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Bill Strong- \$500 cash
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2004-2005 Schedule

Mar 5 Girl Scout Ex Train Trips Nsv-Donelson
Mar 10 TCRM Thursday Night Meeting Nashville TN
Mar 12-13 GATS Show Nashville TN Municipal Auditorium
Mar 19 Watertown Easter Bunny Trip I
Mar 24 TCRM Car Hosts Appreciation Dinner at TCRM
Mar 26 Watertown Easter Bunny Trip II
Apr 2 Spring 2005 Cumberland Div Meet/TCRM Open House
Apr 9 Watertown Train Robbery Trip
Apr 23 Watertown Mile Long Yard Sale Trip
May 7 Cookeville TC Ry Spring Festival Trip
May 27-29 SER Regional Convention in Montgomery AL
June 11 Lebanon Train Robbery & Civil War Battle Reenactment Trip
July 9 Watertown Murder Mystery Trip
Sep 3-4, 10-11 Day Out With Thomas The Tank Engine- TCRM

Program Notes

March- Prototype videotape from the TCRM videotape library.

March 2005 Meeting Host Committee

Eddie Justice	Scott Kammerer	John Kennedy
Dave Lawrence*	Randy Leath	George Lile-Henley
Doug Lindgren	Bill Lorenz	John Lowe
Ron Macaluso	Gale Madison	Robert Marsmaker
Glenn Martin	Mark Matthews	Sherry McCreery

*- Host Committee Chair

Hobby Shop News

By **Eddie Justice**

In stock- **Atlas HO NC&StL Ry GP7 diesels** 2 road numbers
Atlas HO L&N GP38-2 diesels 2 road numbers
Branchline HO L&N blue & gray 12-1 sleeper heavyweight passenger car kits, 3 names
Lifelike P2K TC Ry 40' Mather box cars, 2 road numbers RTR
Atlas HO NC&StL Ry & L&N pulpwood cars, 2 road numbers
2 new FOS HO wood structure kits
New book- **Louisville & Nashville Color Guide to Freight and Passenger Equipment Vol 2** by former TCRM member **Steve Johnson**. Also stop in & see what's been added to the sale pile.
Still available - the **Cumberland Division HO scale TC Ry 40' box car kits 500 series & 7900 series** produced by Red Caboose- 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.

NRHS 2005 Membership

Attention, NRHS Members - Dues cards for 2005 have been mailed to you. Please return them with your check to **Herb Roth** at 8135 Devens Dr in Brentwood TN 37027-7130.

2005 Activity Fee Now Due

The activity fee for 2005 stays at \$30 for individuals, \$35 for family in the same household. Please send/give your renewal to **George Gilbert**, our membership director. Also be sure to tell **George** in writing of any changes in your address, phone number or E-mail address. We can also accept payment via American Express, Discover, MasterCard & VISA credit/debit cards. Be sure to inform **George** when you renew by credit card and tell him the date you paid via credit card. **George's** home address is 750 Rodney Dr in Nashville TN 37205-3016.

New Members

Jason Jarvis (family) Springfield TN
Gary Somerhalder, Nashville TN

TCRM Update

TCRM ran its 2nd 2005 excursion train Saturday Feb 26, 2005- the Mother Goose Fairyland trip to Watertown. Things started well for our passengers with our Purple Dinosaur (**Michelle Wilson**) greeting them as they arrived. The passengers going into our waiting room also enjoyed not 1 but 2 operating model RR's, one N scale and one HO scale.

We had a good safe trip with an on-time departure (stopped twice though for late-arriving passengers while 1- backing out the Museum track and 2- pulling ahead on the main track), arriving at Watertown at about 11:20 am because of additional slow orders en route. Mother Goose and her fairy tale characters were in fine form, slowly making their way through the train, visiting with all the children, having photos made and dispensing activity sheets and chocolate kisses. **Frank Holt** and the food service crew had a variety of items for breakfast, including breakfast burritos and Frank's well-known TC Breakfast Sandwich. Souvenirs also sold well, which is always the case with trips with a lot of kids.

Little Critters at Watertown had their little train running and several different inflatables set up for the kids to play on. The 3 eating venues were ready for the crowd. During the layover **Steve Tomblin** checked the various a/c systems to make sure none of the cars were getting too hot because of a non-functioning a/c system. Fortunately, all were working well enough to not need further work. We decided to move the departure time back 1/4 hr to 1:30 pm to give the passengers more time to get something to eat. The 1:30 pm departure was routine, as was the return trip to Nashville.

