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Donations

Doug Lindgren- Six 4' x 2 ½ ft modules frames plus module legs & hardware.

2007-2008 Cumberland Div-TCRM Schedule

Dec 8 Two North Pole Express Trips with Santa to Lebanon
Dec 13 TCRM Road Kill Buffet & Christmas Program
Jan 17 Thurs Night Meeting at TCRM Bldg Nashville TN
Feb 9 Valentines Day Murder Mystery Trip I to Watertown
Feb 16 Valentines Day Murder Mystery Trip II to Watertown
Mar 15 Easter Bunny Trip I to Watertown
Mar 22 Easter Bunny Trip II to Watertown
Apr 19 Spring Mile-Long Yard Sale Trip to Watertown
May 3 TC Ry Spring Festival Trip to Cookeville
May 16-17 NC&StL Ry Preservation Society Annual Reunion
May 17 Train Robbery Trip to Watertown
July 12 Murder Mystery/Jazz Festival Train Trip to Watertown
Aug 30-31 Day Out with Thomas the Tank Engine
Sept 6-7 Day Out with Thomas the Tank Engine
Sept 27 Fall Mile-Long Yard Sale Trip
Oct 4 Train Robbery Trip to Watertown
Oct 11 Super Fall Foliage Trip I to Cookeville
Oct 18 Super Fall Foliage Trip II to Cookeville
Oct 25 Super Fall Foliage Trip III to Cookeville
Nov 15 Murder Mystery Train to Watertown
Nov 29 North Pole Express with Santa to Watertown
Dec 6 Two North Pole Express Trips with Santa to Lebanon
Dec 13 Two North Pole Express Trips with Santa to Lebanon

Program Notes

December 13, 2007- Our famous **Road Kill Buffet** at TCRM and program afterwards; serving starts at 6:30 pm. On January 17, 2008 the program will be our annual car host safety training class.

Host Committee – Dec 13, 2007 Meeting

None; the Host Committee returns for the January 17, 2008 Thursday Night Meeting.

Hobby Shop News

By **Bob Hultman**

The Hobby Shop rolling stock sale described in the Oct 2007 meeting notice is still continuing. For L&N RR fans, there are InterMtn HO RTR L&N blue 50' PS-1 box cars, 6 different road numbers, some Rapido smoothside RTR L&N passenger cars – a café-bar-lounge (3 different car names), a 10-5 sleeper (3 different car names) & a diner (3 different car names). Although these cars have a list price of \$59.95, they are loaded with details, including all the underbody equipment. Special sale on these cars – 30% off the list price. Stop in and see what else is new in the shop.

Any of you with hobby shop orders over 30 days old need to take care of your order ASAP.

Cumberland Division-TCRM

2008 Activity Fee

By **Bob Hultman**

The 2008 activity fee for Cumberland Division-TCRM is now due. Please make checks, money orders, etc payable to TCRM and mail to attention of **Jenny Smith** at TCRM, 220 Willow St in Nashville TN 37210-2159. If you wish to pay by credit-debit card, call **Jenny** at 615-244-9001 to give her your card information or come by TCRM and pay in person.

TCRM Excursion Train News

By **Bob Hultman**

We ran two Lebanon North Pole Express Trips on Dec 1, 2007. The trips ran safely, were on time and we did not have any significant equipment failures. Each trip had a 1 ½ hr layover in Lebanon while passengers deboarded the train for Lebanon Christmas activities.

Our last two trips for 2007 are the two North Pole Express Trips to Lebanon on Saturday, Dec 8, 2007. There will not be any layover time in Lebanon. If you want to work this trip, please call **Bob Hultman** landline 615-833-5158 or cell 615-513-7187 or E-mail hultman@bellsouth.net We need several more volunteers to properly staff the train.

Cumberland Division – TC Ry Museum

2006 Financial Audit Available

By **Bob Hultman**

Cumberland Division & TC Ry Museum had a financial audit covering CY 2006 recently completed. Any member who wants a copy of the audit report is welcome to get one; they will be available at our December 13, 2007 meeting.

Nashville Ntrak Report

By **Jimmie Guthrie**

Nashville N-Trak members were invited to participate with the Tennessee Valley Modelers for the South Bound Trains 4th Annual Show at The Mill in Lebanon. Setup with the Tennessee Valley group started on Friday, Nov 30 with **Mike Curtis, David O'Brien, JP Ralph & Tom Staggs** in attendance. Setup was finished by 7:00 pm with trains running.

Saturday, Dec 1, Nashville N-Trak members present for running with the Tennessee Valley Modelers were **Mike Curtis, Jimmie Guthrie, Dave O'Brien, JP Ralph, Tom Staggs & Les Trainor**. We entertained two loads of passengers from the TCRM North Pole Express Excursion Trains plus the local populace. On Sunday, members present for running and tear down with the Tennessee Valley Modelers were **Mike Curtis, Jimmie Guthrie, Mark Perry, JP Ralph & Tom Staggs**. The show was a success after a few snags on Friday which were soon overcome.

The next event for the Nashville N-Trak Group is a Great Trains Expo show in Louisville, Ky in January which the Tennessee Valley Modelers have been invited.

Road Kill Buffet - TCRM Willow St Building on December 13, 2007 6:30 PM

HO Modular RR Report

By **Bob Hultman**

After the HO modular RR tear-down at Adventure Science Center on Nov 11, we took most of the modules to Bellevue Center Mall for a setup there in a vacant storefront (~ 5K ft² in size) - Many, many thanks to **Charles Owens** for making the arrangements for this venue.

We set up the RR long & narrow, sort of like a telephone handset or dogbone shape. With the new inside corners built by **Pete Boehme**, it was easy to do that. Although we had to do some minor interior rearrangement (move most of the old sales counter out of the way) to get the RR configuration that was planned, we were able to get the RR set up, assembled, connected, leveled & operational on Tuesday Nov 13. The RR will remain operational during almost all of Dec; contact **Bob Hultman** for information (Contact information is in the Excursion Train News item on the front page).

The RR has 56' of straight modules on the long side, a total of 116' of straight modules plus ~ 50' of corner modules. The RR has been running well and can run either Digitrax DCC control or conventional analog DC control on both main tracks. If you have some HO trains you'd like to run, come on out to Bellevue Center Mall (lower level, across from Kay Jewelers) & enjoy this large HO RR. We do have to vacate by Dec 31, so be sure to take advantage of this opportunity.