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John Kennedy- \$300 cash for general operations

Hobby Shop Sale Continues

by **Bob Hultman**

The TCRM Hobby Shop is continuing its 40% off list price sale of in-stock locomotives, rolling stock & structures through Saturday, Jan 7, 2012. The shop will be closed the following week for annual inventory.

2012 Cumberland Div-TCRM Schedule

Jan 5 TCRM Thursday Night Meeting Nashville TN
Jan 7 TCRM Operating Crew- Class @TCRM 9 am
Jan 16 LA&SL RR Op Session 6:45 pm Nolensville TN
Jan 17 Origins of TCRM – Tuesday Evening @ TCRM
Jan 28 LA&SL RR Op Session 8:45 am Nolensville TN
Feb 4 Baxter Murder Mystery Trip to DelMonaco Winery
Feb 11 Watertown Valentine's Day Murder Mystery Trip
Feb 13 LA&SL RR Op Session 6:45 pm Nolensville TN
Feb 25 LA&SL RR Op Session 8:45 am Nolensville TN
June 1-3 SER Annual Convention Gatlinburg TN
July 29-Aug 4 NMRA 77th Annual Convention
Grand Rails 2012 in Grand Rapids MI

Excursion Train News

By **Bob Hultman**

Our next trip is the Murder Mystery Trip to DelMonaco Winery on Feb 4, 2012. Safety meeting starts at 7 am, with departure at 9:00 am. Sign-up sheets for the February trips will be available at our Jan 5 meeting. We are always looking for TCRM members to help work these trips. To do so, contact **Bob Hultman** at 615-833-5158; cell 615-513-7187 or E-mail hultman@bellsouth.net

Host Committee for January 2012 Meeting

Richard Gregory	Bill Griffith	Jimmie Guthrie
Allen Hicks	Frank Holt*	Bill Howard
Wes Howe	Bob Hultman	Barbara Hutton
Mike Irwin	George Jackson	Andrew-Eric Jensen
James Jones	Jerry Jones	Eddie Justice

* Host Committee Chair

Origins of TCRM Class in January 2012

by **Bob Hultman**

Something **Terry Bebout** & I and some others have been mulling over is the presentation of a "TC Ry Museum- Origins" type of meeting, oriented towards new and recent TCRM members. TCRM has been incorporated since the early 90s; the thinking is we need to do a better job passing to members the history of TCRM, how we came to be & where we're headed into the future. Our intent is to hold this class-session-meeting Tuesday evening, Jan 17, 2012. If anyone has material they want to be included in this effort, please contact **Terry Bebout** terry.bebout@earthlink.net, **Bob Hultman** hultman@bellsouth.net or **Allen Hicks** cano3300@bellsouth.net

January 2012 Program

The January program will be the annual car host safety certification class. Anyone wanting to work as a car host on our excursion trains needs to take this class. New car host safety handbooks will be provided at the meeting for those taking the class. Also, be sure to bring an effective writing instrument.

Anyone wanting to present a program at our Thursday night meetings, please contact **Bob Hultman** @ 615-833-5158, cell 615-513-7187 or E-mail hultman@bellsouth.net

Activity Fee for 2012 - Renewals

By **Bob Hultman**

Please mail your activity fee renewals (the fee remains \$30 individual, \$35 for family members of the same household) payable to TCRM to TC Ry Museum at 220 Willow St in Nashville TN 37210-2159 Attn – **Marilyn O'Neal**. If you prefer to renew via credit card, please call Marilyn at 615-244-9001 or stop by the Museum to do so in person. Also, be sure to include any updated roster information (name, address, phone numbers and current E-mail addresses). If you are also a member of Nashville Chapter NRHS, you need to make separate payments to NRHS and to TCRM.

1913 TC Ry Employees Timetable

by **Terry Bebout**

I have come by a copy of a 1913 employee timetable. It shows 8 passenger trains operating on the eastern division and 4 passenger trains on the western division. I will make copies of this and have at the meeting on Jan 5 for anyone interested.

New Members

By **Bob Hultman**

Norman Curtis, Brentwood TN

Welcome to our new members as they take part in our activities.

Dan Cole's Pacific RR Co in Model Railroader Magazine

by **Dan Cole**

Model Railroader magazine sent me a copy of the January 2012 issue and notified me they had published a picture of my Pacific RR Co. layout in the Trackside photo section. The picture is on page 91.

