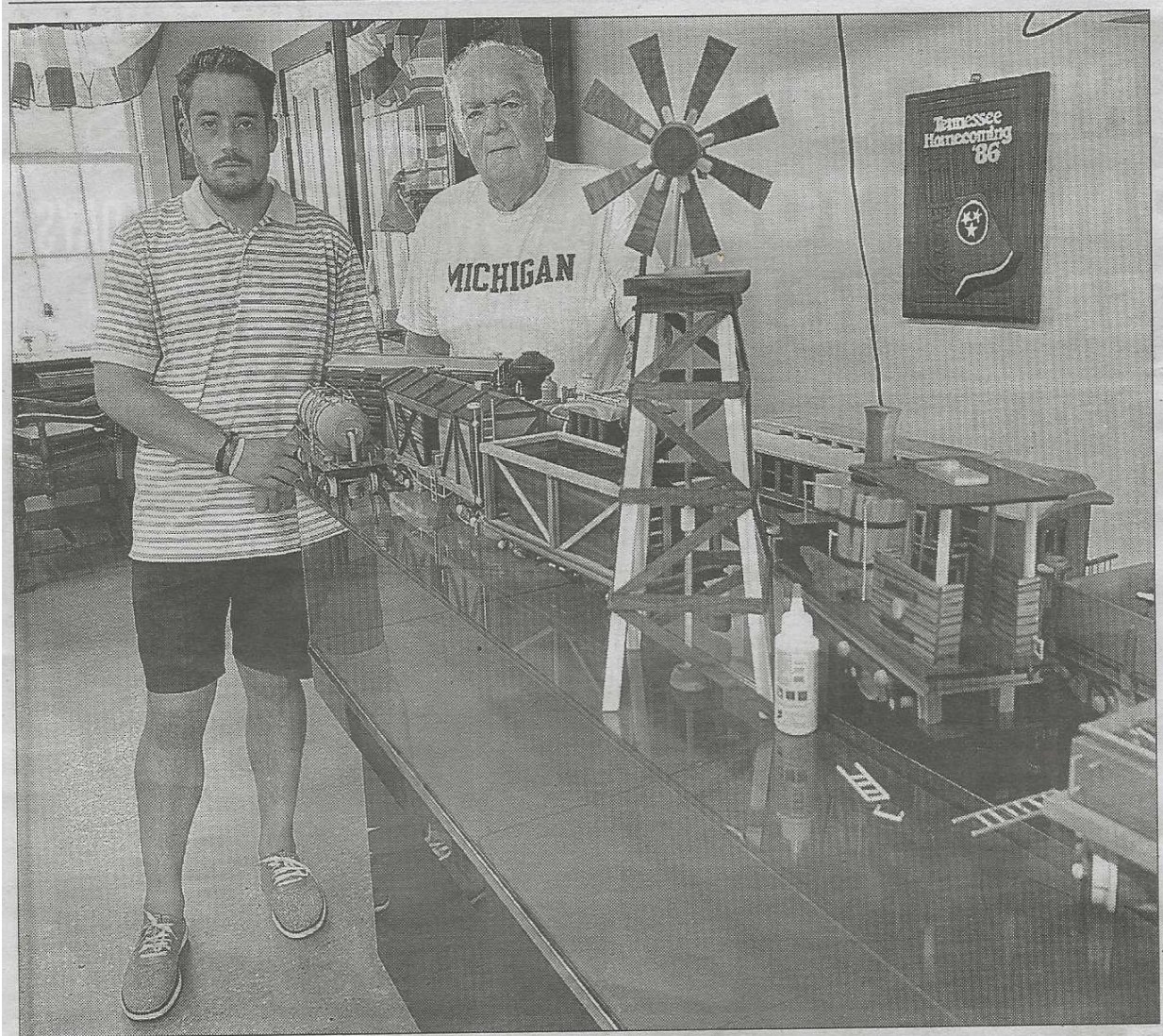


Photo by Dale Welch

Historic wooden 125th-scale model trains will be on display at the Monterey Depot Museum for the next few months. Pictured is Monterey cultural administrator Raffery Clearly with Tom Reigle, the builder of the trains.

Reigle fashions historic trains from wood

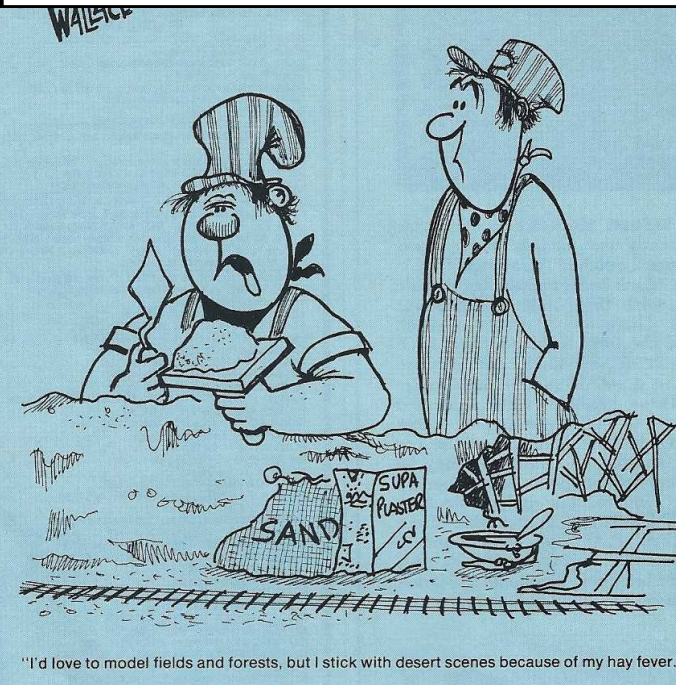
How many of you remember the wooden trains we had on the front wall near the N gauge layout? Recently the Crossville Chronicle had an article in their newspaper regarding the gentleman who made the trains and a present display of the models.

