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President's Message

WELCOME TO THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF TRAINS

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Upper Cumberland Railroad Society

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Ed Potts, President

Next Club Meeting Monday Nov 11th

BOD meets at 2:30 PM

Social Hour 3:30 PM Membership at 4:00 PM

Location: Oaklawn Baptist Church

No December Meeting Scheduled at this time.

Public Relations Report

I thought I would let you know what has been going on these past few weeks.

10/16 Went to Troyers with Pepe and Ann Perrone, looked at samples for the exterior colors for the building, talked about windows and doors and a portico.

10/16 Picked up the surveyors report

10/19 Met with Randy Blake and hired him as the general contractor for the inside construction (with 100 % of the boards approval) and Pepe's approval.

10/22 Received a call from the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Cameron Sexton, who said he has someone who would like to donate to our cause. Amount to be determined. If you recall, Ralph & I spoke to Mr. Sexton at the Lunch on the Lawn, in September.

10/23 Met with the architect & general contractor and I have to get a topographical map and 2 other important things from the surveyor before he could continue. Went straight to the surveyors office and requested those things.

10/23 Went to Pepe's house to pick up the check

10/24 Gave Jan the check

10/27 Randy Blake came to the house to discuss the plans and we hired him to be the contractor of the outside construction also.

10/28 Met with the chamber president, Ethan Hadley, brought him up to date on our project. I think he is more important than the city mayor. He gave me some news as to what the chamber is doing as far as marketing Crossville. I will explain at the Nov. meeting.

10/29 Met with the City Mayor Crawford and City Manager, Valerie Hale. We gave them a brief history of the club—our involvement with the community (4th graders tour downtown, we helped get information on when the caboose was built and also helped with the wiring, ceiling and floor of the caboose.) Told them how we advertise, our visitors & where they came from—our last 2 swap meets and how many nights they spent and what cities they were from.

We also informed them that the building is coming from Troyes, the architect is Upland Design and the contractor is Blake Construction Inc. The city manger had a few suggestions which I will bring to the board.

Ann Grogitsky, Public Relations

House of Hope Christmas Project

I would like to thank those of you that are participating in the House of Hope Project this year. Thinking of others who are less fortunate at this time and throughout the year is something greatly appreciated.

This year House of Hope asked that we get the children's gift bags in slightly earlier. As I indicated on the child's gift list, it could be dropped off at the November 11th Train Club meeting or you may contact Sam and I at 931-707-8510 and we will work with you on picking it up.

Again I want to say a heartfelt "Thank You" for participating in this project.

Sincerely,
Lee Goldkopf
931-707-8510



Our annual Christmas/Holiday Party is scheduled for TUESDAY, December 10th at the Lake Tansi restaurant. The cost is just \$10 per person for a great meal and fellowship.

Reservation are required and you can pay at the November meeting or mail your check to Bruce at 299 Eston Simmons Rd, Pikeville, TN 37367.

We do have a free door prize drawing and we hope if you find something you think others might enjoy you will donate it to the cause. Hope to see you and your guest there.

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TRAIN SHOW REPORT

Expo 24 was a great event. Fifteen plus vendors, 2 modular layouts, and great food concessions by the Church youth group welcomed a good number of train enthusiasts.

Many boxes and shopping bags of new projects were carried out. Everything from needlecraft to train sets and model earth moving equipment. Old friends met and renewed hobby interests. The Central (SC) Railway Museum brought a Freemo HO modular layout. Chattanooga Modular Model Railroad Club brought their modular HO layout.

Visitors came from middle and East TN, NC, GA, AL, KY, VA.

On Friday morning, there were 2 NMRA Master Model Railroaders {MMR} in the room at the same time.

There was a great turnout of CMRC helpers as well. They are greatly appreciated. The entire event was possible and successful because of the staff and members of Oaklawn Baptist Church.





Upper Cumberland Railroad Society

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UCRS Clinic - (No Charge)
Model R/R Track Installation

Location:

Oaklawn Baptist Church (Back Bldg.)
3977 US-70 E, Crossville. TN 38555

Date & Time: Nov 9, 2024, 9AM to Noon

Primarily designed for those who want to learn the various differences and options of installation methods, special tools, etc., which can be used in the installation process while building a layout in all scales. Part 2 of a two Part Track Set of Clinics. (Special presentation - a different way to hand lay track - Presenter: Lou Nigro)

Call (931-788-0455) or E-Mail Art Landrigan (uppercumberlandrailroadsociety@gmail.com) to reserve your place today.

**Wishing you and yours a
happy and safe Thanksgiving.**



**From the Board of Directors
of both the
CMRC and UCRS**