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Donations

George Benson- \$162.78 for RoundUp herbicide concentrate
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Tom Staggs- \$32 cash

2010 Cumberland Div-TCRM Schedule

May 13 TCRM Thursday Night Meeting Nashville TN
May 15 Train Robbery Trip to Watertown
May 21-23 SER-NMRA Annual Convention Birmingham AL
July 10 Murder Mystery Trip to Watertown Jazz Festival
July 11-18 NMRA National Convention 75th Anniversary
Milwaukee WI
July 24 Murder Mystery Trip to DelMonaco Winery Baxter TN
Sep 4-5, 11-12 Day Out With Thomas The Tank Engine – The
Celebration Tour 2010
Oct 2 Fall Mile-Long Yard Sale Trip to Watertown
Oct 9 Super Fall Foliage Trip to Monterey's Standing Stone
Fall Festival
Oct 16 Train Robbery Excursion Train Trip to Watertown
Oct 23 Super Fall Foliage Trip I to Cookeville
Oct 30 Super Fall Foliage Trip II to Cookeville

Host Committee

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New Members

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Robert Pfeiger Nashville TN
Douglas Schneider Bowling Green KY
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George Stickney Brentwood TN
Anthony Tart Lebanon TN
Please welcome our new members as they get to know us and take part in our activities.

Program

May 13 program will be a model RR clinic from DVDs from SouthEastern Region provided by member **Allen Hicks**. Member **W.O. Greene**, originally to do another slide show for the May meeting, has had to mark off account his wife's surgery. Contact **Terry Bebout** 615-479-5758 terry.bebout@earthlink.net or **Bob Hultman** 615-833-5158 hultman@bellsouth.net if you will present a program at our Thursday Night Meetings.

Excursion Train News

By **Bob Hultman**

Big news is the widespread record rainfall Saturday and Sunday that caused our May 1 trip to Monterey to come to a halt around MP 52 account roadbed washouts. The train backed up to a highway grade crossing where passengers and crew rode Wilson Co school busses back to TCRM. The train deboarding and bus boarding came off without injury. The train was then backed farther to the Carthage Jct area, eventually returning to TCRM Wednesday morning. Passengers were understanding of the circumstances and comments received so far have been positive.

This is the first trip in our 21-year history of operating excursion trains that I know of in which we did not complete the trip. Some additional comments follow below.

Our next trip is the May 15 Train Robbery trip to Watertown. If you want to work this trip, contact **Bob Hultman** at 615-833-5158 or cell 615-513-7187 E-mail hultman@bellsouth.net Crew sign-up sheet will be available at the May meeting.

TCRM News

By **Bob Hultman**

The record rainfall May 1-2 did not damage our building, other than water getting in on the meeting room floor where it usually does during heavy rains. Worst outside damage is an irregularly-shaped sinkhole next to the concrete & steel storm drain near the northwest corner of our building- a lot of gravel was washed away, permitting asphalt pavement to cave in. The fix will require more than just shovels, a wheelbarrow & some loads of aggregate.

Additional Flood Stories

Ken Oosting- The people in my car (4719) handled the delay in the trip very well. At the end they were so pleased with how the problem was handled that about ten people gave me monetary tips. I counted it later and found I had \$64. I gave \$20 to the woman who drove the bus I traveled with and the other \$44 will be a donation to the Museum.

Passenger Gene Hester- My family and I were on the passenger train from Nashville to Monterey Saturday May 1st and would like to commend the engineer and especially the brakeman that kept us out of harm's way. I want to thank all of the employees on the train that kept us informed as to what was happening and how we were to be evacuated! The... EMS handled the rescue great and was very fast in doing so. I appreciate all the bus drivers helping get us back to Nashville safely. Our Grandkids enjoyed the day. It was something they will always remember!!!! See ya'll next May for the Dogwood ride!!!!!!

Passenger Jacki Taylor Blanton- I have to tell you, in a bad situation, your team was exceptional! They all did a wonderful job. I need to particularly call out **Miss Michelle Wilson** and **Mr. Dave Gara**. They were the ones in my car that I had the most contact with, and I cannot say enough good things about these two.

