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## 2015 Cumberland Div-TCRM Schedule

- Sep 26 Train Robbery Excursion Train to Watertown
- Oct 1 Life After Thomas Dinner Starting 6 pm at TCRM
- Oct 3 Excursion Train to Watertown Fall Mile-Long Yard Sale
- Oct 10 Super Fall Foliage Excursion Train to Monterey
- Oct 17 Super Fall Foliage Excursion Train I to Cookeville
- Oct 24 Super Fall Foliage II Excursion Train II to Cookeville
- Oct 31 Cumberland Div Fall Division Meet-Model Train Show
- Nov 7 Muddy Roots Charter Excursion Train to DelMonaco Winery Baxter TN
- Nov 14 Excursion Train to DelMonaco Winery Baxter TN
- Nov 28 North Pole Express Excursion Train with Santa to Watertown
- Dec 5 North Pole Express Excursion Train with Santa to Lebanon – 2 Trips
- Dec 12 North Pole Express Excursion Train with Santa to Lebanon – 2 Trips

## October 2015 Program

Our October program will be Life After Thomas dinner catered by Uncle Bud's Catfish and early report on the results from DOWT 2015. Serving of dinner will start around 6 pm. Our November program will be a Power Point program by **Ralcon Wagner** of passenger trains and terminals of New Jersey and New York which include Amtrak, New Jersey Transit, PATH, light rail and some New York subway coverage. We are wanting to present a program at our Thursday night meetings, please contact **Bob Hultman** landline 615-833-5158 or cell 615-513-7187 E-mail [hultman@bellsouth.net](mailto:hultman@bellsouth.net)

## New Members

**Steve Foe** Lascassas TN  
**Bruce Newberry** Nashville TN  
Welcome to our new members as they take part in our activities.

## Reorder – TC Ry Embroidered Windbreaker Jackets

By **Bob Hultman**

Delivery of a recent order for black TC Ry embroidered windbreaker jackets prompted some additional interest in ordering more jackets. These are nylon jackets with a white cloth lining and snap closures on the front. You'll need to pay for the jackets before the order is placed (minimum 12 jackets have to be ordered, any number of different sizes). Prices for up to adult XLarge- \$24, XXL \$27, XXXL \$30 & 5XL \$35. TC Ry logo is embroidered in white over the left chest. Contact **Bob Hultman** 615-513-7187 E-mail [hultman@bellsouth.net](mailto:hultman@bellsouth.net) to order your jackets & to make payment.

## Excursion Train News

By **Bob Hultman**

We have a bunch of trips coming up as you see in our schedule in the left-hand column. There's a change for the Sep 26 Train Robbery trip- departure is in mid-afternoon to maximize the amount of uninterrupted time for NERR crews to do trackwork. Safety meeting 1:30 pm, boarding 3 pm, departure 3:30 pm, return about 9:30 pm or so. There will be sign-up sheets for the Oct & Nov wine trips at our Oct 1 meeting. We are always looking for TCRM members to help work these trips. To do so, contact **Bob Hultman** landline 615-833-5158 or cell 615-513-7187, E-mail [hultman@bellsouth.net](mailto:hultman@bellsouth.net)

## HO Modular RR at TN St Fair

By **Bob Hultman**

We had a very successful 10-day run Sep 11 thru 20 with the HO modular RR at the TN St Fair this yr. We moved the RR to the Fairgrounds Exhibitors Bldg on Sep 8 & had it up on its feet & operational by COB Thursday, Sep 10. Several members were instrumental in helping haul the RR to TSF, operate the RR during the Fair & then take down & haul it back to TCRM. Members setting up the RR were **Marvene Bilbrey, Randal Brooks, Joey Bryan, Don Ey, Bill Griffith, Steve Haber, Len Hollinger, Bob Hultman, Gary Miller, Andy Mogish, Horton Monroe & Quincy Styke III** (aka QS III). Also helping to run the RR were **Nathan Baker, Bob Hock, John Kennedy & Brian McDonnell**.

The RR ran pretty well for the 10 days..... Several times the inside main track would shut down & the method to revive it was to turn off the master 110 VAC switch, wait a few seconds, turn the switch back on & the inside main track operated normally. We had the same problem last yr, but this yr not nearly as frequently as last yr. Also, a switch point broke off the switch rod & the plate holding the heels of the 2 points together on the #3 switch connecting the outside main track on the Sircy Yard modules to the passing siding. **Marvene Bilbrey** effected a field repair that held thru the remaining time of the setup.

We had DOWT handouts (first Fri-Sat-Sun of the Fair), TN Opm Lifesaver booklets for older elementary students & the TCRM 2015-2016 excursion train schedule. Visitor attendance was quite modest during the weekdays, but picked up on the Saturdays & Sundays.

