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TCRM Excursion Train 25th Anniversary

By **Terry Bebout**

Just wanted to provide you all some details concerning the 25th anniversary celebration in May. As you already know we are having a small coal-burning live steam engine brought in (comes in by truck) that will be the focal point of our celebration. You can see the exact engine that is coming in by looking it up on the Internet- Flagg Coal Company #75. The owners of the steam engine come in with it for operation.

Tuesday May 27- Steam engine arrives by truck, unloading at TCRM.

Wednesday May 28-Media Day. Operate steam engine at Southern Jct yard area for news media.

Thursday May 29-Special TCRM members day. Operate steam engine at Southern Jct yard area during the day. Be sure to call of E-mail Marilyn (615-244-9001 or mtitans08@aol.com) to reserve your time to operate the steam locomotive. Special catered evening meal at 6 pm under tent. Entertainment by Grand Ole Opry Star Buddy Jewell. Special members' excursion from TCRM to MP 5.6 and return at 7:30 pm.

Friday May 30-Continuation of media day if necessary.

Saturday May 31-Public excursions at 9 am, 12 noon & 3 pm from TCRM to MP 5.6 and return.

Sunday June 1-Public excursions at 12 noon and 3pm from TCRM to MP 5.6 and return.

Keep in mind this is a small steam engine that operates at an average speed of 10 mph. Another locomotive will be at the other end of the train for assistance and making the return trip. We will probably only have 5-6 coaches in the consist. During the public excursion days TCRM will be open with various displays. Included will be one of the NERR Dash 8-40BW locomotives for cab tours.

514 Power Car Update

By **Steve Tomblin**

Work has begun on updating and improving the 514 power car with a much more reliable, modern Cummins 480 volt generator and electrical systems. This power car will act as a backup to the currently operating 901 power car and allow the Museum the option to operate a second excursion train if desired. Currently, the water-damaged floor has been replaced by **Richard Douglas** and his team, the new generator should arrive by the end of April, initial consulting has occurred for hot air exhaust ductwork and cool air intake louvers, **Jay Wilson** has consulted about additional floor work, and interior cleaning and painting should begin soon. Once completed, this car should once again become a reliable and productive member of the excursion fleet.

New Members

Bruce, Jeremiah & Joshua Quinn, Cory Brooks Gallatin TN (Family)

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

2014 Cumberland Div-TCRM Schedule

May 1-3 Mid-South Live Steamers' Spring Meet

Maury Co Park in Columbia TN

May 3 Dogwood Spring Festival Trip to Monterey

May 9 TCRM Thursday Night Meeting Nashville TN on **FRIDAY**

May 17 Train Robbery Trip to Watertown

May 31-June 1 TCRM Excursion Train 25th Anniversary Celebration Nashville TN

June 13-15 SER Regional Convention – Rails Across The River Memphis TN

June 21 Excursion Train to DelMonaco Winery at Baxter

July 12 Murder Mystery Excursion Train to Watertown Music & Arts Festival

July 13-19 NMRA National Convention in Cleveland OH

July 19 Excursion Train to DelMonaco Winery at Baxter

Aug 9 Excursion Train to DelMonaco Winery at Baxter

May Meeting Cookout

By **Terry Bebout**

The May meeting will be a special cookout social & members meeting on Friday evening May 9. We have done this special cookout meeting for the last couple of years and looking forward to another great one this year. It's a night of food, fun and fellowship as a prelude to our 25th anniversary celebration. The menu will be catfish cooked by **Terry Bebout**, steak & potatoes cooked by **Frank Holt** and homemade hushpuppies by **John Graves**. TCRM will supply soft drinks, cups & ice. If you want to bring a side dish of dessert, you're welcome to do so.

May 2014 Program

We will not have a May program as such..... We will have a short membership meeting at 7 pm for announcements. 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 – None for May Meeting

Excursion Train News

By **Bob Hultman**

We still have 2 trips in May- our Spring Festival Trip to Monterey on May 3 and the Train Robbery Trip to Watertown on May 17. Safety meeting for the Monterey trip starts at 6:30 am at TCRM; the May 17 trip safety meeting starts at 7 am. Keep in mind these trips board passengers at Donelson Music City Star station, NOT at TCRM. Crew sign-up sheet for the May 17 trip will be at our May 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

Thursday Night Meeting – May 9, 2014 6:00 pm at TCRM Nashville TN

HO Model RR News

By **Bob Hultman**

Randal Brooks has brought his 12' module group to TCRM and is working on installing 3 bridges, roadbed and trackage.

Randal has done a quite excellent job on the bridges. **Len Hollinger & Randal** did the basic benchwork building at **Len's** home.

The large fleet of motor vehicles has arrived and will be added to the RR soon. Come on by TCRM on Saturday afternoons & check on our progress.....

Easter Egg Hunt at Napier School

By **Marilyn O'Neal**

The message below is from the Assistant principal at Napier. I really meant to also thank everyone that helped to make this a success. Thank you, **Marvene Bilbrey, Fred Enters, Bob Hultman, George Jackson, Amber McGill, Ashley McGill, Kim McGill** (she wore the bunny suit all afternoon), **Margie & Wayne Sharpe**. We all appreciated each other that day with the few people that we had versus the number of children we were serving. All in all it was a wonderful day.

-----Original Message-----

From: Lawless, Watechia E <Watechia.Lawless@mnps.org>

To: mtitans08 <mtitans08@aol.com>

Sent: Mon, Apr 21, 2014 4:16 pm

Subject: Thank you

Thank you again for all of your hard work in putting on Napier's Easter Egg hunt. The kids had a ball.

Attached is the link to the NewsChannel 2 coverage of the Easter Egg Hunt that happened on Friday.

<http://www.wkrn.com/story/25278084/napier-elementary-easter-egg-hunt>

Dr. Watechia Lawless, Assistant Principal

Upcoming Conventions & Shows

May 1-3 Mid-South Live Steamers' Spring Meet in Maury Co Park in Columbia TN

June 13-15 SER Joint Regional Convention with Mid-Continent Region – Rails Across The River Memphis TN

July 13-19 NMRA 2014 Cleveland National Convention in Cleveland OH <http://www.2014cleveland.org>

**July 25-26 5th Annual Madison Train Show
LARGEST MIDDLE TN MULTI –SCALE
SUMMER TRAIN SHOW**

Fri July 25 – 3 pm to 6:00 pm (private running session for modelers, 6:00 to 8:00 pm)

Sat July 26 - 9 am to 3:30 pm 65 vendor tables, 5 layouts. Vendor tables are still available.

For info, Call Nathan Baker, Madison Train Show Chairman 615-615-3324 nathanbaker@comcast.net