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2007 Cumberland Div-TCRM Schedule

July 7 Murder Mystery Trip to Watertown's Jazz Festival
July 12 Thursday Night Meeting at TCRM Nashville TN
July 22-28 NMRA National convention Detroit MI
Website - <http://www.nmra.org/2007/>
Aug 21-25 NRHS Nat'l Convention at Chattanooga TN
Website - www.chattrails.com
Sep 1-2 Day Out With Thomas All Aboard Tour at TCRM
Sep 8-9 Day Out With Thomas All Aboard Tour at TCRM
Sep 29 Mile-Long Yard Sale Trip to Watertown
Sep 29 Mile-Long Yard Sale Trip to Watertown from Cookeville
Oct 6 Train Robbery Trip to Watertown
Oct 13 Super Fall Foliage Trip I to Cookeville
Oct 20 Super Fall Foliage Trip II to Cookeville
Oct 27 Super Fall Foliage Trip III to Cookeville
Nov 3 Fall 2007 Cumberland Div Meet & Model Train Show
Nov 10 Murder Mystery Trip to Watertown
Nov 24 North Pole Express Trip with Santa to Watertown
Dec 1 Two North Pole Express Trips with Santa to Lebanon
Dec 8 Two North Pole Express Trips with Santa to Lebanon

Program Notes

July 12, 2007- A color slide presentation on "Railroading in East Tennessee" by **Ralcon Wagner**.

Host Committee – July 12, 2007 Meeting

Jim Adair	Steve Arnold	Chip Austin
Nathan Baker	Craig Barnes	Adolfo Barros
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* = Host Committee Chair

Day Out With Thomas 2007 News

By **Terry Bebout**

This year will be our sixth Day Out with Thomas event. I sincerely hope that each of you recognizes the importance of this event to our museum. It not only brings us a significant amount of revenue to use, it also brings us a lot of people who become familiar with who we are and what we do. It helps significantly to sell tickets for our excursion trains, which is the base for ongoing revenue to run our museum.

Each TCRM member is a valuable asset, the most valuable asset that TCRM has. While I understand that the Thomas event is not the most enjoyable thing we do, I believe we must continue to use this financial tool to strengthen our position for accomplishments in the future.

I would encourage all of you to participate some way, some how this year. There is a place and job for each and every member. Please begin now by advertising DOWT 2007. There are

flyers at the museum that can be placed at stores, offices, work places, malls, etc.

Listed below are the members heading up each area. Please don't wait for them to call you, contact them and let them know how and when you can help out. If you are unsure of how you can help or need additional info, please contact me terry.bebout@earthlink.net or cell 615-479-5758.

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TCRM News

By **Bob Hultman**

Work continues on the ex-NYC diner car 8519 and other TCRM projects. The radiator to the generator set in power car **TCRX 514** has been removed for repair. Additional windows in ex-NYC diner **TCRX 8519** have been reglazed and seatback cushions reinstalled (a bit over half). The diner has been retrucked and additional exterior work is being done. Also 8 seatbottom cushions from the 4700 series coaches & the 9400 dome car were removed and reupholstered.

TCRM Excursion Train News

By **Bob Hultman**

Our next excursion train is the July 7 Watertown Murder Mystery Trip to Watertown's Jazz Festival departing at 4 p.m., returning around 10:15 pm or so. Notify **Bob Hultman** E-mail hultman@bellsouth.net or 615-833-5158 (home) or cell 615-513-7187 or if you will work this trip. Safety meeting is at 2 pm Saturday on board diner **TCRX 3119**.

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NEXT MEETING TCRM Willow St Building Thursday July 12, 2007 6:30 PM

Monthly Railmags Focus On Tennessee Rails

By **Ralcon Wagner**

For several years now, there has been an ongoing discussion (or argument) among southern railfans why national railfan magazines don't cover more articles, features or cover more news about trains or railroads in Dixie. Many felt slighted that the editorial departments of these magazines were insensitive or perhaps even prejudiced to Southerners and their railroads. A valid argument, indeed.

