



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, hello October! This year is going by so fast.

We had a look at Tabor's as a possible new location. I turned out that, after the news release, the drain pipe to the septic system, was crushed and that meant that we would not have a bathroom with running water and a toilet.

After some discussion with those that showed up for the look over, we came to the conclusion that Tabor's, as a new location, was not a viable location.

So we are back to what will be a new building on Northside Drive. This will be a very good location and affordable with the donations that some club members are willing to make. We will vote on it at the meeting on October 9th at the church.

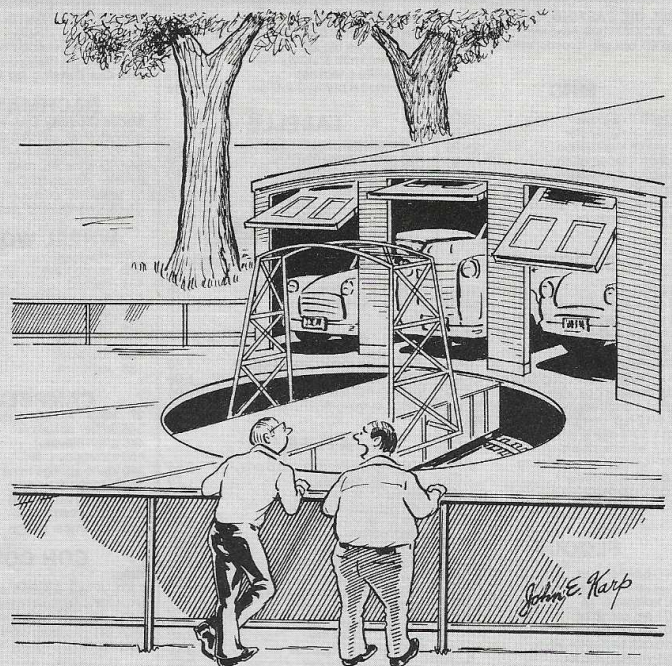
We need as many members as possible to show up at the meeting. We have moved the time for the meetings to 6 PM for the Board meeting and 7PM for the membership meeting'

Just a brief reminder that this meeting

is also the annual election meeting at which we will be electing the President, the Treasurer and a Director.

Please show up for the member's meeting. We need you there. John will have some information on another possible location on Peavine Road.

Remember the club is all of you and it is up to you to keep it going, so please show up and vote. This is our future and if we do not find a new location soon, we face the loss of visitors wanting to come see our trains.



"Well, it was a case of too many cars and not enough space.
Then I came across these plans in MR. . . ."

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

CMRC 2023 Nominations Reminder

To All CMRC Members:

As summertime ends, we are still soliciting nominations for the three club positions that are due for election. Your participation in this critical activity is encouraged. This year the positions to be elected at the October general meeting are **President, Treasurer, and Director—Suite Front End.**

The nominating committee this year is **Ed Potts, Ralph Watson & Paul Falk.** Please contact anyone on the committee to place yourself or another club member in nomination.

The nominations procedures are detailed in the club by-laws. The relevant sections are 5.2 & 5.3 and are shown here for your convenience and can be found in the members only area of the Club web site, crossvilletrains.org.

5.2 Nominations

Nominations for the office of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and three At-Large Directors, as applicable, shall be accepted and verified by the Nominating Committee starting before the regular meeting in September and continuing through the start of the election meeting in October. Nominations from the floor shall be permitted in the September regular meeting.

5.3 Candidate Eligibility

Candidates shall be Active Members or Life Members in good standing of the Club. Candidates shall be permitted to run for one office only.

Descriptions of the three (3) positions for this election are detailed below.

The President position is described in the by-laws section 3.2

3.2 President

The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Club and shall supervise and control the business affairs of the Club. It shall be the President's duty to provide for the enforcement of the Bylaws, Policies and Operating Rules. The President shall appoint such committees as he or she or the Board of Directors may deem necessary to conduct the work of the Club, and these committees may be removed or changed at any time by the President. The appointment or change of committees, including the names of the members involved shall be announced at the next regular meeting, and this fact shall be included in the minutes. When the work of the committee is completed, the President shall formally discharge the committee and this fact shall also be noted in the minutes. The President or designees shall act as the Club's representative at all model railroad club or association conventions, meetings, etc. The Presi-

dent shall perform any other duties incident to the office. (11/03/03)

The Treasurer position is described in the by-laws section 3.5

3.5 Treasurer

The Treasurer shall pay all budgeted expenses of the Club which have been approved by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall have charge and custody of, and be responsible for all the funds of the Club, and deposit such monies in the name of the Club in such places and in such amounts as shall be authorized by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall notify the President of any member's dues or assessments which are in arrears, so the President may take action as provided elsewhere in the Bylaws. The Treasurer shall render an accounting to the members at each regular meeting of all monies disbursed and collected. The Treasurer shall perform any other duties incident to the office. The Treasurer shall be responsible for filing of all licenses, permits and financial statements required to initiate, maintain and terminate activities of the Club as agreed to by the Board of Directors.

