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Marvin Clemons (Southern Rail Charters)- \$150 cash

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June Meeting Host Committee

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Year 2003 Schedule

June 5 C Div/TCRM Thursday Night Meeting
June 7 Lebanon Civil War Reenactment/Watertown
WWII Reenactment
June 14 Boy Scout Railroading Merit Badge Jamboree at TCRM
July 10
July 12 Watertown Murder Mystery/Jazz Festival Trip
July 18-19 HO modular RR Setup- TN-KY Threshermens Show
Adams TN
Aug 30, 31 Sep 1- Day Out With Thomas at TCRM
Sep 5-14 HO Modular RR Setup at TN State Fair Nashville TN
Sep 6 & 7 Day Out With Thomas at TCRM
Sep 13 Watertown Country Hoedown Trip
Oct 4 Watertown Train Robbery Trip
Oct 11 Watertown Fall Flea Market Trip
Oct 18 Cookeville Super Fall Foliage Trip I
Oct 25 Cookeville Super Fall Foliage Trip II
Nov 22 Lebanon Victorian Christmas Trip w/Santa on the train!
Dec 6 Watertown- Two Santa Trips!

Special Phone Answering Effort

TCRM has 2 more excursion trains coming up, June 7 and July 12 before we end our excursion train schedule for spring/summer 2003. If you will help answer the phones on any day, Monday thru Saturday, please sign up. Answering the phone is relatively easy to do, not physically demanding and you can work on other projects while waiting for the next call to come in. Contact Terry Bebout, 244-9001 ext 4 or Bob Hultman, 244-9001 ext 6 with what day/dates you will answer phones for TCRM.

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.hultman@mach10internet.com & you'll be added to the E-mail group maintained for these organizations.

Program Notes

June- Videotapes will be shown from Cumberland Division/TCRM library.

BoD Meeting- will follow the general business meeting.

Day Out With Thomas & Museum Staffing Sign-Up Sheets

Sign-up sheets will be present for the various Day Out With Thomas committees. Please sign up for the committee with which you will work for the Thomas event. If you don't sign up, expect the committee directors to be calling you for your help. TCRM needs everyone's help in some capacity or other to make this and our other events as successful as we can.

Also the phone answering sign-up sheet, the desk calendar on the 1st-floor admin desk, is always available for you to add your name. 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, Thursdays & Saturdays during the week. Jim Brown & I will be recruiting excursion train crew for the May 17 trip.

TCRM Sponsors First Boy Scout Railroading Merit Badge Jamboree

On June 14 TCRM will host its first-ever Jamboree for Scouting's **Railroading Merit Badge**. TCRM volunteers, under direction of trained Boy Scout Merit Badge counselors, will staff various venues at TCRM where Scouts can meet the requirements for the Merit Badge all in one morning. There are 2 sessions planned, a morning session and an afternoon session. This is a great opportunity for Scouts to add the Railroading Merit Badge to their achievements and a great opportunity for Cumberland Division/TCRM to become more well-known in the Scouting community. Thanks to **Mike Curtis**, **Marvene Bilbrey** and others for seeing this project through to completion.

Threshermens Show On the Arrival Track

If it's mid-spring, that means the TN-KY Threshermens Show is getting' close. According to **Allen Hicks**, the Show this year is Friday and Saturday only, July 18-19. If you will help with this HO modular RR setup, please contact **Quincy Styke III** at 615-865-2973.

Willow St Building Maintenance

With the spring growing season in full bloom, we'll need to continue our building maintenance efforts. For grass cutting, the Nashville Ntrak modelers and the HO modelers will split the grass cutting duty, with Drew Griswold volunteering some grass-cutting after return from TN Tech for the summer.

NEXT MEETING Willow St Building Thursday June 5, 2003 7:00 PM

Excursion Train Crew Recurrent Training to be in July

If you're a qualified excursion train car host, be sure to be at the July meeting for recurrent training. This will be a session to cover a number of different "what if" situations. If you are not a qualified car host and want to become a qualified car host, contact Jim & Cheryl Brown (615-451-1387 or jcbrowntn@aol.com) to arrange for qualifying training.

NC&StL Ry Family Reunion

Though the NC&StL Ry became one of the Fallen Flag Lines in 1957, the memory of the line still lives on in the hearts and minds of former employees. The weekend of June 20-22 the Nashville Chattanooga and St. Louis Preservation Society (a group dedicated to the preservation of anything related to the NC) will host its first annual convention in Jackson TN. As part of the convention, we are going to join some of the former NC&StL Ry employees at their luncheon in Camden TN as well as a stop to view the Bruce-ton Roundhouse, the last remaining roundhouse on the NC line. This is your opportunity to meet and talk with family members of the old N&C, each one a walking encyclopedia of information.

The convention held at the N&C Jackson depot will start on Friday night with honored guest speaker Mark Womack reminiscing about his days with the railroad. There will be NC models, photos and memorabilia on display. Join us on what is sure to be a time steeped in the NC&StL Ry and the lore of this wonderful rail line.

Registration brochures are available at the museum, on line at <http://www.ncps-576.org/meet/1.htm> or call Terry Coats at 615/859-3830 for detailed information.

Southern Rail Charters Thank You Letter

On behalf of Southern Rail Charters and our passengers, I'd like to thank each volunteer crewmember aboard our May 10th Cookeville charter for your professional and courteous service. From the car hosts, to the food service personnel, to the operating crew, the comments we received from passengers regarding your services were overwhelmingly complimentary. Here are just a few examples of the praise we received for the crew:

"I have been on trips where the attendants seemed to be just along for the ride, but this group was attentive and dedicated!"

"Great lunch, and glad to see that it was distributed before arrival in Cookeville. The apple cobbler was a treat! The lounge car was a nice place to sit and soft drinks and water real cold!"

"Please give him (engineer Brent Thompson) a thumbs up for me. I have been riding trains since I was 4 (now 46) and that was THE smoothest ride I've ever had!"

"My husband and I had a wonderful time on the excursion this past weekend. The trip was very well organized and the food was good. Thanks for the best train ride we have experienced."

"The equipment was superb and in excellent condition, and the crew was most accommodating and well-informed."

"The crew/staff was most cordial and accommodating and made for a pleasant day."

"I've been riding rail trips across the nation since 1966 and yours was a great one!"

"We thought you and the Museum volunteers really bent over backward to help everyone who contributed to the success of our trip. We're looking forward to riding with you again!"

Best regards,
Marvin Clemons - Southern Rail Charters

Comments like the ones above are the result of our dedication, training and working smarter, not harder on all our activities, not just the excursion trains. Thanks to one and all who make our organization one of the best all-volunteer railroad museums in the USA.