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## January Meeting Host Committee

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## Program Notes

**January**- Excursion Train Crew Safety Training Class  
**Board of Directors** meeting after the safety class.  
**February**- Soldering for Dummies

## New Members

**Craig Huffaker**- Knoxville TN  
**Frederick Preuss**, College Grove TN

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

## 2003 Activity Fee Now Due

Annual activity fee of \$30 for individuals and \$35 for family household is due. Please complete the blue name/address/phone/E-mail form & give/mail with your payment so Membership Chairman **George Gilbert** has as accurate a membership roster as possible. George's address is 750 Rodney Dr Nashville TN 37205 Don't forget we accept Discovery/MasterCard/VISA credit & debit cards in payment of activity fees.

**Attention All NRHS Members** who have not renewed for 2003. Please send your renewal card with check to Herb Roth (address on card). If you have already sent the TC Railroad Museum your \$30. Activity Fee for 2003, then only send \$20 for NRHS renewal. If you wish to handle both items in one check, send check to me and I will make correct distribution. Thanks- H. Roth

## Sick Call

**Jerry Jones** is recovering from eye surgery and has gotten his new glasses. He reports his doc has OK'ed him to drive and he's getting used to the new glasses. And, he's staffing the Museum on Jan 2, 2003!

## Year 2003 Schedule

Jan 9 Thursday Night Meeting 7 pm at TCRM Nashville TN  
Jan 17-20 RPCA Convention at TCRM, host organization  
Feb 15 Valentines/Murder Mystery Excursion Train- Watertown  
Feb 22 Watertown Fairyland Express Trip  
Mar 15 Cumberland Div Meet/Model Train Show at TCRM  
Mar 22-23 GATS Show Nashville TN  
Apr 12 Watertown Easter Bunny Trip I  
Apr 19 Watertown Easter Bunny Trip II  
Apr 26 Watertown Mile-Long Yard Sale Trip  
May 3 Cookeville TC Ry Spring Rendezvous Trip  
May 9-11 SER Convention Chattanooga TN  
May 31 Watertown Excursion Train  
June 7 Lebanon Civil War Re-enactment/Train Robbery Trip

## E-mail Addresses

Have E-mail and want to receive Cumberland Div/NRHS/TCRM updates & news via E-mail? Well, send your E-mail address to [bob.ultman@mach10internet.com](mailto:bob.ultman@mach10internet.com) & you'll be added to the E-mail group maintained for these organizations.

## RPCA Convention Coming to TCRM

TCRM will be hosting the Railroad Passenger Car Alliance 2003 Convention Friday Jan 17 through Monday Jan 20. The Convention Hotel is across Broadway from Union Station. We plan to have TCRM open 9 am to 3 pm on Friday and on Monday, in addition to our usual times on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. This means we need to have the building presentable and ready for our guests by Thursday night, Jan 16. Please contact **Bob Hultman** 615-244-9001 x6, or [bob.hultman@mach10internet.com](mailto:bob.hultman@mach10internet.com) or 615-781-5380 x153 (work) if you will help with this effort.

## Access to TCRM Sites

On Saturday & Monday workdays park along Willow St and walk to Museum work areas or park in the Southern Junction Yard parking area directly behind our work area. During weekdays we do have permission to drive through the TCW main gate off of Stanley St to the Museum work site. The only vehicles that should use the track gate on Saturdays crossing the Hertz-Penske lot are service vehicles delivering directly to the excursion train. Our agreement with Hertz-Penske is that crossing their lot will be kept to a minimum.

## Thomas Returns for 2003!

We have received the proposed Thomas contract for the Labor Day weekend and the following weekend (Aug 30, 31 Sep 1, 6 & 7). Our legal counsel is reviewing the contract right now. We

**NEXT MEETING Willow St Building Thursday January 9, 2003 7:00 PM**

expect to have the contract signed soon so we can plan for this major event. We'll need everyone's participation to make this event better than we did in 2002.

## Excursion Train/Museum Staffing Sign-Up Sheets

Sign-up sheets will be present for the Feb 15 and Feb 22 Excursion Train trips. There will also be sign-up sheets for the Nov 2 Cumberland Division Meet/Model Train Show. We still need help to continue putting on top quality events for our patrons. Please sign up for something, even if it's just answering phones for a Saturday or working the hobby shop on a Saturday. We also need folks to answer phones on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the week.

