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Donations

Eddie Bowers- \$1,000 cash
Dr Art Cushman- A variety of framed RR photos and prints, lanterns and other RR memorabilia
John Kennedy- \$300 cash
Hugh Lowe- \$20 cash
Bill Strong- \$1,000 cash

2015 Cumberland Div-TCRM Schedule

Feb 12 TCRM Thursday Night Meeting Nashville TN
Feb 14 Valentines Day Murder Mystery Excursion Train to Watertown
Feb 21 Excursion Train to DelMonaco Winery at Baxter
Mar 21 Excursion Train to DelMonaco Winery at Baxter
Mar 28 Easter Bunny Trip I Excursion Train to Watertown
Apr 4 Easter Bunny Trip I Excursion Train to Watertown
Apr 11 Cumberland Div Fall Division Meet-Model Train Show & TC Ry Museum Open House
Apr 18 Spring Mile-Long Yard Sale Excursion Train to Watertown
Apr 25 Dixie Line Days Train Show Wartrace TN
Apr 30-May 2 Mid-South Live Steamers Spring Meet Maury Co Park in Columbia TN
May 2 Dogwood Spring Festival Excursion Train to Monterey
May 16 Train Robbery Excursion Train to Watertown TN

February 2015 Program

Our February program will be a presentation by **Nathan Baker** of video of the HO scale RR that was built in the Sircy Building many years ago. There will also be a 2nd presentation of our annual car host safety certification program by **Terry Bebout**. Anyone wanting to car host on our excursion trains is required to have this certification.

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

No More Host Committee

By **Bob Hultman**

During the Jan Thursday Night Meeting, most members indicated a preference for TCRM providing some snacks & drinks for the meeting vs a host committee doing so. Accordingly, there is no host committee for the Feb 2015 meeting. TCRM will provide snacks & soft drinks. If anyone wants to augment the Museum-provided snacks & soft drinks, they are certainly welcome to do so. To help cover the cost of the snacks & soft drinks, the Board of Directors approved a \$5 increase in the annual activity fee from \$30 to \$35 for regular membership and from \$35 to \$40 for family membership. This increase will be effective beginning CY 2016.

New Members

Gary Nielson Nashville TN

Mike Volle Mt Juliet TN

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

Activity Fee for 2015 - Renewal

TCRM annual membership renewal is now upon us. Please mail your activity fee renewals (for 2015 the fee remains \$30 individual, \$35 for family members of the same household), made payable to TCRM to TC Ry Museum at 220 Willow St in Nashville TN 37210-2159 Attn – **Bob Hultman**. If you prefer to renew via credit-debit card, please call TCRM at 615-244-9001 or stop by the Museum to do so in person. Also, be sure to include any updated roster information (name, family member names, mailing address, phone numbers and current E-mail addresses).

Excursion Train News

By **Bob Hultman**

We start off 2015 with 2 trains in February, our Valentines Day Murder Mystery trip to Watertown on Feb 14, followed by a trip to DelMonaco Winery a week later on Feb 21. If you are going to work these trips, make sure you have attend the car host safety certification class. There will be another class during our Feb 12 meeting. Sign-up sheets for the 2 February trips will be at our Feb 12 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

Nashville Ntrak News

By **Steve Haber**

On our Yahoo Nashville N-TRAK group it was proposed that Nashville N-TRAK consider adding a N-Scale T-TRAK sub group. Many of the N-TRAK clubs around in the US and around the world are adding T-TRAK divisions to their organizations. T-TRAK is a smaller module concept than N-TRAK Modules using KATO N-scale Unitrack primarily. A single module is 12 1/8" wide and double is twice that plus 1/16".

T-TRAK was one of the primary discussions at the 22 January N-TRAK meeting. It wasn't just theory and abstract discussion as **Steve Haber** brought some T-TRAK modules to the meeting to introduce members to T-TRAK. Members' discussion included the obvious differences between T-TRAK vs N-TRAK standards and some items in common. Before the end of that meeting **Steve** was nominated for and accepted the appointment as the T-TRAK Coordinator for Nashville N-TRAK group. You can reach him voice and text at (931)-205-1861 or stevehaber21@gmail.com We now have established the Middle Tennessee T-TRAK on the Web site "<http://ttrak.wikidot.com/middle-tennessee-t-trak>"

There are links to T-TRAK groups around the world, T-TRAK and photos of the Mid TN T-TRAK Modules. **Steve Haber** has

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generated CAD Anyrail, generated Design Concept drawing for the use of T-TRAK modules as the Mountain/Green line on N-TRAK modules.

