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2008-2009 Cumberland Div-TCRM Schedule

Dec 6 Two North Pole Express Trips to Lebanon
Dec 9 Cumberland Div/TCRM BoD Meeting Noon @ TCRM
Dec 11 Thurs Night Meeting- Road Kill Buffet & Christmas Program TCRM Nashville TN
Dec 13 Two North Pole Express Trips to Lebanon
Dec 13 Train Collectors Association Show State Fairgrounds
Jan 8 Thurs Night Meeting- TCRM Nashville TN
Jan 10-11 Great Train Expo Train Show Nashville Municipal Auditorium
Feb 7 Valentines Day Murder Mystery Trip I to Watertown
Feb 14 Valentines Day Murder Mystery Trip II to Watertown
Feb 14-15 Worlds Greatest Hobby Train Show Nashville Convention Center
Mar 21 Spring 2009 Cumberland Div Meet-TCRM Open House
Apr 4 Easter Bunny Trip I to Watertown
Apr 11 Easter Bunny Trip II to Watertown
Apr 18 Spring Mile-Long Yard Sale Trip to Watertown
May 9 TC Ry Spring Festival Trip to Cookeville
May 16 Train Robbery Trip to Watertown

Program

December 11 Thursday Night Meeting- Our famous Christmas Road Kill Buffet Dinner and program- Twenty Years of TCRM Passenger Excursion Trains will be the program. TCRM members **Ralcon Wagner & Allen Hicks** are selecting photos and will present this program.
January 2009- Car Host Safety Certification Training and Test

New Members

Christopher Bamberg, Lebanon TN (Family)
Keith Carter, Hermitage TN (Family)
Alan L Freed, Alexandria VA
Daniel, Chris & Brenda McKee, Nashville TN (Family)
George Stoudenmire, Nashville TN

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

Activity Fee for 2009 - Renewals

By **Bob Hultman**

Please mail your activity fee renewals (the fee remains \$30 individual, \$35 for family members of the same household) payable to TCRM to TC Ry Museum at 220 Willow St in Nashville TN 37210-2159 Attn – Amy Hannah. If you prefer to renew via credit card, please call Amy at 615-244-9001 or stop by the Museum to do so in person. Also, be sure to include any updated roster information (name, address, phone numbers and current E-mail addresses).

Excursion Train News

By **Bob Hultman**

TCRM's last excursion trains for 2008 are the Dec 6 & Dec 13 North Pole Express Trips to Lebanon. Safety meeting starts on board diner 3119 at 7:00 am CST the day of the trips. If you want to work these trips please contact Bob Hultman at 615-833-5158 or cell 615-513-7187 E-mail hultman@bellsouth.net

HO Model RR News

By **Bob Hultman**

Dan Cole reports he just got a notice/contract from the editor of Model Railroader magazine that they will feature a picture of **Dan's** Pacific Railroad Co. in the Trackside photos section of MR's February 2009 issue next month. **Dan** is very pleased as this will mean the layout has been in all three major modeling publications. Excellent, **Dan**, keep up the good work!

HO module owners – keep in mind upcoming model train shows in Nashville- the Great Train Expo at the Municipal Auditorium and World's Greatest Hobby Train Show Nashville Convention Center.

Hobby Shop News- The hobby shop will be closed Jan 1 thru 7, 2009 for inventory. No orders will be placed with wholesalers during this time so that the inventory can be as accurate as we can make it.

Board of Directors Meeting Dec 9

By **Bob Hultman**

The Board of Directors will meet on Tuesday Dec 9, 2008 at the TCRM Building at 12 noon. Any members interested in attending the meeting are welcome.

Music City Star in Trains Magazine

By **Ralcon Wagner**

In the February 2009 issue of Trains Magazine there will be a blurb and photo of the Music City Star in the City Rail section on pages 26 and 27. The column discusses the problems that Nashville's commuter rail service is facing as well as similar problems other agencies across the nation are facing. The article will be very similar (albeit scaled-down) to the one appearing in the current issue of Trains about Florida's Tri-Rail commuter service.

Bill Hemrick's HO RR - Open House Dec 4

By **Bob Hultman**

There will be an open house at Bill Hemrick's large HO scale model railroad on Dec 4, 2008 from 6 pm to ??? in Nolensville TN. Soft drinks and snacks will be available. Lots of mainline track is operational, so bring a Digitrax throttle, some DCC decoder-equipped locomotives and be prepared for some serious train-running. Spouses are welcome.

