



# TIES AND RAILS

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May every club member and your family  
have a happy and safe New Year.

## JANUARY CLUB MEETING

Will be held at the Oaklawn Baptist Church on  
Monday, January 13th, BOD 3:00pm & Membership at 4:00pm

## **CRITICAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION ON THE CLUB'S FUTURE WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE JANUARY 13,TH MEETING**

As the new year begins, the Crossville Model Railroad Club has a lot going on as we continue planning for our new home. This project will be an **"ALL HANDS-ON DECK"** as there is much to be decided and even more to be done.

Jim and Ann have presented the club with a proposed lease agreement and it was discussed by them and the board in an executive session. The first impression is that it is a very doable proposal document and covers the details which need to be considered. The plans are to have a lease agreement ready for the members review/possible approval on January 13th. This will allow a professional prepared document ensuring all the "BASES" are covered and protecting both parties.

Why is our meeting on the 13th extremely pivotal? Because it deals with a nine-year financial commitment for the club which at the end of the lease the CMRC would own the lot which the building sets on.

Although our annual dues remain at \$30/annually, as any member of the club who belonged to another club can attest, our dues are unrealistically low to support this long-term project. As such, it will be necessary for those members who can afford a higher level of contribution to the club to be willing to do so. That is why every member needs to make an effort to attend the meeting. Also all dues are to be paid at the first meeting of the new year.

These next few months during the construction of our layouts, "every member" needs to actively participate in our rebuilding process. If you want to run the trains when we open, you need to bring any skills you might have to assist in preparing our new home for our visitors.

### **Another Donation for the Building**

You may recall in the November newsletter, I mentioned talking to Cameron Sexton. As a result of our conversation, Mr Sexton contacted me and put me in touch with a lobbyist, who in turn knew of a company that wanted to donate money to a not-for-profit organization. In November, we received **\$10,000** towards our building construction.

I am hoping that the architect will be able to have some time to start working on our plans, once he is able to tell us where we can put the building, then we can have a ground-breaking ceremony and start excavating. Ann



# CROSSVILLE MODEL RAILROAD CLUB MEMBERSHIP 2024 AWARD WINNERS



**John Kessberger** - John led the efforts in finding a new home for the club and invested many hours in that search.



**Ralph Watson** - Led the efforts in arranging for our annual train show and sale plus was responsible for organizing "Lunch on the Lawn" for Habitat.



**Jim and Ann Grogitsky**- Are two of our last three Founding Fathers. Their dedication to the club inspired them to purchase the land for our new home on West Ave.



**Ann Grogitsky** - For her outstanding efforts in agreeing to manage this project and coordinate with all parties in the process of building construction.









**Thank You  
Bruce for a  
great party!**





# *Bruce Herring's Christmas Train*





