



ALL ABOARD!!

Summer 2018

Newsletter

Music City Chapter TCA

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President's Message

I would like to thank all the officers, board members, vendors, TCA members and guests for making our April show a success. I saw a couple of new dealers and attendees. Our shows are growing. At the spring show, I gave out six applications for TCA membership. This is the most applications I have given out at any show. At the summer show, I have the opportunity to talk to guests that have questions about our club and joining TCA. The interest in toy train is growing. It makes all of us feel good to know the work we put into the shows is making a difference.

I attended the S Spree (S Gauge – only) show in Dayton, Ohio May 11 & 12. All of us S Gauge members had 100 tables of trains to pick from. Several clubs put up five layouts in the layout room. Great turn out!

On July 29th to August 4th, I will attend TTOS (Toy Train Operating Society) Convention in Tysons, Virginia about 10 miles from Washington DC. There are several layout tours and local attractions on my tour list. I am looking forward to meeting other members from the east.

On June 12th, I attended the meeting at the Nashville Fairgrounds. As of this meeting, the Creative Arts Building and our parking for the Christmas show will not be changed. The latest plan is to build a new building (Expo Center) on the fairground property as you enter from Nolensville Road. This is not the final plan and no date for the construction to begin has been decided. It was made clear that the present fairground buildings will hold events until the construction of the new building is complete and ready to accept events. Last year's traffic congestion was not good for our show. I continue to remind the directors of the problems we had and a need for correction.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on August 18th at Donelson First Baptist Church for our summer show.

Ron Hirst
President



Planning a Summer Trip?

Submitted by

John Blake

You might want to consider the Great Smokey Mountain Railroad (GSMRR). This is a former Southern Railway line in the Great Smokey Mountains with its depot in Bryson City, North Carolina. We rode on both of their runs in 2016. To see pictures, go here ...

<https://2016summerridingthegsmrr.shutterstock.com/>
and here ...

<https://2016gsmr2tucksegee.shutterstock.com/>

(☐ an unfinished mess ... I'll finish this one of these days)

Don't do what I did and do call first. There are two different routes, one along the Nantahala Gorge, the other along the Tuckasegee River. The train takes the Nantahala Gorge route on some days and the Tuckasegee River route on the other days. We wanted to take the Tuckasegee River ride. We were there on a day for the Nantahala Gorge trip. If you plan your trip right, you can do both. We did not plan our trip, but, after an all night drive back, we did get to ride over both routes. Both rides are well worth the trip.

You may recall the 1992 movie, *The Fugitive*, that included a very dramatic train wreck. That was staged on the GSMRR along the route of their Tuckasegee River train ride. The wrecked locomotives are still there and can best be seen from the train. You can also see them if you go to the local landfill Green Energy Park. Park there, then carefully cross the highway and look down the slope. You can also see this from the dirt road to the campground across the river.

As an added bonus, there is a model train museum with a large O gauge model train layout in Bryson City. This is connected to the GSMRR, and your ticket also gets you into the museum.



Train Trivia

Submitted by
Joseph Marabeti

In 1827, what railroad became the first U.S. company to be granted a charter for transporting both passengers and freight?

Answer: Baltimore and Ohio Railroad

Officers and Board Members' Meeting

A meeting is scheduled on August 18 following the Music City Chapter summer train show.

Upcoming Events! Mark Your Calendar!

Madison Train Show

July 27 & 28

**United Methodist Church, Madison
Contact Nathan Baker @ 615 612-3324**

Wilson County Fair

August 17 - 25

**Music City Chapter will run the train station
Contact Ron Hirst @ 615 361-3381**

Music City Chapter - Summer Train Show

August 18

**First Baptist Church Donelson
Registration form enclosed.**

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September 22

**4764 Cobb Parkway NW, Acworth, GA
Contact Rick Hemer @770 378-2521**

Mt. Juliet Library

October 18 - 20

**Drawing for a Lionel train set.
Contact Ron Hirst @ 615 361-3381**

Christmas Toy Train Show

December 8

**Tennessee State Fairgrounds, Creative Arts Bldg
Contact Vic Petrone @ 615 646-223**

Ridin' the Rails

Doug Roberts and Darrell Varley, members of the Music City Chapter, are part of the band called *Ridin' the Rails*. The group has performed at various functions including Union Station in Nashville. They were asked by Chuck Campbell, incoming president of TCA, to play at the installation of officers on June 28 at the TCA convention in Warwick, RI.