

# THE ORDER BOARD

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**Tennessee Central Railway Museum & Model Railroad Club**  
**Nashville Chapter NRHS**  
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We continue our expanded Order Board News Notice with some new sections, a little humor, some member recognition, railroad memories and stories, and lots of input from members – so be sure to read the whole thing.....

## Donations

**The Buntin Group-** \$2,000 cash

**Dennis Ullrich** of 1220 Exhibits- A Southern Pacific Adlake rear end marker lamp converted to electric illumination

## 2021 TCRM Schedule

- Apr 3 Easter Bunny Excursion Train to Watertown
- Apr 10 TCRM Open House & Model Train Show
- Apr 17 Mile-Long Yard Sale Excursion Train to Watertown
- May 1 Maypole Festival Day Excursion Train to Carthage Jct
- May 15 Wine Tasting-Spring Excursion Train to Watertown
- May 22 Train Robbery Excursion Train to Watertown
- June 12 Moonshine Runner Excursion Train to Carthage Jct

## Monthly Thursday Meetings On Hold

Until the COVID-19 pandemic is under better control TCRM will not hold monthly meetings.

Anyone wanting to present a program at a future Thursday night meeting, please contact **Bob Hultman** landline 615-833-5158 or cell 615-513-7187 or E-mail [hultman@bellsouth.net](mailto:hultman@bellsouth.net)

## 2021 Membership Renewal –

Now on Website or In Person in Hobby Shop  
By **Bob Hultman**

If you have not already renewed, please do so either online, or if you prefer to renew in person, you can go down to the Hobby Shop 10 am – 2 pm on Saturdays.

The URL <https://www.tcry.org/volunteer> takes you to the Get Involved Web page, or you can scroll to the bottom of the TCRM Web Home page & click on the Get Involved choice. Once there, the left side is for new members to join, while the right side is for current members to renew their membership. If you need your TCRM Membership #, contact **Bob Hultman** at [hultman@bellsouth.net](mailto:hultman@bellsouth.net) or call cell 615-513-7187 for it.

If you have to mail your activity fee renewals (**\$35 individual, \$40 family membership**), make checks-MO's payable to TCRM & mail to TC Ry Museum 220 Willow St in Nashville TN 37210-2159 Attn – **Admin Staff**. TCRM office is not being staffed for the immediate future.

## Tuesday Maintenance Team

By **Susan Thomas**

If you would enjoy participating in repair and renovation projects on Tuesday mornings, let **Bob Hultman** know. Sometimes working alone, or with a partner or two on a project, it is a great way to practice and upgrade your handyman skills!

There's a whole lot of work that has to be done every week to keep the maintenance going forward on the cars, and also in the meeting room and building facilities, and maintain Covid-19 protocols.

Right now we have one person working every Tuesday and most Thursdays, **Ken Fagan**. In the last month he has continued working on all the repairs that he receives from the car report forms. He has repaired more foot rests, more arm rests, broken vacuum cleaners, and freed up some seats that wouldn't rotate, and worked on non-operative lights. In the meeting room he has added more lights and an overhead rack to the Company Store table displays.

**CAR HOSTS REMINDER** - For each trip we provide a car report form in the car folder. Please make sure to fill these out so that the maintenance team can fix the issues. This can be problems with the seats, roof leaks, light bulbs burned out, vacuum cleaner not working, no water, sink and toilet leaks, etc, etc. If there are no issues, then just write NONE. These forms are the only way the team can know what needs attention and perform repairs in each car. "A stitch in time saves nine"

## "Saved the Day Award" to Colby Adams

Appreciated by **Robert Bartley**

As I attempted to rotate the seat to face east, it literally fell back on its frame and landed on the floor, leaning its footrests up on the seat behind. **Colby** saved the day by re-attaching the seat to the frame, but it remains unusable until a permanent re-bolting repair occurs. **Colby** gets the "Saved the Day" award for that trip. Fortunately, the passengers who had booked the seats were able to be accommodated in comparably priced seats in an adjacent car.

This story illustrates how important it is to fill out the Car Report Form with any and all kinds of issues. A simple check and repair when a seat is reported as "loose" or "not able to turn" can avoid an embarrassing incident in front of a passenger.

