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2009 Cumberland Div-TCRM Schedule

Nov 7 NMRA Cumberland Division Meet at TCRM
Nov 7-15 HO Modular RR Setup Adventure Science Center
Nashville TN Whistlestop Weekend
Nov 9 Op Session LA&SL Ry Nolensville TN 6:30 pm- 9:30 pm
Nov 13-15 Nashville Ntrak Setup Adventure Science Center
Nashville TN Whistlestop Weekend
Nov 14 Murder Mystery Excursion Train Trip to Watertown
Nov 21 Op Session LA&SL Ry Nolensville TN 9:00 am- 1:00 pm
Nov 28 North Pole Express Train Trip with Santa to Watertown
Dec 5 2 North Pole Express Train Trips with Santa to Lebanon
Dec 7 Op Session LA&SL Ry Nolensville TN 6:30 pm- 9:30 pm
Dec 12 2 North Pole Express Train Trips with Santa to Lebanon
Dec 19 Op Session LA&SL Ry Nolensville TN 9:00 am- 1:00 pm

Program

Program for the November 12 Thursday Night Meeting will be an updated report on Day Out With Thomas 2009 results plus a video from the TCRM video library. Contact **Terry Bebout** 615-479-5758 terry.bebout@earthlink.net or **Bob Hultman** 615-833-5158 hultman@bellsouth.net if you want to present a program at our Thursday Night Meetings.

Host Committee – November Meeting

Marvene Bilbrey	Pete Boehme	Eddie Branch
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New Members

Ryan Bassett, Murfreesboro TN (Family)
Ed & Cheryl Minnich, Franklin TN (Family)
Bill & Jody Stewart, Goodlettsville TN (Family)
Don Strong, Nashville TN
David Varney, Franklin TN
Lee Ware, Hendersonville TN
Gary Willoughby, Paris TN

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

Next Car Host Safty Train Class in Jan 2010

By **Bob Hultman**

President **Terry Bebout** has announced the next car host safety training class will be the program for our Jan 2010 Thursday night meeting (date to be determined).

Activity Fee for 2010 - 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).

HO Model RR News

By **Bob Hultman**

Our next HO modular RR setup will be at Adventure Science Center in Nashville for a week, beginning Nov 7, going through Nov 15 for ASC's Whistlestop Weekend. We will start moving modules to ASC on Sat Nov 7 after the Division Meet, completing the setup on Sunday afternoon Nov 8. Come join us if you want to run some HO trains on the weekend or during the week.

Excursion Train News

By **Bob Hultman**

Our next trip is the Nov 14 Murder Mystery trip to Watertown. This trip is completely sold out. Two weeks later we have our Nov 28 North Pole Express trip to Watertown (also completely sold out) and then our North Pole Express trips to Lebanon (2 trips each Saturday) on Dec 5 and Dec 12. If you want to work any, some or all of these trips, please contact **Bob Hultman** at 615-833-5158 or cell 615-513-7187 E-mail hultman@bellsouth.net or mark up on the crew sheets at our Nov 12 Thursday Night Meeting.

Upcoming TCRM Projects

By **Terry Bebout**

We have plans for several projects that will involve volunteer participation and funding. We will be using some of our proceeds from our Thomas event as a source of revenue to support these projects.

Rehab power car TCRX 1354- This was our first power car that we purchased from Amtrak years ago and was originally a US Army kitchen car. It is not a stainless car and has a considerable amount of rust in the sides. Our power cars are the lifeblood of the train. This power car has two generator sets in it and is the back up to our stainless steel 514 power car. Plans are to reseal the roof of the car, sheet the sides of the car with stainless steel after the rust areas are removed so it will have the same appearance as the TCRX 1266 baggage car. In addition some improvements will be made inside and some truck work will be done.

Dome car TCRX 9400- 9400 has a severe case of water leaking around the dome area and getting into the hallway downstairs. Not an expensive item to fix with RTV but very labor intensive to remove the old caulk and re-caulk the dome seams. If you will help with this please contact me at terry.bebout@earthlink.net or cell 615-479-5758. **See Other Side**

Thursday Night Meeting – TCRM Willow St Nashville TN 6:30 pm November 12, 2009

Concrete Extension- We are pricing out what the cost would be of extending the concrete workpad between the Museum platform track and Sou Jct Yard track #1 going west from the enginehouse for a better work area.