“Born in Flint, MI, life during the summer months was spent on his grandparent’s middle Michigan farm for Tom Reigle.

He has always been a woodworker at heart and has always loved working with different grains of wood.

“I was looking at an old train magazine and thought some of those would be fun to make,” Reigle said. “I started scaling them back to 125th scale. I’d take a picture of the locomotive and tender. It became my wintertime hobby, especially after my wife

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died."

Tom and Murell had six girls and one boy during their life together. Murell died about 12 years ago. He described his loving wife as a Missouri red-head, kidding that she lived up to the "redhead" name.

Reigle ran some bronze foundries scattered all over the country. A big contract they had was to make bronze grave markers for the Veteran's Administration. The foundries were in Portland, OR, Kingwood, WV, Aiken, SC, Bryan College Station, TX, and Seattle, WA. His job was to improve the efficiency of their production. He soon became a not-to-popular man, because he eventually shut down three of them and consolidated them into just two plants.

Moving to Gallatin, TN in 1982, Reigle opened an auto parts plant for the Bendix Corp. In 1989 he helped open a second plant in Gallatin as a joint venture between Bendix and the Japanese, making brake boosters for Nissan, Honda and other foreign makers opening in Tennessee. By 1993, when there was yet

another company buyout, he decided to retire. The Reigle family moved to Bryan College Station, TX for a year, consulting for a casket company.

The York Casket Co. based in York, PA wanted him to locate near Houston, TX but Bryan College Station was as close as he would get to Houston. He located his office in the foundry. Their home plant, in York, PA, is where they still make all their wooden caskets. He said he "had a ball working around that place."

Tom and Murell moved to the Homestead area of Cumberland County after the casket company found someone to run their operations. Being an old farm boy, Tom bought a 25-acre farm and had a few horses, and sometimes cows.

He operated a cabinet business with a partner in Crossville for a few years.

So far, Reigle has made all his seven children a locomotive and a tender. **There are 10 pieces now on display at the Monterey Depot Museum.** They previously were displayed at the World of Trains, in the outlet mall in Crossville, before the new mall owners did not renew the model train group's lease.

Some of the wooden trains on display at the museum are the 1830 "Tom Thumb," the first steam engine that went 13 mph; steam engines of various years and types; a windmill; a water tank; and even a Confederate cannon.

It takes about 100 hours to do an engine, and about 20 hours to complete a tender. The box cars take about 40 hours.

The woods that Reigle uses for his trains are from all over the world. He uses Bloodwood, Zebra-wood, Mahogany, from Northern Africa as well as

Brazil, and local woods such as maple, cedar, and oak. His favorite by far is Zebrawood because the grain is so pronounced. "Anything that has a grain to it, I get attached to it," he said.

Out of all the train cars he has made, he has made an engine and a tender for each of his seven children. Still living in Cumberland County, Reigle said that his hobbies are golfing and making his wooden trains. Both will have to take a back burner next month for a while. He is having scheduled surgery that will lay him up for a few weeks. But he is confident that he will be back swinging golf clubs and turning wood very soon afterward.

"I do it because I love it," Reigle said. "I've contributed fingers to the hobby." What is next? He said after surgery, he has just received three blocks of Teakwood leftover from a boat manufacturer to work on his next project.

The wooden trains exhibit will be on display for the next few months at the Monterey Depot Museum, 1 East Depot St., Monterey, TN. The museum is open Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.—4 p.m.; on Saturday, 10 a.m.—2 p.m.; and closed on Sunday.

For more information, call the museum at 931-839-2111.

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Marketing Comm. Ralph Watson

Taking a break from blowing leaves to put down thoughts about the recent past and near future of CMRC. We have lost Carl and Dale, almost lost Ed, and at least two other members and family members have suffered severe illnesses in this year of bad events.

On the positive side, CMRC is still intact. The lack of a location has been a major discussion point most of the last 8 months, but, in my mind, this will be overcome. Think back to the year 2001. Seven people with a common interest in model railroading as a hobby banded together with no location and minimal funds and formed the Crossville Model Railroad Club. Now there are 60+ people and a healthy bank balance. Be positive, think positive.

EXPO 23 was a success in that we hosted the Miami Valley Modular Railway for the fourth time. Many members were able to gather together and share hobby time. As a super bonus, we have 2 new members who joined as a direct effect of the event. Welcome Terry and Dan.

Coming soon to First National Bank for the first time in a while, CMRC will be decorating a Christmas Tree. Also as of this writing I am working to get a model display set up at the Depot. Watch the website for details.

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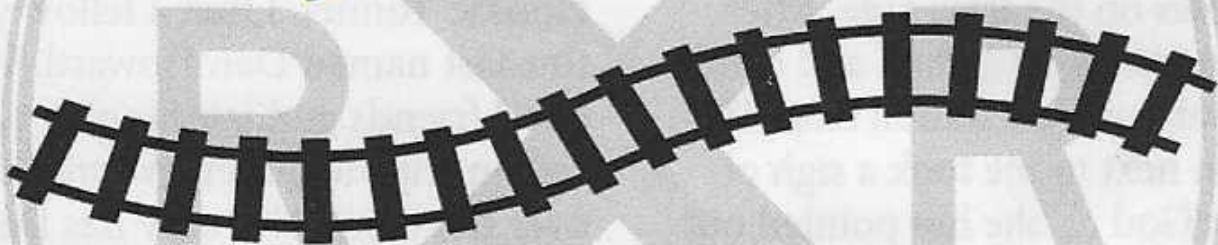


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