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2011 Cumberland Div-TCRM Schedule

- Oct 15 Watertown Train Robbery Trip Watertown TN
- Oct 17 LA&SL RR Op Session 6:45 pm Nolensville TN
- Oct 20 TCRM Thursday Night Meeting Nashville TN
- Oct 22 Cookeville Super Fall Foliage Trip I Cookeville TN
- Oct 29 Cookeville Super Fall Foliage Trip II Cookeville TN
- Oct 29 LA&SL RR Op Session 8:45 am Nolensville TN
- Nov 5 Cumberland Division Meet-Model Train Show
At TCRM Nashville TN
- Nov 6-13 HO Modular RR Setup- Adventure Science Ctr
Nashville TN
- Nov 10 TCRM Thursday Night Meeting Nashville TN
- Nov 12 Watertown Murder Mystery Trip Watertown TN
- Nov 26 Watertown North Pole Express Trip Watertown TN
- Dec 3 Lebanon North Pole Express Trips Lebanon TN
- Dec 10 Lebanon North Pole Express Trips Lebanon TN

2012

- June 1-3 SER Annual Convention Gatlinburg TN
- July 29-Aug 4 NMRA 77th Annual Convention Grand Rails 2012
Grand Rapids MI

Host Committee - Oct 2011 Meeting

Phil Baggett	Brandon Baxter	Terry Bebout*
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Dan Cole	Chris Cook	Richard Davis

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October 2011 Program

The program for October will be a transportation-related homeland security video presented by Julia McKee with TN state government. The program for the Nov 10 Thursday Night Meeting will be a slide presentation on "25 Years of the Nashville & Eastern Railroad" by **Ralcon Wagner**. 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

TC Steam Color Photo

By **Robert Thurman**

Great photo, Bob. This was in the final year of steam operation on the TC, and this locomotive was out-shopped and placed on stand-by service in Nashville for awhile. Number 703 (heavy Mike) was also placed in stand-by service in Monterey during this period.

A Brent Gaddes E-mail message- I ran across this color photo of TC 2-8-2 #607 taken in 1953 at Emory Gap on the Railpictures web site.

<http://www.railpictures.net/viewphoto.php?id=374296&nseq=0>

New Members

By **Bob Hultman**

Catherine Saunders, White House TN (Family)

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

Excursion Train News

By **Bob Hultman**

Our next trip is the Watertown Train Robbery Trip on Oct 15. Safety meeting starts at 7 am, with departure at 9:00 am. Following 2 Saturdays see the 2 Cookeville Super Fall Foliage Trips. Sign-up sheets for these trips will be at the Oct 20 meeting. We are always looking for TCRM members to help work these trips. To do so, contact **Bob Hultman** at 615-833-5158; cell 615-513-7187 or E-mail hultman@bellsouth.net

HO Model RR News

By **Bob Hultman**

Congratulations to **Dan Cole** on having 2 photos of his HO model RR published in the 2012 Walthers HO scale catalog. Copies of the catalog are available in TCRM's hobby shop. Well done, **Dan!**..... Bob H In **Dan's** words- Train Guys, I was pleasantly surprised to find out Walthers selected two pictures of my HO scale Pacific RR layout to be in the new 2012 catalog. One is on page 589 and the other on page 590. The one on page 589 is dedicated to the late Gene Caldwell, a long-time modeler most of you will remember (Editor's Note- **Gene & Carolyn Caldwell** were very active for many years with Cumberland Division and later TCRM).

The Cumberland Valley Model Railroaders will once again be setting up the HO scale modular RR on the 1st floor of Adventure Science Center for ASC's 2011 Whistlestop Weekend. Our setup will start Sunday, Nov 6 and run thru closing on Sunday Nov 13. This will be another opportunity to promote the hobby of model railroading in pleasant surroundings for a 7-day run. Contact **Bob Hultman** or **Len Hollinger** if you want to help in any way.

Upcoming Conventions- Websites

NMRA 2012 National Convention- <http://gr2012.org/>

SER 2012 Regional Convention- June 1-3, 2012 in Gatlinburg TN

Web site - <http://www.tface.org/2012.htm>

Sick Call – Nicho Young

By **Bob Hultman**

Thanks to Bob Hock for sending this on..... Nicho's home mailing address is 1702 Green Hills Dr in Nashville TN 37215. Please keep Nicho in your thoughts and prayers as he recovers from knee replacement surgery. From **Bob Hock**- To All, Nicho had knee replacement surgery Monday Oct 10 early in the morning. I went to see him around 11 AM and he was still sort of groggy from all the good drugs but seemed to be fine. I don't know how long he will be staying. He is at Baptist Hospital in room 8721. I am sure he would appreciate visitors, cards, and prayers

Thursday Night Meeting – 6:30 pm October 20, 2011 at TCRM Nashville TN

NMRA Data Sheets Program

by **M. David Johnson**

NMRA Data Sheets Manager

The NMRA Data Sheets are intended to be a resource for modelers. They comprise a collection of information on General Modeling, Scenery, Trackwork, Motive Power, Rolling Stock, Structures, Electrical Work, Operations, and Prototype Information. The Data Sheets are available on the new Members-Only section of the NMRA website at <http://www.nmra.org/member/>.

For example, from D9a.1 – Classification of Locomotives, Steam Type:



0-10-0 10-wheel Switcher
For heavy switching service
1905-25: 60



2-4-2 Columbia
Obsolete light passenger type
1890-1900: 121



2-6-0 Mogul
One time freight,
now used on branches
1860-1910: 11,000



2-6-2 Prairie
Rare, light freight type
1901-10: 1,700



2-8-0 Consolidation
For way freights and
heavy switching
1866-1916: 33,000



2-8-2 Mikado (or MacArthur)
Most used freight type
1905-30: 14,000

However, many of the Data Sheets are out of date, having been originally prepared in the 1940s, 1950s, and 1960s. Most have only received cosmetic updates. For example, Data Sheet D4g (Diesel-Electric Locomotive Specifications) was first issued in April of 1960. It doesn't include data on any locomotive much newer than a GP-9.

I and Van Fehr of Connecticut, the NMRA Data Sheets Assistant Manager, along with Tony Koester, the Exalted Grand Poobah of the Data Sheets Revitalization Project, are currently engaged in efforts to bring the Data Sheets up to date and to add new data sheets to provide even more information to support your modeling.

We've already added four new Data Sheets which were published in the NMRA Magazine, two of which are now on the website as well:

- Alco HH-Series Switchers by Jerry T. Moyers (11/2009 issue – also on the website)
- Monon 42-Foot Gondola by Mont Switzer (1/2010 issue)
- One Room Milk House by Mont Switzer (3/2010 issue – also on the website)
- Alco S-Series Switchers by Jerry T. Moyers (2/2011 issue)

Meanwhile, we're also working on the following three tasks:

1. Perform a survey, by sections, of the existing Data Sheets to determine revision needs and set priorities, and to assess the need for new and additional sheets.
2. Assemble a database of existing and potential Data Sheet authors.
3. Assemble a peer review committee to check proposed Data Sheets before publication.

When we've completed those three tasks, we'll be ready to start work on revising and updating the existing Data Sheets and adding more new ones as well.

Watch this space, as well as the NMRA Magazine, for further developments as we go along.

And, if you have any ideas for the project, e.g. any ideas for improvements or new Data Sheets, please drop me a line at mdj@bds-soft.com