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2017-18 Cumberland Div-TCRM Schedule

- Dec 9 North Pole Express Excursion Trains with Santa to Lebanon— **SOLD OUT**
- Dec 9 NTrak 2nd Saturday Meet 9 am at TCRM
- Dec 9 TCA 24th Annual Christmas Toy Train Show at TN St Fairgrounds Creative Arts Bldg Nashville TN
- Dec 14 Christmas Dinner & Party at TCRM Nashville TN
- Jan 11 TCRM Thursday Night Meeting Nashville TN
- Jan 27 Charter Excursion Train to DelMonaco Winery by Muddy Roots
- Feb 10 Valentines Murder Mystery Excursion Train to Watertown
- Feb 17 Excursion Train Trip to DelMonaco Winery Baxter TN
- Mar 24 Excursion Train Trip to DelMonaco Winery Baxter TN
- Mar 31 Easter Bunny Excursion Train Trip to Watertown TN
- Apr 7 Cumberland Div Spring Meet & TCRM Open House Nashville TN
- Apr 14 Excursion Train Trip to DelMonaco Winery Baxter TN
- Apr 21 Spring Mile-Long Yard Sale Excursion Train Trip to Watertown TN
- May 5 Excursion Train Trip to DelMonaco Winery Baxter TN
- May 19 Train Robbery Excursion Train Trip to Watertown TN

December Program

The December Thursday night meeting will be our annual Christmas Dinner & Party. Serving of the dinner will start around 6 pm. The program by **Brian McDonnell** is entitled “A Snippet of Personal Service” and is a part of a documentary Brian is doing which commemorates the 50th anniversary of the TC Ry shutdown the end of August 1968.

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

New TCRM Members

Glenn Schirg Gallatin TN

Please welcome our new members as they take part in our activities & events.

Why TCRM Excursion Trains Sell Out

By **Shakela Lawler**

On November 11th after the train excursion there were six passengers waiting for a cab that never showed up. After someone from the hotel called and someone from the Museum called the taxi never showed up. **Rick White** and **Joyce Chapman** offered their vehicles to the passengers to take them to their hotel. One of the passengers, Nan Maddox, reached out to me today (Nov 14) to let me know that she was grateful for the hospitality shown to her and her friends because they didn't have to do that. She also wanted to thank the car host for giving a moment of silence for both past and present veterans who serve our great nation.

Freeze Protection – Excursion Train

By **Terry Bebout**

It's the time of year where we will be leaving the cars' electrical systems on (in layover) from time to time in the cold weather to keep the water lines from freezing up. If you come to the Museum to work on cars, clean cars or escort visitors, please make sure you leave the electric locker breakers exactly as you found them. Please double check before locking the car up.

Excursion Train News

By **Bob Hultman**

Our 25th & 26th trips for 2017 are our last Santa trips for the year going to Lebanon Saturday, Dec 9. Safety meeting on diner 3119 starts at 7 am, boarding at 8:30 am, departure at 9 am for the AM trip; PM trip boards at 1 pm with departure at 1:30 pm. Return for PM trip should be around 3:45 pm.

We are always looking for TCRM members to help work these trips. To do so, contact **Bob Hultman** landline 615-833-5158 or cell 615-513-7187, E-mail hultman@bellsouth.net

Activity Fee for 2018 - Renewal

TCRM annual membership renewal is now due. Please mail your activity fee renewals (**\$35 individual, \$40 family membership**), made payable to TCRM to TC Ry Museum at 220 Willow St in Nashville TN 37210-2159 Attn – **Shakela Lawler**. TCRM admin office is open 9 am-4 pm Tuesday thru Friday, 9 am to 3 pm on Saturday. If you prefer to renew via credit or debit card, please call **Shakela** at 615-244-9001 or stop by the Museum to do so in person. Also, be sure to include any updated roster information (name, family member names, mailing address, phone numbers & current E-mail addresses).

Parking Crew Help Needed

By **Bob Hultman**

The parking crew will need more people to help with parking for the rest of 2017. **Lawrence Lilly** is our parking crew manager.

