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2013-2014 Cumberland Div-TCRM Schedule

- Nov 2 Cumberland Div Fall Meet-Model Train Show at TCRM
Nov 7 TCRM Thursday Night Meeting at TCRM Nashville
Nov 9 Murder Mystery Excursion Train to Watertown
Nov 15-17 Whistlestop Weekend at Adventure Science Center Nashville – N & HO modular RRs set up
Nov 16 Fall Excursion Train to DelMonaco Winery at Baxter
Nov 16 trip is **SOLD OUT**
Nov 30 North Pole Express Excursion Train with Santa to Watertown
Dec 7 North Pole Express Excursion Train with Santa to Lebanon – 2 Trips
Dec 12 Christmas Party & Annual Road Kill Buffet at TCRM
Dec 14 North Pole Express Excursion Train with Santa to Lebanon – 2 Trips
Feb 8 Valentines Day Murder Mystery Trip to Watertown
Feb 15 Excursion Train to DelMonaco Winery at Baxter
Mar 15 Excursion Train to DelMonaco Winery at Baxter
Mar 22 Cumberland Div Spring Meet-Model Train Show & TCRM Open House
Apr 12 Easter Bunny Excursion Train I to Watertown
Apr 19 Easter Bunny Excursion Train II to Watertown
Apr 26 Spring Mile-Long Yard Sale Excursion Train to Watertown

November 2013 Program

Our November 2013 program will be a presentation by **Ralcon Wagner** on **Trains Across Illinois**: A PowerPoint presentation of railroad action through the Land of Lincoln during 2011-2013. Subjects include Amtrak, commuter, light rail, transit, shortlines, BNSF's transcon line, and more.

Anyone wanting to present a program at our Thursday night meetings, please contact **Bob Hultman** cell 615-513-7187 E-mail hultman@bellsouth.net

Host Committee – November 2013 Meeting

Jim Adair	Phil Baggett	Nathan Baker
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Ralcon Wagner	Lee Ware	Pete Weaver
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HO Model RR News

By **Bob Hultman**

The HO modular RR will be setting up at Adventure Science Center's 2013 **Whistlestop Weekend**, Nov 15 thru 17. See the 2013 Whistlestop Weekend item for more information.

Fall 2013 Division Meet on Nov 2

By **Bob Hultman**

Our Fall 2013 Cumberland Vision Meet & Model Train Show will be Saturday, Nov 2, at TCRM. Dealer tables are selling well, TCRM member **Russ Schneider** has agreed to do a clinic on an automated method for speed-matching locomotives using the JMRI computer program. All the other usual activities will be part of the Meet. If anyone wants to present a clinic, please contact **Bob Hultman** at cell 615-513-7187 or E-mail hultman@bellsouth.net

2013 Whistlestop Weekend Nov 15-17

By **Bob Hultman**

Adventure Science Center's 2013 **Whistlestop Weekend** will be Nov 15 thru 17. This is 1 week later than previous years. ASC's Larry Dunlap-Berg said the reason for ASC moving the date 1 week later into November is ASC hopes to increase attendance with the event closer to the holidays. Once again both Nashville Ntrak & Cumberland Division's HO modular railroaders will be setting up modular RRs at ASC with the N scale RR being set up for several weeks into early January while the HO RR will be set up starting Sunday Nov 10 with takedown on Nov 17. Anyone interested in participating in the HO modular RR effort, please contact **Bob Hultman** at cell 615-513-7187 or E-mail hultman@bellsouth.net

Excursion Train News

By **Bob Hultman**

Our next trip for 2013 is the Murder Mystery Trip to Watertown on Nov 9. Safety meeting starts at 7 am, with departure at 9:00 am; return to Nashville should be about 3:15 pm or so. Sign-up sheets for the three November trips, Nov 9 Murder Mystery, Nov 16 DelMonaco Winery & Nov 30 North Pole Express will be at our Nov 9 meeting.

We are always looking for TCRM members to help work these trips. To do so, contact **Bob Hultman** at cell 615-513-7187 or E-mail hultman@bellsouth.net

SER 2014 Convention in Memphis TN

By **George Gilbert**

SouthEastern Region, Nat'l Model RR Association, 2014 Annual Convention will be a joint convention with Mid-Continent Region, to be held in Memphis June 13thru June 15 2014. This promises to be a better than average Region Convention and it is a short drive for us. The Memphis Railroad and Trolley Museum and the Bluff City Division of the NMRA are proud to host the 2014 Joint Convention of the Southeastern and Mid Continent Regions of the NMRA.

<http://mrtm.org/convention>

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Thursday Night Meeting – Nov 7, 2013 6:30 pm at TCRM Nashville TN

Nashville Traction Researcher Needed

By **Don LeCroy**

As I related in our phone conversation this morning (30 Oct 2013), I had volunteered to act as local researcher to locate as many vintage photographic images as possible for a new book by Mr. David Steinberg, who has published at least four volumes on Chattanooga streetcars and railroad stations so far. He has amassed a considerable amount of obscure historical data relative to Nashville's transit heritage, but needs about 90-100 more photos to make-up the required content for the publisher, Arcadia. The target date of approximately March 2014 allows plenty of time for continuing the efforts I have already started, were it not for my recent diagnosis of cancer which will unavoidably sideline me, and since David is in New York and cannot commute back and forth for this work, my situation will cause a valuable tome not to reach market, and Nashville will remain unknown in its traction contribution.

It occurred to me that this facet of rail history would be a great project for TCRM as it would without doubt increase its contribution to historic preservation and spread its reputation wide and far as the book would be distributed through major vendors such as Barnes and Noble, Amazon etc., and would likely be sold widely in the subject area, Middle Tennessee.

I would hope that someone, particularly if they have an interest in the fascinating history of traction in Nashville, Murfreesboro, Columbia and Clarksville, might volunteer to contribute a little time following-up on the tremendous work Mr. Steinberg has already done and the effort I have started to bring this forgotten chapter to light as it so deserves.

Ed Note- If you want to help out with this effort, contact Don LeCroy directly at **jameslecroy@tds.net** Thank you for your consideration..... James D. Le Croy

Sad News – Passing of Jim FitzGerald

By **Bob Hultman**

Jim Fitzgerald, N-Scale pioneer, and the father of Ntrak has passed away. <http://4dprn.org/grabiron/?p=3423>

Upcoming Conventions & Shows

Nov 2 Cumberland Division Meet & Model Train Show at TCRM

Mar 22 Cumberland Division Spring 2014 Meet-Model Train Show & TC Ry Museum Open House at TCRM

July 13-19 NMRA 2014 Cleveland National Convention in Cleveland OH July 13-19

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