Thursday Night Meeting – TCRM Willow St Nashville TN 6:30 pm May 13, 2010

They are worth their weight in gold, even before disaster struck!
Please, please tell them again how much they are appreciated.

Very well done, **Dave & Michelle!!**

I'll see if I can get **Brent Gaddes** to post some photos on the TCRM Website.

Hobby Shop News

By **Bob Hultman**

The hobby shop was closed Tuesday, May 4, but will be open Thursday, noon to 6:30 pm CDT. There are 3 boxes from Horizon Hobbies awaiting attention from the hobby shop staff.

Reminder- if you've been notified your special order items are available at the shop you need to come in & pick the items up.

Nashville Chapter NRHS News

By **Herb Roth**

A little history - Mathew Murray (England) built the first commercially successful steam locomotive, the "Salamanca", to haul coal wagons. George Stephenson saw Murray's engine, which inspired him to build his first locomotive. Stephenson also constructed the Stockton & Darlington Railway, which operated the first steam-hauled passenger train - with passengers riding in coal cars. In 1829 the first steam locomotive to operate in the USA, the Stourbridge Lion, was bought by the Delaware & Hudson Canal Co to haul coal from mines near Carbondale, PA.

Don't forget the NRHS Convention in Scranton, PA - June 22 - 26. Steamtown National Historic Site is a wonderful place for this convention. Four railroads serve Scranton - Canadian Pacific; Delaware - Lackawana; Reading & Northern and Norfolk - Southern.

Nashville Ntrak Report

By **Brandon Baxter**

Nashville Ntrak was busy during the month of April with layout exhibition events and work sessions. The Great Train Expo arrived in Nashville for the weekend of April 10-11. Nashville Ntrak hosted groups from Indianapolis (IN), Louisville (KY), and Memphis (TN) in a layout that measured 38' x 88'. The layout was comprised of a total of 50 Ntrak modules with the Nashville group providing 20 modules, the Indianapolis group providing 7 modules, the Louisville group providing 15 modules, and the Memphis group closing the layout by providing 8 modules. Only one other layout was present at the Great Train Expo for exhibition - the Tennessee Valley Model Railroaders set up their Ntrak layout near the Nashville Ntrak. There were no operating layouts on display representing other scales such as HO, O and G.

Work on the N scale layout at the TCRM building continues with track and scenery work. Yard ladders are being reconstructed for better reliability and operation and some areas of rough track are being replaced so that slow orders can be lifted. Scenery work continues under the direction of **Tom Staggs**. Dams are being installed along the stream that flows through the layout and the hills are receiving rock outcroppings and ground cover. The city scene along the front edge of the layout is slowly coming to life with buildings and an active trolley line that will include a long section of street running. If you are interested in working with us on this layout, please come down and see us at a Tuesday evening work session or contact **Tom Staggs** at tomstaggs2@comcast.net

Sick Call – Al Gerth

By **Bob Hultman**

TCRM member **Jennifer Tate** sent word that member **Al Gerth** was hospitalized in Centennial Hospital for internal bleeding of unknown cause over the April 30-May 1-2 weekend, missing the trip to Monterey. **Al** was discharged by Wednesday, May 5, to his daughter's home since his apartment complex was flooded.

Upcoming Conventions- Websites

SER 2010 Annual Convention-

<http://www.ser-nmra.org/convention.htm>

NMRA National Convention- <http://www.nmra75.org/>

NMRA 75th Anniversary Convention Update

By **Bob Hultman**

The NMRA 75 convention committee reports that it's received registrations from attendees who'll be coming from 11 countries outside of the United States, including Australia, Canada, England, France, Germany, Japan, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway and Switzerland.

Speaking of the convention, there's a special NMRA 75 flyer, prepared by the folks in Milwaukee; I'll get **Brent Gaddes** to post on the Website. The flyer has details about both the convention and the National Train Show.

Last Call for Membership 2010 Renewals

By **Bob Hultman**

If you haven't renewed your membership for 2010, this will be the last meeting notice you will receive for 2010. 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).