



Ties and Rails

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

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The Prez. Sez:

Welcome to May.

We are still working on finding a location for our future club. It is not an easy undertaking. It is not an easy job.

We will be having a members meeting on Monday, May 8th, at the Crossville Library at 3 PM. We need as large a turnout as possible so we can present where we are at the moment.

I hope to see all of you at the meeting.

News from the NMRA

Just a brief reminder that we will have our quarterly Division meeting at 9:00 AM on Monday, June 5th at Shoney's.

We changed the time because the monthly Board of Directors meeting for CMRC was set for 10:00 AM on the same day.

I hope to see as many of the members of the NMRA present as possible.

Thank you for your participation.

Art Landrigan

Superintendent

CMRC Treats

Submitted by Sue Druagh for CMRC cookbook

Chocolate Pie (makes two)

1-1/3 c. sugar

4 T cocoa (heaping)

4 T flour

1/2 c. milk

2 cans pet condensed milk

4 egg yolks

1/2 c. warm water (mix with egg)

1 tsp. vanilla

Mix sugar, cocoa and flour. Add pet milk, egg yolks and water. Add vanilla. Cook until mixture is thick sauce.

Pour into 2 baked pie shells.

Cool.

Top with egg white or Cool Whip.

Quick Tip: A leaf of lettuce dropped into the pot absorbs the grease from the top of the soup. Remove the lettuce and throw it away as soon as it has served its purpose.

O Scale News

Bruce Herring

Seems that when you get into your 70's that most of the people on your call list all have the same title, Doctor. I am trying to find a solution to a current medical issue and I feel like the bouncing ball in a 4 man pong game. Two CT scans, an x-ray, an MRI and four separate doctors with no solution or cause identified. Literally a pain in the

Anyways, with the limited space that the sites we are looking at that we can afford, O scale will likely not support a Thomas display. There just isn't room for it if we want a regular O scale functioning layout. Whatever size building the Club secures, O scale wood be looking to occupy 10—20% of that space. So if the total space is 2,500 sq. ft., then O scale would be looking at 250—500 sq. ft.

I have also been thinking about table construction. A 4 x 8 piece of plywood could be cut into thirds giving you three 32" x 48" table tops. These would be fairly lightweight and easy to get in and out of doors with normal sizes.

Lastly, at a recent meeting Paul Falk did some on-line research into Train Clubs searching for new homes. Let's just say we are not alone. I'll let Paul fill in those details.

Best wishes to all!

Bruce Herring

Historic Spencer Shops Train Show

Model train dealers, layouts and more. Sat. (5/20) 9a-5p. Sun. (5/21) 10a-4p. Adults \$8. Children 3-12 \$6. Seniors/Military \$7. Plus tax. Under 3 & NCTM members Free. Museum admission included. Train rides extra. Details: [see website](#). *North Carolina Transportation Museum, 1 Samuel Spencer Drive, Spencer, North Carolina 28159*

SPECIAL NOTICE

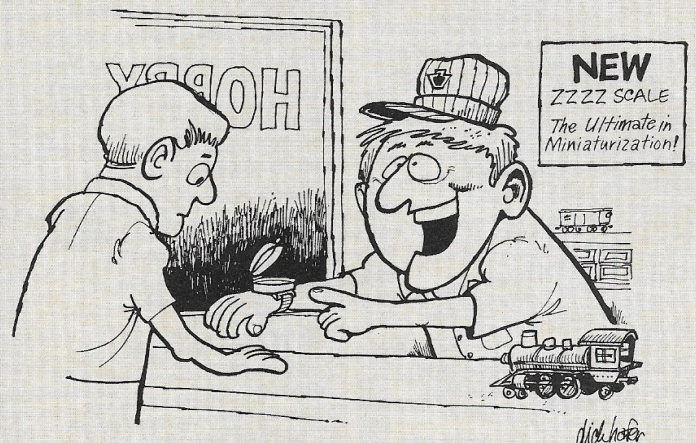
During the layout dismantlings, a member mentioned he had a generous offer from a woodshed neighbor/friend to precut our materials for us. With so much going on, I don't remember who told me.

If you could take a moment to remind me via email, I would appreciate it.

Thanx much.