The At-Large Director's positions are described in the by-laws section 3.6

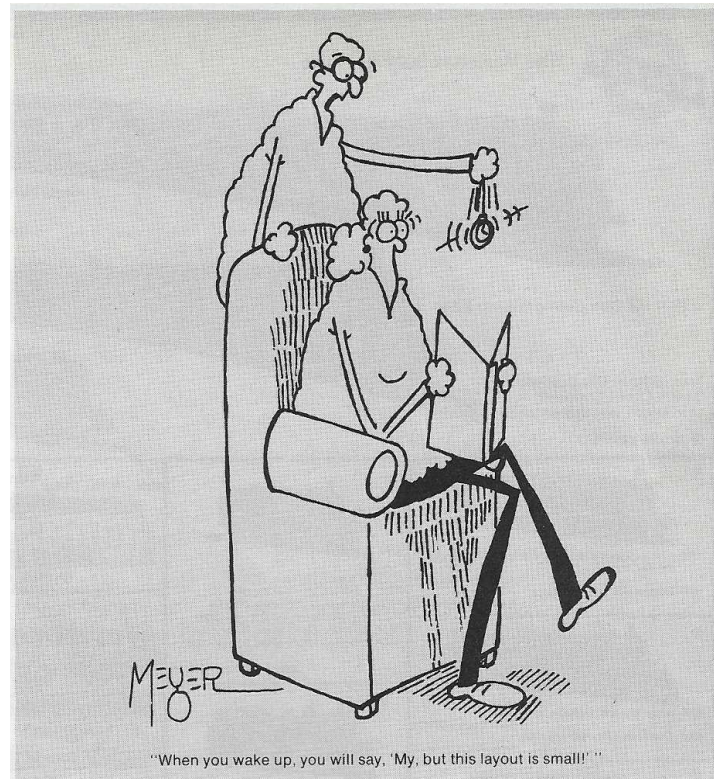
3.6 At Large Directors

The At-Large Directors should consist of: Director of Scheduling and Attendance, Director

of Suite Front End and Director of Utility. A concise description of their duties is under Policies of Crossville Model Railroad Club.

The Director—Suite Front End Director— Suite Front End position is described in the club policies Attachment 12(2)

1. Being sure there is an adequate supply of Club tri-folds in the appropriate racks. Notify the Marketing Committee Chairman in the event the supply of the tri-folds is low.
2. Being sure there is an adequate supply of the scavenger hunt forms available. Notify Larry Lewer if an additional supply must be acquired.
3. Be sure there is an adequate supply of kid's stickers. Notify the Marketing Committee Chairman if more are needed to be obtained.
4. Restock the front counter with hats



and whistles as needed. Notify the UCRS President if the supply is running low. 5. Restock the map display with appropriate maps. Notify the Public Relations Chairman if the supply is running low. 6. Restock the Visitor's Log Book with forms as needed. 7. Put labels on donated magazines as needed. Restock counter with magazines as needed. 8. Periodical review items on the counter for disposal to the public. After coordinating with the Scale Coordinators, reduce donation prices on those items that have been on the counter for a long period (1+ month) to try to move them. Remove those items that are not moving and arrange for disposal (Train Show or dumpster). 9. Review any 'special items' secured for membership acquisition only. If they have been under the counter over a month, set on counter for the general public. 10. Arrange for an adequate supply of plastic bags under the counter for use by the general public. 11. Remove inappropriate items from under the counter that have been 'stored' there.

