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## 2011 Cumberland Div-TCRM Schedule

- May 4-7 Mid-South Live Steamers Spring Meet Maury Co Park  
Columbia TN  
May 7 Spring Dogwood Festival Trip to Monterey  
May 12 TCRM Thursday Night Meeting TCRM Nashville  
May 14 Train Robbery Trip to Watertown  
June 10-11 Mid-South Live Steamers Mini-Meet Maury Co Park  
Columbia TN  
July 9 Murder Mystery Trip - Watertown Music & Arts Festival  
July 23 Murder Mystery Trip to DelMonaco Winery Baxter TN  
Sep 3-4, 10-11 Day Out With Thomas The Tank Engine at  
TCRM Nashville TN  
Oct 1 Watertown Mile-Long Yard Sale Trip Watertown TN

## Excursion Train News

By **Bob Hultman**

We have 2 more trips for spring 2011 coming up- they are 1) May 7 Monterey Dogwood Festival Trip and 2) May 14 Watertown Train Robbery Trip. Safety meetings for the Monterey trip starts at 6:30 am; safety meeting for the Watertown trip starts at 7:00 am.

The May 7 Monterey Dogwood Festival Trip is sold out. The May 14 Train Robbery trip is close to 90% sold.

We are always looking for TCRM members to help work these trips. If you want to work these trips, contact **Bob Hultman** at 615-833-5158 or cell 615-513-7187 or E-mail [hultman@bellsouth.net](mailto:hultman@bellsouth.net)

## Host Committee for May 2011 Meeting

Steve Price	Mike Pugh	Frank Ragno
JP Ralph	Ken Reynolds	Bill Rotenberry
Glenn Ruppert	Tom Ryan	John Ryan
Joe Sapp	Russ Schneider	Hank Sherwood
Jack Sirey	Ricky Smith	Gordon Smith

\*- Committee Chair

## Program

The May 2011 program will be a slide presentation by **Ralcon Wagner** on "40 Years of Amtrak". Anyone wanting to present a program at our Thursday night meetings, please contact **Bob Hultman** @ 615-833-5158, cell 615-513-7187 or E-mail [hultman@bellsouth.net](mailto:hultman@bellsouth.net)

## New Members

By **Bob Hultman**

**Brian McCray** Franklin TN (Family) **Brian** works for Norfolk Southern Corp in Birmingham AL.

Welcome our new members as they take part in our activities.

## Activity Fee for 2011 - 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 - Marilyn O'Neal. To renew via credit card, please call Marilyn 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).

## Day Out With Thomas 2011 News

By **Terry Bebout**

The Day Out with Thomas 2011 event flyers have arrived at TCRM. Please pick some up and hand out so we get the word out to as many folks as possible.

## Joining the TCRM Operating Crew

By **Terry Bebout**

If anyone is interested in being involved in the TCRM operating crews, please contact me directly, cell 615-479-5758 or E-mail [terry.beout@earthlink.net](mailto:terry.beout@earthlink.net) This issue has come up from time to time and the answer is yes, any member that wants to put in the time and effort can be a part of the operating crew. Please keep in mind this takes hours and hours of training and 'cubbing' with a qualified operating crew member. This also applies to dispatching. I encourage anyone wanting to be a crew member or dispatcher to get involved as we could use some extra people.

I am willing to do some basic training classes both classroom and in the field. Then it will be up to the individual to be on site when we do switching on Saturdays and on some weekdays to practice what they have learned. On Saturdays this usually happens early in the mornings and on weekdays it is when we have an opportunity as we have to work around the NERR freight trains.

To be a crew member qualified by the NERR one starts off as a brakeman (switchman), working the 'ground' throwing switches and coupling and uncoupling cars. From there one can move up to conductor and finally engineer. This process of beginning as a brakeman is the NERR process of getting started as a operating crew member.

We switch in the rain and the sun, in the hot and in the cold. Again, bear in mind this takes many, many hours of learning and doing and being proficient at it. There will also be a series of written tests one has to pass each year on rules, safety, timetable and Emergency Preparedness.

As always safety is number one on and around the railroad. Hope to hear from anyone that has an interest in being an operating crew member.

