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Summer 2017 Newsletter

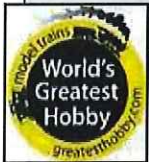
Music City Chapter TCA

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Music City Chapter Summer Show

August 26, 2017
First Baptist Church, Donelson
2526 Lebanon Road
Nashville, TN

Board Members will have a meeting at the close of the show. For information, contact petrone.v@comcast.net

President's Message

On March 4th, Vic Petrone and I attended the President's meeting for the Dixie Division in Ringgold, GA.

Highlights of the meeting included the following:

- Kids' Club website was created by Nickhel Ramakant.
- Bill Stitt said that he had been unable to work with MTH on production for the 30th Dixie Division's Anniversary Tank Car. Due to this fact, the Board dropped this idea. Other ideas were presented.
- The Dixie Division will be represented at the 2017 TCA Convention by Bill Stitt or Don Web. The Board agreed to a Chick-Filet-A Car and an L&N Box Car for the welcome party.
- The Dixie Division plans to donate \$500 to \$1,000 to the TCA Endowment Fund. The METCA will match each division's contribution up to \$1,000.

The train show at Donelson First Baptist on March 25th was a great show. We had 60 tables and approximately 250 in attendance. At the beginning of the show, we had a chapter meeting and I announced that we needed to elect officers for this year. I asked for volunteers to serve on the election committee. Hearing none, Vic Petrone and Joseph Marabeti said they would serve. Nominations will be held at the chapter meeting before the August 26th show.

On July 11th, I attended the monthly meeting at the Nashville Fairgrounds. The work was started on some buildings. The outside and inside of the buildings are being painted. I looked at the Creative Arts Building and work has not started. Hopefully, this building will be painted in time for our December show but his is going to be a work in progress for 2 years.

Finally, on July 21 and 22, I attended the Madison Train Show and handed out applications for TCA membership and flyers for the August show at the Donelson First Baptist Church. The Madison show is a charity show benefitting the day care center at the church.

I look forward to seeing all of our members, guests, and vendors at the Fairground Christmas Show in the Creative Arts Building on December 9.

If you would like to help with events, we would be glad to have you. Call me at 615-361-3381.

Ron Hirst
President

Well Wishes!!

Glenn Martin is currently in the critical care unit at Skyline Medical Center recovering from a stroke.

Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

We wish him a speedy recovery.



Officers and Board Members' Meeting

On March 25, the Officers and Members of the Board met at the First Baptist Church in Donelson following the Spring Train show. Absent from the meeting was Board Member Jimmy Tate.

President Ron Hirst reviewed the decisions that were made by the Officers at the February 4, meeting. These included the following:

- The 2017 Christmas Toy Train Show will be held in the Creative Arts Building at the Tennessee State Fair grounds.
- Admission to the Christmas Show will be \$7.00.
- The cost for parking at the Fairgrounds will be the responsibility of the participants.
- The marketing approach for the Spring and Summer Shows will continue through 2017. A review of the marketing strategy will be conducted at the end of the year.
- The marketing budget for the Christmas Show will be discussed in early September.

Doug Roberts discussed the current postcard mail out within specific geographical locations and appropriate changes based on attendance.

Finally, Ron stated election of Officers for 2018 through 2019 will take place prior to the December Show.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Joseph R. Marabeti
Secretary

In Sympathy

Music City Chapter member Al Swystun passed away on July 21, 2017. Al is the father of current Music City Chapter member Paul Swystun. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Al's family and friends.



Train Trivia

Submitted by Joseph Marabeti

The final link of the first transcontinental railroad across the United States was completed in what State?

Answer: Utah

Upcoming Events!! Mark Your Calendar!

Dixie Division Meet

August 5
Old Mill Road,
Ringgold, GA
423-894-1248

Wilson County Fair

August 21 to 23

Trains run by Members

Hirst and Petrone.

We will run the train station.

Music City Chapter

Show

August 26

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church

Donelson, TN

Mt. Juliet Library

October, 2017

(date TBD)

Members run trains at the library.

Drawing for a train set.

Christmas Toy

Train Show

December 9

Tennessee State Fairgrounds

Creative Arts Building

To volunteer to assist with any event, contact Ron Hirst at 615-361-3381.