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Party Time!! TCRM Plans Celebration of Excursion Train Program 25th Anniversary

By **Terry Bebout**

The 25th anniversary of TCRM's excursion train program is this year. TCRM will be celebrating this milestone the week of May 26, culminating in several public excursion trains May 31-June 1 pulled by Flagg Coal Co #75, a coal-fired 0-4-0T steam locomotive. We have prepared a ticket order form for the public trips and are planning several activities for our members.

Each member will get a polo shirt with the TCRM 25th Anniversary logo on it, with similar T-shirts for family members. So, this means you need to PROMPTLY notify **Marilyn O'Neal** of your shirt sizes. Call Marilyn at 615-244-9001 or E-mail her at mtitans08@aol.com

Other activities for members include rides behind the #75, a May 29 catered dinner, a souvenir 25th anniversary ticket & a coffee mug with the 25th anniversary logo. Be sure to come to the March meeting for a full update on activities and benefits for members.

2014 Cumberland Div-TCRM Schedule

- Mar 6 TCRM Thursday Night Meeting- Nashville TN
- Mar 6 Headstart School Group Visit to TCRM
- Mar 13 Headstart School Group Visit to TCRM
- Mar 13 TCRM Phone Bank at Nashville Public TV
- Mar 15 Excursion Train to DelMonaco Winery at Baxter
- Mar 22 Cumberland Div Spring Meet-Model Train Show & TCRM Open House
- Mar 29 Train Collectors Association Spring Train Meet
Dnelson 1st Baptist Church Gym Nashville TN
- Apr 12 Easter Bunny Excursion Train I to Watertown
- Apr 17 J C Napier School Easter Egg Hunt
- Apr 19 Easter Bunny Excursion Train II to Watertown
- Apr 26 Spring Mile-Long Yard Sale Excursion Train to
Watertown
- May 1-3 Mid-South Live Steamers' Spring Meet
Maury Co Park in Columbia TN
- May 3 Dogwood Spring Festival Trip to Monterey
- May 17 Train Robbery Trip to Watertown
- May 31-June 1 TCRM Excursion Train 25th Anniversary
Celebration Nashville TN
- June 13-15 SER Regional Convention – Rails Across The River
Memphis TN
- June 21 Excursion Train to DelMonaco Winery at Baxter

Host Committee – March 2014 Meeting

George Gilbert	Richard Gregory	Bill Griffith
Jimmie Guthrie	Allen Hicks	Frank Holt*
Stephen Hook	Bill Howard	Bob Hultman
Fred Huss	Mike Irwin	George Jackson
Eric Jensen	Steve Johnson	James Jones

* Host Committee Chair

March 2014 Program

Our March program will be a PowerPoint presentation by Bob Stewart, former TCRM member, on the National Association of Railroad Passengers. See the back page for a bio of Bob Stewart.

Also a car host safety certification make-up class will be presented by **Terry Bebout** after the general membership meeting upstairs in the conference room. Anyone wanting to present a program at our Thursday night meetings, please contact **Bob Hultman** cell 615-513-7187 E-mail hultman@bellsouth.net

New Members

Dave Butler Smyrna TN

Paul Daugherty Joelton TN

Al Frakes Nashville TN

Debra Kitzis & Doug Summers Murfreesboro TN (Family)

Tom Knowles Cowan TN (Rerail)

Grayson, Lisa, Russell & Skylar Purdom Nolensville TN (Family)

Robert Robinson Harker Heights TX

John, Taylah, Teuna & Tiahmar Upshaw Murfreesboro TN (Family)

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

Car Host Safety Class on March 6

By **Bob Hultman**

Our 1st make-up class for car host safety certification training will be Thursday March 6 at TCRM (upstairs) after the general membership meeting. Bring your copy of the TCRM Car Host Handbook and an effective writing instrument.

HO Model RR News

By **Bob Hultman**

Renovation of the HO modular RR is proceeding with 1) scenery work on 2 of the 4 corners, 2) repainting & weathering of 2 diesel fuel tanks by **George Gilbert**, 3) painting of new backdrop boards & repainting of old backdrop boards and 4) urban renewal of the commercial buildings block on **Robert Marsmaker's** Otto modules. **Bill Griffith** is working on the 2 corners on the west end of the RR; **Randal Brooks, Bob Hultman, Mike Irwin, Horton Monroe & Quincy Styke III** have been working on the other end of the RR. Come on by on Saturday afternoons & check on our progress.....

Division Meet-Model Train Show, TCRM Open House on Saturday Mar 22

By **Bob Hultman**

Cumberland Division's 2014 Spring Meet & Model Train Show and TCRM's Spring Open House will be Saturday, Mar 22. Dealer tables for the Meet are sold out. We will have locomotive and rolling stock open for touring, at least 2 live clinics and several model railroads on the self-guided tour.

See Other Side

Thursday Night Meeting – March 6, 2014 6:30 pm at TCRM Nashville TN

If you want to help with these activities, contact Allen Hicks cando3300@bellsouth.net or 615-452-1242 for Museum Open House work or Bob Hultman 615-513-7187 or hultman@bellsouth.net for model train show-related work.