About 18 years ago, I asked the editors of these popular periodicals – such as PTJ's Mike Schafer, R&R's Jim Boyd, and Trains' Dave Ingles if this was the case. All assured me that this was not the case. The answer all three gave was about the same: "Hardly anyone sends us anything. If we get a photo or article covering a Southern subject, we're probably gonna print it, because most of the stuff we get comes from California, the Midwest, or the East. We'd welcome something like that."

There's a lot of merit to that. It's not that there isn't any talent around the South, or even Nashville. Within our own organization, we have a wealth of talent among our members. However, these gifted writers seem to be preoccupied with writing quality technical books about the N&W, L&N, TC or the IC. These fellas shall remain nameless. All kidding aside, what appears in a rail magazine is directly related to what type of material - and the region - is sent in at any given time.

In what may be a "first" historically, Tennessee's railroads will be getting a lot of exposure in two rival railroad magazines' September, 2007 issues. This isn't really a coincidence. The issues of both Trains and Railfan & Railroad will hit subscribers and newsstands in about three weeks – just in time for the 2007 NRHS Convention in Chattanooga in August.

In Trains Magazine, there will be a feature of the Tennessee Valley Railroad, and what is probably more impressive to this writer, a "then-and-now" foldout railroad map of Tennessee. Actually, it is two rail maps of our state – 1949 and 2007. Both were excellently drawn by Kalmbach illustrator Bill Metzger. According to Bill, the 2007 map was much more difficult to create because of all the changes in ownership (and names) of many of the shortlines. It is, by far, the most up-to-date rail map of Tennessee in existence (we did manage to get a sneak peek), even showing the current construction of the N&E RR's spur at Monterey.

Meanwhile, in Railfan and Railroad Magazine, there will be two articles. The first piece will reportedly cover railfanning in Chattanooga and environs by writer Steve Freer. Another piece in the same issue, focusing more on railroad architecture rather than actual trains, will feature gentrified depots of various styles in the region. Eight or nine examples will be featured, including the former L&N depot at Etowah, and the NC&StL station at Cowan – both of these are now rail museums.

NRHS News

By **Herb Roth**

In order to improve and modernize NRHS operations it will be necessary to change the National Dues as follows-
Increase Primary Chapter Member's dues by \$11 from \$22 to \$33 per year.
Increase Family Member dues by \$1 from \$4 to \$5 per year. This change will affect dues for 2008.

Nashville Ntrak News

By **Jimmie Guthrie**

We successfully operated a 20' x 20' layout at the Smyrna Public Library on the 23rd and 24th of June in conjunction with their summer reading program. We had 287 visitors total. Thanks go out to each member who participated, too many to name here. Saturday, June the 30th, we also had a successful layout at Radnor Yard for the CSX Family Day. Special thanks goes to **J.P. Ralph** for spending several late hours there working on track and programming. Our next setup will be at the Detroit National Train Show, part of the NMRA National Convention, where our yard will be our contribution to the show as we now have automated turnouts and indicator lights to show the way into and out of the yard.

HO Model Railroading News

By **Bob Hultman**

The HO modelers continue to meet on Tuesday afternoons-evenings at TCRM for fellowship, operating the HO RR, preparing for activities later this year. Several HO modelers are active in helping Cumberland Division-TCRM member **Bill Hemrick** build a large HO scale RR in an area approximately 70' square in a commercial building Bill owns in Nolensville. This RR is designed and being built to represent the Union Pacific RR from Salt Lake City to LA. **Bill** will hold an operating session on Saturday July 14. Anyone interested in seeing the RR or being involved in building it is welcome to attend. Contact **Bob Hultman** at hultman@bellsouth.net or 615-833-5158 landline or 615-513-7187 cell for additional information.

Jim Rickman (rickman@davidjentrealty.com) E-mailed me regarding an Auction to be held in Lewisburg TN on August 11 that will include approximately 600 HO model RR engines and cars. The auction company is David Jent Realty & Auction Office 931-359-6631 or 1-800-844-6631 Fax 931-359-6634 Ross Tate, Realtor/Auctioneer Email: ross@davidjentrealty.com www.rosstate.com Contact the auction company for further information regarding the HO rolling stock items.