Garden Club to Meet at TCRM Jan 5

By **Marilyn O'Neal**

Volunteers are needed for SOW GROW meeting January 5th 10:00-11:30 am at TCRM. SOW GROW is a garden club. They want to use our facilities for a yearly meeting where they plan their activities. They are asking that we show them our museum-

Thursday Night Meeting – 6:30 pm January 5, 2012 at TCRM Nashville TN

(a tour with background information), give a guided tour on the train and run trains on the N scale and HO scale RRs. They are interested in the history of Tennessee Central Ry and want to know and teach their members WHAT WE ARE ABOUT. They are very interested in a brief introduction to TCRM from Terry and we would like to do this all between 10-11:30 am when their food arrives. We will also be ordering food that day from the Hermitage Smokehouse Restaurant.

Frank Holt – New E-mail Address

By **Bob Hultman**

Frank Holt has a new E-mail address- fholt@bellsouth.net

New Arrival – John Neal Gregory

By **Richard Gregory**

Just wanted you all to know that John Neal Gregory arrived on Dec 5th at 8:43 pm weighing in at 9 lb, 4 oz being 21 inches long. Mother and baby are doing fine. We anticipate coming home tomorrow morning (Thursday).....Richard

Photos for New TCRM Brochure

By **Marilyn O'Neal**

If you have photos to submit for possible inclusion in the new TCRM brochure, please get them to Marilyn O'Neal by noon Saturday, Dec 31st. Her E-mail address- mtitans08@aol.com or call her at the TCRM mail phone number 615-244-9001.

Sick Call Jimmie Guthrie

By **Bob Hultman**

Rosemarie Guthrie reported on Dec 22 that **Jimmie** was in the hospital at Stonecrest, Room ICU-8. He was very weak with pneumonia, irregular heart beat and fever.

Later, **Jimmie Guthrie** moved out of critical care into a regular room-345. Jimmie & Rosemarie's home address is 587 Mason Tucker Dr in Smyrna TN 37167 if you'd like to send him a note or card.

Sick Call – Mike Perry

By **Bob Hultman**

Mark Perry reports that his brother **Mike** has stopped kidney dialysis, is now at home and is being given comfort medications. Please keep Mark & Mike and their family members in your thoughts & prayers during this most difficult time..... Their mailing address- 102 Rural Av in Nashville TN 37209

MegaBus to Amtrak in Atlanta?

By **Dave Miller**

I had hoped, that Megabus would provide a easy and seamless way to connect Nashville to Atlanta's Amtrak station. Sadly the Megabus schedule was set up for folks wanting to get to Chattanooga and Atlanta from Nashville, not for pending Amtrak passengers from middle Tennessee. That said, it is doable, but will not be as convenient as we had hoped.

Trains leaving Atlanta, for either New York or New Orleans, will be long gone before the Megabus arrives at the Civic Center MARTA stop in Atlanta. Both of those trains leave Atlanta between 8 am and 9 am daily. Megabus arrives at 1:50 pm and 10:20 pm. Those wanting save money by riding Megabus like I did, for a \$1 or less, will have to spend the night in Atlanta in a

hotel near the train station, to catch either of those early departures.

The train arriving from New York to Atlanta is better. It gets in around 8:30 am and the first Megabus out of Atlanta for Nashville (there are 2 Megabus departures from Atlanta) are 11:30 am and 7:30 pm. But the New Orleans to Atlanta service misses the 7:30 pm Megabus departure by 5 minutes.

Unless another bus company comes into this area, between Nashville and Atlanta, or Amtrak decides to implement a Amtrak Thruway Bus service, we are still unable to connect to Amtrak, in a seamless manner. That said, I never expected to see Megabus here in the next 50 years, so looking on the bright side, maybe we will get some form of an Amtrak Thruway bus service eventually. I have bugged the Manager of Grayline here for months, and they are at least talking about it now and have contacted Amtrak.

Dr John Payne Attains 50-Year NRHS Membership

By **Bob Hultman**

Dr John Payne, long-time NRHS Nashville Chapter member, reached the 50th anniversary of his NRHS membership in 2011. See the photo below where Chapter member **Robert Thurman** is presenting Dr Payne with his certificate and 50-year membership pin on board office car TC 103 during the afternoon TCRM North Pole Express trip to Lebanon on Dec 10, 2011.



Photo by **Terry Bebout**

Museum Building Security is Improved

By **Terry Bebout**

Thanks to TCRM member **Jay Wilson** for fabricating and installing the security bars on the museum building front door. This is added protection to keep someone from breaking the glass out and crawling in.

Upcoming Conventions- Websites

NMRA 2012 National Convention- <http://gr2012.org/>

SER 2012 Regional Convention- June 1-3, 2012 in Gatlinburg TN Web site-

<http://www.ser-nmra.org/convention/2012-gatlinburg-convention>