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Donations

Dr Art Cushman- A variety of RR-related items (Lionel coin bank, Jim Beam decanter, etc.)

Mark Matthews- \$65 cash

Russ Schneider- 20 feet of HO modules including 27 Peco track turnouts, 2 Peco double slip turnouts, 29 Tortoise slow-motion electric switch motors, a DC power supply and 3 module stands.

2015 Cumberland Div-TCRM Schedule

- Mar 12 TCRM Thursday Night Meeting Nashville TN
- 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
- June 23 Union Elementary Kids Zone Tour (50-60 students)
- July 9 Crockett Elementary Tour (60 students)
- July 21 Long View Elementary Tour (80 students)

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).

Division Meet, Model Train Show, TCRM Open House on Apr 11

By **Bob Hultman**

We have our 34th consecutive annual Cumberland Division Spring Division Meet & Model Train Show coming up on April 11, coinciding with TCRM's Annual Open House. New this year is the addition of the Dixie Model RR Club to our list for self-guided layout tours. Also, TCRM & Cumberland Division member **Peter Burr** will be presenting a clinic during the Meeting on handlaying track turnouts using the Fast Tracks system of turnout fixtures. There will also be several different TCRM Open House activities, so please consider volunteering to help out with giving TCRM's best side to our visitors & attendees.

March 2015 Program

Our March 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.

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

New Members

Rich Bolte- Mt Juliet TN

Joe Holt- Murfreesboro TN - **RERAIL**

Dave Kinser- Tullahoma TN - **RERAIL**

Devon Parsons- Nashville TN

William C Short- Cedar Hill TN (Family)

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

Excursion Train News

By **Bob Hultman**

We have our 2nd Winery train coming up on Mar 21, followed immediately by our 2 Easter Bunny Trips to Watertown on March 28 and Apr 4. There's a 1-week break in excursion trains, then we start back up with our Watertown Spring Mile-Long Yard Sale Trip. Sign-up sheets for the 2 March trips & the 1st April trip will be at the Mar 12 meeting. We are always looking for TCRM members to help work these trips. To do so, contact **Bob Hultman** cell 615-513-7187, E-mail hultman@bellsouth.net

Nashville Ntrak News

By **Jimmie Guthrie**

We had completed a two-day run and setup with the KSONs (Kentuckiana Society of N Scalers) in Louisville. Used a module that had not been used for a while but it worked. Had some electrical issues and hope that we can solve those for the next upcoming show. The next show will be the Dixie Line Days Train Show in Wartrace April 25. Look for more info as it comes available. June is the Smyrna layout and July is the Madison show. We'll again provide more information as those shows get near.

Upcoming School Tours at TCRM

By **Bob Hultman**

Various school groups are scheduling tour dates-times at TCRM already for 2015. Right now we have 3 groups listed in our schedule. These groups range in number from 50 to 80 students plus staff. Please consider helping out with these tours as we get closer to their scheduled dates. Tour times are 10 am to noon. To sign up for helping with a school tour, E-mail **Jean Amos**, our administrative assistant, at jamos_tncentralrailway@outlook.com or call 615-244-9001.

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Thursday Night Meeting – March 12, 2014 6:30 pm at TCRM Nashville TN

Sick Call – Marilyn O’Neal

By **Bob Hultman**

TCRM member **Marilyn O’Neal** is recovering from surgery at home. **Tim O’Neal** reports she is making slow but sure progress. I’m sure **Marilyn** would like to hear from TCRM members- her mailing address is PO Box 31 in Antioch TN 37011-0031

Sad News – Passing of Mike Pugh

By **Terry Bebout**

Former TCRM member **Mike Pugh** passed away Feb 12. He had no family and few asserts. Some of his friends are collecting funds for the burial. If you would like to contribute please see me and I will get the funds to the right place.

TCRM Jackets – Now Ordering

By **Terry Bebout**

We will extend the ordering time for TCRM windbreaker jackets until the meeting on March 12. These are black nylon lined jackets with snap closures and a white silk-screened TCRM logo over the left breast.

Jackets are \$25.00 each (sizes S thru XLg); 2XLg is \$27.00 and 3XLg is \$30. If you are interested make a check payable to TCRM and send or bring it to my attention at the Museum. Cutoff date for ordering will be Thursday March 12.

TCRM Hobby Shop News

By **Ed Minnich**

The hobby shop launched its Web site www.tchobbyshop.com in mid-February. A separate Web site was deemed necessary so that engines such as Google will find us. The hobby shop crew and committee are hopeful that our shop will receive improved recognition from the general public as we are the only model train store in the Nashville metro area.

We will continue to communicate new arrivals, deals, and other time-sensitive information via our E-mail newsletter. The initial mailing list was established from TCRM’s membership roster, however all new subscribers must sign up individually. If you have changed your E-mail address, you may not be receiving the newsletter and will need to sign up again. Simply go to www.tchobbyshop.com and click on the “Join Our Newsletter” button to re-establish your subscription.

During the past several months, TC Hobby Shop became an authorized dealer for Sylvan Scale Models, Cripple Bush Valley, and Atlas. In the case of Sylvan and Cripple Bush, we are able to provide quality products at very favorable pricing for our customers. Normally these products are only available at MSRP plus shipping costs. In regard to our new direct relationship with Atlas, our customers should see some advantages when it comes to parts replacement and customer support. Because of Atlas’ quantity requirements, we anticipate very little improvement, if any, in pricing advantage.

If you have outstanding advanced reservations you have most likely encountered significant delays in the delivery dates. Atlas, Intermountain, and a couple of smaller vendors experienced a shutdown of their overseas manufacturing facilities. Just as the manufacturing activity came back on line, the west coast dockworkers went on strike. There is approximately a 60-90 day backlog in unloading cargo bound for the west coast. Some shippers are now diverting from the west coast but in any case, the delays will continue for a while.

Since last fall, your hobby shop crew has been scouring the vendor newsletters and Web sites for *deals*. If you’ve been in the shop lately, you’ll see an increase in stock of vehicles, figures, locos, and rolling stock. Many of these items are priced below MSRP, and most all of the items also qualify for the TCRM member’s discount.

Last, but certainly not least, crew member **Mike Embree** has been working diligently on re-configuring the shop. When it’s all done, look for a better in-stock selection of scenery supplies, better organization of tools, track, couplers and trucks. Way to go, **Mike!!**

TN Rail Valuation Maps Archives

By **Brian McDonnell**

An entire collection of land valuation maps around the state’s railroads has just been published. Every railroad is covered, including the old Tennessee Central Railway in its respective counties. Those of us who are historically inclined might like to see this.

<http://www.comptroller.tn.gov/sap/RRmaps.asp#Wilson>

Upcoming Conventions & Shows

- 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**