

# THE ORDER BOARD

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**Cumberland Division SER-NMRA Inc**  
**Tennessee Central Railway Museum**  
**Nashville Chapter NRHS**

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## New Members

**Chris, Amy Claire & Lauren Allen**, Mt Juliet TN (Family)

**Ed Coleman**, Clarksville TN (Family)

**Thomas May** Lascassas TN

**David, Maria, Ryan, James, Janice, Erin, Danny, Coltin &**

**Matt Stansell** Nashville TN (Family)

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

## 2008 Cumberland Div-TCRM Schedule

Aug 21 Thursday Night Meeting TCRM Bldg Nashville TN

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 to Watertown

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 1 Fall 2008 Cumberland Division Meet-Model Train Show

Nov 15 Murder Mystery Trip to Watertown

Nov 29 North Pole Express with Santa to Watertown

## Program

Program for the August Thursday Night Meeting will be member meetings-orientation with the DOWT area managers in preparation for our Day Out With Thomas 2008 event.

## Host Committee

No Host Committee for the August 2008 Thursday Night Meeting.

## TC 102 Grant Application

By **Terry Bebout**

We will attempt to secure a federal grant (Transportation Enhancement Program) to restore TC Office Car 102. **Gordon Smith** has discovered this grant that this restoration qualifies for. In order to apply, a government agency has to sponsor the applying organization. Gordon made a presentation July 17 to the Nashville & Eastern Rail Authority and their Board has agreed to be the sponsoring agency. We will have the grant application completed and filed in October and probably won't hear anything until spring of 2009. Will keep you updated as this progresses.

## NRHS News

By **Herb Roth**

"Classic Trains" Fall 2008 issue has a very amusing article pg 78 entitled "Learning the Lingo at Flagstaff. A young mother got a crash course in railroading when she hired out with the Santa Fe in 1943".

## Donations

**John Coles**- 9 HO 4' modules plus legs & an assortment of lumber

**Jimmie Crowder**- \$100 cash

## 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.....

Terry Bebout- souvenir sales 615-479-5758,

E-mail [terry.bebout@earthlink.net](mailto:terry.bebout@earthlink.net)

Don Gage- Parking cell 615-519-2649 Lline 615-822-0315

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## DOWT 2008 Work Day at TC Ry Museum

By **Terry Bebout**

Saturday, August 23 will be a major work day at TCRM to prepare for our premier fund-raising event of the year, Day Out With Thomas The Tank Engine, The Great Discovery Tour. This is the 7<sup>th</sup> consecutive year TCRM has hosted DOWT. Please join us the Saturday after our Aug 21 Thursday Night Meeting to help get ready for this event. There's a lot to get accomplished before Aug 30. And, Frank Holt & the Fantastic Food Crew will be providing a delectable lunch for volunteers on Aug 23. Come on out, enjoy the day, the company and some good food. Hope to see you at TCRM next Saturday!

## HO Model RR News

By **Bob Hultman**

The HO Modular RR will be setting up at the TN State Fair starting on Tues, Sep 2 with opening day on Friday Sep 5. Last day of the Fair is Sunday Sep 14. We will be recruiting members to help run-staff the RR during the 10-day run. There will be one member who will be the RR superintendent for the day. If you want to have your HO modules in the set-up or want to be RR Superintendent for a day, please contact Bob Hultman at 615-833-5158 or cell 615-513-7187 or E-mail [hultman@bellsouth.net](mailto:hultman@bellsouth.net)

See back side for additional news items...

**Thursday Night Meeting – TCRM Bldg Nashville TN 6:30 pm August 21, 2008**

## Nashville Ntrak News

By **Tom Staggs**

This year was one of the best days weatherwise we have ever had at Viola Homecoming. Nashville NTRAK has been to Viola 17 years in a row. Eleven members and three family members participated. The layout ran smoothly and problem free....It was a great day. Attendance was in the high 1000s or close to 2000 folks.

Pictures from the event-

<http://www.nashvillentrak.org/Images/Viola/2008viola.html>

## 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.

## Hobby Shop News

By **Eddie Justice**

The Cumberland Division-TCRM Board of Directors have formed a Hobby Shop Committee of 3 BoD members- Terry Bebout, Allen Hicks & Charles Owens- to oversee the operation of the hobby shop. The shop will not be ordering new items for stock except for L&N, TC Ry & a few other roads (maybe NC&StL); however, C Div-TCRM members can still special order new items thru the shop.

The BoD Committee has established a policy that special orders must be paid for within 30 calendar days after the 1<sup>st</sup> day the shop is open after the member has been notified his-her order is available at the shop. After the 30 calendar day limit ends, the special order items not paid for are subject to being returned to hobby shop stock. Special orders are to be marked with the customer's name and date the 30-day clock starts. A reminder- you must be a current paid-up member to receive the 25% discount off list price. I know getting a membership card is hard - so I do have a list of current members about a month or so old. If you are not on my list... I will take your word you renewed your membership and turn your name over to the Board.

We do have a few things new and the 50% Off Box IS FULL. IF you see something you want maybe we can make a deal to get the stock down...

Change in Hobby Shop hours effective Tuesday Aug 13 thru mid to late September - No Tuesday hours account Day Out With Thomas Event has closed to meeting room to Members' use. The shop will be staffed on Thursdays 12 noon to 6 pm and on Saturdays 9 am to 3 pm CDT. We will return to Tuesday shop hours after the meeting room opens back up to members after DOWT 2008.

If anyone has questions regarding the hobby shop policy, please contact one or more of the BoD Hobby Shop Committee members.

Ed Note- The Atlas HO GP7s are being shipped to dealers; this run includes the NC&StL Ry passenger scheme GP7s, #s 750 & 752..... should be arriving soon.....

There wasn't enough space to run this report last month, so here it is in its entirety-

## 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!