Steve is in the process of renovating one of the old Nashville N-TRAK 4 ft modules to take the concept from design into reality. It should be ready in time for the Annual Dixie Lines Train Show in Wartrace Saturday April 25. We will also have T-TRAK layout at Wartrace too. At this month's World's Greatest Hobby Train Show in Louisville 14-15 Feb, our new Middle Tennessee T-TRAK group is combining modules with Radcliff Model RR Association T-TRAK Division and Kentuckiana T-Trak for a combined T-TRAK Layout.

Help with Excursion Train Boarding Gate

By **Bob Hultman**

TCRM member **Kirk Butler** called Feb 4 saying he's had complications following a mid-January left knee replacement & would like someone to help him with the boarding gate duties for our Feb 14 Valentines Day trip. Call **Bob Hultman** at 615-513-7187 or E-mail hultman@bellsouth.net if you will help **Kirk** at the boarding gate.

TCRM Hobby Shop News

By **Ed Minnich**

We Have Deals For You! New HO Arrivals at Reduced Prices:

ATH Genesis GP39X w/snd SOU \$202

ATH GP38-2 BNSF \$75

ATH 30K Gal Tank Car 3 packs \$80

ATH 40' Box N&W \$15

Vehicle & People Specials!! Check out our ever increasing supply of vehicles and figures in both HO and N. Most are at reduced prices.

TC HH660's W/Snd Delayed (again): The Atlas built HH660's with DCC and sound, bearing the TC roadname have been delayed until February 28, 2015. We have a couple of non-sound units in stock and the supply is extremely limited.

Reserve Your TC C420 Now! Atlas has announced plans to run TC Ry Alco C420's in both HO and N scales. URL to Atlas 2015 HO Catalog HO Announcements-
<http://download.atlasrr.com/0115Cat/HO-1.pdf>

Delivery date has not been announced. You may reserve your choice today by sending us an email with your order to: tchobbyshop@gmail.com.

Atlas HO Silver DCC ready:

TC #400 10001982 \$169.95 TC #401 10001983 \$169.95

Atlas HO Gold DCC w/Sound:

TC #400 10011007 \$259.95 TC #401 10011008 \$259.95

Atlas N, DCC ready:

TC #400 40002335 \$129.95 TC #401 40002336 \$129.95

Atlas N w/DCC:

TC #400 40002358 \$164.95 TC #401 40002359 \$164.95

Stay tuned for more announcements.....

Sad News – Passing of Al Gerth

By **Bob Hultman**

TCRM received notification on Jan 8 that long-time TCRM member & excursion train car host **Al Gerth** passed away on Christmas Day. **Al** has been a long-standing member of the Museum and worked countless excursion trains. His funeral was Wednesday Jan 14th at 1 pm at Woodlawn Funeral home, attended by TCRM members **Earl Henry, Bob Hultman, Joe Sapp & Bill Stewart**. Burial including military honors & presentation of the US Colors by 2 US Army soldiers followed in the Woodlawn Cemetery on the south side of Thompson Lane.

Train Show in Athens TN Feb 20-22

By Pat Turner

Chattanooga Modular Modelers Train Show in Athens TN on Feb 20 thru 22. <http://www.chatmodmod.org> Show Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/events/386390641522664/> We will have a HO modular layout, N scale modular layout (N Trak, but with only the 2 outside mainlines), 4x8 N scale layout, small Z scale layout, 7.5" gauge large scale trains. We will have tables with trains For Sale. Food & Drink will be available. Free Admission, but Donations are very welcome and Tax Deductible. Hours: Fri 6 pm to 9 pm, Sat 9 am to 9 pm, Sun 9 am to 6 pm.

Upcoming Conventions & Shows

Feb 20 thru 22 Chattanooga Modular Modelers Train Show Athens TN

Apr 11 Cumberland Division Spring 2015 Meet-Model Train Show & TC Ry Museum Open House at TCRM

Apr 25 Dixie Line Days Train Show Wartrace TN 800-465-0448 or contact@dixieflyertrains.com

**June 5-6, 2015 SER Annual Convention Greenville SC
Aug 23-30, 2015 - NMRA Nat'l Convention Portland OR**