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## 2008 Cumberland Div-TCRM Schedule

July 10 Thursday Night Meeting TCRM Bldg Nashville TN  
July 12 Murder Mystery/Jazz Festival Train Trip to Watertown  
Aug 30-31 Day Out with Thomas the Tank Engine  
Sep 5-14 TN State Fair HO Modular RR Setup  
Sep 6-7 Day Out with Thomas the Tank Engine  
Sep 27 Fall Mile-Long Yard Sale Trip  
Oct 4 Train Robbery Trip to Watertown  
Oct 11 Super Fall Foliage Trip to Monterey – 1<sup>st</sup> Time!!  
Oct 18 Super Fall Foliage Trip I to Cookeville  
Oct 25 Super Fall Foliage Trip II to Cookeville  
Nov 15 Murder Mystery Trip to Watertown  
Nov 29 North Pole Express with Santa to Watertown

## Program

Program for the July Thursday Night Meeting will be from the TCRM Video Library. The August program will be member meetings-orientation with the DOWT area managers in preparation for our Day Out With Thomas 2008 event.

## Host Committee

Doug & Sherry Roberts	John Snider	John Sparks
Tom Spiggle	<b>Tom Staggs</b>	George Stringer
Homer Thompson	Ernest Thompson	Robert Thurman
Steve Tomblin	Les Trainor	Gene Turnage
Doug Uhler	Ralcon Wagner	Jay-Michelle Wilson

\* **Host Committee Chair**

## New Members

**Ansley & Therese Fleetwood**, Nashville TN (Family)  
**Hugh, Zola & Scott Lowe**, Portland TN (Family)  
**John & Lori Mahan**, Pegram TN (Family)  
**Jesse Parrish**, Nashville TN  
**Jim Sleeth**, Nashville TN

Please welcome our new members as they get to know us and take part in our activities.

## Monterey Inspection Train

By **Bob Hultman**

About 120 TCRM members and guests rode the NERR inspection train from Lebanon to Monterey Saturday June 21. Consist (from east to west) included **Robert Marsmaker's** IC RR 9380 caboose, coach 4719, dome-coach 9400, diner 3119 and power car 514. The train left on time after a brief safety meeting. One stop was made in Cookeville to pick up a few more guests.

The train went all the way to the LoJac sand mine a few miles north of Monterey, then returned to Monterey for a ½ hr stop. After leaving Monterey, there were 2 additional stops, one at a TC Ry powder magazine and at Bilbrey (~ MP 104) for some photos. The train returned to Lebanon about 4 pm. All in all, a wonderful ride.... Many thanks to all who worked to make the trip a success.

## Day Out With Thomas 2008 Update

By **Bob Hultman**

Please be sure to stop by TCRM, get some Thomas flyers and rack cards to place at various locations to publicize DOWT 2008. Person-to-person efforts do best to promote DOWT and TCRM.

If you have not yet called one of the DOWT 2008 area managers, please do so soon.....

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Misty Graves- Front Gate Ticket Sales cell- 615-479-9693  
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Bob Hultman- Front Gate-Info Tent Lline 615-833-5158  
E-mail [hultman@bellsouth.net](mailto:hultman@bellsouth.net) Cell 615-513-7187  
Gordon Smith- Train Operations & Platform Lline 615-822-2641  
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## Volunteering at TC Ry Museum

By **Terry Bebout**

Please consider volunteering a day during the month of July to the Museum. We need to get a variety of projects completed such as train washing, building cleaning, car cleaning on the inside etc. Please let Bob ([hultman@bellsouth.net](mailto:hultman@bellsouth.net) or 615-833-5158, cell 615-513-7187) or me ([terry.bebout@earthlink.net](mailto:terry.bebout@earthlink.net) or cell 615-479-5758) know which day you are coming so we can have the necessary tasks and supplies available. We had 130 or so persons on the members' inspection train to Monterey recently. If those same members who enjoyed that trip would contribute some time to help on Museum tasks it would be great. Let's be proud of our cars and equipment and to do that it takes more help than the normal maintenance crew that comes every Saturday. Please help!..... Terry

## Videotape Library

Reported by **Charles Owens**

Any TCRM member can return rented videos to TCRM any day during the week, Monday thru Saturday. Charles does not have to be present for the videos to be returned. The member can leave them on top of the video cabinet if the videos are placed in a bag. Charles will then check them in the next time he's at TCRM. Several members have already been doing this and it works fine.