## SER 2003 Convention in Chattanooga TN

Visit the convention website: [www.camrc.org/ser2003](http://www.camrc.org/ser2003)  
Mark McAllister, HQ Div Superintendent Convention Chairman

## 2003 Excursion Train Crew Training

**Terry Bebout** outlines below the approach we'll take for the upcoming excursion train season. Recent events combined with the tendency for folks to sue and our goal of having the best museum excursion train in North America require that we strengthen even more our crew training and performance. These steps, with your dedication, effort and attention to duty will make our excursion train even better. We owe no less than our best to ourselves, our members, our guests and our passengers. I urge you to fully consider these steps and commit to full participation in the training and to the 1 day per calendar quarter TCRM work obligation. I support these enhanced crew training efforts and will be participating fully to carry these efforts out. **Bob Hultman**

Dear Members,

Happy new year to all! We are going to step up the pace of our excursion train effort in many ways this year. One focus will be on safety, our number one priority. I have been in the planning stages on this for several weeks and have had several meetings with individuals outside our organization and with museum members alike to establish new guidelines for our excursion train staff. The following points are for your information and consideration. These new conditions will be enforced, so take heed.

1) Last year we had over 100 persons attend the classroom carhost certification class. And, after reviewing the roster this week, I found many members who 'certified' never signed up to work one excursion trip. If you are not going to work a trip do not waste your time, our time and material going through the process. We welcome everyone to certify, but you are expected to work trips if you do certify.

2) Due to insurance reasons and other complications, please do not bring family members and friends when you are working an excursion. Your attention needs to be focused on your job and it must be taken seriously. I realize that some of you have family members under 18 that 'work' on the excursions and we will have a junior certification class for them later in Jan. Please provide me a

list of their names, if you want your children or family members to work on the trips, so I can compile a class roster for the junior certification. If there are instances where family members or friends need to come on a trip with you and they are not certified, get them a ticket to ride. We will establish a member price and if a 'free' ride is needed you may contact me with the necessary information.

3) The carhost certification will be in two parts in January. The classroom part will be at the next meeting on Thursday night, Jan 9. If you are planning to attend you need to take this class seriously. In the past I have noticed a lack of attention by some. The testing will be on the material covered, but you will need to concentrate on the presentation and discussion to pass the written test.

The second part of the certification will be a 'hands on' class on Saturday, Jan 11, at 10 am-12 noon on the train. The class will begin in the meeting room of the Museum. The group will be divided into smaller classes that will rotate among instructors at specified time intervals to learn everything from best practices for announcements to handbrakes and everything in between.

Do not be late for these classes. If you are late, you will not certify. If you cannot attend one or both of these you will need to contact me to be put on a list for notification of the make up class that is currently unscheduled. I encourage each of you to do your best to make these very important mandatory classes.

4) Safety meetings. Your promptness will be required for the excursion train safety meetings on the day of the trip. Due to insurance and other factors, you must be on time! If you are late, you will have to have a separate one-on-one briefing or you may not be able to work the trip that day.

5) Participation in work sessions in 2003 is required to stay certified as a carhost. Frankly we need more help than we are getting to keep our train up. Each carhost will be required to spend at least one day every quarter (that's 4 times a year folks) at some type of work session. We need help on everything from phone answering to brake valve repacking. There will be something for everyone that will not tax your capabilities. For those of you who already come on a regular basis, thank you! More on this to follow.

As you have read this, you may be thinking these are drastic changes and you may or may not agree with them. I am not trying to make things harder for anyone, or discourage anyone from being a carhost, because this organization is based on volunteers who want to enjoy railroading in one form or another. However, each one of you needs to understand that we are a very unique operation to the public and we must be prepared to protect them every minute of every day they are with us. We have an excellent record for safety, but it is time to step up the knowledge of each member who wants to operate a first class passenger train so that if something 'bad' happens we will be prepared to handle it. My job is to make each of you better at what you do on our train. I welcome you comments and thoughts. Phone 615-244-9001 ext 4 or [terry.bebout@mach10internet.com](mailto:terry.bebout@mach10internet.com)