## Maintenance and Restoration News

By **Bob Hultman**

From a **Brenton Jones** Mar 14 E-mail message- "Repairs are completed. Damage consisted of

4711 Two crimped off water lines reopened in former women's bathroom. Both were cut off and recapped.  
One busted water line in the wall at the 11&12 seats. Patched.  
One busted water line in the Men's bathroom. Patched  
Two busted water toilet valves. Replaced  
Two busted sink traps. Replaced

4719 Three breaks in the water lines in the woman's bathroom.  
Patched/replaced  
Broken toilet valves in both men's and women's rooms.  
Replaced  
Broken sink trap in women's bathroom. Replaced

3113 One leaking pipe below sink.  
I believe that was all the damage.”

Many thanks to **Brenton & Tanner Peterson** for getting 4711 & 4719 coaches' water systems repaired & back into revenue service.

## Sad News – Passing of Don Strong

By **Bob Hultman**

Information below sent on by TCRM member **Nathan Baker-**

**Donald G Strong II**, age 79 of Nashville, TN, passed away March 16, 2021. He was born in Princeton, WV, on January 18, 1942, to Donald Strong Sr and Virginia Speed Strong.

**Mr. Strong** is survived by his wife, Jo, his children Meg and DG, and his sister Debbie Houston.

The family requests no flowers and that memorial contributions be made to the local food bank of the donor's choice. Per **Don's** request, the funeral arrangements will be private.

The above was found by Shirley Baker in the Tennessean. Mailing address is 1500 Stratford Av in Nashville TN 37216 if you wish to mail a card or note to the family.

## Sad News – Passing of W.O. Greene DVM

By **Bob Hultman**

Information below sent via E-mail Mar 16 by TCRM member **Earl Henry Jr-**

**W.O. Greene** passed away around 1:00 pm today following several weeks of hospitalization for heart problems.

**W.O.** was a well-known veterinarian in the Green Hills and Belle Meade area until his retirement a few years ago. His wife, Catherine, predeceased him. **W.O.** is survived by several children.

**W.O.** loved passenger trains and was a member of the Tennessee Central Railway Museum, L&N Historical Society, and the NC&StL Preservation Society. **W.O.** made an annual trip to Washington DC to lobby Tennessee's members of Congress on behalf of the National Association of Railway Passengers to support Amtrak. **W.O.** was a long time member of the Nashville Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society.

Be sure to read **Ralcon Wagner's** tribute to **W.O.** elsewhere in this issue of the Order Board- Ed.

## TCRM Spring 2021 Open House & Model Train Show

By **Bob Hultman**

TCRM will host its Spring Open House & Model Train Show on Saturday April 10, 9 am to 3 pm Central Time. Admission is **FREE** to everyone, so be sure to spread the word.

Unfortunately, dealer tables are sold out. The Company Store will be open & ready to sell your items while you enjoy the rest of the Show & Open House.

We'll need to staff several different areas including the RR equipment open for tours, the Museum room, the admin desk, the HO RR and the Company Store. Members working the event will get a free lunch ticket to redeem in diner 8510. I will staff an information table at the roll-up door. We will keep the front gate closed so everyone enters & exits thru the roll-up door. That way we can remind attendees of any CoVID-19 requirements in effect during the Open House.

If you will help with the Open House, please let me know landline 615-833-5158, cell 615-513-7187 or E-mail [hultman@bellsouth.net](mailto:hultman@bellsouth.net)

## TCRM Excursion Train News

By **Bob Hultman**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> excursion train for 2021 was our Irish Express to Lebanon's Capitol Theatre with live Irish music on board along with Irish foods for lunch. The trip went very well, with no significant mechanical problems or operational problems.

Our 4<sup>th</sup> trip will be our Easter Bunny Trip to Watertown with safety meeting at 7 am, boarding at 8 am and a 9 am departure. Return should be around 3:30 pm or a bit later.

If you will work this trip, please contact **Bob Hultman** landline 615-833-5158, cell 615-513-7187 E-mail [hultman@bellsouth.net](mailto:hultman@bellsouth.net)

## TCRM Hobby Shop Update

by **Hank Sweetman**

Greetings to all, and welcome to Spring Weather!

Some new items at the Hobby Shop this month:

2 new books on DCC, one titled "Basic DCC Wiring" and the other "DCC Guide". These would be excellent resources for anyone wanting to get started on DCC.

