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Billy Warren- Headlight off TC Ry Mikado steam locomotive 607

2009 Cumberland Div-TCRM Schedule

Mar 21 Spring 2009 Cumberland Div Meet-TCRM Open House
Mar 26 Thursday Night Meeting @ TCRM Nashville TN
Mar 28 Operating Session Bill Hemrick's RR Nolensville TN
Mar 28-29 Train Show Montgomery Bell St Park Burns TN
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
Apr 29-May 2 Mid-South Live Steamers Spring Meet
Columbia TN
May 2-3 Clarksville TN Train Fest Clarksville TN
May 2 Dogwood Festival Trip to Monterey
May 16 Train Robbery Trip to Watertown
Sep 5-6 Day Out With Thomas The Tank Engine at TCRM
Sep 12-13 Day Out With Thomas The Tank Engine at TCRM

Host Committee for March 2009 Meeting

Hugh Lowe	John Lowe	George Lile-Henley
Robert Marsmaker	Glenn Martin	Ray & Claire Martin
Kevin Matthews*	Mark Matthews	Tom McEwen
Dan McKee	Bob Morris	Charlie Morton
Ron Musick	Ann & DeLoy Nelms	Leroy Nessen

*- Host Committee Chair

New Members

Jack Dews, Nashville TN
William Eckel, White House TN
Phillip & Amy Johnson, Columbia TN (Family)
Wendell Geng, Columbia TN
Gary & Wilma Newsom, Nashville TN (Family)
Tom Pearson, Round Rock TX (Family)
Malcolm, Tina, Alexandria & Maxmius Pugh, Nashville TN (Family)
Michael Pulice, Madison TN
Bobby & Cindy Rye, Cross Plains TN (Family)
Please welcome our new members as they get to know us and take part in our activities.

Hobby Shop News

By **Bob Hultman**

Shop managers **Eddie Justice & Mark Perry** have announced the inventory reduction sale, 40% off list price for HO & N scale locomotives, rolling stock and structures (for Cumberland Div-TCRM members only; non-members get 25% off) will continue thru March 21.

Program

March 26, 2009- Program will be a video from the TCRM DVD library. If **Hugh Nichols** will bring his DVD of his Dad's home movies of L&N RR & NC&StL Ry trains around Nashville in the 40s & 50s, we can play that also.... A most interesting series of movies.

Your Help is Needed

By **Terry Bebout**

There are many different reasons that someone either becomes or stays a member of our organization. It could be one is a modeler or interested in carhosting on an excursion train or perhaps they are just curious about trains. Whatever the reason the one tie that binds us together is trains and the enjoyment of dealing with trains somehow, somehow. Our organization is powered by its volunteer members, always has been and always will be.

Each member must realize that the organization has expenses- Everything from insurance to our gas bill and electricity. Each member's annual activity fee only pays a small portion of our annual expenses. Where does the bulk of our annual revenue come from? Excursion trains. The reason to make everyone aware of this fact is in today's economy it is more important than ever to guard key sources of revenue. We really do not know how the economy will affect our ridership. Other venues I am aware of are down significantly. We have had two successful trains this year so far, but that may not be a true indication.

There are varied degrees in which each member contributes to the organization. Some are relentless volunteers who are always working on a project, some help on certain projects, some just show up at meetings and some we rarely see. One thing each member can do regardless of how involved you are, is to let people know about our excursion train program. It does not take a lot of effort but pays big dividends. One can mention our trains to friends, leave flyers at key public places and post flyers on bulletin boards. The more people know about us and our program, the better our chances of staying successful in these trying times. I hope that each of you will take this seriously and remember to support the organization that you have chosen to be a member of.

185 Members So Far for 2009

By **Bob Hultman**

According to Membership Director George Gilbert's most recent membership roster (March 15), TCRM has 185 members who have renewed or recently joined. If you have not renewed yet for 2009, please mail your activity fee renewals (\$30 individual, \$35 for family members of the same household) made payable to TCRM to TC Ry Museum, 220 Willow St Nashville TN 37210-2159 Attn - Amy Hannah. For payment via credit card, please call Amy at 615-244-9001 or stop by the Museum to do so in person. Include any updated roster information (name, address, phone numbers and current E-mail addresses).

