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John Kennedy- \$200 cash

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2017 Cumberland Div-TCRM Schedule

- 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

January Meeting Program

Our January meeting will be our annual car host safety certification class. If you want to work as car host on our excursion train, you need to attend this class. Be sure to bring "an effective writing instrument" & your car host handbook.

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

New Members

Brandt, Kelley, Liam & Todd Taylor Goodlettsville TN (Family)

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

Hobby Shop News – New Saturday Hours

By **Fred Enters**

New Store Hours – Tuesday – 12 Noon to 4 P.M.

Thursday – 12 Noon to 4 P.M.

Saturday – 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.

The Hobby Shop will be closed on 10 January through 12 January for our annual Inventory. The entire Hobby Shop thanks all our valued customers for another good year. We have a new supply of rolling stock including passenger cars, structures, and locomotives. Stop by and find some outstanding bargains. Thanks again..... The Hobby Shop Staff

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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).

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, our administrative assistant **Shakela Lawler** 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. Volunteer hours must be used during the calendar year in which they are earned.

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

Excursion Train News

By **Bob Hultman**

Our first 3 trips for the year 2017 will be a Muddy Roots charter trip to DelMonaco Winery on Feb 4, next our Valentines Day Murder Mystery Trip to Watertown on Feb 11 and then our own wine excursion train to DelMonaco Winery on Feb 25. Safety meeting for all 3 trips starts at 7 am with wine trip departures at 8:30 am & 9 am for the Murder Mystery Trip.

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

Thursday Night Meeting - Jan 5, 2017 6:30 pm at TCRM Nashville TN

HO Model RR News

By **Bob Hultman**

TCRM member **Gary Miller** has gotten the correct configuration for the DecoderPro program comm ports on the new Dell desktop computer inside the HO RR. The locomotive roster file has been uploaded so that our DecoderPro programming station is back in service. We will be adding Hon3 gauge track and N scale standard gauge track to the programming track board so more locomotives can be programmed.

Thomas Mogish & Bob Hultman worked on determining which electrical blocks in the 36' yard are getting track power & which ones are not. Currently, the yard throat block, the lead track block for the diesel shop-car shop & the drill track block are not getting power. Some diagnostics & corrective electrical work are certainly in order.

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.

Nashville Ntrak News

By **Jimmie Guthrie**

The Nashville Ntrak group will participate in a show at the Montgomery Bell State Park on January 21 and 22. Great location for the show, so come out and enjoy.

Best Wishes to all on this coming New Years.

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.

8th Annual Madison Train Show News

By **Nathan Baker**

Middle Tennessee's LARGEST SUMMER 2 DAY SHOW

Dates are Friday-Saturday July 21-22, 2017

Friday hours 3 pm to 6 pm (private model running session to follow for vendors and model exhibitors ONLY)

(assistance for set-up if requested)

Set up starts Thursday, July 20th at 10:00 am

Saturday, July 22, 2017 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

(new hours) (Assistance in reloading upon request.)

Door prizes requested.

Tables \$25, \$30 if after July 1, 2017

One FREE table for running layout.

For info call Nathan Baker 615-612-3324 or e-mail

nathanbaker@comcast.net

Upcoming Conventions & Shows

Apr 8, 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

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

Nov 18, 2017 Cumberland Div Meet-Model Train Show at TCRM in Nashville TN