Takedown of the RR began before closing time of 10 pm Sunday Sep 20. We kept two trains running up thru 10 pm, albeit just caboose hops. TSF staff shooed us out of the bldg about 11 pm Sunday. Monday Sep 21 our takedown crew started in earnest, determined to get all the RR out of the Exhibitors Bldg by the end of the day. Those working on the takedown included **Marvene Bilbrey, Randal Brooks, Don Ey, Bill Griffith, Len Hollinger, Bob Hultman, Gary Miller, Horton Monroe & QS III**. If I've omitted anyone who helped set up, run or take down, my apologies in advance.....

RR configuration, starting from the northeast corner-

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**Thursday Night Meeting – October 1, 2015 6 pm at TCRM Nashville TN**

C Div Lg Radius Outside Corner  
 G Gilbert's Forge Creek 4'  
 C Div Sircy Yard 36'  
 H Monroe's My-T-Fine Motel 4'  
 H Monroe's CofG Yard 12'  
 R Brooks' 4 Bridges 12'  
 C Div Lg Radius Outside Corner  
 C Div Visible Staging Yard 24'  
 C Div Lg Radius Outside Corner  
 C Div Otto Tower 24'  
 C Div Lg Radius Outside Corner  
 Mogish's Seaside Wharf 4'  
 Geezer Gate 4'  
 C Div Lg Radius Inside Corner  
 L Hollinger's Firestone Tire & Rubber 16'  
 C Div Lg Radius Inside Corner  
 Mogish's Engine Facility 8'  
 C Div Lg Radius Outside Corner  
 C Div Pupwood Landing 4'  
 Mogidsh's Farm Scene 4'  
 C Div Lg Radius Outside Corner  
 D Ey's Hicksville 12'  
 QS III's Stykedale 12'

This setup marks the return of Hicksville, the 12' module group built by **Allen Hicks** and later acquired by **Don Ey**. Hicksville had been out of our HO modular RR setups for many years..... Welcome back, **Don!** And, thanks to everyone who helped make this setup a success.

## Sad News – Passing of Don Gage

By **Bob Hultman**

**Terry Bebout** reported the passing of long-time TCRM member **Don Gage** on Sep 1. The funeral was 10 am Saturday Sep 12 in Gallatin. In lieu of flowers the family has requested donations toward funeral expenses can be made at First Tennessee Bank to the Donald Gage Memorial Fund Account 186666215. **Don** was the long-time head of our excursion train & DOWT parking crew. He was "Santa Fe all the way!" **Don's** name is the latest to be added to our memorial plaque in the hallway entrance to our Museum building.

## TCRM Hobby Shop News

By **Ed Minnich**

At Last - The Atlas Tennessee Central HH660 locos with sound are here! If you reserved these highly detailed Gold Master Series HO scale locos they are ready for pick up. Both the Silver and Gold series are SOLD OUT but we still have a limited supply of each. DC Version MSRP \$149.95, DCC w/sound MSRP \$259.95..... Member's discount eligible.

Louisville & Nashville EMD FP7 from InterMountain have arrived and they are beauties!!! This much-awaited loco is now in the shop and ready for pick up. Whenever we see "Contact Your Dealer" on the InterMountain Web site, we know the item is in very limited supply or is sold out. This quality loco is in that category. If you missed out on the advanced reservation, we do have several available both with and without sound. These HO scale locos retail for \$269.95 w/sound and \$179.95 without sound.

NC&StL 1937 AAR 40' Box Cars- Another new arrival.... InterMountain chose to rerun these popular boxcars with 6 new road numbers. We have a good selection in stock just waiting for

you to stake your claim. These cars retail for \$34.95 each and are member's discount eligible.

NC&StL Ry EMD F3 Locomotives- These extremely popular F3 A&B units are selling out fast. We have replenished our stock for the third and final time as InterMountain has exhausted their supply. When they're gone, they're gone! Available in HO scale.

Moo -- Moo Down the Track! We've just added two sets of the newly released BLI HO scale Stock Cars with cow sounds.

These quality models feature a single stock car with sound (in our case cows), and a matching 4 pack set without sound, all in separate road numbers. The car with sound retails for \$79.99 and the 4-pack set is \$99.99, both member discount eligible. Make this your latest addition to your consist for running at the Adventure Science Center on Whistle Stop Weekend!

More Used HO Locos and Rolling Stock Added! We continue to experience great success with our offering of used locos and rolling stock. Come in and check out our recent additions of like new locomotives, some with DCC.

**Hobby Shop Closes Early on September 26** - The shop will close at 2 PM on Saturday, September 26 to make way for the many guests expected for the Train Robbery excursion that boards that afternoon.

Visit us at [www.tchobbyshop.com](http://www.tchobbyshop.com)

Your Hobby Shop Crew...

Hobby Shop Hours:

Tuesday Noon - 4 PM

Thursday Noon - 6 PM

Saturday 9 AM - 3 PM

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## Upcoming Conventions & Shows

**Oct 31 Cumberland Division Fall 2015 Meet-Model Train Show**