Thursday Night Meeting - TCRM Willow St Bldg Nashville TN 6:30 pm March 26, 2009

Division Meet, TCRM Open House March 21

By **Bob Hultman**

Cumberland Division's Spring 2009 Division Meet and TCRM's Open House will be this Saturday, March 21 at TCRM. There are several different activities planned, so be sure to come down to the Museum and see what's going on. There will be 2 live model railroading clinics presented along with the other Division Meet activities- **Bill Griffith** will be doing a clinic on making scenery from extruded Styrofoam and **Jim Adair** will be presenting his clinic on making trees. Other Meet activities include the dealer tables and the Company Store.

TCRM Open House will include tours of passenger cars, our Operation Lifesaver caboose (expertly cleaned and prepared for display by treasurer **Allen Hicks**), a locomotive cab, dinner in the diner by our food service group led by **Frank Holt** and our Museum room will be open staffed by **Charlie Morton**. Admission to members is, of course, free. Hope to see everyone at TCRM this coming Saturday.....

Excursion Train News

By **Bob Hultman**

TCRM's 2 Easter Bunny excursion trains run on April 4 & 11 to Watertown. The Mile-Long Yard Sale trip to Watertown runs on April 18. Then there's a short break before the Dogwood Festival trip to Monterey runs on May 2. Safety meetings for the Watertown trips start on board diner 3119 at 7:00 am CDT the day of the trips; May 2 trip safety meeting starts at 6:30 am. 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

New member **Jennifer Dawson & Joe Sapp** have changed out the Valentines lights in the cars for Easter lights for the Easter Bunny trips. Car cleaning has also continued, with **Ernest & Homer Thompson** having cleaned 4711 car. Cleaning to be done includes some of the vinyl floor areas and the vestibules and vestibule steps. **Bob Hultman & Joe Sapp** also yanked another window out of 4739 coach to change out some plastic glazing that that started to craze and "fog up". Replacement Please contact **Bob Hultman** cell 615-513-7187, home 615-833-5158 or E-mail hultman@bellsouth.net if you will help with these tasks.

HO Model RR News

By **Bob Hultman**

Cumberland Division's Cumberland Valley Model RRers & Nashville Ntrackers both had successful modular RR displays Feb 14-15 at the World's Greatest Hobby on Tour show in Nashville's downtown Convention Center. Each group earned \$200 for their efforts. We also had the wooden stand built by Jack Sircy for the tall TCRM color poster displayed next to the HO RR. Many onlookers took the excursion train ticket order forms displayed on the stand.

The HO RR was 14' x 42'. Thanks to all who made these setups successful.

Col. Phil Hooper Estate Sale on March 21

By **Bob Hultman**

TCRM received word that a sale of long-time L&N RR VP Col. Phil Hooper's estate will be on Saturday, March 21, 2009 in Dickson, TN. Contact person is Ms Jane Howard, 615-383-9291, for specific venue and times.

TCRM Hobby Shop Sales Policy

- All current TCRM members will receive a 25% discount off the current list price of stock items or 15% above dealer net cost for special discounted items offered by the distributors.
- Members have 30 calendar days to pay for and pick up their special orders after having received notice from TCRM hobby shop staff that the order is available for payment/ pickup.
- Members must not remove stock items off of shelves for hold. All stock items are for sale on a first come, first serve basis.
- Special orders do not go into stock if member ordered the wrong item or decided he/she does not want it. Members must pay for their special orders.
- Any item removed for use on Cumberland Division-owned model railroads must be reported to the clerk on duty before the item is taken from the shop.
- Any member working as hobby shop clerk must be trained on the hobby shop sales computer system.

Clarksville TN Train Fest 2009

By **Carl Eisemann**

The 2009 Clarksville TN Train Fest will be Saturday and Sunday, May 2nd 10 am to 4 pm & Sunday May 3rd noon to 4 pm at the Clarksville Customs House Museum & Cultural Center and at the restored L&N RR Depot, home of the Montgomery County Historical Society at Commerce & 10th Streets. Admission is \$4.00 for adults, \$2.00 for children. The admission price also allows the attendee to view the entire museum. It will be good for both days, at both locations. The L&N depot will be open for tours and be conducting interpretive discussions, ie, the old station-master, the station during the war, etc.

We will have several traveling model railroad layouts plus the normal Museum HO, N, & Lionel layouts running. We will also have a TCRM information display.

NMRA 2009 Ballot

By **Bob Hultman**

To all NMRA members:

Due to a printer's error, the ballot accompanying the March Scale Rails is invalid. HQ will be mailing a new ballot to all members at the printer's expense. Please do not use the magazine ballot. We are sorry for the inconvenience and confusion caused by this situation. Please forward this information to every NMRA member you know.

Jan Wescott, Chair

Gerry Leone, MMR, Deputy Chair, NMRA Member Services