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Donations

Anonymous- \$20 cash

Drew Foster- 2 HO corner modules plus legs and hardware

Frist Foundation- \$2,475 cash grant for computer and laser printer for a computerized ticket/reservation system; grant was secured through the efforts of **Gordon Smith** and **John**

Stoecker... thank you, gentlemen..... excellent work!!

Marvin Nash- \$20 cash; **Mr Nash** of Fairborn OH worked for TC Ry Oct 1941 to Nov 1944 in the 2nd-floor offices in our Museum building.

2004-2005 Schedule

(Subject to change)

June 16 C Div/TCRM Thursday Night Meeting at TCRM

June 18 Nashville-Cookeville (special charter)

July 3-9 NMRA Nat'l Convention Cincinnati OH

July 9 Watertown Jazz Festival/Murder Mystery Trip

July 15-16 TN-KY Threshermens Show Adams TN **TENTATIVE**

July 22 Ex Train Charter Trip Nsv-Hermitage

Sep 3-4, 10-11 Day Out With Thomas The Tank Engine- TCRM

Sep 29-Oct 2 L&N RR HS Convention Bardstown KY

Oct 1 Nashville-Watertown-Train Robbery

Oct 8 Nashville-Watertown-Yard Sale

Oct 15 Nashville-Cookeville- Super Fall Foliage I

Oct 22 Nashville-Cookeville- Super Fall Foliage II

Oct 29 Nashville-Cookeville- Super Fall Foliage III

Nov 4 School Trips

Nov 5 Cumberland Division Fall 2005 Division Meet Nashville

Nov 12 Nashville-Watertown-Murder Mystery, WWII

Dec 3 Nashville-Watertown-Polar Express

Dec 10 Nashville-Watertown-Polar Express

Dec 17 Nashville-Watertown-Polar Express

Program Notes

June- A presentation on the Rail Welding Plant at Radnor Yd by **Hugh Nichols**

June 2005 Meeting Host Committee

Peter Sierson

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Tom Staggs

John Stoecker*

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*- Host Committee Chair

Hobby Shop News

By **Eddie Justice**

New Digitrax orders have arrived at the shop. Stop in and see what's in stock.

Still available- the **Cumberland Div 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.

New Members

Earleen Stark, Dickson TN

Model Railroading Update

By **Paul Brock**

We need some new HO models for the HO display cabinets. Any RR or model RR items are welcome. If you want to display some of your model work please contact **Charles Owens** at 860-4757 or **Paul Brock** at 217-2038. **Paul's** e-mail address is paulbrockatsf@aol.com

We should have an announcement at the meeting regarding the TN-KY Threshermens Show in Adams TN regarding HO modular RR setup. Right now we have not received any information from the Show organizers.

Nashville Ntrak Update

By **Tom Staggs**

Nashville Ntrak has been working on **Barry Beckett's** home layout. In three "full day" work sessions we built the benchwork, laid the subroadbed, transferred the track plan to the subroadbed, laid the roadbed, laid the track, installed the DCC system, and placed feeders on most of the layout. We still need to finish the feeder net to ensure full coverage without voltage drop on the layout. This layout is an 11'x14' U-shaped layout that has three loops of track, two mains, and a branchline with several industries. <http://www.nashvillentrak.org/Images/barryslayout/becketthmlayout.html>

Nashville Ntrak is leading the effort to assist the Town of Smyrna in the restoration of the old NC&StL Ry Depot. We have met with the Architect, the Museum Planner, and the renovation committee on several occasions. When the construction on the inside of the Depot is done it will be turned over to the Town of Smyrna. So by mid November to early December, we will start building the layout. The layout will be in an E-shape with the Town of Smyrna (1940s-50s) in the center and Murfreesboro and Nashville on the ends.

We will also be attending the National Train Show in Cincinnati this summer from 6-10 July. We are taking several modules and our yard along with our DCC equipment. The layout will be a compilation of over 30 Ntrak clubs from all over the country.

NEXT MEETING Willow St Building Thursday June 16, 2005 7:00 PM

Nashville Ntrak will have twelve members there. So if you are at the National Train Show, come by the Ntrak layout and look us up!

TCRM Update

By **Bob Hultman**

We have 2 excursion trains coming up, a Southern Rail Charters Nashville-Cookeville trip on Saturday, June 18 and the July 9 Watertown Murder Mystery trip to Watertown's Jazz Festival. If you want to work these trips, please call or E-mail **Bob Hultman**, 615-833-5158 or hultman@earthlink.net.

Frank Holt has volunteered to prepare some breakfast & lunch foods for TCRM members who volunteer to help with various tasks in preparation for Day Out With Thomas 2005 and our excursion trains on a Saturday to be announced. **Frank** and our food service crew- **James Jones, Ron Macaluso, Aaron Tanzabel & Doug Uhler** do a fabulous job, so be sure to join us once the date has been announced. Tasks will include train exterior washing, junk throwaway, staging material and equipment, installing seats in coach 7628, etc.

NMRA National Convention - 2005

NMRA Members, in case you have not yet registered for the upcoming NMRA Cincinnati Limited 2005 National Convention, **procrastinate no longer as the time to do so is "now"!**

The convention is the week of July 3 and some layout tours, general tours, as well as the banquet, are almost sold out! Some highlights of CL2005 that may pique your interest:

Cincinnati is one of the "TOP 10" Model RR cities!

There are over 100 layouts that will be open for tours!

Fabulous non-rail events the likes of which have not been seen before!

National & Local Clinicians galore!

The banquet will be held in the rotunda of the historic Art Deco Union Terminal!

Op SIG events!

LD SIG events!

RPM meeting space & displays! Easy driving distance!

Great local railfanning! National Train Show!

Cincinnati Reds Baseball!

Further details and contact information, along with the registration form, can be found in the February issue of *Scale Rails*, or better yet, please visit our web site at www.CL2005.com!

Don't delay - register today!!

NRHS Notes

By **Herb Roth**

Let's talk about big! In June of 1947 the C&O ordered three of their M-1 class, steam-turbine electric engines from Baldwin. They were the heaviest and longest steam powered locomotives ever constructed - 154 ft long and 1,233,970 lbs. Please compare to UP's "Big Boy" at 1,200,000 lbs and almost 133 ft in length.

First-Ever Rail-Train Camp at TCRM

By **Jenny Smith**

TCRM's first-ever **Rail-Train Camp** debuted Monday, June 6, with 12 registered participants, children 5-10 years old. The Camp runs 9 am to 3 pm Monday June 6 through Friday June 10. Many activities are planned including tours of passenger train cars, assembling various replicas of trains (including HO scale Model Die Casting freight car kits) and operation of both N and HO scale model railroads. Friday is Family Day with pizza and soft drinks provided by TCRM for lunch. Many, many thanks to the following volunteers without whom this event would not happen-

Joey Bryan

Joe Butler

Terry and Jane Coats

Al Gerth

Joel Gilchrist

Len Hollinger

Jerry Jones

Eddie Justice

DeLoy Nelms

Charles Owens

Ed Pella

Jack Sircy

Gordon Smith

Tom Staggs

Steve Wright

Sick Call

Long-time TCRM member/corporate Secretary **Steve Tomblin** has successful shoulder surgery a bit over 1 week ago. He's back to work and will start physical therapy in a week or so.