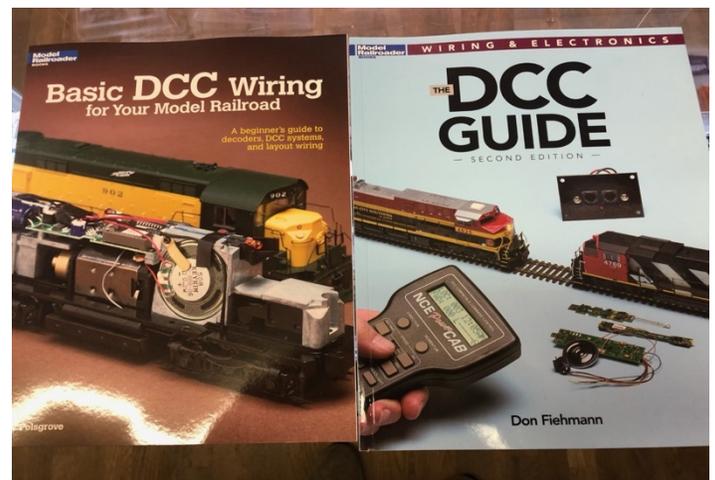


Photo by **Hank Sweetman**

New St. Louis Southwestern (Cotton Belt Route) boxcars from Kadee. These are ready to run and very good looking.

Photo by **Hank Sweetman**



A complete selection of N scale Atlas turnouts has been added to our stock.

Featured items include:

Also PA locomotives in Southern Railway paint scheme. DCC ready, 2 road numbers.



Photo by **Hank Sweetman**

GP38 in RJ Corman lettering, DCC and Sound. 2 road numbers in stock.



Photo by **Hank Sweetman**

Alco C630 in L&N markings, only 1 left!



Photo by **Hank Sweetman**

If there are items that you would like to have the Hobby Shop stock, please let us know. As always, we are ready to special order items for you.

We continue to need volunteers to staff the Hobby Shop. Our goal would be to only need a person to work every 6 weeks or so. The system we use is not difficult, and training is provided. This is a great way to meet fellow enthusiasts and learn more about the hobby. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Hobby Shop manager **Hank Sweetman** at [hanksweetman@gmail.com](mailto:hanksweetman@gmail.com)

### HO Scale Model Railroad News

By **Bob Hultman**

Not much reported since the Feb *Order Board*..... I did get 4 of the Museum-owned freight cars rehabbed & returned to the HO RR. I will continue working on more rolling stock needing repair and bring to TCRM.

TCRM member **Moose Guzman** has sent me some information on Free-Mo modules that I will forward on to the HO modelers within the TCRM membership.

### Model Train Show – Evansville IN Apr 17

By **Kevin Comer**

Just wanted to let everyone know that there is a Model Train Show in Evansville, Indiana on April 17th, 2021. Hours are 10 am-3 pm and it is in a new location at the National Guard Arm-

ory, 3300 E. Division Street in Evansville. I know some of the TC guys make the trip over, so wanted to pass it along.

### Nashville Ntrak

On March 13, **Bob Hultman** sent out an email letting everyone know the NScale group set up their modules for a maintenance-rehab-upgrade blitz in the meeting room. It will be taken down before the April 3 Easter Bunny Excursion. The various modules have some beautiful scenery, that most members never get to see because they are only put up when the NScale group go out and do a show. Following are a few pictures of the setup and some pretty amazing scenery modules:



Photo by **Susan Thomas**



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NScale Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1210543609120218>

Website: <http://www.nashvillentrak.org>

YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAfw5a8YVISHQFaNBpuD34g>

## TCRM Library News

By Bob Hultman

I was shocked to learn of **Don Strong's** passing on Mar 16. He was the long-time Librarian for TCRM. With his passing, TCRM now needs to recruit members to take on various Library tasks. If you are willing to help out in the Library, please notify **Terry Bebout** [terry.bebout@rjcorman.com](mailto:terry.bebout@rjcorman.com) or **Bob Hultman**.

## TCRM Receives Marker Lamp Donation

By Tim Bebout

Mr. Dennis Ullrich of 1220 Exhibits at 3801 Vulcan Dr in Nashville TN has donated an Adlake rear end marker lamp off the Southern Pacific Transportation Co. The lamp is electrified and in working condition.

## Need a TCRM Name Badge?

By Bob Hultman

TCRM periodically offers members the chance to order name badges. Currently our vendor is 1st Place Trophy in Hendersonville TN. Their name badge Web page-

<https://www.firstplacetrophy.com/nametag.html>

2-color name badges are \$12.95 ea, with a price break at 2 thru 9 of \$11.50 ea & then at 10 or more \$10.50 ea. So, if you want to order name badges, we'll gather the names & place the order. I'll send them a completed TN sales tax-exemption form. One of our members lives close to the shop so hopefully he would be able to fetch the badges to TCRM.

