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**Cumberland Division SER-NMRA Inc**  
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## Donations

**Ricky Smith-** Two classification light lenses for the ex-L&N GP7 being restored by TCRM member **Mark Matthews** and others. These lenses are very rare and are much appreciated.

**Tom Staggs-** \$27.95 cash for 2-year renewal through March 2009 of TCRM's Internet URL <http://www.tcry.org>

## 2007 Cumberland Div-TCRM Schedule

Mar 3 Girl Scout Roundtrip Excursion Trains to Donelson  
Mar 8 Thursday Night Meeting at TCRM Nashville TN  
Mar 10 Mother Goose Fairyland Trip to Watertown  
Mar 17 **Spring 2007 Cumberland Division Meet at TCRM**  
Mar 31 Easter Bunny Trip I to Watertown  
Apr 7 Easter Bunny Trip II to Watertown  
Apr 14-15 Artrain Public Tours at TCRM  
Apr 16-17 Artrain Educational Tours at TCRM  
Apr 28 Mile-Long Yard Sale Trip to Watertown  
May 4-6 Mid-South Live Steamers Spring 2007 Meet  
May 5 TC Ry Rendezvous Trip to Cookeville  
May 19 Train Robbery Trip to Watertown  
Aug 21-25 NRHS Nat'l Convention at Chattanooga TN

**NOTE- The Girl Scout Excursion Trains scheduled for March 3, 2007 have been annulled and will not run this year.**

## Program Notes

**March 8, 2007- Pete Boehme** will give a presentation on "Tips and Techniques for painting Model RR Rolling Stock". **Pete** is an accomplished custom painter and this presentation should have a lot of excellent info on how to get a good finish on our models.

## Host Committee – March 8, 2007 Meeting

Mike Keipp	John Kennedy	Tim Laskey
Jim Lassiter	Dave Lawrence	Jim Lawrence
Jim LeClair	Mark Lindecker	<b>Doug Lindgren*</b>
Bill Lorenz	John Lowe	Gale Madison
Robert Marsmaker	Glenn Martin	Mark Matthews

\* = Host Committee Chair

## Nashville Ntrak News

By **Jimmie Guthrie**

There was a large turnout of N scale modelers at the funeral of **Joe Butler** to say our goodbyes to one of our own. Our Sunday work session also had a grand turnout to prepare the semipermanent layout for use with Mike & Mark Perry, Les & Barbara Trainor, Kevin Matthews, Mike Nolan, Gale Madison and Jimmie Guthrie in attendance. Mike Curtis has a CTC Board on his computer that now can allow us to throw the switches in the yard. This as of yet is still in its infancy with further potential later on.

## TCRM Membership Renewals - 2007

By **Bob Hultman**

It's now renewal time for your TCRM membership. Our Activity fee for 2007 stays at \$30/individual or \$35 for family members of the same household. Please make your checks payable to TCRM and mail to TC Ry Museum Attn- Jenny Smith at 220 Willow St in Nashville TN 37210-2159. TCRM will acknowledge your renewal via E-mail or USPS.

## NRHS Notes

By **Herb Roth**

Interesting historic fact. - The first "transcontinental" railroad was not the one across the United States! It was the Panama Canal Railway, originally completed in 1855. The French Panama Canal Co, purchased the railroad in their attempt to build the Panama Canal. In 1904 the US purchased the French assets. The US rebuilt and operated the railroad until 1979, when it was transferred to Panama.

In 1998 Panama privatized the railroad and awarded a 50-year concession to the Panama Canal Railway Co., a joint venture of Kansas City Southern and MiJack Products, to rebuild and operate the line. The "reborn" railroad began operations in 2001.

Don't forget the 2007 NRHS Convention, Aug. 21 - 25 in Chattanooga.

## Hobby Shop News

New in the shop – A large order of Kadee items has arrived pending a Kadee price increase in early March. Also new are Branchline RTR 40' L&N box cars, 4 different car numbers.

NMRA N scale standards gauges are in stock. Also, many thanks to **Pete Boehme**, **Eddie Justice** and **Mark Perry** for completing the setup of the hobby shop point-of-sale computer system. Stop in and see what's on the shelves and new in the world of DCC.

## TCRM Excursion Train News

By **Bob Hultman**

Our next excursion train is the March 10 Mother Goose Fairyland Trip to Watertown. This trip is a 9 am departure with return to Nashville around 3:00 pm. Notify **Bob Hultman** at E-mail [hultman@bellsouth.net](mailto:hultman@bellsouth.net) or 615-833-5158 (home) or cell 615-513-7187 or if you will work this trip. There will be a crew sign-up sheet at the meeting. There are still plenty of seats available for this trip so please publicize it as much as possible.

Member **Joey Bryan** E-mailed that the youth group at his church was looking for a service project to do Saturday March 5. We're hoping to line up a train-washing task for them to do. Anyone who wishes to join us on March 3 are welcome.

## Model Railroad News

By **Bob Hultman**

Both HO and N scale modelers typically meet at TCRM Tuesday afternoons-early evenings for fellowship, work on model

**NEXT MEETING TCRM Willow St Building Thursday March 8, 2007 6:30 PM**

RR projects and to see and hear the latest DCC applications by member **Chris Brown**. If you're interested in model railroading, come on down and join us on Tuesday afternoon-evenings.

The HO modelers have an opportunity to set up their modular RR at Bellevue Mall. Many thanks to **Charles Owens** who talked with the mall general manager who was very receptive to our setting up the HO railroad. There are several empty stores close to the main entrance. There would be no cost to us since the mall considers it a public service and we could keep the RR set up for multiple days.

Coming up on Saturday March 17 is Cumberland Division's Spring 2007 Division Meet and TCRM Open House. We'll have several dealers, 2 operating model RRs, some self-guided home model RR tours and some rolling stock open for tours.

## Gene Caldwell's HO Model Railroad Part II

By **Bob Hultman**

Member **Gene Caldwell** has built a fine HO model railroad in the basement of his home in southeastern Davidson Co. Some of you may have seen it during our self-guided home railroad tours as part of our Division Meets. Here are 2 more photos-



View of a steel bridge carrying an industrial spur to an industrial customer out of view to the upper right in the photo. **Gene's** model of the CB&Q's *Pioneer Zephyr* passes beneath the steel bridge.



This view is of an RDC coming in for a station stop at Rockville on **Gene's** HO model railroad. In the background is the main street of Rockville which features many stores and a movie theatre with an operating "neon" sign. **Gene** has done a masterful job of modeling the street scene, including detailed and lighted building interiors.

Photos from collection of **Gene Caldwell**