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2004 Schedule

Apr 16 School Excursion Trains..... Two!
Apr 22 C Div/TCRM Thursday Night Meeting at TCRM
Apr 22-23 Nsv Ntrak at Kid's City Murfreesboro TN
Apr 24 Watertown Mile-Long Yard Sale Trip
Apr 29-May 2 Mid-South Live Steamers' Spring Meet
May 1 Cookeville TC Ry Spring Rendezvous Trip
May 22 Cookeville-Lebanon Excursion Train
May 28-29 Nsv Ntrak Grundy County Fair
May 28-30 SER Convention Birmingham AL

Program Notes

April- Our own **Terry Coats** will present a program on The Texas and The General, the story of the Great Locomotive Chase in the Civil War.

April 2004 Meeting Host Committee

Jim & Lynn Perry*	Mike Perry	Adam Pethel
Art Poole	Mike Pugh	J P Ralph
Garrett Rea	Alan Reynolds	Doug Roberts
Al Roeder	Bill Rotenberry	Herb Roth
David Roys	Joe Sapp	Tom Schmidt
Hank Sherwood	*Host Committee Chair in Bold type	

New Members

Joey Bryan & family, Franklin TN
Bert Chalfant & family, Brentwood TN
Carl Eisemann, Clarksville TN
David Tibbels, Lancaster TN
Rev Tom Tyndall, Brentwood TN
Doug Uhler, Franklin TN
Chris Walla & family, Springfield TN
Gary Walters, Murfreesboro TN

Please welcome these new members as they join us in making our organization even better for the future.

Model Train Show/Open House Report

Our TC Ry Museum Trains of Nashville Open House/Cumberland Division Spring 2004 Division Meet/Model Train Show was a great success! We had close to 600 people attend, we sold out dealer tables inside the building and even sold dealer tables on the dock (weather was great). **Charles Owens** did a great job selling framed prints donated to TCRM and even sold off all the duplicate/triplicate model RR magazines. He took in over \$500 in sales for TCRM. The Company Store did well, **Frank Holt** and crew sold out of food, the attendees really enjoyed the extra features this time. Thanks to all who worked hard to make this another successful Cumberland Division/TC Ry Museum event!!

Hobby Shop News

Still available- the **Cumberland Division** Red Caboose-produced HO scale 500 series & 7900 series TC Ry 40' box car kits- 2 different numbered cars for the 2 series (TC 501, 537, 7923 & 7942). These cars include NMRA RP25 metal wheelsets with narrow wheel treads and realistically tapered metal axles. Price for local delivery (no shipping involved) is \$16.50 each, \$64/set of 4. Mail-order price is \$17.50/car postpaid, \$68/set of 4 postpaid.

Nashville Ntrak News

By **Mike Curtis**

We are going to Kid's City in Rutherford County. We set up a layout there for two days and over 1000 third graders and over 100 high school youth see the layout. They are there to build an O scale city with cardboard boxes. It is quite an experience over the 2 days. Our layout is one of the areas we use to occupy some of the 3rd graders when they are waiting for their turn to build their part of Kid's City. We hand out flyers for TCRM trips for them to take home to their parents and tell them about the railroad and how important railroads were to growth in Middle Tennessee. At TCRM we have been decoding locomotives, lighting passenger cars, working on the Huge Bridge module, working on a club corner, and repairing and maintaining other modules.

Meeting to Discuss Business Car TC 102

By **Terry Bebout**

On **April 22** we will have a meeting prior to our regular monthly meeting to discuss business car **TC Ry 102**. We will have this meeting in the conference room at 6:00 pm. All interested parties are invited to attend. The purpose of the meeting is discussing the restoration of this historic TC car. All comments and ideas are welcome to shape the plan to restore and operation of this car.

The Pullman Company built TC 102 in 1916 as the office car Palm Beach. The car is 82' long over the couplers, has an ice activated cooling system that holds 4,200 lbs of ice, steam heat (with its own stand-by boiler), 5 bedrooms, dining room, observation room, kitchen (with a coal-fired range) and a bathroom with a shower. The car was in Pullman pool service until the TC Ry purchased the car from Pullman on June 10, 1942 for \$15,000. The car was stored in Pullman's Atlanta facility when purchased by the TC. There is much speculation that 102 was leased or used by the movie star Mary Pickford. However, one document we have indicates the TC Ry admitted there was no proof that this was the case. At the end of passenger service on the TC in 1955 they actually had the 102 for sale with an asking price of \$30,000. The car never was sold and another TC letter we have answering an inquiry in 1962 states the car was no longer for sale.

In 1968 the TC went bankrupt and 102 was donated to the Nashville Chapter of the National Railway Historical Chapter. For the next 30 years the car was stored at various locations in Tennessee and was in Chattanooga when our Museum expressed interest in it. We brought the car to Nashville in 1997 and have

NEXT MEETING Willow St Building Thursday April 22, 2004 7:00 PM

done little to it due to lack of substantial funding and other projects taking priority.

It is time to restore this car or it will slip into the eternity of rust and scrap. We now have an enclosed maintenance facility to put the car in to get it weather tight. There are a few TCRM members beside myself who are committed to this project. Committed means donating many hours of labor to bring this car back to life or raising major funding to finance the project. I look forward to seeing those of you who are interested in this project at the meeting on the 22nd.

