



# TIES AND RAILS

The Monthly Publication of the Crossville Model Railroad Club

September 2024

## President's Message

It's hard to believe that summer is almost over and Labor Day is upon us. We had an interesting August this year. Thank You Ann and Jim for hosting a great Picnic, You both do an excellent job hosting this annual event. Also thank you for the operating trains for all to enjoy. As you know, we had a gathering the next day when Mike, Ann and Jim presented a potential new location. Unfortunately, the property was sold to someone else before a bid could be presented. We all are still working hard to find a new home and now is not the time to get discouraged. Please try to be at the meeting on 9 September as we will be discussing the club's dues structure. I have received input that ranges from No dues increase at this time to raising now.

**Please attend as it is YOUR club.** President Ed Potts

**Picnic ReCap:** What a beautiful day we had for the picnic, it wasn't too hot and the humidity was low. We had 17 members and a total of 31 people to enjoy the fellowship of our friends. We sat in a circle (which kept getting bigger as more folks came.) Thank you to our cook, Mike Durnwald, Marilyn Affinito for arranging the food on the tables, Al Barnes who was the engineer for the day. (have you ever run G scale before, Al?), to John Kessburger for taking care of the name tags and Connie and Pat Taylor for donating the hamburgers and hot dogs. So the club didn't have to pay for anything for the picnic. Thank you to all the ladies and men (and there were a few) for the delicious food. Ann G.

## Vacant Lots for Sale

As Ed stated above, the lot on Northside Drive was sold to someone immediately after listing. This is the third or fourth time we have found a suitable location that we missed simply because we did not act quickly enough. So now we need more eyes out there looking for vacant lots, even with no for sale sign. We need at least an acre and if the lot is larger, we can ask if they would subdivide. Forward the street address or a very specific location reference to Jim and Ann at:

[anngroitsky@gmail.com](mailto:anngroitsky@gmail.com)

## Next Club Meeting Monday Sept 9th

BOD meets at 2:30PM

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

Location: Oaklawn Baptist Church

# **CMRC Now Accepting Nominations**

## **To All CMRC Members**

**It is that time of year again when we accept nominations for the various club positions that are due for election. This year there are three positions to be elected, Vice President, Secretary, and Director – Scheduling.**

**The nominating committee this year is Ralph Watson, Ed Potts & Paul Falk (Chair). Please contact anyone on the committee to place yourself or other club member in nomination no later than the September 9, 2024 general meeting. At the end of the meeting the ballot will be established for the October 14, 2024 election. 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](http://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 Vice President position is described in the by-laws section 3.3**

### **3.3 Vice President**

**The Vice President shall act in the place of the President in the event of the latter's absence, or his or her inability or refusal to act. The Vice President shall immediately succeed to the office of the President in the event of resignation, death or disqualification of the President. The Vice President shall assist the President in the performance of the President's duties, and in conducting the Club's business. (11/03/03)**

**The Secretary position is described in the by-laws section 3.4**

**3.4 Secretary. The secretary shall conduct the correspondence pertaining to the business of the Club and keep the official records of the Club. The Secretary shall also give notice of all regular, additional, and election meetings of the Club, and keep and publish, within 10 calendar days, minutes of all meetings of the Club and the Board of Directors, as well as performing such other duties as the President may from time to time request.**

**The At Large Directors position is 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 located in Policies of Crossville Model Railroad Club.**



Nominating Proiceedures continued

**Policies Attachment 12(1)**

**Director – Schedule/ Attendance**

The member serving as Director – Schedule/Attendance is responsible for accomplishing the following tasks. Other members may assist when available or required.

1. Preparing a coordinated monthly schedule which combines the schedule submitted by the HO/N/Z group and the schedule submitted by the O/G group.
2. Post a copy of the coordinated schedule on the bulletin board located outside the suite office.
3. Forward a copy of the schedule to the Secretary to be forwarded to all Club members.
4. In the case where there is an inadequate number of members to staff the suite for a day, ask the secretary to send out an email to all members asking for additional help for that particular day.
5. Report unusual situations to the Board of Directors.
6. Provide a 'notebook' where members working an assigned shift in the suite will be able to 'sign in'.
7. Will periodically take the sign in sheets and record the information on an "Annual Cumulative Attendance Report".
8. Monthly, review the information on the Annual Cumulative Attendance Report and, applying the guidelines in the Club Policies, make appropriate contact with various members to determine the reason for any absences and report this information to the Board of Directors for further action, if any.
9. Such additional duties that may be assigned by the Board of Directors.