Badge color scheme is bright red background with white lettering & graphics. There are 2 styles for holding the badge to clothing, 1) a pin assembly glued to the back of the badge or 2) a magnet bar holding the badge in place on your clothing. The foldover style some of us have isn't available thru this vendor.

We'll hold off on payment until we get a final total. We will require payment up front before we order your name badge. E-mail [hultman@bellsouth.net](mailto:hultman@bellsouth.net) if you want to order name badges.

## Railway Memories and History in Tennessee and Beyond

If you have stories, memories or photos to share on local RR history, please contact the Order Board editor.

### Royal Palm Passenger Train

As recounted by Hugh Lowe

As a child, one of my favorite things to do was to go the edge of my hometown, Harriman TN, where I could see the Royal Palm passenger train pass by on its way from Cincinnati down to Jacksonville, Florida and points South. Once my Dad took us on a Sunday afternoon (when his store was closed) to Oakdale, TN and bought tickets for the three of us kids, my brother, my sister and me, aboard the Royal Palm. The Royal Palm on the Southern Ry went through two tunnels just south of Oakdale. Then he jumped back into his car and raced down the road to Rockwood, TN to pick us up (about a twenty minute ride on the train). What a thrill, What a Dad! And you wonder why I am such a train nut.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Royal\\_Palm\\_\(train\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Royal_Palm_(train))

## TCRM Limited Reopening Being Planned

By Bob Hultman

TCRM member **Randal Brooks** has volunteered to staff the Museum on Saturdays, permitting a limited reopening to the public tentatively planned for Saturday Apr 17, 9 am to 3 pm Central Time. Some reasons for this initiative- 1) **Randal** really enjoys greeting passengers & hosting visitors, 2) pandemic restrictions are easing up, 3) more & more people getting the vaxx (my 2nd Pfizer shot is Mar 24) and 4) having the roll-up door open on train days attracts passersby..... today (Mar 13) a party of 4 stopped by and **Randal** escorted them to the platform to see the train depart. So, as we firm up this slight reopening, we'll send out more info on the reopening.

## Union Station Model and Restoration

By Susan Thomas

If anyone can add to the history of this unique model, or have an interesting story regarding the model, please contact the newsletter editor. It is a treasure and we need to make sure it is preserved and protected.

**Ken Fagan** has installed additional lights in the meeting room corner, to shine a little more light on this Union Station model. We often get asked about the history of the model by both museum visitors and excursion passengers before they head down to board the excursion train.

We also have a collection of prints, some numbered, of various views of Union Station, donated by "anonymous." We hope we can display these prints on the wall beside the renovated model.

The following is some interesting history regarding the Union Station model and the history of the layout at the Old Children's Museum which was closed in June, 1973. The following is copyrighted and may not be reprinted in any form without express written permission from **Ralcon Wagner**.

"The Union Station structure, along with dozens of other buildings, were custom built by a local professional architectural model maker named Fred Hutton, specifically for the model railroad layout in the Children's Museum.

The construction was underwritten by local Nashville businesses during the early 1950s. The Louisville & Nashville Railroad was a major sponsor as well. This explained why only equipment painted in either the L&N or NC&StL Railway operated – there was not a single Tennessee Central train or structure on the layout, probably a condition of L&N's sponsorship.

The layout was located on the second floor of the facility and opened around 1954. The model railroad was a favorite attraction for children of all ages many years. Because of the poor condition of the pre-Civil War building in which the Children's Museum was located, the second-floor exhibits sustained serious water damage whenever it rained. By the late 1960s, the elaborate train layout was in serious disrepair.

In 1972, it was decided by the city of Nashville that the 37-year-old museum needed a more modern and larger facility. Later that year, it was announced that the newly renamed Cumberland Science Museum would be built on city-owned land on Saint Cloud Hill, just to the north of the historic Fort Negley (opening would occur a year later, in 1974). The old facility at Lindsley Hall was closed during June 1973.

As part of the museum upgrade, the board decided to eliminate the 19-year old layout altogether. The Nashville Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society was asked if they wanted what could be salvaged of the layout and buildings. Five members volunteered for the dirty job of removing anything that could be saved – all of it covered with many years of soot and dirt.