Board of Directors Vacancy

There is currently a vacancy in the 12-member Board of Directors of Cumberland Division SER-NMRA and Tennessee Central Ry Museum. **Quincy Styke III** has resigned from the Board because of significantly increased work-related travel which prevents him from carrying out his BoD duties. **Quincy** has been a long-time member of Cumberland Division and TCRM and was one of the founding members of the Board of Directors of Cumberland Division SER-NMRA Inc. All of us at Cumberland Division and TCRM thank **Quincy** very much for his many years of dedicated service in promoting the hobby of model railroading. He has been instrumental in helping guide the HO scale modular RR efforts for close to 15 years.

If you want to be considered for appointment to the Cumberland Division/TCRM Board of Directors, please prepare written answers to the questions below and send/E-mail your answers to Terry Bebout, terry.bebout@earthlink.net or Bob Hultman, hultman@earthlink.net. Deadline for your application to be received and be considered is 30 April 2004.

- 1- As a BoD member what would be your #1 priority?
- 2- How much time per month can you commit to Museum and BoD-related duties?
- 3- BoD members have specific responsibilities assigned, such as membership, marketing, administration, etc. Which responsibilities are you willing to manage as a BoD member?
- 4- What 3 things do you feel the organization does extremely well and why?
- 5- What 3 things do you feel the organization could improve on and why?

Museum Cars - Private Cars

The purpose of this article is to make clear which cars are Museum-owned and which cars are privately owned. The following lists give details regarding each passenger car that operates in our excursion train or is located on our site.

Museum-Owned Passenger Cars

4719- 48 seat coach (the first passenger car the museum purchased); **4711, 4717, 4733**- 48 seat coaches
3119- 48 seat diner/lounge **1266**- Baggage/souvenir car
514- Power car **1354**- Power car **2095**- Slumbercoach
7628- 88 seat coach
Budd 10-6 sleeper- Parts car donated by Dr. Cushman
TC Ry Office Car 102- Awaiting restoration

Privately Owned Passenger Cars

9400- 66 seat dome/coach, owned by Dr. Cushman, rented on trip basis
800129 Hollywood Beach- owned by Dr. Cushman

504- Flat glass Santa Fe dome, owned by Dr. Cushman, under restoration

4739- 48 seat coach, owned by Gene Turnage, rented on trip basis

3113- 48 seat diner/lounge, owned by Gene Turnage, rented on a per trip basis

Southern Ry 10-6 Pullman sleeper, owned by Ken Oosting, under restoration

245- Table car, owned by John Stoecker, under restoration

7602- 76 seat coach, co-owned by Terry Bebout and Jay Wilson, no rental fee, all use is donated to the Museum, approximately \$2,500.00 from ticket sales goes to the Museum per trip.

103- Office car, owned by Terry Bebout, used to enhance museum operations and entertain VIP guests (state and local government representatives, foundation coordinators, rail authority members) to benefit the museum at no expense to the museum

4067- Lounge car, owned by Jay Wilson, used to enhance museum operations and entertain VIP guests (state and local government representatives, foundation coordinators, rail authority members) to benefit the museum at no expense to the museum

It needs to be understood that no Museum funds are used to purchase or restore these private cars. While some members graciously volunteered to help on the restoration of 4067 and 103, most work was contracted out and paid for by the owner. Furthermore, it is the owner's responsibility to maintain the car at the owner's expense with the exception of normal wear items on the revenue generating cars such as brake shoes and glazing.

Commuter Rail Item

I'm sure many of you read the article in the Tennessean last Monday regarding TN state officials questioning the costs and funding, especially the TN state portion, of the Nashville-Lebanon commuter rail project. Now is the time to let your state representatives and state senators know of your support for this project. With the rebuilding already started on the I-24-I-40 interchange just southeast of Nashville, I-40 congestion in both directions will only get worse, delays getting to and from downtown Nashville will be longer and time wasted sitting in traffic will go up, not to mention the waste of gasoline and diesel being idled away and fouling the atmosphere.

You can be most effective in sending a hand-written letter to your state representatives along with a copy to Gov Phillip Bredesen and to TDOT Commissioner Gerald Nicely. Their addresses-

Commissioner Gerald Nicely, James K Polk Building
505 Deadrick Street Suite 700 Nashville TN 37243-0349

Governor Phillip Bredesen, Office of the Governor
State Capitol Nashville TN 37243-0001

You can also E-mail comments to- TDOT.Comments@state.tn.us
And Phil.Bredesen@state.tn.us

Admittedly our passengers would benefit from any track routing improvements and track rehab improvements, getting a smoother ride and a faster ride. TCRM does not get any financial benefit, however, from the tax money being spent on the Nashville-Lebanon commuter rail project. Do not put off contacting your state representatives- time is of the essence, so get those letters going to the Governor, Commissioner & your representatives and senators.

July 10-11 Nsv Ntrak at Smyrna Library
July 10 Watertown Murder Mystery/Jazz Festival Trip
Aug 14 Nsv Ntrak at Viola Family Days in Viola TN
Sep 4-5 Day Out With Thomas at TCRM Nashville TN
Sep 10-19 Nsv Ntrak at Tennessee State Fair
Sep 11-12 Day Out With Thomas at TCRM Nashville TN
Oct 2 Watertown Train Robbery Trip
Oct 9 Watertown Mile-Long Yard Sale Trip
Oct 9 Cookeville-Watertown Mile-Long Yard Sale Trip
Oct 16 Cookeville Super Fall Foliage Trip I
Oct 23 Cookeville Super Fall Foliage Trip II
Nov 04-Jan 05 Nsv Ntrak at Adventure Science Center Nashville