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April Meeting Host Committee

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Program Notes

April- presentation on the Association of American Railroads RailFanClub program by **Bob Hultman**.

After the general business meeting, there will be a meeting of the Day Out With Thomas managers.

New Members

Joel Gilchrist- LaVergne TN
Scott Kammerer- Old Hickory TN
Charles Morton- Madison TN
Bill Rotenberry, Nashville TN (returning after several yrs' absence)

Please welcome our new members as they join in helping make our organization even better in the future.

2003 Activity Fee

If you didn't get your copy of the April meeting notice, it's because you haven't paid your activity fee for 2003. To be reinstated, pay your fee (\$30 individual, \$36 family) to Bob Hultman or George Gilbert.

More Amtrak F40s Arrive!

Chief Mechanical Officer **Gene Turnage** reports 8 more ex-Amtrak F40s have arrived in Nashville, owned by **Nashville & Eastern RR** for eventual use in commuter train service. Now, all he has to do is.... Find track space for 8 more locomotives!

TCRM Hobby Shop News

Want to get into HO DCC but don't want to install those decoders in a locomotive? Well, the Hobby Shop has in stock Atlas GP38 locos with a DCC decoder installed! With the 25% member discount, you can get a fine-running, finely detailed locomotive for less than \$75, including sales tax! Come visit the Shop, or, better yet, volunteer to staff the Shop for 6 hours on a Saturday!

Year 2003 Schedule

Apr 10 C Div/NRHS/TCRM Meeting 7 pm at TCRM
Apr 12 Watertown Easter Bunny Trip I **SOLD OUT!**
Apr 19 Watertown Easter Bunny Trip II
Apr 26 Watertown Mile-Long Yard Sale Trip
May 3 Cookeville TC Ry Spring Rendezvous Trip
May 9-11 SER Convention Chattanooga TN
May 10 Nashville-Cookeville Railfan Charter Trip
May 17 Watertown Train Robbery Ex Train Trip
May 31 TCRM Cookeville-Nashville Trip
June 7 Lebanon Civil War Reenactment/Watertown WWII Reenactment
June 14 Boy Scout Railroading Merit Badge Jamboree at TCRM
July 12 Watertown Murder Mystery/Jazz Festival Trip
Aug 30, 31 Sep 1- Day Out With Thomas at TCRM
Sep 5-14 HO Modular RR Setup at TN State Fair Nashville TN
Sep 6 & 7 Day Out With Thomas at TCRM
Sep 13 Watertown Country Hoedown Trip
Oct 4 Watertown Train Robbery Trip
Oct 11 Watertown Fall Flea Market Trip
Oct 18 Cookeville Super Fall Foliage Trip I
Oct 25 Cookeville Super Fall Foliage Trip II
Nov 22 Lebanon Victorian Christmas Trip w/Santa on the train!
Dec 6 Watertown- Two Santa Trips!

TC Ry Museum Loses a Good Friend

Billy Cawthon died as a result of a heart attack on March 23 at his home in Lebanon, Tennessee. Billy had operated our excursion trains as engineer since the very start of our operation. He had worked for the railroad all of his life. He was the only person who ever worked for the TC Ry, L&N and NERR. His support of our operation and willingness to help us in every way will be greatly missed. One of our locomotives will be named **Billy Cawthon** under the cab window in his honor.

TCRM to participate in CSX Family Days

We have been asked again this year to participate in **CSX Family Days** at Radnor Yards using our excursion train for employees and their families. This year promises to be an even bigger event and the excursions will go all the way from Radnor to Franklin TN on the CSX mainline. This event is scheduled on Saturday, September 20.

Private Cars Go Into Service

Private Office Car 103 and Lounge Car 4067 will go into service in April. The purpose of these cars on our excursion train will not be for revenue seats, but will be for entertaining persons who can help the Museum achieve financial and logistic goals. Plans have been in the works for several months to bring this type of service to our operation. Select persons from CSX, State Government, and donating Foundations are already scheduled on certain trips. This service will boost our ability to lobby for many types of benefits to further our mission.