The volunteers included **Jim Paty**, **Don LeCroy**, Dr. Willard Parker, **Hale Meacham** and **Ralcon Wagner**. All the structures removed were transported to **Hale Meacham's** hobby shop on Gallatin Road in his truck. Other smaller buildings were moved in the cars of other volunteers. Most of the more notable pieces were saved without any problem. I'll always regret that in order to save the Union Station headhouse piece the volunteers had to rip away the attached trainshed to get it at an angle where it could be removed. It was unavoidable."

The previous information about the history of the Union Station is copyrighted and may not be reprinted in any form without express written permission from **Ralcon Wagner**.

## **Patrons (or Carhosts) Say The Darndest Things**

By Susan Thomas

Car hosts and volunteers, we know you have some great stories and memories to share. Please share your stories with the Order Board editor. This should be a fun section of the Order Board that we can all enjoy!

Do you recall a humorous exchange with a patron? Please share your stories with the Order Board editor.

## **Operation Lifesaver Update**

By **Jill McClintock**

**Executive Director - TN Operation Lifesaver**

Don't leave safety to Luck! Every three hours a person or a vehicle is hit by a train in the U.S. Know the signs and signals that help keep you safe and share with friends, family and rail fans as much as possible.

Advanced Warning Sign (yellow circle with black X and two R's) means slow down, listen and prepare to stop if a train is approaching.

- Pavement Markers (RxR and a wide white line) on the roadway mean you are approaching a railroad crossing. Stay behind the white stop line while waiting for a train or trains to pass.

- Crossbuck Sign means the same as a YIELD sign. Trains always have the right-of-way!

- Flashing red lights and lowered gates mean to STOP! Do not proceed until the lights stop flashing and/or gates go up. It is illegal and dangerous to go around lowered gates.

- Emergency Notification Sign -ENS (blue sign with white lettering usually under the crossbuck sign) gives the number you should call first if a vehicle is stuck on the tracks. You can also report people or debris on the tracks, damaged signs or signals and obstructed views.

Trains are quieter than you think. Only trains belong on the tracks - No Pot of Gold!!!

Jill McClintock can be reached at [jmoodytnol@comcast.net](mailto:jmoodytnol@comcast.net). Check out the many resources of OLI at [www.oli.org](http://www.oli.org)

Editors Note- There is an App for your Smartphone developed by the Federal Railroad Administration that has details about every RR crossing. I have used it to report malfunctioning crossing lights and bells. And they were grateful, and by later on that day, it was fixed. Look it up by "Rail Crossing Locator"

A selection of "Operation Lifesaver" baseball hats was donated to the Company Store. They are on display for sale on the racks. Drop the \$\$\$ in the Donation Box.

## **TCRM's Volunteer Incentive Program**

By **Bob Hultman**

The Volunteer Incentive Program was discussed at the Board Meeting on February 11 and has been revised. The updated version will be published in the April *Order Board*.

## **TCRM Member Spotlight**

**We spotlight long-term members, the foundation of our Museum, and our new members who bring fresh energy and ideas to the group. We look forward to your participation for future Order Boards.**

Name: Robert Edwin "Bob" Hultman

## Membership #15

### When did you join the Organization?

I was one of the founding or charter members. If the beginning of TCRM is defined as the running of the first excursion train, that was in spring 1989. The Broadway Dinner Train (BWDX reporting mark) had started operating in very late 1988. Some of the members of National Model RR Association's local Cumberland Division, **Terry Bebout**, **Allen Hicks** and others got to know **Gene & Dianne Turnage** who were managing the Dinner Train. I can't remember who came up with the idea, but someone said "Hey, how about renting the Dinner Train during the day on Saturdays & run an excursion train?". So, Cumberland Division members asked the **Turnages** about the excursion train idea and apparently they said Yes. We advertised the first trip, it sold out quickly & we ran a safe, successful trip to Lebanon and back. That's the beginning of TCRM. The Tennessee domestic non-profit corporation was formed Jan 9, 1989 as Cumberland Division SER-NMRA (SouthEastern Region of National Model RR Association) control #000211119.

### What was your primary interest or reason for joining?

I've been a model railroader since 1957. Not until moving to Cincinnati in September 1972 did I join a model RR club (Cincinnati Northern Model RR Club in Glendale, a north suburb of Cincy; all previous places we lived there were no model RR clubs that I could get to; last year of high school, 4 year college & 23 months US Army active duty left no time for model RR clubbing, even if there was one to join). So, moving to Middle TN September 1977, I immediately searched out hobby shops and any local clubs (none) & went to the local model train shows put on by the NMRA (National Model RR Association) local organization, Cumberland Division (C Div) of the NMRA's SouthEastern Region.

