



## *Music City Chapter TCA*

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# *ALL ABOARD!!*

## *Fall 2018*

## **Newsletter**

### *President's Message*

I received the sad news that Glenn Martin passed away on October 4th. Glenn had served as a Board members and loved collecting and selling toy trains. Glenn had a distinguished military career for over 20 years. We will miss him.

I want to thank all of our Board members for their work on the August show. Thank you to the vendors and approximately 225 attendees for a great show.

We had a great time at the Mt.Juliet Library running trains October 18-20. Joseph Marabeti brought a great train set as a give away at the event.

The Christmas Toy Train show is fast approaching. I hope everyone has contacted Vic Petrone for their tables. We are expecting a great turnout at the Creative Arts Building this year.

For members who don't know, Doug LeTourneau has moved to Texas. Doug pulled one of the two trailers that brought the layouts to the Fairgrounds. This year, I will be pulling both trailers. We need to load and unload as quickly as possible. We can start unloading the layouts at 12 o'clock on Friday. There will be approximately one hour between loading the first layout and the second layout because I will park the empty trailer and return to my house to pick up the second trailer. On Saturday, we need to load one of the layouts as soon as we close the show. I am driving the trailer back to my house and will return to pick up the second layouts.

Our layouts are an important part of the show. Children come to see the trains runs. More paid adults at the door help with more dollars to advertise the show.

**PLEASE COME AND HELP TO LOAD  
AND UNLOAD THE LAYOUTS.**

*See you at the Show!!!!!!*

*Ron Hirst*  
**President**



## Officers and Advisory Board Meeting

The quarterly meeting of the officers and members of the Advisory Board was held on Saturday, August 18, 2018 at the First Baptist Church of Donelson in Nashville, TN. Present at the meeting were officers Ron Hirst, John Blake, Vic Petrone and Joseph Marabeti. Also in attendance were Board members Wendell Tipton, Jim Langan, Doug Roberts and David Gray.

A summary of our discussion is listed below. Ron briefed the members on the departure of Board member Doug Letourneau. He and his wife have moved to Texas to be closer to his family. As many of the members know, Doug sustained serious health issues as a result of his distinguished services in Viet Nam. We will miss him.

The Christmas Toy Trains show will be held in the Creative Arts Building at the Fairgrounds. There has been continued discussion regarding removal of some of the current buildings to make way for the soccer stadium. As of this writing no plan has been announced.

The members discussed the Christmas Show advertising strategy. In addition to the usual print ads, Vic proposed that we increase the advertising budget for our TV spots. It was agreed that a total of \$3,000.00 would be allocated for that purpose. Doug would make recommendations as to the most cost effective use of those dollars.

The \$7.00 entry fee will be waived for dealers at this show. As is our custom, refreshments will be provided on Friday afternoon.

The members approved an increase of \$50.00 per event for the use of the venue provided by the First Baptist Church at the Spring and Summer shows.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

*Joseph Marabeti*  
Secretary

### *Logo Shirts!*

If you don't have your Music City Chapter logo shirt, they will be on sale at the Christmas Toy Train Show! The cost is \$15.

## Election of New Officers and Board Members

The election of new officers and board members for the Dixie Division will be held on March 9, 2019 at the Volunteer Chapter Train Show in Ringgold, GA. Any TCA member having an interest in running for the positions listed below, please contact Bill Fry, Co-Chairperson of the nominating committee at 404-862-3812 or [billfry@bellsouth.net](mailto:billfry@bellsouth.net).

Nominations for the following positions:

President  
Vice President  
Secretary  
Treasurer and  
Director (2)

## *Train Trivia*

*Submitted by*  
*Joseph Marabeti*

Where was the locomotive invented?



Answer: England.  
Mining engineer,  
Richard Trevithick in-  
vented the first steam  
powered locomotive  
engine on rails in  
England in 1802.

## *In Sympathy*

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family and friends of Board member Glenn Martin who passed away on October 4, 2018 at Tennessee State Veterans' Home in Clarksville. Glenn was a fixture at our train shows throughout the year, always willing to lend a hand or tell a great story.