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Donations

Hugh & Marie Nichols- \$100 cash in memory of TCRM member **DeLoy Nelms**
T&T Family Foundation- \$1,000 cash

2016-2017 Cumberland Div-TCRM Schedule

- Dec 10 2 North Pole Express Excursion Trains with Santa to Lebanon TN each day
- Dec 10 Train Collectors Assoc Christmas Toy Train Show at TN State Fairgrounds
- Dec 15 TCRM Annual Road Kill Buffet & Christmas Party at TCRM
- Jan 5 TCRM Thursday Night Meeting Nashville TN
- Feb 4 Muddy Roots Charter Trip to DelMonaco Winery Baxter TN
- Feb 11 Valentines Day Murder Mystery Excursion Train to Watertown TN
- Feb 25 Excursion Train Trip to DelMonaco Winery Baxter TN
- Mar 11 Excursion Train Trip to DelMonaco Winery Baxter TN
- Apr 8 TCRM Open House & Cumberland Division Spring Division Meet Nashville TN
- Apr 15 Easter Bunny Excursion Train to Watertown TN
- Apr 22 Excursion Train to Watertown TN Mile-Long Yard Sale
- Apr 29 Excursion Train Trip to DelMonaco Winery Baxter TN
- May 6 Excursion Train to Monterey TN Spring Festival
- May 20 Train Robbery Excursion Train to Watertown TN
- June 10 Muddy Roots Charter Trip to DelMonaco Winery Baxter TN
- June 24 NRHS Convention Charter Trip to Lebanon TN

December Meeting Program

Our December meeting will be our annual Road Kill Buffet & Christmas Party. The program will be by TCRM member **Brian McDonnell** & is entitled "Railroad History is not Dead".

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

HO Model RR News

By **Bob Hultman**

TCRM member **Gary Miller** has downloaded the current production version of DecoderPro onto a new Dell desktop computer inside the HO RR. As soon as we get the locomotive roster uploaded to this version of DecoderPro, our DecoderPro programming station should be ready to use. We will be adding Hon3 gauge track and N scale standard gauge track to the programming track board so more locomotives can be programmed. Anyone wanting to help with this effort contact **Bob Hultman** 615-833-5158, cell 615-513-7187 E-mail hultman@bellsouth.net for further information.

Excursion Train News

By **Bob Hultman**

Our last 2 trips for the year 2016 will be our North Pole Express Santa trips to Lebanon on Dec 10. Safety meeting starts at 7 am with departures at 9 am & 1:30 pm; trips return about 2 hrs after departure.

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 2017 - Renewal

TCRM annual membership renewal is now due. Please mail your activity fee renewals (**\$35 individual, \$40 family membership**), made payable to TCRM to TC Ry Museum at 220 Willow St in Nashville TN 37210-2159 Attn – **Shakela Lawler**. If you prefer to renew via credit or debit card, please call **Shakela** 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 & current E-mail addresses).

Parking Crew Help Needed

By **Bob Hultman**

The parking crew will need more people to help with parking in 2016 and 2017. **Lawrence Lilly** is our parking crew manager.

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 **Lawrence** at 615-319-5646 or 615-641-2415 or E-mail brucelilly1970@gmail.com. Thanks ahead of time for the help.

TCRM Volunteer Incentive Program

By **Bob Hultman**

The Board of Directors approved on April 26, 2007 a volunteer incentive program whereby members can earn benefits after volunteering a certain number of hours of work for TCRM. The overall intent of the incentive program is to 1) encourage more members to volunteer their help and 2) encourage those members already volunteering to consider increasing their volunteer hours.

Benefits are in the form of 1) free tickets on TCRM excursion trains or 2) some additional discount on purchases in the TCRM Hobby Shop or 3) purchases of TCRM souvenirs.

For every 20 hours of volunteer work, a member earns 1 free 1st-class seat on our excursion trains. If members do not want excursion train tickets, they can earn an additional 5% discount (going from 25% to 30%) on most items in the TCRM hobby shop, up to a limit of \$250 (MSRP) worth of hobby shop merchandise.

To keep track of volunteer hours earned, **Shakela Lawler**

Thursday Night Meeting – Road Kill Buffet Serving 6 pm Dec 15, 2016

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maintains a loose-leaf binder with a separate page for each participating TCRM member. She keeps the binder in the TCRM admin office where members will have access to it. Each time a member works volunteer hours, the member can record the hours on the member's record sheets. When a member wants to redeem his/her volunteer hours worked, the member should so indicate to **Shakela**, who will make appropriate notations and issue a written authorization for the benefit desired by the member.

Officers and Board of Directors members are not included in this incentive program.

Upcoming Conventions & Shows

Dec 10, 2016 Train Collectors Assoc Music City Chapter

Christmas Toy Train Show at TN State Fairgrounds

<http://dixiedivisiontca.com/category/events-music-city/>

Mar 18, 2017 TCRM Open House & Cumberland Div Meet-Model Train Show at TCRM in Nashville TN

June 9-10 SouthEastern Region NMRA 2017 Convention-Crossroads of Dixie Birmingham AL

Hosted by Steel City Division

Website- <http://www.2017serconvention.com/>

July 21-22, 2017 8th Annual Madison Train Show

City Road Chapel Methodist Church at 701 Gallatin Pike S.,

Madison, TN Nathan Baker, Madison Train Show Chairman

cell: 615-612-3324 e-mail: nathanbaker@comcast.net

July 30-Aug 6, 2017 NMRA National Convention Orange Blossom Special in Orlando FL <http://www.nmra2017.org/>