So, naturally when C Div members started the excursion train effort, I pitched in, wanting to help make the activities of the Division a success..... Another part of the affair was seeing if I and the Division could be successful with something new..... And we were..... and are.

### Do you have a home layout and what inspired you to build it?

Short answer- No..... Long-winded answer- In Richmond VA (December 1960 thru summer 1965) our house was a split-level (me in the half-buried lowest level) where my bedroom had enough floor area to flop some 4x8 plywood on the floor & tack down some brass track & run a train. Later I built a simple L-shaped piece of flat benchwork but never put down any track.

No home RR in Johnstown PA or at Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP) or while in Army. While in Cincy September 1972 - September 1977, I belonged to Cincinnati Northern Model RR Club where I drove 46-mile round trips for weekly meetings + additional work sessions & special events. Really enjoyed that activity.....

The Cumberland Division in Nashville went inactive in the very late 70s-very early 80s..... **Jim Adair**, **Allen Hicks**, **Pete Hoadley**, **Robert "Mars" Marsmaker** & **John Kennedy** probably have more specific info on organized model RR history during that time period in Middle TN than I.....

Finally, in very late 1981 several model RRers gathered at the home of **Pete & Susan Hoadley** & agreed to bring Cumberland Division back from the dead. Shortly after that we started having

monthly meetings in various members' homes. Someone suggested we start an HO modular RR effort..... That got going and **Terry Bebout**, later **Kevin Kimbro** & I started building a freight yard module group for the modular RR. It ended up being 20' straight modules, then a 90 degree corner (33" & 35" radius main track curve minimums), then a 2' straight module to give us a bit more length for drill track & engine service facility trackage. This lasted several years, then we sold the module group for \$75, I think. Now I have Atlas brass Snap-Track w/18" radius curved track in a 36" x 45" oval for test-running conventional DC power rolling stock. I do have a 500+ square feet L-shaped room in our basement at home..... Don't think I'll get a home RR built. I do have a 12' straight module group but it's only the 3 base wood model frames-deck-legs..... no roadbed, no track, no scenery.....



Photo by **Tom Tyndall**

This was at the home of TCRM member **Bob Moody** in early February 2020. There was a regular Monday work session on **Bob's** HO model RR, where **Bob Hultman** was working on an express reefer car floor casting.

### How has your interest or participation changed over the years?

I've always wanted both the model RR effort & the TCRM effort to succeed, so I've spent 1,000s of hours over a soon-to-be 39-year time span to make sure that both efforts succeed. TCRM's record stands with the best of the RR museums featuring operating passenger excursion trains, so I think TCRM has long-since proved itself there. The model RR effort is not as far along as I'd like, but one must keep in mind that the excursion train effort is what essentially pays for almost all of what TCRM does. Lots of members who are model RRers also work the excursion trains, so the model RRer contingent is pulling its share of the gross ton-miles-per-year.

My participation began to change in 2017 as my wife, Beckie, developed more and more serious neurological symptoms and I needed to stay home to be her caregiver, along with our 2 daughters. Eventually she was hospitalized for more systematic diagnostic work in very early March 2018; on-about March 8 she was diagnosed w/ALS (aka Lou Gehrig's Disease)..... She died May 5, 2018, 24 days short of her 68th birthday.

I laid off entirely from TCRM on-site activity as we took care of estate matters. Previously I would typically go to TCRM on Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays, pretty much all day each of those days. My

family situation required I cut back to less than 3 days per week. Eventually I was able to get back to working some trips, then I told Terry, Steve & Allen I'd need to cut back more. Then the SARS-CoV-2 virus disruption hit and changed lots of things for all of us. I got my 1st Pfizer vaccination in early March and the 2nd one will be on March 24. I hope to be back at TCRM at least some after the 2nd shot.

**What has been a highlight of your membership experience over the years**

1st- Chance to learn about 1:1 size RR equipment and just be around folks with very similar passions who are much more knowledgeable than I.  
2nd- Being able to work with a group of folks dedicated to the same goal- Can we market, operate a passenger excursion train successfully over time, maybe even grow the effort. 3rd- Seeing #576 get out of Centennial Park, combine that with bringing a steam locomotive (albeit a small one) to TCRM for celebrating TCRM's 25th anniversary.