## Sick Call

Reported by **Terry Bebout**

TCRM member **Don Gage** was hospitalized recently because of some breathing difficulty and has now returned home for more recovery. Please keep him and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

**Thursday Night Meeting – TCRM Bldg Nashville TN 6:30 pm July 10, 2008**



**James, Marvene, Twila, Brenda and Laura Bilbrey** at the site of Bilbrey Station, MP 104 (the milepost is in the far right center of the picture) on the former TC Ry main track June 21 2008 (Photo by **Allen Hicks**)



View of a stone TC Ry powder magazine near MP 103 on the north side of the main track (Photo by **Allen Hicks**)

## NMRA Liability Insurance

By Mile Brestel, NMRA President

We have been getting an increasing number of questions lately about our liability insurance...who can use it, whom it protects, when it goes into effect, etc. In order to help answer these questions, we have just posted a new memo and other documents to the nmra.org website in which we have tried to supply plain-language answers to many of the questions we've been asked. To access all the insurance information and forms, just go to [www.nmra.org](http://www.nmra.org) and click the "insurance" link that is under the "Resources" heading on the left side of the web page. Or you can go directly to this URL: [www.nmra.org/national/insurance/insurance.html](http://www.nmra.org/national/insurance/insurance.html)

## Hobby Shop Special Orders

By **Terry Bebout**

Several members have items that have come in to the hobby shop from special orders. Please call or come by to see if your order is in. If it is in, we ask that you make arrangements to pay for it and pick it up. We cannot hold items that are not paid for. Our policy is that special orders should be picked up in no more than 30 days from the time we received them. We also ask that you pick up your entire order at one time; we cannot 'float' your order just because you may not have funds available. I hope that each of you understand our reasons for operating the hobby shop as a member benefit but at the same time as a business.

## NRHS News

By **Herb Roth**

The National Steel Car company, dba The National Alabama Corp, is building a huge plant - 2 million ft<sup>2</sup> - at Muscle Shoals, AL. They already have about 500 men in plant construction, and when the plant is operational, they will have about 1500 employees. The National Steel Car company has a great website that shows photos of all the rail cars they produce. Modelers should really have a look at this site!

Some interesting, current railroad facts-  
Regional railroads in 2006 controlled 12 percent of the 140,000 mile U.S. rail network, employed 4 percent of the 187,000 freight rail workforce and generated 3 percent of freight rail's 54 billion revenue dollars. Freight, passenger and commuter railroads dispatch more than 10,000 trains each day in the U.S. Class 1 railroads spent between 15 and 25 percent of all operating costs on fuel in the third quarter of 2007. Nearly one-third of locomotives owned by U.S. railroads are 22 years old or older. 22 percent of the nation's shortline and regional routes are limited to 40 mph, while 32 percent are limited to 25 mph.

A photo from **Tom Schmidt** who has been working on his HO model RR-



Friday evening in the town of Brice... Everyone is out with their girlfriends showing off their cars and having a malt & burger at the White Tower (SS Ltd kit). Atlantic Coast Line 2-8-0 (Bachman Spectrum w/Soundtraxx decoder) is spotting a box car (Atheam) in the background. The local "Fonz" is next to the door checking out the chicks as they come in. Photo by **Tom Schmidt**

More **Tom Schmidt** photos in the August meeting notice.

## Nashville Ntrak Report

Reported by **Brandon Baxter**

Nashville Ntrak returned from Louisville, KY late Sunday night after participating in the National N Scale Convention and World's Greatest Hobby on tour show. While in Louisville we were part of a record-setting Ntrak layout that included 701 modules from many Ntrak clubs from around the country and some modules and participants from outside of the United States. Setup for this layout began Wednesday morning at 6:00 am and concluded Friday night at midnight. In between we worked for three very long 18-hr days with many model railroaders that we had never met before. It was truly an amazing experience to meet so many wonderful people with a common interest in railroads and work with them to put together such a huge layout. Here are a few brief statistics:

Layout size - 55,000 square feet (1.26 acres)  
Total number of Ntrak modules - 701  
Mainline length in actual feet - 3,810 feet  
Mainline length in scale miles - 115.5 scale miles  
Approximate time to run around the layout once - 3 to 4 hours

Upcoming Nashville Ntrak events include the Smyrna Library layout on July 18-20, the Viola Homecoming on August 9, CSX Family Days on August 16, and Thomas the Tank Engine at the TCRM on August 30-31 and September 6-7. We hope to see many of you there!