



ALL ABOARD!!

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Newsletter

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TCA Rules and Regulations

Reminder:

The rules and regulations adopted by the TCA National Board of Directors require that all vendors at a TCA-sponsored show must be TCA members. As we prepare for our Christmas show, we are notifying vendors of this requirement and urging non-members to join.

President's Message

I would like to thank the members, vendors, and guests who attended the August show at First Baptist Church in Donelson.

We had a great turnout at the Mt. Juliet Library on October 12, 13, and 14 when Wendell Tipton, Jim Langan, Joseph Marabeti, Vic Petrone and I put up the train layout and ran trains.

I received a letter from Jere Kay Gunnels and Amy Byrum thanking us for having this "special treat" and train set give away during the fall recess for the kids. They really appreciated all our efforts.

The History Channel will have a new show starting September 2018 called Collector's Cafe. They are looking for collectors to share what they collect on the show. If you want to share your train treasures or any other collection please contact cburzynski@thinkfactorymedia.com

On September 23, the Dixie Division had a Board meeting. A motion was made to purchase five train sets for the Dixie Division's 30th Anniversary celebration. One set will be given to each chapter and two sets will be auctioned at the Dixie Division March 2018 meeting. Bob Keller and Bill Stitt will purchase the sets. Motion approved.

As most of you know, the Christmas Toy Train Show is our largest show of the year. Generally, there are over 1200 attendees, both children and adults. We need club members to help throughout the day with running the trains, collection admissions, awarding door prizes, etc. If you can help, please contact me or any of the officers listed in this newsletter.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Christmas Show.

Ron Hirst
President



Whistle Stop Weekend November 18-19, 2017 Adventure Science Center

Hear that whistle off in the distance? It's coming from the Adventure Science Center and it sounds the start of the Holiday Season!

The "All Aboard for Trains!" exhibit is model train extravaganza heralding the beginning of the holidays and delighting young and old with a dizzying array of magical model railroads.

Volunteers are needed to help run the trains at the Adventure Science Center located at 800 Fort Neely Boulevard in Nashville.

Call 615.401.5072 for information about times and admission fees.

24th Annual Christmas Toy Train Show



**Saturday,
December 9, 2017
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Tennessee
State Fairgrounds
Creative Arts Building**

Officers Meeting

On August 26 the Officers and Members of the Board held a meeting at the First Baptist Church in Donelson following our Summer Train Show. Absence from the meeting were Board members Doug Le Tourneau, Glen Martin and Jimmy Tate.

Ron Hirst reviewed the increase in attendance at our Spring and Summer shows since our new marketing efforts. The attendance has grown by approximately 50% or 100 participants. This marketing approach includes the mail out of show announcements to approximately 2100 non TCA members.

The increase in participation comes with an increase in marketing expenditure. This includes the cost of the mail outs, as well as, the cost of additional refreshments. As a result, the Spring and Summer shows have been running at a deficit.

Several options were presented to address the cost concerns. These included the following:

- A periodic review of the data base to minimize the number of show announcements mailed out,
- A cost adjustment for the dealer tables from \$10 to \$15, and
- Potential cost sharing of the show mail outs by the TCA national association.

All options are under review.

In addition, the officers recommended that we review options for the design and purchase of new logo polo shirts for the Music City Chapter members.

There being no additional business the meeting was adjourned.

Joseph R. Marabeti
Secretary

Train Trivia

Submitted by Joseph Marabeti



One of the more truly original trains to come out of the US, this model featured one of the earliest diesel engines, the earliest successful streamline design, stainless steel bodies that would later become standard, and Jacob's bogies connecting the cars, a wheel system that supported half the weight of two cars on a single "truck" rather than each car having separate wheels on each end. Almost all later designed American passenger trains, including Amtrak, took their design cues from this one. What was its name?

Answer: Pioneer Zephyr