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## 2009 Cumberland Div-TCRM Schedule

Apr 11 Easter Bunny Trip II to Watertown  
Apr 16 Thursday Night Meeting at TCRM Nashville TN  
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  
July 11 Murder Mystery Trip to Watertown Jazz Festival  
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 April 2009 Meeting

Gary Newsom	Hugh & Marie Nichols	Billy Odom
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Larry Paxton	Jim Perry	<b>Mark &amp; Mike Perry*</b>
Carl Phillips	Richard Potts	Mike Pugh
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## New Members

Warren "Trip" Adkins, Fairview TN  
Bob & Rose Bulach, Brentwood TN (Family)  
Anton "Tony" & Barbara Dreher, Columbia TN (Family)  
Please welcome our new members as they get to know us and take part in our activities.

## Program

April 16, 2009- Program will be a presentation by TCRM member **Nathan Baker** on "Building Inexpensive Loads for Open Cars". Program for the May Thursday Night Meeting will be a celebration of TCRM's 20 years of operating excursion trains. If you have some photos or slides of TCRM's early excursion trains, please contact **Terry Bebout** 615-479-5758 or [terry.bebout@earthlink.net](mailto:terry.bebout@earthlink.net) or **Bob Hultman** 615-833-5158 or [hultman@bellsouth.net](mailto:hultman@bellsouth.net)

## 198 Members So Far for 2009

By **Bob Hultman**

According to Membership Director George Gilbert's most recent membership roster (March 20), TCRM has 198 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).

## Division Meet- TCRM Open House a Success

By **Bob Hultman**

We had a successful Cumberland Division Meet-Model Train Show and TCRM Open House Saturday, March 21, at TCRM. I estimate about 300 people attended the show. I certainly wanted the attendance to be greater, but I think the nice weather enticed some folks into doing other things. I want to thank and recognize all those who worked to make this event a success-

**Jim Adair** did the recruiting for live clinic presenters and layout owners on the self-guided home layout tour.

**Allen Hicks** took on the task of coordinating the TCRM Open House part. He also took on cleaning up and prepping the TCRM Operation Lifesaver cabooses, TCRX 1155, for the Open House. Others I saw at TCRM participating in the Open House were **Chris Allen, Terry Bebout, Will Crowthers, Ari, John & Misty Graves, Mike Ingling, George Jackson, Robert Marsmaker, DeLoy Nelms, Joe Sapp, Ernest Thompson, Gene Turnage, Bryan Turner & Jay Wilson.**

**Bill Howard, Kevin Matthews, Glenn Martin, Hugh Nichols & George Stoudenmire** worked on meeting room prep before Saturday.

**Jerry Gray, Frank Holt, Barbara Hutton, James Jones & Doug Uhler** did their most excellent food service for breakfast & lunch. Many thanks to **Frank Holt & Barbara Hutton** for a trash hauling run on Saturday afternoon.

**Fast Eddie Justice** staffed the hobby shop all day. **Leroy Nessen** helped operate the HO scale RR & **Eddie Branch & John Ellis** operated the N scale RR.

**John Kennedy** coordinated the Company Store effort.

**Charlie Morton** staffed the Museum room.

Dealer tables- we had 31 inside the meeting room and 4 on the dock.

**Bill Griffith** presented a 2-part clinic on making scenery from extruded Styrofoam sheets, while **Jim Adair** presented his clinic on making trees.

**James Brooks, Dan Cole** (Pacific RR), **Keith Ericson** (Davidson & Southern), **Bill Hemrick** (Los Angeles & Salt Lake Ry) & **Pete Hoadley** (Duquaine & Western) all had their RRs open for tours. **Dan Cole** reported he had 13 visitors, **Pete Hoadley** 10 or 11.

After the show, **Eddie Justice & George Stoudenmire** helped strike the registration canopy. On Tuesday after the show, **Jim Perry** did wet mopping of the meeting room floor; **Hugh Nichols & some others** stacked the dealer tables.

Again, many thanks to all who worked to make this event a success.....

## Mid-South Live Steamers Spring Meet

By **Hank Sherwood**

The Mid South Live Steamers Spring Meet will be April 29-30 and May 1-2, 2009 at Maury County Park in Columbia, TN. Public Ride Times are 9am - 5pm CDT each day.

**Thursday Night Meeting - TCRM Willow St Bldg Nashville TN 6:30 pm April 16, 2009**

## Excursion Train News

By **Bob Hultman**

TCRM's second Easter Bunny Excursion Trains runs April 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 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](mailto:hultman@bellsouth.net)

**Jennifer Dawson** has continued cleaning the vestibules and vestibule steps on the excursion train. **Robert Marsmaker** worked on the air supply to the 3119 diner water system. **Steve Tomblin & Allen Hicks** corrected a floor binding problem on the 4711 coach that prevented the vestibule end door from opening. Please contact **Bob Hultman** cell 615-513-7187, home 615-833-5158 or E-mail [hultman@bellsouth.net](mailto:hultman@bellsouth.net) if you will help with these or other tasks.

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 & 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

## NRHS News

By **Herb Roth**

There's a great photo on pg 96 of the Winter 2008 edition of *Classic Trains*. It's Jan 19, 1953, the day before Eisenhower is to be sworn in for his first term as President. The location is ideal for those coming into Washington by special train- just blocks from the Capital, on PRR's freight line to the Potomac Yard. There are nearly 40 sleepers jamming the freight-only team tracks. This is PRR's 14th St Yard. A K4s Pacific keeps all of the cars warm and there is a PRR twin-unit diner on hand. Special telephone booths and taxi cabs are in this photo of the "Pullman City".

## Nashville Ntrak News I

By **Jimmie Guthrie**

We have started using Kato track connectors in our layout to expedite setups. These were first used at the World's Greatest Hobby Nashville Convention Center layout and again at the recent Ronald MacDonald House Teddy Bear Fundraiser layout at the Union Station Hotel with great success.

Our layout at the Union Station was also a great success. The children loved it but the older kids (adults) were super impressed. We had an older gentleman, O scaler, who really was excited about the layout and a lady of 96 who just loved trains and watched our trains for about an hour. Also there was a young lady from Canada who entered the layout area to take photos, with our permission of course. Special thanks goes out to Darcy, Paul and Brian at the

hotel for being so gracious and helpful. We are also in the process of building new modules for our yard. Thanks to all members who helped at the Union Station setup and those who worked on the modules.

## Nashville Ntrak News II

By **Brandon Baxter**

Nashville Ntrak recently completed a layout setup at the well-known Union Station Hotel in downtown Nashville. This layout was set up as part of the Teddy Bear Fundraiser benefitting the Ronald McDonald House. In addition to running a layout at the event, Nashville Ntrak provided a member on the veranda that overlooks CSX's Kayne Avenue Yard to help the kids look at the 1:1 scale trains and to answer questions that the kids have about trains. Excursion train and Thomas the Tank Engine information was provided at registration and was visible to all who passed through the Union Station Hotel lobby. Thanks to Nashville Ntrak members **Brandon Baxter, Eddie & Brenda Branch, Mike Curtis, Jimmie Guthrie, Tim O'Neal, and Tom Staggs** for their help with this event. We look forward to working with the new Union Station Hotel staff in the future!

**Tom Staggs**, the Nashville Ntrak Webmaster, has posted a webpage about the events on Saturday. You can see it at <http://www.nashvillentrak.org/ronmcdonaldunionstationlayout.html>. The Nashville Ntrak homepage is <http://www.nashvillentrak.org>.

## 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.