Thursday Night Meeting September 21- Dinner Starts 6 pm at TCRM
Wilson Co Fair TCRM Booth a Success
By Ralcon Wagner

Just wanted to report that things went very well while staffing the TCRM table at the Wilson County Fair on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Although the crowd was fairly light, those days, Randal Brooks, Billy Odom and myself were able to chat with several folks and hand out literature to many who didn’t know about us. It looks like some of the contacts we made may generate some future excursion ticket sales.

It was a lot of great opportunity to work with fellow Museum members in a comfortable setting. The time passed very fast! (Editor Note- I want to thank all of those TCRM members who staffed the Wilson Co Fair booth this year. Every bit helps to publicize TCRM & encourage excursion train ticket sales, new members plus the hobby of model railroading……….. Bob H)

HO Model RR News
By Randal Brooks & Horton Monroe

Once again the Cumberland Valley Model Railroaders set up their HO modular RR at the Tennessee State Fair. The setup began on Tuesday Sep 5 and was completed on Friday Sep 8. On opening day the following people were present at some point during the day: Marvene Bilbrey, Randal Brooks, George Gilbert, Len Hollinger, Horton Monroe and Quincy Styke III.

The railroad was configured starting clockwise from the Geezer Gate, followed by-
Randal Brooks' 4' Bates Motel
Len Hollingers' 16' Firestone Tire Plant module group
Randal Brooks' 12' bridge/trestle module group
Cumberland Div 4' Pulwwood
Cumberland Div Large-Radius Corner
Horton Monroe's 4' My-T-Fine Motel
Cumberland Div 4' Drop-in module
Cumberland Div Large-Radius Corner
Cumberland Div 24' Yard module group
Horton Monroe's 12' Central Of Georgia Yard module group
Cumberland Div Large-Radius Corner
George Gilbert's 4' Forge Creek

On opening day, Sep 8, the fall-like temperatures created a bustling atmosphere across the Fairgrounds! This year we are located in the Exhibitors Building with the Butterfly exhibit and the rabbit exhibit (RR was in SE corner of Exhibitors Bldg next to permanent concession stand & close to restrooms). The railroad ran pretty much flawlessly the entire day with some minor adjustments in the Geezer Gate. As the aroma of roasted corn, hamburgers, hot dogs, popcorn and turkey legs swept thru the building, the steady stream of spectators was mesmerized as they gazed upon the modeling techniques. We still have some passes available for those who want to get involved in this most rewarding and relaxing hobby. Please come out and join us.

From Horton- TSF Thursday Sep 14- Tonight, Thursday, I almost was not allowed to park in the “horse trailer” lot, and was told that tomorrow night (Friday) they were letting only horse trailers enter at that gate. This is just what I was told. We’ll see…I guess.

Marvene Bilbrey, Bob Hock, John Kennedy, and myself were the only ones playing trains. Marvene had to leave about 7ish because a grandchild cut his foot; Bob Hock stayed until about 8 or so; John Kennedy stayed until closing with me.

There were some electrical issues, meaning the locos would lose sound, stop and go, stop and not go. This happened to most locos that were running at any given time. Then John said he thought it was the Geezer Gate and (southwest) corner module problem. So, Mr. Brainiac me, pushed in all the Jones plugs around the gate area and … voila… issue solved. Do I get “trainee of the night” for that?… I’ll even share it with John…haha. Slamming of the Geezer Gate just might add/to cause this problem to occur.

For some reason, we couldn’t access the WiFi tonight.

Parking Crew Help Needed
By Bob Hultman

The parking crew will need more people to help with parking for the rest of 2017. Lawrence Lilly is our parking crew manager.

Parking for our excursion trips only requires 2-3 hours per any Saturday that you can help. It may not be glamorous but is a very important part of our excursion trips. If the parking crew can get enough volunteers to help out they would only have to help 1 or 2 Saturdays a month. All help would be greatly appreciated. If you want to part of this crew you may contact Lawrence at 615-319-5646 or 615-641-2415 or E-mail brucelilly1970@gmail.com. Thanks ahead of time for the help.

Sick Call Update – Glenn Martin
By Johnna Walters

(Editor’s note- Johnna Walters is an employee at the Murfreesboro VA Hospital; she contacted me regarding selling some HO trains she had) Thank you so much for Glenn’s number. I spoke to his wife and in case you would like to lift up prayers on his behalf he is still in the hospital. However, his condition is slowly improving. Although I do not know you or him I try to treat others the way I would like to be treated and if it were me would appreciate all the prayers possible so hoping he would too. When I explained how I got his name/number and was interested in consulting with him on trains his wife offered his cell #...LOL…got to love trains a lot to be willing to talk about them while in recovery mode in a hospital…… I will call him at a later date as I am not in a big hurry since I have had these trains for over 20 years.

Thanks again and have a wonderful day, Johnna Walters (Glenn’s mailing address is 2146 Old Russellville Pike in Clarksville TN 37043…….. Editor)

Upcoming Conventions & Shows
Nov 4, 2017- Cumberland Div Meet-Model Train Show at TCRM in Nashville TN
July 27-28, 2018- 9th Annual Madison Train Show at City Road Chapel UMC in Madison TN