Respectfully presented,  
The Nominating Committee

**The Annual Crossville Model Railroad Club**

**TRAIN SHOW and  
SWAP MEET**

**OCTOBER 25 - 26 2024**

**9 AM to 4 PM FRIDAY SATURDAY**

**OAKLAWN BAPTIST CHURCH 3977 US 70 EAST CROSSVILLE TN**

**Table Reservation Form**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number Of Tables Request:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Electric Needed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Bring your own 8' Tables \$15 each 8' Table Rental \$30 each**

**Please direct any questions to:**

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



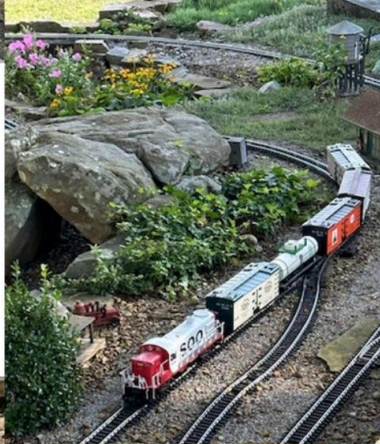
# Another Great Picnic with lots of Good Friends and Good Food.



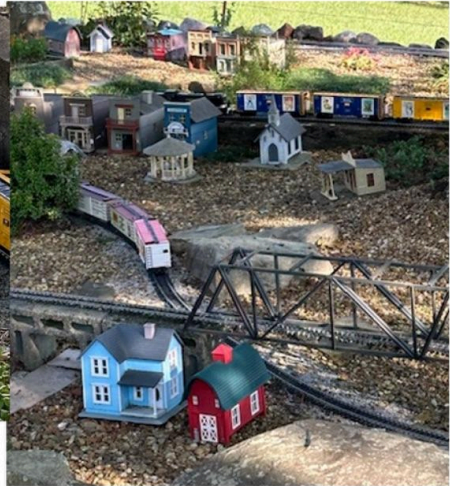




**Picnic  
Trains  
Running**



**Jim and Ann's  
Outdoor  
G Scale  
Layout**





**YOUR** Newsletter depends on you for stories, articles, your railroad history, photos of things you have seen and would like to share. Please take the time to invest **YOUR TIME** into **YOUR Newsletter**.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS THE 26TH OF THE MONTH**



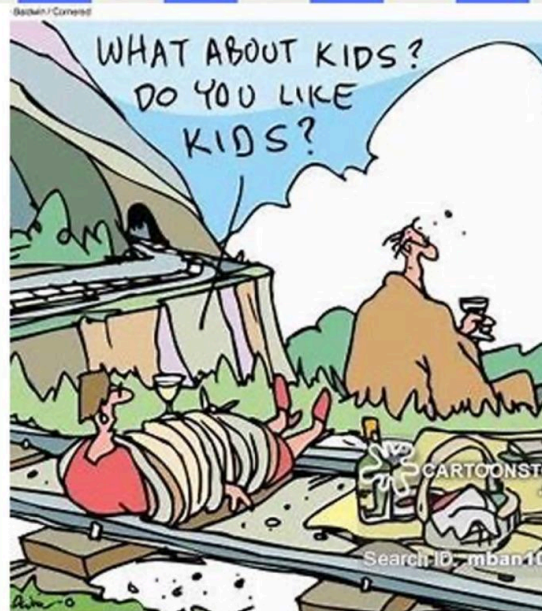
*17th Annual*  
**LUNCH ON THE LAWN**  
Cumberland County  
**Habitat for Humanity**  
**Friday, September 20th**  
**11am-1pm**  
**Cumberland County Community Complex**

Ralph will need lots of help for this event. Moving the pop corn machine along with tables and chairs and manning the booth. Prior to the event, we probably need to sit down and create an updated flyer explaining our plight and hoping to solicit some form of support from the general public.

### **HAVE A HEART TRAP**

If any member has a trap I can borrow for a couple weeks, as we have something trying to chew their way into our garage again. So far \$250 in damages.