Wheels- We will be doing some wheel changes in early 2010 on two of our excursion cars. This is not only a labor intensive project but very expensive as well. A used axle with new wheels installed and re-qualified bearings are \$5,000.00 each and that does not include shipping each way.

Washing exterior of the cars- This is very overdue on certain cars. This is not a costly task but again a labor intensive one. We need to set aside a date to wash several of our cars. Please see myself or Bob if you will help with this.

Leo Aokman, in the Atlanta Constitution, made the following observation: "The body of every organization is structured from four kinds of bones. There are the wish bones, who spend all their time wishing someone would do the work. Then there are the jawbones, who do all the talking, but little else. The knucklebones knock everything anybody else tries to do. Fortunately, in every organization there are also the backbones, who get under the load and do most of the work" I hope each of us will determine to be backbones.

We need your help. Please get involved in some facet of our organization if you are not already. Our strength is not the bricks and mortar of our building or the stainless steel in our train, it is in the people that have a common love for trains.

For Sale – Walthers HO Steel Mill Series

By **Bob Hultman**

Don Gage has the entire original Walthers steel mill series for sale, including rolling stock. This is the series introduced by Walthers back 10 years ago or more. He's asking \$650 for the series; please contact **Don** directly at cell 615-519-2649 or E-mail dgage531@msn.com

NRHS News

Reported by **Herb Roth**

The NRHS Convention for 2010 will be held at "Steamtown" in Scranton, PA- June 22 - 26. For those of you have never been to this great railroad location I urge you to visit "Steamtown" - if not for the convention, then at sometime when you are in the Scranton area. It is truly remarkable.

The White Pass & Yukon will have the rest of their GE "shovel-nose" diesel fleet rebuilt, builder to be announced.

This year the Canadian Pacific celebrated 100 years of operating through its Spiral Tunnels beneath the Continental Divide at Kinking Horse Pass on the British Columbia-Alberta border.

For you photographers of trains and railroads- get a copy of "The Photographers Right" at Krages.com. Keep a copy in your camera bag or car. You will find it very helpful if confronted by railroad personnel or police.

TCRM Video Library

By **Charles Owens**

There are several videos that have been checked out of our video library for quite a long time. If you have a video from our library they can be returned to the Museum any time it is open. Only thing I ask you to do is be sure and put my name on the videos so I can be sure your name on the index card for that video & can be shown that video has been returned. Also, whoever has the video "Great Model Railroads by Allen Keller Vol. 59, it needs to be returned. It was checked out before I made an index card for it. I have misplaced that person's name. Thanks ahead of time for your cooperation on this matter

Business Car #102, The Palm Beach

By **Gordon Smith**

As many of our members may recall, it was about a year ago that TCRM, through the Nashville and Eastern Railroad Authority (NERA), applied to the Tennessee Dept of Transportation (TDOT) for transportation enhancement funding to restore our former TC Business Car #102, The Palm Beach, to her former glory. We got our application in on time and it received much written support from our members as well as our political friends all up and down the former TC line. Unfortunately, our application came up against some pretty tough competition in the evaluation of the various proposals. Accordingly, our application was turned down. All is not lost however. Our Museum, through the NERA, has reapplied for the funds to fully restore the Palm Beach. Once again we will need our members to write to TDOT Commissioner Nicely in support of our application. Between now and February we will be asking for your help in this endeavor. Some say the second time around works like a charm. Stay tuned for more information on how you can help.

Change in Policy – Excursion Train Ticket Prices for TCRM Members

By **Bob Hultman**

Some weeks ago TCRM officers learned that some individuals who were not TCRM members were buying excursion train tickets for half price by joining TCRM as a member at the time they were buying tickets. The half-price policy had been previously published in issues of the Order Board for several consecutive months in the 2nd half of 2008 and in the January 2009 issue. The Board of Directors met and approved canceling the half-price policy for TCRM members. Earning free tickets for volunteer hours worked remains in place. If anyone has any questions regarding this policy change, please contact **Terry Bebout** at 615-479-5758 or terry.bebout@earthlink.net