Directions to the RR- Approaching on Nolensville Rd from the north, proceeding southward-

1- Make a left turn onto Stonebrook Blvd heading east. Stonebrook Blvd T-intersects into Nolensville Rd where the former

Thursday Night Meeting – TCRM Willow St Bldg Nashville TN 6:30 pm Dec 11, 2008

Nolensville Elem School and Nolensville Church of Christ are located (both on E side of Nolensville Rd, the former Elem School on N side of Stonebrook Blvd, C of C on S side).

2- Proceed eastward a few hundred yds and turn right (southward) onto Johnson Industrial Blvd. Follow Johnson Industrial past the Nolensville-College Grove Utility Dist office thru 90-deg left (now heading eastward) curve.

3- As you make the 90-deg left curve continue eastward maybe 100 yds to double-wide concrete parking lot entrance & turn left here.

4- Drive past the 1st commercial bldg, proceeding on to the rear bldg. The rear bldg has a front brick facade. Drive to the rear of the rear bldg; there is a concrete parking area in the back, ~ 6-7 vehicle capacity. Park here. You should see a door in the rear wall (faces north) of the rear bldg. You should be able to enter thru that door. There is also a door in the west side of the rear bldg, the one closer to the rear corner; this door (the number 201 appears on the outside of this door) also opens into the model RR room.

Our Christmas Train Legacy

By **Gordon Smith**

After having worked on yesterday's Christmas Train I had a little time to reflect on its importance. Yes, all of us at TCRM, to varying degrees, have been involved in the hard work of making our trains a success. For many of us it gives us a chance to work on things we really like, like trains. Having said that, how many of us reflect back on the positive impact our efforts have on other peoples lives, particularly children?

Most of us, if we are honest with ourselves, think back to times in our childhood for moments and events we really treasure, particularly those that occurred at Christmas time. For some of us getting to our destination for the holidays was the most memorable part. I remember, just after WWII, when our family journeyed on the train from Miles City, Montana to Wausau, Wisconsin for Christmas. The trains were still crowded bringing the troops home from a terrible war. Our train, from New Lisbon to Wausau, was the North Woods Hiawatha. It was packed, so packed that our family rode in the vestibule. It was cold, with snow coming up through the diaphragm into the vestibule. I sat on a suit case. We arrived in Wausau and had a wonderful Christmas with family. Yet, for some reason my memories are clearer about the trip there than they are of the visit itself. I know it was cold in that vestibule but the memories are warm as everyone was looking forward to better times.

So what's that got to do with our Christmas Trains? Well... whether we realize it or not we are in the business of creating memories, fond memories that the children on our trains will carry with them for the rest of their lives. As I passed through the train yesterday I saw many happy children experiencing, what will become for them, memories. When I read the story, I saw adults repeating some of the words. I wonder what memories our efforts brought out in their own hearts and minds? Santa Claus and his elves, the hot chocolate, the story, the ticket punching, the verbal interchange between train hosts and passengers, all created an atmosphere of warmth and love that few of our guests will forget. The fact is that in this era of "dog eat dog" competition, greed, and other social maladies, we create value that is possible only with the volunteer efforts of our members. It is often said that true happiness occurs only when we give of ourselves for the benefit of others. Well if that is what creates happiness, our TCRM people should, indeed, be happy folks.

So, the next time we catch ourselves grumbling about preparing for the next trip, fixing equipment, getting up early at times when we would rather sleep in, etc., perhaps we should remember all those great experiences we create for our riders, our guests - Great experiences that become wonderful memories..... Just some thoughts.

Nashville NTrak News

By **Jimmie Guthrie**

Eddie Branch operated the railroad at the museum for the past excursion train on the 29th of November. We are preparing for the GTE show on January 10th and 11th after a successful run at the Adventure Science Center. We remained at the ASC until the 18th of November, which allowed us to run to our hearts' content. We are sharing the GTE layout with our friends from the Tenn. Valley Model Railroad in Murfreesboro. In February we are preparing for the show at the Nashville Convention Center. Further information about that show will be forthcoming. Nashville NTrak wishes all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! (Editor's Note- This item arrived too late for the paper version of the meeting notice, but it is included in the electronic version)

Excursion Train Ticket Policy for TCRM Members

By **Terry Bebout**

At the May 30, 2008 Board of Directors Meeting a policy was adopted for TCRM members obtaining tickets for excursion train rides. In the past some members have paid full price for tickets, some have paid half price for tickets and there were some instances where tickets were not paid for at all. In order to be fair across the board the following policy is in place-

1- Volunteer hours worked at TCRM (logged into the book in the admin room) earn one ticket on any trip for every 40 hours worked.

2- Members and their immediate family (living with member) 1/2 price tickets on any trip.

Dome seats in the dome car are not available for volunteer hours worked or 1/2 price fare.