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2015-16 Cumberland Div-TCRM Schedule

Jan 9 Saturday Work Session @TCRM
Jan 14 TCRM Thursday Night Meeting Nashville TN
Jan 30 Muddy Roots Charter Excursion Train to DelMonaco Winery Baxter TN
Feb 13 Valentines Day Murder Mystery Excursion Train to Watertown
Feb 20 Excursion Train to DelMonaco Winery Baxter TN
Feb 27 Board of Directors Meeting – Time TBA
Mar 26 Easter Bunny Excursion Train to Watertown
Apr 2 Excursion Train to DelMonaco Winery Baxter TN
Apr 9 TCRM Open House & Cumberland Div Spring Division Meet-Model Train Show
Apr 16 Spring Mile-Long Yard Sale Excursion Train to Watertown

January 2016 Program

Our January 2016 program will be the annual car host safety certification class. Anyone wanting to work as car hosts needs to attend this class.

Anyone 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

Excursion Train News

By **Bob Hultman**

Our first 3 trips for 2016 will be 2 DelMonaco Winery trips, plus the Valentines Day Murder Mystery Trip in between the Wine trips as shown in the schedule above. Crew sign-up sheets will be at our Jan 14 Thursday Night Meeting. If you are going to work the excursion trains, be sure to attend the Jan 14 Car Host Safety Certification Class. 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

Activity Fee for 2016 - Renewal

TCRM annual membership renewal is just around the corner. Please mail your activity fee renewals (**Note- for 2016 the fee increased \$5 to \$35 individual, \$40 for family membership**), made payable to TCRM to TC Ry Museum at 220 Willow St in Nashville TN 37210-2159 Attn – **Jean Amos**. If you prefer to renew via credit-debit card, please call **Jean** 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).

Changes Coming for TCRM Open House, Spring Cumberland Division Meet

By **Bob Hultman**

There's going to be some changes for the upcoming TC Ry Museum Annual Open House & Cumberland Division Spring Meet on Saturday, April 9- First, there will be no admission charge to attend. Second, we are having a major sale effort for our remaining Thomas The Tank Engine merchandise, up to 35% off on some items. Third, we will be having much more extensive advertising effort to promote the event. We will be asking for some more volunteer help with this effort, so keep this in mind as April gets closer.

Hobby Shop News

By **Terry Bebout**

We still need some support staff to keep the HS open, especially on Saturdays. We have had only 3 people respond who will work selected Saturdays.

New hours notice- Thursdays the HS will be open 12 noon to 4 pm effective immediately. Please call the HS before coming to the Museum to make sure it is open especially on Saturdays. If we do not get more volunteers to sign up there may be some days it is closed.

If you are willing to help staff the hobby shop, please contact **Terry Bebout** 615-479-5758.

HO Model RR News

By **Bob Hultman**

We have added plastic shields to the geezer gate; the shields are the same height as adjacent corner module shields. Young children were seen hanging on the gate, especially during the Santa trips. Such activity is a safety hazard to the children, plus a damage hazard to passing trains.

We also got a track connector piece cut & shaped to connect the spur track on the pulpwood module & the corner module where the truck dump is.

Two of the 3 InterMtn locos acquired some weeks ago (see Dec 2015 Meeting Notice HO Model RR News item) have been DCC programmed with DCC addresses the same as the loco road #, EMD F3A NC&StL Ry #801 & EMD FP7A LN #568. We ended up using a LokSound programmer at the Nolensville HO club to get the 568 programmed correctly. The NS&StL Ry EMD F3B #809 still needs a decoder, but it has a new-fangled 21-pin receptacle that we need to figure out first.

GIVING OPPORTUNITY!

By **Fred Enters**

TCRM has an excess of size 7 Thomas T-shirts. For a donation of \$5.00 to TCRM we will give one of these T-shirts to Monroe Carroll Children's Hospital. We were told that at times children come to see a doctor and plan to go home that day,

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Thursday Night Meeting – January 14, 2016 6:30 pm at TCRM Nashville TN

however, they are admitted to the hospital. Their only clothes are what they have on. Our T-shirts may help fill a small void for a child and parent going through a difficult time. For a \$5 donation, we will donate the smaller sizes we have left. Thanks for your consideration and generosity.

Excursion Train Dispatcher Needed

By **Terry Bebout**

After several years of being our museum excursion train dispatcher, **Mr. Jim Green** has decided to retire. He has done a fantastic job for us since he retired from CSX.

Anyone who would like to become a qualified NERR dispatcher, here's your chance. Please contact me ASAP cell 615-479-5758 or E-mail tbebout@nerr.com.

Parking Crew Help Needed

By **Charles Owens**

The parking crew will need more people to help with parking in 2016. I will no longer be available to do any parking.

Lawrence Lilly, who has been on the parking crew for over 2 years will now be in charge of parking for excursions and Day Out With Thomas.

Parking for our excursion trips only requires 2-3 hours per any Saturday that you can help. It may not be glamorous but is a very important part of our excursion trips. If the parking crew can get enough volunteers to help out they would only have to help 1 or 2 Saturdays a month. All help would be greatly appreciated. If you want to part of this crew you may contact me at owensrr@att.net or on my cell phone 615-860-4757. Thanks ahead of time for the help.

TCRM Library News

By **Don Strong**

The TCRM Library has many, many extra copies of Model Railroader magazine and Railroad Model Craftsman magazine available for sale or trade. Many new items have also been acquired from the Bob Bell, Jr family in recent months. Librarian **Don Strong** is usually at the Museum several days each week. Call ahead to the Museum 615-244-9001 if you want to see what he has available for sale or trade.

Sick Call – Wayne Eby

By **Cledia Eby**

Dec 10 - I wanted to let you know **Wayne's** back is BROKE... he does not do well at standing or walking long distances. He is scheduled to see a neurosurgeon tomorrow for a second time. His first neurosurgeon told him his back is broke and yes it is very painful; however due to his weight he refused to treat him. I'm praying that the one we see in the morning will at least do pain management until he can take some weight off. However taking weight off will be difficult because of his inability to exercise because of the broken back.

We plan to remain members and will hopefully be able to start back volunteering in some form or fashion soon. We miss the train and we miss the train folks. I did notice that Wayne told Terry he was interested in learning how to dispatch. That might be a way we can stay active until he is healed and my work flow slows.

The **Ebys'** mailing address is 2107 Hwy 12 N in Ashland City TN 37015. Please keep **Cledia & Wayne** in your thoughts & prayers during this difficult time.

Sick Call – Billy Odom

By **Jean Amos & John Graves**

Jan 5 - Billy got through his left shoulder (rotator cuff) surgery just fine. He is in room 6139 and will remain there for three to four days before moving on to a rehabilitation facility for around three weeks. His number, for now, is 615.342.6139 He's in Centennial Medical Center, then will be in rehab for 21 days. He said surgery went well and sounded in good spirits. I told him our thoughts and prayers are with him for a speedy recovery.

Billy's home mailing address is 930 Industrial Dr Apt 1005 in Old Hickory TN 37138-3643

TC Ry Signal Update

By **Terry Bebout**

Dec 19- **Robert Marsmaker, Jay Wilson** and I got the signal down and moved it over on the tie car so we can take the light assembly off.

Upcoming Conventions & Shows

- Apr 9 Cumberland Division Spring 2016 Meet-Model Train Show & TCRM Open House**
- June 9-12 SER Convention Rocket City Rails**
Huntsville, AL
<http://midsouthnmra.org/convention.htm>
- July 3-10 NMRA National Convention Highball to Indy Indianapolis IN**
<http://www.nmra2016.org/>