Excursion Train News

By **Bob Hultman**

Our 3rd trip for 2014 will be the Mar 15 DelMonaco Winery Trip. Safety meeting for the Mar 15 trip starts at 6:30 am; keep in mind this trip boards passengers at Donelson Music City Star station, NOT at TCRM. Crew sign-up sheet for the Mar 15 trip will be at our Mar 6 meeting.

We are always looking for TCRM members to help work these trips. To do so, contact **Bob Hultman** at cell 615-513-7187 or E-mail hultman@bellsouth.net

TCRM Phone Bank on March 13th

By **Marilyn O'Neal**

TCRM will be staffing Nashville Public Television's phone bank for their March Pledge Night Thursday, March 13th from 5:30 pm until 10:00 pm. Channel 8's studios are at 161 Rains Av in Nashville. Call Marilyn at 615-244-9001 or E-mail mtitans08@aol.com to confirm your participation.

TCRM to Host J C Napier Easter Egg Hunton April 17

By **Marilyn O'Neal**

Thank you all for taking your time to go shopping for candy for our Napier school children. We have all worked hard for these children. Hopefully we make a difference to them because I know that since I have come in contact with their principal I truly understand what these children go thru on a daily basis. The principal said that until these children began coming here for Thomas years ago and their safety classes that they thought their home lives was what life was all about and that with our kindness toward them it is making a change in the way they see that life can be. This makes me proud I don't know about you.

Monetarily we collected money from **Mike & Shelley Irwin, James Jones, Kim & Mike McGill, Jr, Tim & Marilyn O'Neal, Jim & Lynn Perry and Gene & Dianne Turnage**. We received about 50 lbs of candy from **Fred Enters** and about 50 pounds from **Tim O'Neal**. Our very newest member **Debra Kitzis** got out and collected 600 boxes of crayons from O'Charley's Restaurants. We purchased 75 lbs of parade toss candy that includes all of your best mixed candies and 2000 plastic filled eggs and 2 rolls of stickers. Operation Lifesaver stepped in with many goodies and tomorrow (Feb 25) we begin packing 585 bags for these children. Once they are packed the children will use these to hunt for their Easter eggs on April 17. We are still taking donations of prizes.....anything you can do and will do is appreciated.....

Bob Stewart Bio

By **Bob Stewart**

Bob Stewart had a 30-year career with the chemical division of Atlantic Richfield Oil Co in sales and marketing positions. He is past President of the Tennessee Association of Railroad Passengers (TARP) and has served on rail advisory committees for the state of TN and the city of Knoxville. He is also served on the board of the Florida Coalition of Rail Passengers. He also served in the United States Marine Corps.

He has been a member of the National Association of Railroad Passengers (NARP) since 1970 and has served as a director and Vice President. In 2010 he was elected chairman. NARP has 24,000 members and a full-time staff located in Washington, DC. NARP was instrumental in founding of Amtrak. It is a non-profit educational organization representing the American railroad passenger.

Every spring over 100 NARP council members (representing almost every state) gather in DC to hear speakers and visit members of Congress. At our congressional reception last year Bob was able, for the third year in a row, to welcome Secretary Ray LaHood to speak at our reception.

Bob currently lives in Franklin, TN with his wife Virginia.

Article by Terry Coats Article in March 2014 Nashville Retrospect

By **Terry Coats**

I wanted to give you a heads up that I have an article coming out in the upcoming issue of the Nashville Retrospect, a monthly publication exploring historic events in Nashville history. I have written two articles for the paper since its inception in July 2009. My second offering is on the Tennessee and Pacific Railroad, a line that ran from Nashville to Lebanon Tennessee and was a Nashville Chattanooga & St. Louis Ry predecessor. It operated as the Lebanon branch of the NC&St.L until 1936. The paper should be available around the first of March.

Future Group Tours at TCRM

By **Marilyn O'Neal**

Mar 6

North Head Start- Roselyn Mccullough
20 Children + 5 Adults

Upcoming Conventions & Shows

Mar 22 Cumberland Division Spring 2014 Meet-Model Train Show & TC Ry Museum Open House at TCRM

May 1-3 Mid-South Live Steamers' Spring Meet in Maury Co Park in Columbia TN

June 13-15 SER Joint Regional Convention with Mid-Continent Region – Rails Across The River Memphis TN

July 13-19 NMRA 2014 Cleveland National Convention in Cleveland OH <http://www.2014cleveland.org>

July 25-26 5th Annual Madison Train Show

LARGEST MIDDLE TN MULTI-SCALE SUMMER TRAIN SHOW

Fri July 25 – 3 pm to 6:00 pm (private running session for modelers, 6:00 to 8:00 pm)

Sat July 26 - 9 am to 3:30 pm 65 vendor tables, 5 layouts. Vendor tables are still available.

For info, Call Nathan Baker, Madison Train Show Chairman 615-615-3324 nathanbaker@comcast.net