**Pat Taylor 937-533-0897**

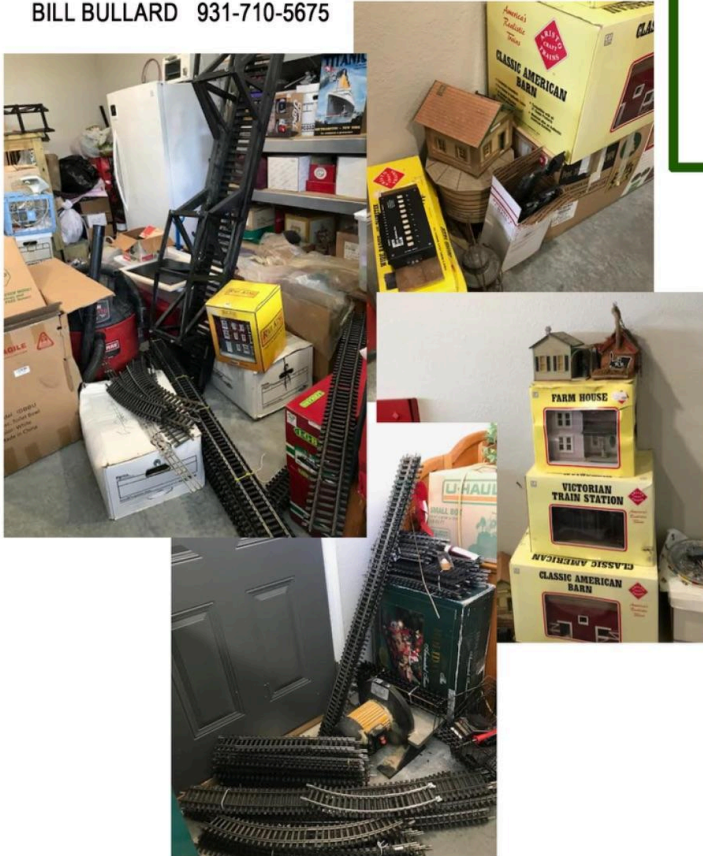


**He hated first dates. She always ended up sounding desperate**



I HAVE BEEN ASKED BY PAT TAYLOR EDITOR TO WRITE AN ARTICLE FOR THE CLUB PAPER REGARDING MY UP-COMING "MODEL TRAIN SALE" TO HELP ME DISPOSE OF MY LIFE-LONG HOBBY OF MODEL TRAINS. FIRST MAY I STRESS IT WILL BE "G" GAUGE ORIENTED' AND WILL BE HELD AT OUR NEW HOME DRIVEWAY AT 2843 COOK ROAD ACROSS ROAD FROM STONE MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL AS SOON AS THE WEATHER IS SUIT- WEAR-ABLE-END PROBABLY IN SEPTEMBER . FIRST THING IS I WILL DEVELOP A PRICE LIST. I WILL NEED HELP THIS W/B MY FIRST. IT WILL BE H HELD ON A FRIDAY &ND SATURDAY TBS.

I HAVE LOTS OF STAINLESS TRACK AND SOME BRASSIERE OUTSIDE GOOD CONDITION WILL NEED SOME CLEANING @ \$3.50 PER FOOT TRACK USED INSIDE – GOOD CONDITION \$. 5.00 PER FOOT STAINLESS AND 3.50 FOR BRASS. ALL ROLLING STOCK WITH STEEL WHEELS @\$0 AND PLASTIC WHEELS \$30 PER CAR NUMEROUS BUILDINGS MOST NEED A LITTLE CLEANING & SOME REPAIR SEVERAL ENGINES, BRIDGES AND SWITCHES. LOTS OF TRACK BOTH STAINLESS AND BRASS. CALL ME WITH YOUR QUESTIONS. BILL BULLARD 931-710-5675





*Christmas  
Party  
Dec. 10th*

*Starts at 5:00pm*

*Dinner at 5:30pm*

*Lake Tansi  
Restaurant*

*\$10 per person*

**More Details to follow**





This is the layout Ralph and I bought in West Virginia in June. It is ready for reassembly but needs some wiring work and some minor scenery repair are needed.



The sections are in my basement and there is plenty of room to work on the wiring



If this does not fit into Ralph's gigantic train room, it could be donated to the club to jump start an HO layout. This is a hands-on project ready for work.













Upper Cumberland Railroad Society

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**UCRS Clinic - (No Charge)**  
**Model R/R Track Selection**

**Location:**

**Oaklawn Baptist Church (Back Bldg.)**

**3977 US-70 E, Crossville. TN 38555**

**Date & Time: Sep 21, 2024, 9AM to Noon**

**Primarily designed for those who want to learn the technical differences between different types of track to be used, and selection processes to be used in the initial preparation for layout building in different scales (composition/materials /codes / Pros & Cons / limitations, etc.). Part I of a two Part Track Set of Clinics, the second one to be offered in November 2024.**

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