Paul Falk

pfalk1@gmail.com



"Have you seen our new ZZZZ scale layout?"

Marketing Comm. Ralph Watson

The light at the end of the tunnel IS, in fact, an oncoming train. And that is a good thing.

Back in February, CMRC was hoping to get access to Suite 100 at the mall to host the Miami Valley Modular rail club in October. We all know how that turned out.

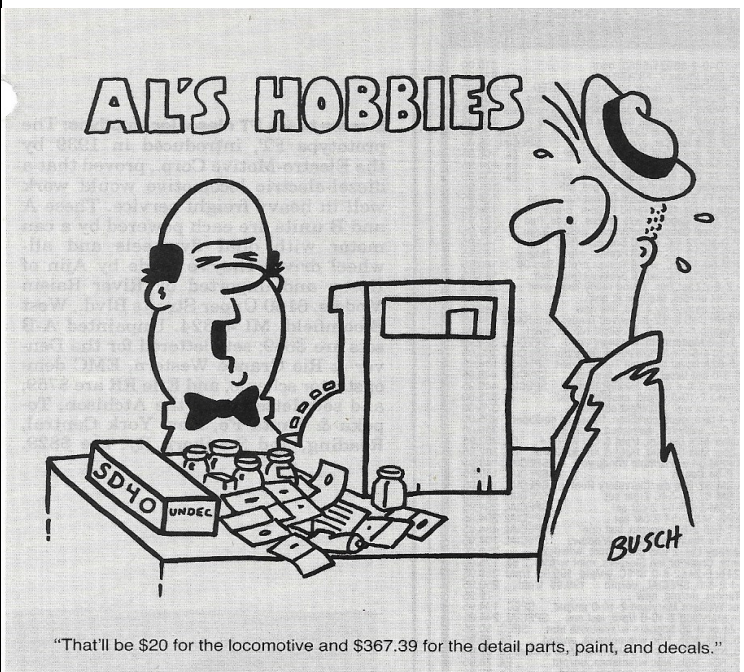
Now the GOOD NEWS; the Ohio people kept us on their calendar and Pastor David (CMRC member) Mahan's congregation has made the gymnasium building at Oaklawn Baptist Church (3977 US 70 East) available on the Thursday to Saturday in the first week of October. EXPO 23 is going to happen!

The gym is not retail store huge but the traveling layout will fit and there is additional space available for holding a scaled (yes pun intended) down swap meet as well. Room for 16 tables perhaps. There is a kitchen so refreshments or concession stand goodies are possible. There is even a popcorn machine.

Look for more information and a jobs sign up sheet at our next meeting on May 8th. There is a lot to do and all hands are needed to pitch in.

In the meantime, until October, the many members who do not have home lay-

outs but miss playing with trains are wanting to visit those who do have a layout. If you are in the 'have' category and need a companion to share your hobby, please seek out those in the 'have not' group. And vice versa. It will be OK to cross the limits of scale and era and analog/digital. I'm offering my services as shadchan to match people together. Let's get back to having some fun together.