## April 27 Storms Affect TCRM Members

By **Bob Hultman**

Several of our members reported various levels of damage from the storms & tornadoes last week. **Jerry Jones** in Murfreesboro TN had a large tree fall onto the front of his home. He & wife

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**Thursday Night Meeting – 6:30 pm May 12, 2011 at TC Ry Museum Nashville TN**

**Shirley** also had their home damaged in a 2009 tornado that blew through their neighborhood. **Sam Martin** in Madison AL had some house damage & lots of trees blown over. Our administrative assistant **Marilyn O'Neal** had moderate to severe damage to a home she inherited from her father, plus lots of tree damage on the 22 acres around the house. **Jay & Michelle Wilson** experienced damage to their property & buildings near Dandridge TN. **Michelle's** new Jeep also got significant hail damage.

NMRA officials reported the NMRA HQ building lost some shingles, with much of the city without electricity, trees, fences, and power lines down all over just after the storm. Fortunately all of the staff members are unharmed. However Chief Administrative Officer Jenny Hendricks had her house picked up, rooms ripped open, and the roof blown off.

## Mid-South Live Steamers Spring Meet

By **Hank Sherwood**

Dates - May 4 thru May 7

Location - Maury Co. Park, Columbia, TN

Ride times - Thursday, Friday, Saturday 10am - 4pm

## HO Model RR News

By **Bob Hultman**

Smoky Mountain Model Works has announced their HO TC Ry boxcar page has been updated showing pictures of the pilot models. Web page link-

[http://www.smokymountainmodelworks.com/tc\\_boxcars.html](http://www.smokymountainmodelworks.com/tc_boxcars.html)

Owner is Jim King, company phone 828-777-5619 E-mail is jimking3@charter.net

## DOWT 2011 Parking – Need Help!

By **Don Gage**

I am looking for 12 or more folks to help with the upcoming Thomas event. I am in need for at least 12 per day for the 4 days please contact me at [dgage531@msn.com](mailto:dgage531@msn.com) or 615-519-2649. That number will let everyone get some time off during the run. Half days are ok as long as I can finish the day with 12 folks. Normally everyone will be out to by about 3 pm except on Sunday evenings when we must return all areas to normal operations for the weekdays following.

## End of *The Georgian* 40 Years Ago

By **John Coniglio**

Tonight (April 30) is the 40th anniversary of the end of *The Georgian*, St Louis-Atlanta service via the Nashville, Chattanooga & St Louis Ry. I wrote a li'l story about it, posted at

<http://www.chattimes.net/>

## Upcoming Group Tours at TCRM

By **Marilyn O'Neal**

Today, May 4, we got an unexpected visit from the Rochelle Center and we were fortunate to have **Brandon LeMay** here running trains on the HO layout. They would like to return again on Tuesday, May 10th at 9:30 am. This is our adult challenged group.

We also have a group of children from McKendree who will be here on Tuesday, May 17th at 9:20 am to visit with us.

We would appreciate any help from volunteers to help make these memorable visits. E-mail Marilyn at [mtitans08@aol.com](mailto:mtitans08@aol.com) or call the TCRM main number 615-244-9001 9 am to 5 pm Monday thru Friday..... **Marilyn**

## Largest Group Tour at TCRM for 2011

By **Marilyn O'Neal**

Today, April, 26, was one of the best school groups and best visits that we have had with the children from Vena Stuart Elementary from Gallatin TN. We had 103 students and 26 adults with them. We enjoyed a full 2+ hours with these children. They were well-behaved and were well prepared for their time with us. They have been studying early transportation and knew a little about us before they got here. They were rained out of their visit to Centennial Park and their visit to the State Capitol so they spent extra time with us. They stayed, learned and ate lunch with us today.

All in all we had a good day. We were well prepared with several members on hand. Today we were fortunate to have **Marvene Bilbrey, Jane & Terry Coats, Fred Enters, Bob Hultman, George Jackson, Eddie Justice, Hugh Lowe, Claire Martin, Kevin Matthews, Ed Minnich, Horton Monroe, Charles Owens, Jim Perry, Steve Price** and myself.

Again thanks for your help in teaching children to be safe and love OUR hobby.

## Upcoming Conventions- Websites

NMRA 2011 National Convention- <http://www.x2011west.org/>

SER 2011 Regional Convention- May 20-22, 2011 in Macon GA  
Questions- E-mail to [SER2011@bellsouth.net](mailto:SER2011@bellsouth.net)