NEXT MEETING Willow St Building Thursday April 10, 2003 7:00 PM

Excursion Train/Museum Staffing Sign-Up Sheets

Sign-up sheets will be present for the **April 12 & 19 Easter Bunny Excursion Train** trips, the **April 26 Yard Sale** trip & the **May 3 TC Ry Spring Rendezvous Cookeville** trip. The phone answering sign-up sheet is the desk calendar on the 1st-floor admin desk. We still need help to continue putting on top quality events for our patrons. Please sign up for something, even if it's just answering phones for a Saturday or working the hobby shop on a Saturday. We also need folks to answer phones on Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays during the week.

Sick Call

Don Gage has damaged a knee and may need orthopedic surgery. His address is 215 Raindrop Ln in Hendersonville TN 37075 if you'd like to send him a note of encouragement.

Quincy Styke III was hospitalized for a few days over the GATS Show weekend. He's back to work and, alas, has to give up most foods worth eating to attain a more svelte figure and give his heart less of a workout.

2003 Volunteer Time Sign-Up Sheet

If you have not already done so, please complete the 2003 volunteer work area sign-up sheet, circling those areas where you can be counted on for 8 hours' volunteer time every 3 months. Return the sheets to Bob Hultman so work efforts can be more efficiently planned/organized. If you received the E-mail version, please indicate your preferences in your reply to Bob Hultman.

E-mail Addresses

Have E-mail and want to receive Cumberland Div/NRHS/TCRM updates & news via E-mail? Well, send your E-mail address to bob.hultman@mach10internet.com & you'll be added to the E-mail group maintained for these organizations.

SER 2003 Convention in Chattanooga TN

Visit the convention website: www.camrc.org/ser2003
Mark McAllister, HQ Div Superintendent Convention Chairman

Special Phone Answering Effort

TCRM has 6, count 'em, 6 consecutive excursion trains coming up, starting on April 12 and going thru May 17. If you will help answer the phones on any day, Monday thru Saturday, please sign up and we will make arrangements for the building to be open. Answering the phone is relatively easy to do, not physically demanding and you can work on other projects while waiting for the next call to come in. Contact Terry Bebout, 244-9001 ext 4 or Bob Hultman, 244-9001 ext 6 with what day/dates you will answer phones for TCRM.

GATS Show Report

Both **Nashville Ntrak & Cumberland Valley Model Railroaders** set up their modular RRs at the GATS Show at Municipal Auditorium March 22-23. In addition, **Jeff Gill & Gordon Smith** staffed a table for **Tennessee Association of Railroad Passengers** both days of the Show. Both the HO and the N scale RR took \$200 prize money, so it was well worth the effort. We had TCRM excursion train handouts at 4 different locations- both modular RRs, the TARP table & the GATS information table.

Willow St Building Maintenance

With the spring growing season upon us and the summer coming up, we'll need to step up our building maintenance efforts. For grass cutting, the Nashville Ntrak modelers and the HO modelers will split the grass cutting duty. The HO group cut the grass earlier this week. The N scale modelers need to see the grass gets cut the week of April 7. The HO group needs to cut the grass the week of April 14. We will have passengers boarding trains for 6 consecutive Saturdays, starting April 12, so our building and grounds must look sharp.

A 2nd task is keeping the building clean. Those who have volunteered for inside maintenance are George Benson, Brenda Bilbrey, Twila Bilbrey, Cheryl & Jim Brown, Charlie Campbell, Mike Engberg, Dave Gara, Cathy Graham, Ariana, John & Misty Graves, Jerry Gray, WO Greene, Bob Hultman, Barbara Hutton, Jerry Jones, John Kennedy, Ron Musick, Hugh & Marie Nichols, Charles Owens, Jim & Lynn Perry (helping Michelle), Joe Sapp, Hank Sherwood, Tom Spiggle, George Stringer, Eddie Tomlinson, Michelle Wilson. Marvene & Brenda Bilbrey cleaned floors and emptied trash some weeks ago, as outlined in the Feb 2003 meeting notice. The next group responsible for April are Mike Engberg, Dave Gara, Cathy Graham and Ariana, John & Misty Graves. The group responsible for May will be Jerry Gray, WO Greene, Bob Hultman, Barbara Hutton, Jerry Jones & John Kennedy.

And You Thought You Had a Bad Day ...

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILROAD

Telegraphic Report of Accident filed at 1455, at Thunder Bay Ontario, July 21st, 1977

The above item that was in the March 2003 meeting notice turns out to be false. I received it from 1 of the several E-mail lists of which I am a member. My apologies to all..... **Bob Hultman**