Lowlight- Years ago the Tennessean newspaper printed a photo of me running a train on our HO modular RR. The paper must have assigned their top-of-the-line photo caption writer to the task. Not only did they misspell my 1st name (Bub, not Bob), but they jerked around my last name, Huttman instead of what I thought was the correct spelling, Hultman. Yes, indeed, my regard for all things Tennessean newspaper rose to new heights..... NOT. I have a framed copy of that photo..... That's how I got the nickname Bub..... for which Beckie never cared.

**What area of volunteering or activity do you participate in?** 1- Model RRing 2- Excursion train 3- Building maintenance 4- Passenger car interior maintenance 5- Admin work like excursion train crew calling, interim membership clerk, monthly Order Board (OB) editor & copier-folder-envelope stuffer-envelope flap lick-stamp-sticker-oner for paper version of the OB, office-volunteer supplies procurer..... There's probably others but I forget.....

**How could the organization better meet your needs?**  
Not necessarily for me, but I'd like for TCRM to restart issuing membership cards, be more aggressive about fleshing out the narrative parts of the new Website (I'm some derelict there, myself), do better providing information to passengers during our trips like the passengers handout Ted Brown has been refining. Me personally, as long as TCRM stays in existence & isn't losing too much \$\$\$, I'm fine.....

**Do you think that you will still be a member in 5 years?**  
Assuming I'm still around (73 now), certainly will be a member.

**Why or Why Not?**  
Us founding-charter members gotta stick around..... Institutional memory and all, you know??

**TC Company Store News**  
By Susan Thomas

The store is now a permanent set up, open every excursion day, from 1 hour before boarding time, and closes when the train leaves. We need volunteers to help out with the store, so gener-

ally it is a two hour commitment. Please reach out to Susan at [smt789@hotmail.com](mailto:smt789@hotmail.com) to volunteer and for training. There will be a handbook provided, with simple instructions for opening and closing procedures. If the excursion trip is too much for the knees, or too long to fit in with other family commitments, consider building your volunteer hours at the Company Store.

It gives you the opportunity to talk to the passengers, welcome them to the museum and the train excursion and answer all kinds of questions. And chat with other member volunteers who are also there helping run the layouts, or the Hobby Shop.

At the company store we are selling all kinds of donated items, mostly RR related items, some vintage, lots of model RR components, pictures, posters, books for the railway hobbyist. We always need donations, to maintain a constant supply of stock. Please leave your donations in the blue tub labelled Donations, under the table. And please leave a note or send me an email [smt789@hotmail.com](mailto:smt789@hotmail.com) so I can ask you any questions about the items, and give you public thanks and recognition for your donation.

Thanks to TCRM member Lucas Moore for donating a selection of Railroad books, magnets and other items. We also feature some items from the Hobby Shop in one of the display cases. This promotes the Hobby Shop as generally the Hobby Shop is not open when the excursion passengers are arriving and boarding.

**Excited Passengers Dressed for Our St Patrick's Day Excursion – March 13, 2021**  
By Susan Thomas



Photo by Susan Thomas

Four girlfriends excited about a great day to celebrate the "Wearing of the Green." Laura Byers and Rachael Martin from Cookeville joined Alicia White and Michelle Johnson from Nashville, for a fun day out together on our excursion train.



A party of six friends from the Murfreesboro and Rockville area of Mid-TN, joined us to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Pictured here are Duane and Julie Holt. They purchased their kilts while on vacation in Scotland and were thrilled to have an opportunity to wear them on our excursion train.

Photo by Susan Thomas

## Car Host Appreciation Well Done - Hugh Lowe

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Most Relevant



Samantha Atwood Boozer

Our gang enjoyed the train ride and had the best train car attendant, Hugh! The Irish music from Wendell at the Capitol Theater in Lebanon was great! 🍀



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## “Thomas” Layout for our Youngest Visitors

By Susan Thomas

**Nathan Baker** building a “Thomas” layout for our youngest visitors to play with and enjoy. McDonalds knows that if they hook a child when they’re young, they are faithful lifelong McDonalds customers – same passion for railroads, if kids develop a passion for trains at an early age, they have a hobby for life.