Respectfully presented,

The Nominating Committee

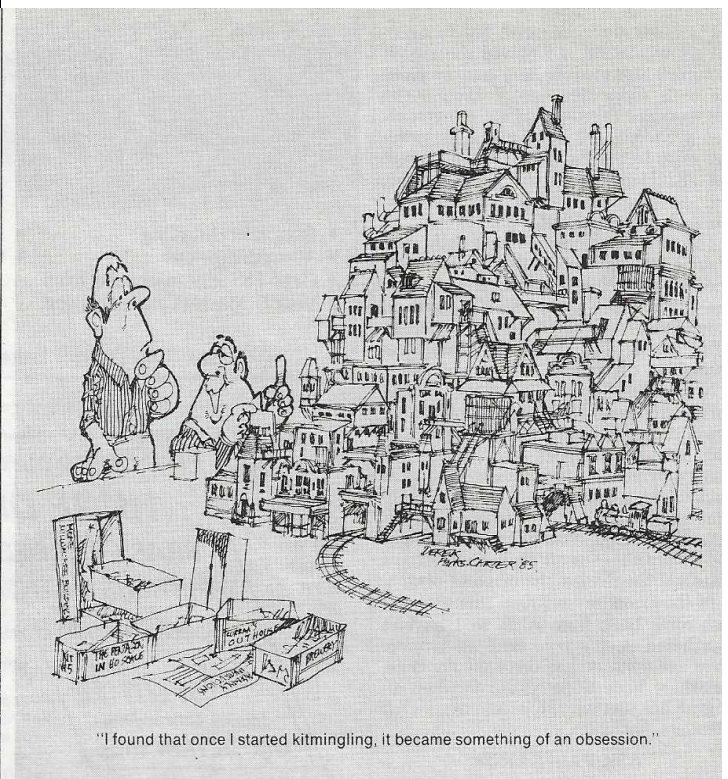
Public Relations Ann Grogitsky

The advertising for the Trains Show and Sale has already appeared on the Chamber of Commerce website and on their Events page that goes out every Monday. It also appeared

in the Crossville Chronicle on Tuesday, 8/26 in the Events section along with a quarter page picture.

It is advertised in the Sparta Exositor, Cookeville talk show 94.1, the Train Collectors, Cookeville Train Club plus the Glade Sun and Glade Vista. 102.5 WOW radio webpage & more.

I ENCOURAGE ALL MEMBERS TO ATTEND OUR October 9 club meeting, held at the Oaklawn Baptist Church, 3977 US 70 (just east of the new round-about) - the time was changed so the members that still work could have a vote. The time is 7:00 pm. We are voting for 3 members of the Board of Directors and, just as important, we are voting for a location for the future of the Club.



Public Service Announcement

Thanks to Pat Taylor for submitting this article

Every woman you know should be aware of this marking and its meaning. It could be they are targeted for a carjacking or a kidnapping of a lone female. Tell all those women you love, especially young women, who travel alone.

WARNING!!!!

This is from a friend of a friend who was driving from Kelava, MI to Ann Arbor, MI. But the point is it could happen anywhere.

I'm driving a rental and noticed some strange letters in yellow paint marker today on the corner rear, driver's side, back window. It says "AF". I've had this SUV a few days, and swear it wasn't there when I picked it up. So I phoned the rental company and asked if they wrote anything on the window? He replied, "Is it two letters"? "Yes", I said.. "AF, why"? (He said no, they don't write anything on their rentals.) He then asked if I recall making any stops along my trip, which I replied, "Yes, several".

"Be watchful the rest of your trip, remove the letters, and check every stop if there are more", he said. "Your vehicle was flagged somewhere you stopped. The letters mean 'Alone Female'. Call the Police if you come out at any stop and see any letters on your window."

Marketing Comm. Ralph Watson

Less than a week until Expo 23!

The Miami Valley layout makes a 4th visit to Crossville and there will be 24 tables of train goodies to browse. Hours are 9 to 4, Friday and Saturday.

Since the tables are already on site and the Church is handling the drinks and snacks, there isn't a huge amount of helpers needed to get things set up on Thursday.

There is a lot of stuff to do on Saturday after our event to get the layout packed up and the Church facility restored to prior conditions for Sunday morning activities.

Consider this a call to general quarters, battle stations, all hands on deck.

Besides, there will be pizza, so y'all come!

Marketing Comm. Ralph Watson

In a recent trip through my computer, looking for something, I came across an article (and video) where it talked about the stone mine in Crab Orchard and thought it may be of interest to some of the Club members.

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si=N11iU7ONFaTZkx3t](https://youtu.be/IQED2AOxqy0?si=N11iU7ONFaTZkx3t)

(This is all one continuous line)

Marketing Comm. Ralph Watson

CMRC was very well represented at Habitat For Humanity's 16th annual Lunch on the Lawn on 9/15 at the Cumberland County Courthouse.

Through the teamwork by volunteers Ann Grogitsky, Paul Falk, Bruce Herring, Jeff Self, Jim Ling, Sam Goldkopf, and John Kessberger, hundreds of people saw that our group is still alive, but sadly in limbo still. The

#1 question was 'where are you going to re-build/have you found a new place'. 1another frequent conversation started with 'We loved to bring the grandkids...!'

The popcorn was popular (pun intended) and the N scale portable layout performed perfectly. The weather was comfortable and we all got to experience the food sampling event and interact with business owners from all around the Cumberland Plateau.







