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Cumberland Div/TC Ry Museum Donations

Cracker Barrel Foundation- \$2,000
Warren & Julie Hannas- \$100

August Meeting Host Committee

None for this meeting. Individual team sessions start at 7 pm.

Year 2003 Schedule

Aug 14 TCRM Thursday Night Meeting Willow St Bldg
Aug 30, 31 Sep 1- Day Out With Thomas at TCRM
Sep 6 & 7 Day Out With Thomas at TCRM
Sep 13 Watertown Country Hoedown Trip
Sep 20 CSX Family Day- Radnor Yard
Oct 4 Watertown Train Robbery Trip
Oct 11 Watertown Fall Flea Market Trip
Oct 11 Watertown Fall Flea Market Trip **Dep from Cookeville**
Oct 18 Cookeville Super Fall Foliage Trip I
Oct 25 Cookeville Super Fall Foliage Trip II
Nov 1 Cumberland Division Meet at TCRM
Nov 7-16 Whistlestop Weekends- Adventure Science Ctr (ASC)
Nashville
Dec 6 Watertown- Two Santa Trips!

Note changes to our remaining 2003 schedule- added **1)** Whistlestop Weekends at Adventure Science Ctr and **2)** an excursion train on Oct 11 departing from Cookeville; **3)** Nov 22 Victorian Christmas Trip annulled account event cancellation by Lebanon.

Special Phone Answering Effort

TCRM has the 5-day Day Out With Thomas event coming up along with a full fall schedule of excursion trains. TCRM needs your help answering the phones on any day, Monday thru Saturday. 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.

Threshermens Show A Success

The TN-KY Threshermens Show HO modular RR display was another success for Cumberland Division and TCRM. Although the Show was on Friday and Saturday only, we presented the hobby of model railroading and the uniqueness of the TC Ry Museum to 1,000s of folks coming through the Show registration gate. Module owners participating in this setup were **Wayne Frey, George Gilbert, Pete Hoadley, Jack Sircy & Bob Swanner**. Thanks also to the other members who helped including **Allen Hicks, Len Hollinger, Bob Hultman, Eddie Justice, Leroy Nessen & Derrick Wilson** (also driving a tractor in the Saturday parade). We had a lot of fun, the air conditioners were working well and we made \$100 for the cause.

New Members

Peter Weaver, Nashville TN

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

Program Notes

August- Separate group/team meetings & training sessions for Day Out With Thomas.

Platform/Carhost team- **Jim Brown, Hugh Nichols** on board excursion train

Thomas Merchandise team- **Brenda Bilbrey/Cheryl Brown** in the Thomas merchandise room

Front gate/info & ticket booth team- **Terry Bebout/Bob Hultman** 2nd floor of Museum bldg

Parking Lot team- **Don Gage** on the loading dock

Finance & Sanitation team- **Allen Hicks** on excursion train

Food Service team- **Frank Holt** on board diner 3119

Oct meeting program will be a freight car detailing clinic being developed by **Garret Rea & James Bilbrey**

Hobby Shop News

The hobby shop now has in stock a wide variety of southeastern RR roadname HO scale Branchline Trains box car kits. These are very nice kits with excellent detail and accurate paint & lettering schemes. Stop in & see what's new and on the shelves. Also **Garrett Rea & James Bilbrey** have headed up an effort to start having the shop stock some basic freight can and diesel locomotive HO detailing parts. Stop by and see what's available to add extra detailing to your rolling stock or to replace some item that has broken off or isn't up to today's detailing standards. If you have some specific parts you want the shop to stock, talk with Garrett or James or **Eddie Justice** about adding them to the parts stock.

CSX Family Day in September

CSX is again planning a Family Day at Radnor Yard on September 20, 2003 and has invited TCRM to participate. This year CSX is making available some indoor area where modular model railroads can be set up. This is a great opportunity to show railroaders and their families the state of model railroading today. What better place to set up modular model railroads than in the midst of Radnor Yard? Wayne Frey and you other CSX modelers, here's a great opportunity to show off all those Bright Future diesel paint schemes!

NEXT MEETING Willow St Building Thursday August 14, 2003 7:00 PM

Excursion Train Uniform Upgrading

Gordon Smith will be taking orders at the Aug 14 meeting for conductor hats, hat badges (either Trainman or Car Host) and conductor coat uniform button sets (4 coat buttons and 6 sleeve buttons) that can be sewn on a blue or black blazer, converting it to a conductor style coat for our carhosts/train crew. These items are sold by Transquip.

Uniform buttons will be available for such railroads as TC Ry, NC&STL, L&N, SOUTHERN, C&EI, PRR, CMSP&P others. We may want to consider stocking some of the coat button sets in our hobby shop as they would make great gift items for railroad fans/modelers who otherwise seem to have everything.

When you place your order, you are expected to make full payment- cash, check or credit/debit cards. There will be some specimens of Transquip hats at the meeting.

Prices are:

Male Conductor Hat-	\$52.50
Cap Device (skeleton	\$22.13
Cap Device (brass plate)	\$16.11
Female Hat (folding flight cap style)	\$39.35

Brass railroad logo coat buttons (TC, NC&StL, L&N, Southern, CMStP&P, IC etc) \$19.69 per set. Set consists of four coat buttons and six sleeve buttons all with RR logo. This will allow you to convert your navy blue or black blazer to a conductor's coat. Gordon will have a measuring tape and conversion chart to determine hat sizes. All orders will require cash, check or credit card payment in advance. These prices are less than what you would pay if you were to order them direct from Transquip and reflect cost (i.e. no profit to the Museum).

SER 2004 Convention Information

The 2004 SER convention at Birmingham has 5 nationally well know modelers scheduled for clinics and panel discussions. The five are:

Dave Frary Dean Freytag Charlie Getz

Boone Morrison Sam Swanson

These five are all well known, and are widely published in the hobby press. Plan now for attending this convention in Birmingham next Memorial Day weekend. For more information, see the web site:

<http://www.scd-nmra.org/Convention/clinics.htm>