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2006 Cumberland Div-TCRM Schedule

- Aug 24 Cumberland Div-NRHS-TCRM Thursday Night Meeting
At **Music City Star Facility Lebanon TN**
- Sep 2-3 Day Out With Thomas 2006 at TCRM
- Sep 9-10 Day Out With Thomas 2006 at TCRM
- Sep 30 Mile-Long Yard Sale Trip to Watertown
- Sep 30 Cookeville-Watertown Mile-Long Yard Sale Trip
- Oct 7 Train Robbery Trip to Watertown
- Oct 14 Super Fall Foliage Trip I to Cookeville
- Oct 21 Super Fall Foliage Trip II to Cookeville
- Oct 28 Super Fall Foliage Trip II I to Cookeville
- Nov 4 Fall 2006 Cumberland Division Meet at TCRM
- Nov 11 Murder Mystery Trip to Watertown
- Nov 25 Cookeville-TBA Polar Express Trip
- Dec 2 Polar Express Trip I to Watertown
- Dec 9 Polar Express Trip II to Watertown
- Dec 16 Polar Express Trip III to Watertown

Program Notes

Aug 24, 2006- Tour of Music City Star commuter train facility at Lebanon TN by **Terry Bebout**.

New Members

Rerailed members – **George Jackson**

No Host Committee for August 2006 Meeting

August Meeting in Lebanon! Meeting Time is 5:30 pm!

By **Bob Hultman**

Our **August 24 meeting** will be at the Music City Star maintenance facility in Lebanon TN. Starting time is 5:30 pm. Grilled hamburgers, chips and cold drinks will be available starting at 6 pm. TCRM member **Robb Corriveau** will arrange for a bus to leave from TCRM Willow St building at 4:45 pm for those members who do not want to drive round-trip to Lebanon. Please contact **Robb** at csx3298@gmail.com or call TCRM at 615-244-9001.

Directions to MCS Lebanon facility - Take I-40 east and exit at the Lebanon Highway 231 exit. Turn left and go over the interstate into Lebanon. Turn right at the Ryan's Steak House onto Tennessee Blvd. Go straight at the 4 way stop and then turn right onto Knoxville Av (immediately before crossing tracks). Go to the NERR facility at the end of Knoxville Av and then continue past the NERR shop building to the commuter train facility at the far end of the yard. **Speed limit on the NERR property is 5 mph!**

NEXT MEETING Music City Star Facility Lebanon TN Thursday Aug 24, 2006 5:30 PM

Day Out With Thomas 2006 Almost Here

By **Bob Hultman**

Day Out With Thomas, The Come Ride The Rails Tour for 2006 arrives in 2 weeks. This is Cumberland Division-Nashville Chapter NRHS-TCRM's major fund-raising project each year since 2002. So, we need everyone to help make this more successful than the previous DOWT tours. There'll be some changes from last year, but we are past masters at adjusting to change. Ticket sales are going well and **Jane & Terry Coats** are managing the set-up of the DOWT merchandise sales in the TCRM meeting room. Other members are also hard at work preparing their various venues for the event. If you will help with any part of DOWT 2006, please call 615-244-9001 and talk with **Jenny Smith** or one of our volunteers answering the phone. Thanks again in advance for all your hard work in making DOWT 2006 a success!

HO Model Railroading News

By **Bob Hultman**

Allen Hicks reports he has sold well over 200 of our 2006 Limited Run HO car kits, the Accurail USRA 2-bay open hopper painted and lettered for NC&StL class HM11 cars built in 1926 by ACF. These cars are oxide red color with white graphics and available in 6 numbers: 47102, 47125, 47161, 47188, 47204 and 47223 on/about 21 June 2006. The cars are for sale in the TCRM hobby shop and can be ordered from **Allen**. Just mail your order to **Allen's** attention at TC Ry Museum at 220 Willow St in Nashville TN 37210-2159. Prices are \$12.50/car postpaid or \$72.00 for the set of 6 cars postpaid.

Hobby Shop News

Arrived on 17 Aug 2006- 6 different car numbers for the new Athearn 50" ATSF 50' ice refrigerator car! Great looking cars!