Because our volunteers are the heart of our organization and efforts, **Terry Bebout & Jay Wilson** decided, at their own expense, to give Cracker Barrel gift certificates to the car hosts who worked the train today. The fact that our volunteers make TCRM what it is today is borne out in the passenger survey forms we get back trip after trip. The passengers don't necessarily

NEXT MEETING Willow St Building Thursday March 10, 2005 7:00 PM

mention the rolling stock, the route, or the scenery..... they always mention the on-board car hosts as one of the best parts of their excursion train trip. And, in further recognition of the car hosts whose efforts make our excursion train the best museum volunteer-operated train in the USA, TCRM will provide, at no cost to the car hosts, a TCRM jacket with the TCRM logo embroidered on the jacket. If you're a qualified TCRM car host and want one of these jackets (lined, with elastic cuffs and bottom, zipper closures for the jacket front and side pockets), please let **Terry Bebout** or **Bob Hultman** know and specify your jacket size.

Photo Shoot at TCRM- **Tabatha Mainord** was the TCRM representative for the all-day photo shoot on Wednesday, March 2, 2005 where shoots were taken for GQ magazine. This effort brought in \$700 for TCRM. Another photo shoot is scheduled for March 12 at TCRM.

Great American Train Show- HO & N modular RRs will set up March 12-13 at Nashville Municipal Auditorium.

Easter Bunny Excursion Trains- March 19 and March 26

TCRM Car Host Appreciation Dinner March 24

Looks like March will be a busy month.....

Report to SouthEastern Region, NMRA

Our meeting room improvement program pays off at the February meeting with the new epoxy floor covering applied the week of January 10. We were able to start moving items back into the meeting room on Monday January 17. When using the meeting room, please be careful to not gouge or scratch the floor covering. It really looks nice now and please help keeping it look nice for our members and guests. Cumberland Division has several activities underway. We take both N and HO scale RRs to the GATS Show in Nashville March 12-13, 2005. The Nashville Ntrak folks are working with the city of Smyrna regarding building an N scale replica of Smyrna in the 1940s-50s in the Smyrna depot. A significant amount of grant/appropriated money will be supporting this effort. We are also preparing for the Spring 2005 Division Meet/Model Train Show/ TC Ry Museum Open House on April 2, 2005.

Cumberland Valley Model Railroaders (Our HO module group) has a new 24' yard made of four 6' modules for our traveling railroad. There are eight arrival and departure tracks, four for the inside main and four for the outside main. It also has many crossover and run around locations. It was made with no connector tracks to make it faster to set up. All tracks are laid to the end of the modules and alignment is held with 1-inch pins between the modules. This yard has been completely scenicked and has served in the last 2 modular setups for CVMR.

Tom Staggs sent in the following- Nashville Ntrak is now back at TC Ry Museum after the extended 4 month stay at the Adventure Science Center in Nashville. We have a small layout set up at TCRM until the Great American Train Show in Nashville (GATS) so we can, as we did last Saturday, run model trains for the pleasure of the Excursion train passengers.

After we return from GATS we will set up a much larger layout but will leave room for module repair and refit. We have had 6 modules selected to go to the NMRA convention in Cincinnati and included in the national NTRAK layout. Beech Creek Mine, Sierson Circus, two inside corners and a portion of our Yard are

the modules selected and are being spruced up a little.

Jimmie Guthrie is designing "A History of N Scale" display with trains, photographs, comparisons to other scales and an explanation of NTRAK that will be put into the Display cabinets in the Excursion Passenger waiting room at TCRM.

In the last 6 months Nashville Ntrak has added two new members and another has come back after returning from Chicago.

In the past few weeks **Paul Brock** has brought in some exquisite HO scale structures and some railroad reference books for display in the admin room. With the expansion of the RR-related merchandise in the display cases, plus the HO models and the planned N scale models, the display cases are filling up quite nicely.

Also, several members are regularly helping **Bill Hemrick** in Franklin TN bring his HO model RR to life, including establishing a car card-waybill operating system for over 200 cars, fine-tuning the track plan and installing trackwork. A busy late winter-early spring....