The track and scenery pieces like a station, turntable, bridge and tunnel will all be screwed down to the board. The board will be 48” x 54” and about 18” high. But what we do need donated are Thomas trucks and the Thomas characters, James, Percy, Thomas, etc. They will not be sold, they will be part of the interactive display for the young ones. Please reach out to **Susan** at [smt789@hotmail.com](mailto:smt789@hotmail.com) if you have any questions or donations.

## Nashville Steam Preservation Society – NSPS - 576 Update

By Joey Bryan

It’s hard to believe that this March marks two years since No. 576 arrived at TCRM for restoration. As many of you know, No. 576 was built in 1942 for the Nashville, Chattanooga, & St. Louis Railway and spent more than 65 years on display in Centennial Park. In spite of the pandemic last year, Nashville Steam was able to raise more than \$650,000 due in large part to a very generous matching grant opportunity from the Candelaria

Fund and Wick Moorman Foundation as well as the many supporters and donors who have kept the project on track.

We’ve had to limit the general work sessions and number of volunteers in the shop at a given time, but with vaccinations rolling out and the effects of COVID finally receding we are hoping to start the general weekend work sessions again soon. We have a core group of volunteers in addition to some contractors that regularly work on the locomotive during the week. The new rear tube sheet was recently placed back into the boiler and repairs to the locomotive firebox are ongoing.

FMW Solutions completed fabrication of the new locomotive cab at their shop in Chattanooga earlier this year. The original cab was too far deteriorated to restore without losing most of the original materials so by building a new cab the original can be preserved and eventually be put on display. FMW Solutions completed fabrication of the new locomotive cab at their shop in Chattanooga earlier this year.



Pictures supplied by NSPS

The next big step in the restoration will be removing the drive wheels and trucks from the locomotive so they can be shipped to Chattanooga for refurbishment. Details on the lift are still being



finalized but we are hopeful it will happen later this summer. The steam shop will be open during the TCRM Spring Open House on April 10th so please stop by and check out the progress up close!

## In Memoriam

Submitted by **Ralcon Wagner**

Long-time TCRM member **Dr. William O. Greene (W.O.)** died on March 16, 2021 after being hospitalized for several weeks. His health had been declining for several months. **W.O.** had lived in Nashville all his life and was very involved with railroad history and passenger train advocacy.

Along with his father, **W.O.** was the owner of the Greene Animal Hospital in Green Hills for several decades. He attended college in Alabama during the late 1960s.



Since the early 1970s, he was a member of the National Railway Historical Society’s Nashville Chapter, later serving as its president for a while. **W.O.** was also involved with the National Association of Railroad Passengers and its local affiliate TARP. He was passionate about advocating for an expanded national passenger train network and often made

pilgrimages to Washington, D.C. to meet with lawmakers on Amtrak's behalf. **Dr. Greene** loved traveling around the world with his wife Catherine. After she died in 2012, he continued to travel extensively, often by train, whenever possible.

Contact the Order Board editor at [hultman@bellsouth.net](mailto:hultman@bellsouth.net) or call his cell phone 615-513-7187.



Until recent years, **W.O.** was involved with TCRM, volunteering as a car host and also working several Day Out with Thomas events until his first heart attack.

He loved collecting and driving sports cars and hanging out in his "man cave" (his nickname for his train room). He enjoyed life until the end. He'll be missed by us all. **W.O.** is survived by two sons. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time.

Mailing address is 7378 Bridle Dr in Nashville TN 37221 if you wish to mail a card or note to the family.

## Classified Ads

### Items Wanted - Items for Sale

The restoration crew is looking Original Santa Fe coach car medallions. All of our 47xx series cars would originally have



had 4 of these in each car. They are looking to find at least 4 so we could have one car with them.



Photos by **Brenton Jones**

If any Museum members have any leads on these please contact **Brenton Jones**.

**Donations needed - Company Store** welcomes donations – track, freight cars, locomotives, scenery etc.



**If you enjoyed reading this expanded newsletter, reply to the newsletter editor with 3 thumbs up. 👍👍👍.**

It took much work and time to put it together, with many members contributing stories and pictures.

If you have stories and pictures, your model layout at home, Broadway Dinner Train memories, Railroad memories, humorous interactions with our passengers, share them with all our members!

If you, or you would like to see one of our members featured in our **TCRM Member Spotlight** feature, let us know. We'll reach out to you or to them.

Note that for any submission to the newsletter, the deadline is the 17<sup>th</sup> of each month. Any submission received after the deadline date will held until the next monthly Order Board.