Did you know?

Thousands of people shop on Amazon.com, including model railroaders. But did you know that when you, your family members, and friends make purchases there, Amazon could make a donation to your favorite non-profit charity such as the NMRA? Did you also know that the NMRA qualifies as your favorite non-profit (We hope you do!)

Amazon has introduced a program called "AmazonSmile" to help community non-profits such as the National Model Railroad Association. Simply log into your regular Amazon account using the website <http://smile.amazon.com> and then select National Model Railroad Association, Inc. as your chosen Non-profit. It's that easy. Then, just shop as you normally do.

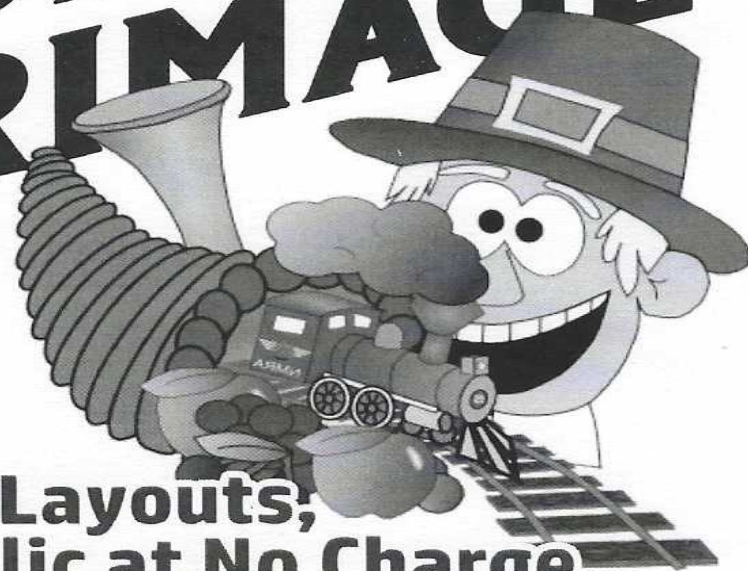
Tens of millions of products on AmazonSmile are eligible for donations. You'll see eligible products marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages. For those products, Amazon will donate 0.05% of the purchase price to the NMRA. What's great is that the donation is not added to your final purchase price or added to the seller's cost. And item prices are exactly the same as Amazon.com.

So, remember to sign up at smile.amazon.com. You only have to sign up once and all future AmazonSmile purchases will benefit the NMRA, helping us continue to develop programs that benefit model railroaders.

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Hours: Wednesday & Saturday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

No admission charge. Donations appreciated.
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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

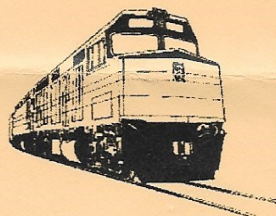
SATURDAY ONLY.....\$6.00

****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

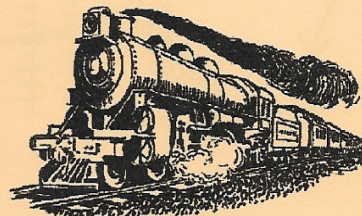
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TRAIN SHOW and SALE

Sponsored by the **Crossville Model Railroad Club**

October 6th and 7th, 2023
Friday Saturday

Oaklawn Baptist Church

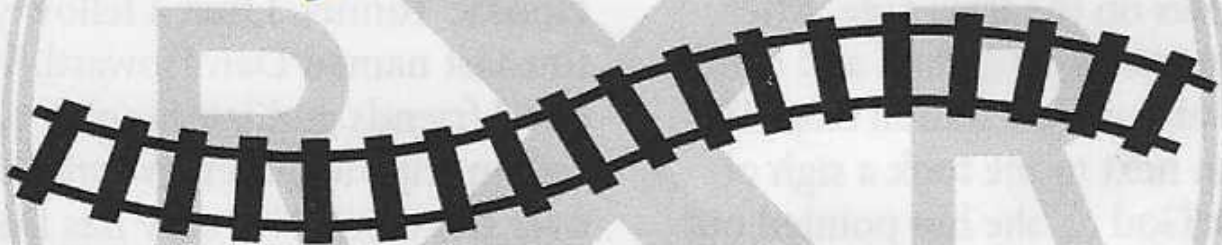
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**Volunteers needed to setup layout on the 5th,
set up tables, work the front desk and tear down layout on the 7th**

SAVE THE DATE
NOVEMBER 11, 2023
10:00 am to 4:00 pm



-  **Children's Activities**
-  **Craft Vendors**
-  **Model Railroad Club Displays**
-  **SAM Shortline Shuttle Train Rides**



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