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## Donations

**Estate of Jeff Gill-** \$3,129.75 cash from unused leave from State of Tennessee

## 2006 Cumberland Div-TCRM Schedule

- Feb 9 Thursday Night Meeting at TCRM Willow St Bldg
- Feb 11 Nashville-Watertown Valentines Day Murder Mystery Trip
- Mar 11-12 Grt Western & Atlantic (formerly GATS) Train Show Nashville Municipal Auditorium
- Mar 18 Cumberland Division/TC Ry Museum Model Train Show & Open House Nashville TN
- Mar 25 Nashville-Watertown Mother Goose Fairyland Trip
- Apr 1 Cookeville-Lebanon Trip, departs from Cookeville
- Apr 8 Nashville-Watertown Easter Bunny Trip I
- Apr 15 Nashville-Watertown Easter Bunny Trip II
- Apr 22 Nashville-Watertown Mile-Long Yard Sale Trip
- May 4-6 Mid-South Live Steamers' Meet - Columbia TN
- May 6 Nashville-Cookeville TC Ry Spring Festival Trip
- May 20 Nashville-Watertown Train Robbery Trip
- Sep 30 Cookeville-Watertown Mile-Long Yd Sale Trip
- Sep 30 Nashville-Watertown Mile-Long Yard Sale Trip
- Nov 25 Cookeville-TBA Polar Express Trip

## Program Notes

**February 2006-** TCRM 2005 Financial Highlights

**March 2006-** TBA

## Host Committee for February 2006 Meeting

Gene Caldwell	Brian Ehni	Keith Ericson
Don Gage	Jack Garner	Don Garrison
Al Gerth	Ben Gerth	<b>George Gilbert*</b>
Clarence Graham	W O Greene	Bill Griffith
Jimmie Guthrie	Warren Hannas	Bill Hemrick

\* Host Committee Chair

## Hobby Shop News

New Arrivals- Athearn Genesis HO L&N F7A&B Phase I diesels; Athearn blue box 40' L&N flat car kits; Athearn RTR HO NC&StL Ry 50' express reefer, #'s 3900 & 3911; Athearn RTR HO 65' mill gons, Sou Ry & CBQ road names; Athearn RTR HO PS 2893 ft<sup>3</sup> covered hopper - check with **Eddie Justice** for road names in stock; Athearn RTR HO EMD Lease SD50 diesel locomotive; Proto 2000 HO L&N 50-ton war emergency open hopper car, new road number; Branchline HO 40' AAR box car kit 4-packs, L&N or NC&StL Ry, 4 different road numbers; and Proto 2000 HO Mather 40 single deck car, L&N numbers 88012 and 88031. Stop in the shop and see what else is new!

## HO Model Railroading News

By **Bob Hultman**

The HO modelers have been meeting on most Tuesday afternoons/evenings making some progress on the HO RR in the meeting room. **Doug Lindgren** and **Bob Hultman** have been changing out Switchmaster turnout motors and installing Tortoise brand motors that are much more DCC-compatible. The goal here is to make the large freight yard more DCC-compatible and useable for HO RR operations. **Len Hollinger** has finished building another analog DC and Digitrax DCC control console (named the Wally II). This console will stay with the HO RR in the meeting room and permits us to operate an HO RR off-site and the one in the meeting room on the same day.

Preparations continue for the modular RR setup at the Great Western & Atlantic (formerly GATS) Train Show at the Nashville Municipal Auditorium the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in March. One week later we then have the Spring 2006 Cumberland Division Meet and TC Ry Museum Open House. So, our dance card is full for the next several weeks.

## 2006 Activity Fee Now Due

By **Bob Hultman**

The activity fee for 2006 stays at \$30 for an individual and \$35 for a family of the same household. You can pay the fee in cash, check, money order or credit card. If you have a family membership and you want C Div/TCRM membership cards for family members, you need to provide family member names to Membership Director **George Gilbert**. His address is 750 Rodney Dr in Nashville TN 37205-3016; E-mail at [rgilbert@comcast.net](mailto:rgilbert@comcast.net)

## TCRM Excursion Train News

By **Bob Hultman**

Our next excursion train is the Feb 11 Nashville-Watertown Valentines Day Murder Mystery Train. The train is getting close to being sold out. If you're a qualified car host and want to work this trip, please notify **Bob Hultman** at 615-833-5158 or E-mail [hultman@earthlink.net](mailto:hultman@earthlink.net)

## NRHS Notes

by **Herb Roth**

All NRHS Members - Please get your renewal checks in the mail ASAP. Thanks to those who have already renewed. February History - 1936- N& W first Class Y6a #2155 leaves Roanoke Shops. 1957- N&W Class K2a pulls last steam powered train #2 from Hagerstown to Roanoke.

To encourage tourism in areas affected by Hurricane Katrina, Amtrak is offering 20% fare reduction on "City of New Orleans" to points south of Memphis, and on "The Crescent" points south of Atlanta.

If you can - read Don Phillip's column in March issue of "Trains". He lists six critical questions for Amtrak management to answer.

**NEXT MEETING Willow St Building Thursday February 9, 2006 7:00 PM**

## Security Around TCRM

By **Bob Hultman**

Over the past several weeks there have been some occasions when volunteers have left the Museum site and not locked up gates, passenger car end doors or closed vestibules on our excursion train. So far we have dodged any ill effects from these security lapses. However, we need to make sure we do not offer further opportunities for miscreants to steal or damage our property and equipment. In the future, please make sure you either lock it back up if you unlocked it, or make clear arrangements for someone else to lock it back up after you leave. Similarly, if you get someone else to open up a car for you, make sure you arrange for the car to be resecured.

## Nashville Ntrak News

by **Mike Curtis**

We have one line running on the O gauge 3-rail layout being installed at the Murfreesboro Discovery Center. We will be doing another work session next Sunday Feb 5, 2006 from 1:00 pm to around 3:30 p.m. This next session will concentrate on the connections to the control panel and connecting tracks between the sections to get the other three lines running. Future sessions will then concentrate on repairing the scenery.

I want to thank **Joel Gilchrist**, **George Benson**, and **Ed Pella** for their help today, Jan 29, 2006.

## TCRM Building Improvements

**Jay Wilson** and **Steve Arnold** have installed some wiring and other electrical components to bring some light back to our storage shed. We've used the shed for several years now but have never had permanent lighting back there. Many, many thanks to **Steve** and **Jay** for this significant improvement!

Also, on Friday Jan 27 the concrete aprons about 100' long were poured on both sides of our Museum spur track running along side our shop building. Automobiles can drive onto the concrete starting this coming Sat Feb 4; heavy weight items like the car jacks or the forklifts are to stay off the new concrete until the very end of Feb 2006.

## DOWT 2006 Planning Meeting

Our first planning meeting for Day Out With Thomas 2006 will start a 6 pm CST Thursday Feb 9 at TCRM's building. If you want to help with the initial planning or just want to learn more about what it takes to do the Thomas event successfully, join us for this first meeting.

## Music City Star Commuter Train Web Site

Check this Web site for updates on the Music City Star Commuter Train - <http://www.musiccitystar.org/index.html>