Parking for our excursion trips only requires 2-3 hours per any Saturday that you can help. It may not be glamorous but is a very important part of our excursion trips. If the parking crew can get enough volunteers to help out they would only have to help 1 or 2 Saturdays a month. All help would be greatly appreciated. If you want to part of this crew you may contact **Lawrence** at 615-319-5646 or 615-641-2415 or E-mail brucelilly1970@gmail.com. Thanks ahead of time for the help.

HO Model RR News

By **Bob Hultman**

Cumberland Division, Nashville Ntrak & TC Ry Museum all participated in Adventure Science Center's Whistlestop Weekend Friday thru Sunday, Nov 17-19. Actually, there was an ASC

More on the other side

Thursday Night Meeting December 14 – Dinner Serving Starts 6 pm at TCRM

members-only event Thursday night Nov 16 during which the HO & N scale RRs were in operation for the ASC members. This Whistlestop Weekend was the last one for our contact at ASC, Larry Dunlap-Berg. He & his wife have moved to Carbondale IL. We wish Larry & his family safe travels as they go on another adventure.

The HO RR setup this yr at ASC was in a different venue, the general area off to the left of the center staircases on the ASC 1st floor. ASC significantly increased the floor area there by about 50% to accommodate larger traveling exhibits. So, the HO RR was along the south wall (front of ASC faces to downtown Nsv, basically northward) of the enlarged venue, the N scale RR was against the east wall, the S scale RR was in the west end of the room. HO RR configuration, starting clockwise from the northwest corner module, followed by-

Len Hollinger's 16' Firestone Tire Plant module group
Randal Brooks' 12' bridge/trestle module group
Cumberland Div Large-Radius Corner
Randal Brooks' 4' Bates Motel
Geezer Gate 4'
Cumberland Div 4' Pulpwood
George Gilbert's 4' Forge Creek
Cumberland Div Large-Radius Corner
Cumberland Div 24' Yard module group
Thomas Mogish's 4' Farm Scene
Cumberland Div Large-Radius Corner
Horton Monroe's 4' My-T-Fine Motel
Horton Monroe's 12' Central of Georgia Yard module group

We took the RR down after the 5 pm closing hr Sunday Nov 19 & moved the RR out since ASC wanted the area vacant because of a newly arriving exhibit the next week.

Many thanks go to all who helped with hauling the modules, setting them up, troubleshooting the RR, operating the RR then taking the RR down & helping to haul it away. And, a special thanks to **Eric Hansmann**, Resin Car Works Webmaster, for presenting a clinic on rolling stock weathering techniques, materials & tools the Tuesday evening at ASC right before Whistlestop Weekend.

TCRM Hobby Shop News

By **Fred Enters**

The Hobby Shop has a great staff willing to serve all your hobby needs. We could always use some more help to staff the shop. If you could volunteer 4 hours a month, we can use you. We will train you and you do not need expert knowledge in all areas of railroading. Contact **Fred Enters** at entersf@charter.net if you want to help.

Nashville Ntrak News

By **Ed Minnich**

Join us this Saturday, December 9, 9 am to noon, to learn more about Nashville NTrak, our mission, and the many benefits available to members. You will have the opportunity to run trains on our Museum layout, program your DCC equipped locomotives, or just "mix and mingle". As N-Scale is a small size and not suitable for little fingers, we request that all engineers must have reached the age of 12. We will also have a tree & shrub-making clinic. So that you can give us a *test drive* membership is not a requirement during the remainder of 2017.

While the formal activities will be from 9 AM through Noon, you may operate your trains on the club layout until the museum closes at 3 PM so long as an NTrak member is present. Note also that the hobby shop is open until 2 PM on Saturdays

Missing N-Scale Magazines

By **Bob Hultman**

TCRM Librarian **Don Strong** asked me to send a message to TCRM membership regarding some missing N Scale model RR magazines. These magazines are supposed to go to the Library..... However, he is missing several recent issues. If anyone knows what happened to those issue, please get in touch with **Don** E-mail address jo.strong@comcast.net

Upcoming Conventions & Shows

Dec 9, 2017- Train Collectors Assoc 24th Annual Christmas Toy Train Show at TN St Fairgrounds Creative Arts Bldg in Nashville TN

Apr 7, 2018- Cumberland Division SER-NMRA Spring Meet & TCRM Annual Open House at TCRM in Nashville TN 9 am to 3 pm

July 27-28, 2018- 9th Annual Madison Train Show at City Road Chapel UMC in Madison TN