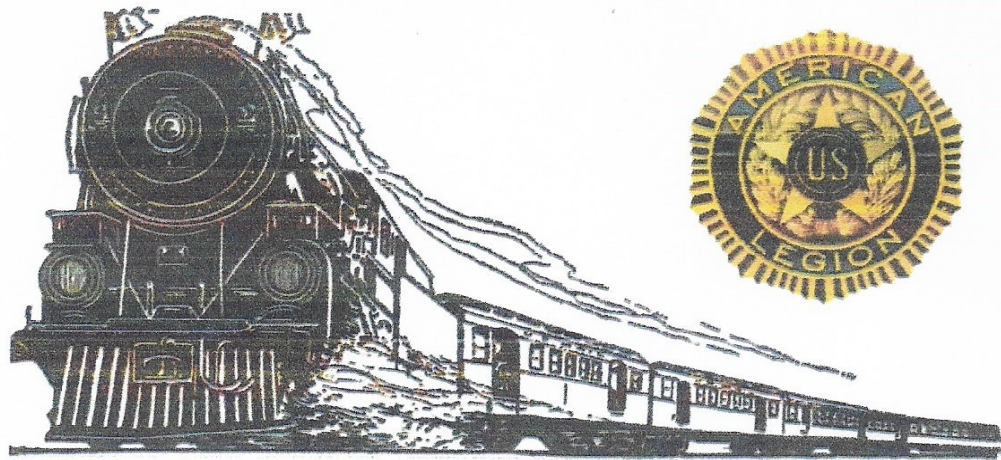
Important Railroad Dates

5/6/1994—Chunnel opens between Great Britain and France

5/7/1960—Last Norfolk & Western Railway steam operation

5/10/1869—Transcontinental RR complete, Promontory, UT

5/26/1934—CB&Q *Pioneer Zephyr* runs non-stop, Denver to Chicago



American Legion Post 44 Model Train Show

Where: 110 N Vine St.
Winchester, Tn.

When: Saturday May 6, 2023
9 AM til 3 PM

Admission: \$5 for Adults

Children 12 under free
when accompanied with
paying adult

This is a multiscale & memorabilia
show benefiting our local Post 44.

Vendors tables will be available for
\$15 each and will be first come
first serve.

For more information please contact
Commander Ray Cobb
(931) 308 8914

From the Nashville “G” Scale Group

Hi Everyone,

We have been invited to set up a G-Scale layout at the Wilson County Fairgrounds on Saturday, July 1. This is the same group that hosts the Music City Christmas Train Show in December at the Nashville Fairgrounds. Since we were unable to do it in December, they reached out to us to see if we would be interested in setting one up this summer.

This is the first time it will be held at this location so I have no idea of how many attendees will be coming through.

Please let me know by **April 10** if you are interested in doing this and if you would be available to set up and run trains.

Thanks,

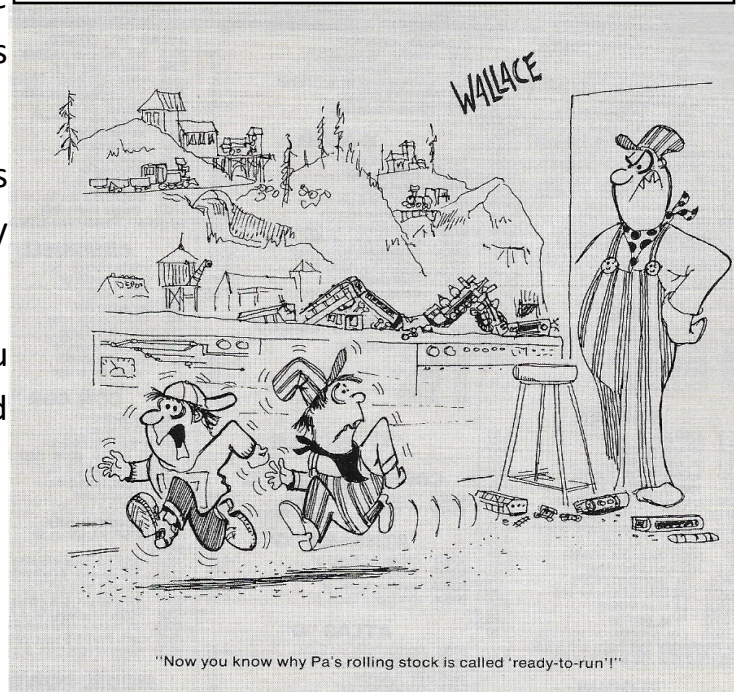
Malinda

Special Notice

The password for the “Members Only” section of the website will be changing.

The new password will be announced at the General Membership meeting at the Library on Monday, 5/8/23.

Because of the nature of this section of the website, the password will not be announced via the newsletter or other email.



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**



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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

Hosted by the Piedmont Division, NMRA





Terminus Chapter

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(Accompanying Spouse FREE)
Children 17 and under with accompanying Adult: FREE
Show Hours: 9AM-2PM

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Portions of the proceeds benefit Atlanta Area Ronald McDonald Houses

For more Information, visit:

www.terminuschaptertca.com

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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

O Scale News Bruce Herring

I am looking for help in manning a CMRC 'Marketing' table at the Wilson County Fairgrounds on 7/1/23 9AM to 4PM. If you can help, please contact Bruce Herring.



63rd Atlanta Model Train Show



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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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