Atlas has announced it will be producing HO models of the Alco RS-3 diesel in the TC Ry black & white paint scheme – the very first mass-produced HO plastic diesel painted & lettered for TC Ry. Hobby shop manager **Eddie Justice** will be ordering several of these models. - check with **Eddie Justice** for other items in stock. Stop in the shop and see what else is new!

TCRM Excursion Train News

By **Bob Hultman**

Our next public excursion train is the September 30 Nashville-Watertown Mile-Long Yard Sale. Notify **Bob Hultman** at 615-833-5158 or E-mail hultman@bellsouth.net This trip is a 9 am departure with return to Nashville around 3:45 pm. A Cookeville-Watertown section will also run, departing Cookeville Sep 30 at 8 am.

Two excursion train specials! This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Nashville & Eastern Railroad. There will be a special catered event on Thursday, Sept 21 to celebrate. TCRM will operate two special excursions, one from Nashville and one from Cookeville into Watertown for the ceremony and catered

food. Bob Hultman will be contacting qualified carhosts to work these two trains. All TCRM members are invited to the event.

Bob Hultman and **Joe Sapp** have completed window rebuilding in TCRX 9400 and even rebuilt the window in the 4719 conductor's office.

Music City Star Commuter Train Start-Up

By **Teresa McKissick**

As part of the RTA's customer service efforts, we want to have ambassadors at each of the stations in the morning to assist passengers with getting tickets, having them validated and helping them ride the Music City Star stress-free.

Given our budget restraints, we are looking for volunteers and it seems that the Tennessee Central Railway Museum would be a good place to find volunteers who are enthusiastic and knowledgeable. Please discuss this with the membership and let me know if you can refer some volunteers to the RTA. Here's what we are looking for:

- 1- Availability to serve at the outlying and Riverfront Stations during the morning commute hours.
- 2- Availability to serve at the Riverfront Station during the afternoon commute hours.
- 3- Two to three weeks of commitment. This is flexible as volunteers can choose to work days/hours that best fit their schedules, but to benefit our passengers, we are looking to keep the Ambassador Program going for the first two to three weeks of service.
- 4- There will be a one to two hour training session prior to the beginning of service, held by Betty Laurs, the RTA Marketing Consultant on the Music City Star project.

TCRM members, thanks in advance for your assistance. If you have further questions, please call Teresa at 615.880.3907 or e-mail her at tmckissick@gnrc.org.

Sick Call

By **Bob Hultman**

Barry Beckett had a couple of strokes on July 5th and has been in therapy for 3 weeks. Barry is going to be able to come home Friday Aug 18. Repeating therapy has helped to a certain extent. Barry brain does not know he has a left side. He has movement on his left side if he tries but he does not recognize it is there. Diane said when he shaves himself he shaves his right side and to the nose and until shown in a mirror he does not realize that he has to continue on the left side. He can stand for about 30 seconds but his walking days are over. He will recognize you and can talk but he does not know that he has to take a big breath to raise his voice. Word recognition is not a problem. Diane is having the ramps put into his home starting today. He will sleep in a hospital bed.

Therapy has taken him as far as he can go. He has lost over 40 pounds and a lot of it is muscle mass in his left side. When asked if it was ok to tell these items on the list because a lot of people were asking about Barry, Diane said it was fine because Barry knows "how it is".

Visitation at his home can be done after Sunday. It will take a couple of days to get settled in and comfortable for Barry.

Pray for Barry and Diane. Her role as caregiver has just begun. Thanks to **Tom Staggs** for the above information.

Barry's home address is 104 Stonebrook Ln in Hendersonville TN 37075-8857.

From **Cindy Holt** on Aug 16 – "I just wanted to let you all know that after a little more than a week home from the hospital

Frank's health has not improved much and he has decided to go ahead with surgery once more to try and fix this blockage. He will be going back in on Thursday afternoon and get some intravenous feeding to try and get his strength up for the operation on Tuesday.

I know you are all concerned about his health and I just wanted to let you know that he is in good spirits and looking forward to a full recovery after this operation.

Please keep him in your thoughts."

Mike Curtis continues his recovery from thyroid cancer surgery. An E-mail from him on 15 Aug 2006 shows he's back on the road to recovery with him being Mr Mom and getting back to some bit of normal daily life activities. He reports some significant weight loss, another good sign.

On behalf of all TCRM members, I wish all the best to them as our members with medical challenges meet them head-on.