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Jay & Michelle Wilson- One steel electrical locker, field dimensions, shop drawings, all primed gray & delivered to site \$1,054.00

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).

Reminder - 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** & Lee Dixon 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.

April 2015 Program

Our April program will be a presentation by **Brian McDonnell** of a 27-minute preview of his documentary video about TCRM covering who we are, what we do, how we came to be and why we do it.

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

Excursion Train News

By **Bob Hultman**

We have our 2nd Easter Bunny Trip to Watertown on Apr 4, then our Watertown Spring Mile-Long Yard Sale Trip on Apr 18 and our trip to Monterey on May 2. Sign-up sheets for the Yard Sale trip & the Monterey trip will be at the Apr 9 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

2015 Cumberland Div-TCRM Schedule

- Apr 4 Easter Bunny Trip I Excursion Train to Watertown
 - Apr 9 TCRM Thursday Night Meeting Nashville TN
 - 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 7 TCRM Thursday Night Meeting Nashville TN- This is the cookout meeting
 - May 16 Train Robbery Excursion Train to Watertown TN
 - June 20 Excursion Train to DelMonaco Winery Baxter TN
 - June 23 Union Elementary Kids Zone Tour (50-60 students)
- Note- the 2 July school group visits have been cancelled.**

Volunteers for Parking Crew Needed

By **Charles Owens**

The parking crew could use the help of two or three people to help with parking for our excursion trips. For those who are interested you can e-mail me at owensrr@att.net if you want to help. On a Saturday that you are able to help flags and safety vest are furnished for everyone. Looking forward to having extra help for our parking crew. Also, there could be a sausage biscuit & coffee in it for you, too.

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 a couple 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.

Mike Irwin, Russ Schneider on to Bigger & Better Things

By **Bob Hultman**

Two of our active members, **Mike Irwin** & **Russ Schneider**, have agreed to take new jobs out of state and will be leaving by the end of March. **Russ** is hiring on with a firm in San Diego CA that has a contract with the San Diego area transit authority. **Russ** anticipates working on the transit authority contract.

Mike Irwin called me today (Mar 9) & said he's agreed to take a new job with a nice salary increase plus other benefits; the new job is with the city of Durham NC. Mike is a civil engineer with specialization in hydrology (guiding water as it goes to

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Thursday Night Meeting – April 9, 2014 6:30 pm at TCRM Nashville TN

where it's going). **Mike** & his wife **Shelley** have both been active in car hosting on our excursion trains. **Mike** has also supported our HO scale modular RR effort with an 8' British outline module group in our setups and operating his HO models of various British prototype locomotives & rolling stock, plus hauling RR parts & pieces to & from TCRM.

Russ has donated his 20 ft HO scale passenger station module group to Cumberland Division. Not only did he set up & operate his module group with much Milwaukee Rd rolling stock, but he also helped haul the module RR parts & pieces between the setup venues. & TCRM.

We will miss both of these members very much as they move on to bigger & better opportunities.....

Donation from Wilson Steel Co

By **Bob Hultman**

TCRM members **Jay & Michelle Wilson** have very generously donated the following to TCRM- One battery per **Steve Tomblin's** spec's, one electrical locker per **Steve Tomblin's** spec's, field dimensions, shop drawings; locker all primed gray & delivered to TCRM; value \$1,054.00. Many thanks to **Jay & Michelle** for this very generous donation!

Madison Train Show Coming

By **Nathan Baker**

This is the largest multi-scale two-day train show in Middle TN during the Summer. This yr it runs Friday, July 24 3 pm to 6 pm & on Saturday, July 25th 8 am to 2 pm

We will have 4 layouts (including the STAR of the show, the wonderfully LARGE Nashville Ntrak Layout). We will have plenty of food, door prizes, and a lot of fun. Vendors from other states, 70 tables.(some still available @ \$18 each)- See **Nathan Baker** on the Dock at the Cumberland Div Meet & Model Train Show on Saturday, Apr 11, 2015.

Other train shows coming up-

TCA Spring Show at Donelson First Baptist Church
Saturday, Apr 18, 2015 9 am to 2 pm

Dixie Flyer Train Show in Wartrace, TN
Saturday, April 25, 2015 9 am to 5 pm.

Book Authors, Video Presentations Featured at Dixie Line Days in Wartrace

By **Jerry Fox**

Wartrace, TN - The worst railroad accident in U.S. history took place on July 9, 1918 in the Nashville suburb of Belle Meade with 121 lives lost, according to a contemporary report in the Nashville Tennessean newspaper. The story of that fateful day and its aftermath is told in the non-fiction book *The Day the Whistles Cried*. The book's author Betsy Thorpe will be on hand to talk about her research and writing at the 3rd annual Dixie Line Days train show Saturday April 25th in Wartrace.

The show will also present historian Terry Coats, author of *Next Stop On Grandpa's Road (History & Architecture of NC&StL Railway Depots & Terminals)*, with a video presentation. Coats is president of the the NC&StL Railway Preservation Society. Tom Knowles, curator of the Cowan Railroad Museum and a licensed steam locomotive engineer, will also appear with a video presentation. Admission to the multi-media event is free and will be held at the Smith House Theater. Books will be available for sale and signed by the authors.

Dixie Line Days is a celebration of the railroad with operating model layouts, dealer swap tables, modeling how-to clinics, model and switching contests, hourly door prizes, and full size prototype mainline trains roaring through downtown Wartrace courtesy of CSX Railroad. Food will be available at several locations.

Train show hours are from 9 am to 5pm Saturday April 25th. Admission to displays and swap tables is \$5 for adults and children under twelve \$3. All events will be held in downtown Wartrace with signs directing attendees to each attraction. All venues are handicap accessible.

Dixie Line Days is presented by the Dixie Flyer hobby shop which will have extended hours during the show. For additional information call 1-800-465-0448 or visit

www.dixieflyertrains.com. Wartrace is located on TN Rt 64 ten miles west of exit 97 off I-24 and eight miles east of Shelbyville on TN Rt 64.

Upcoming Conventions & Shows

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- 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**
- July 24-25 Madison Train Show 3-6 pm Fri & 8 am-2 pm Saturday**
- Aug 23-30, 2015 - NMRA Nat'l Convention Portland OR**