



TIES AND RAILS

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From the President:

New Club Sign is ready to roll. It will be at the "Lunch on the Lawn" event at the Crossville Community Complex in early September. The engine number pays tribute to our future club site at 87 West Ave in Crossville, TN (ps – I straightened out the number 7). Stop by if you are in the area and enjoy a free bag of popcorn. Check out that address and you will find a bulldozer ready to get to work on prepping the lot. We are all getting excited.



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JULY 4TH PARADE

Ralph Watson (and others) mounted and decorated the old club's sign in the back of his truck and participated in Crossville's parade.



From Ralph:

August already? Almost. Writing this with a week left in July my grandkids are home from jobs as camp counselors, and getting back into marching band. One at UGA, one Mississippi State, one high school. That last one is also working toward his Eagle Scout rank.

Myself, I am bound for Chattanooga for the NMRA National Convention. It will never be this close to home. A solid week of layout tours, visits and rides on TVRM steam-trains, touring Scale Trains warehouse, operating sessions, and clinics about anything and everything. Meeting modelers from all over the country, the world. There is a model contest display room for those working toward the Master Model Railroader recognition. Saturday 8/1 + 2 is the National Train Show. Over 100,000 square feet of layouts and display booths from every manufacturer in every scale.

This is an opportunity to meet many well known modelers, the NMRA leaders from the President and on down, the model railroad press and publishers, and hundreds of fellow modelers.

I will be there wearing my CMRC hat and name tag mixing and enjoying the event, and telling everyone who asks where Crossville is, and about our 25 year old group.

The antithesis of this positivity is the recent news that my Friday at the mall partner Craig Lacey has had to move to Illinois where his daughter can be close. Craig has had a bad fall, and a stroke and has reached the point where he can't live alone. He has a great family and a huge number of students that he taught and coached in his career. I, we, will miss him.

Ralph Watson

ANNUAL PICNIC

Our annual picnic has been changed this year to September 14, It will be held at our house, 5841 Taylors Chapel Rd, Crossville, TN 38572, we will start at 4 pm

You need to bring a dish to pass, your own drinks and lawn chairs. The Club will provide hamburgers and hot dogs, plates and plastic ware. I will be calling the members that have dropped out to ask them to join us in celebrating our 25 anniversary. Call me to let me know what dish you are bringing. 931-742-1824/. Talk to your friend that have left the membership and encourage them to come.

Ann G

87 West Progress

Most of you know that the bulldozer is on site and will breaking ground this coming week.I met with our general contractor and he contacted 811 to clear all underground utilities. I hope this gives you encouragement that we are finally moving toward our goal. I will have an update at our August meeting. Your presence is important.

Ann Grogitsky

