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Michelle Harris- Various HO model railroading items

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2017 Cumberland Div-TCRM Schedule

- 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 11 TCRM Annual Fish Fry Nashville TN
- 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

No April Meeting

We will not have an April Thursday night meeting since there's excursion trains or open house on 4 of the 5 Saturdays in April. For May we will have our annual fish fry.

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 TCRM Members

Bekah, CJ, Rick & Tina Hutsenpiller Mt Juliet TN (Family)
Please welcome our new members as they take part in our activities & events.

Excursion Train News

By **Bob Hultman**

Our 5th trip for 2017 is our Easter Bunny Trip to Watertown on Apr 15. Safety meeting starts at 7 am, departure at 9 am & return around 3 pm. The following Saturday is our Watertown Mile-Long Yard Sale trip; we then close out April with another trip to DelMonaco Winery on Apr 29.

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).

Division Meet, TCRM Open House April 8

By **Bob Hultman**

Cumberland Division will be holding its 36th consecutive annual Spring Division Meet on Apr 8 along with TCRM's annual Open House. We're looking for some nice weather, lots of dealers & model RR bargains, Company Store, a Boy Scout Railroading Merit Badge presentation by **Ted Brown**, plus the return of 3 home HO scale RRs to the self-guided model RR tour. Hope everyone can join us Saturday for the Open House & Division Meet. Keep in mind admission for everyone is **FREE!**

Model RR Fun Run a Success

By **Ed Minnich**

Thanks go out to everyone who supported our March 18 Fun Run Open House. We had over 100 guests attend the event throughout the day and over 25 folks attended one or both of our clinics. The small children got quite involved with Thomas and Friends Imagination Station, the Lego Train and the Lionel train setups. A group of young adults brought their locos and rolling stock and had a good time "fun running" on the layouts.

Patrick Slota and his crew worked furiously to get the HO layout re-wired and up to speed. **Jimmie Guthrie** and his crew set up an NTrak modular layout that could be controlled by smart phones. **Steve Haber** and crew had a great T-Trak layout on display showing what can be done in small places. And **Brian McDonnell** got the kids excited with a Lionel setup. **Fred Enters** and his hobby shop crew provided over \$200 in gift certificates and prizes and stayed very busy all day. All of this would not have been possible without the ever presence of **Bob Hultman** who kept us on the "right track". Thanks to all of you who helped with the setup, operations, and clinics.

It takes a "village" to get the word out. **J. P. Ralph** posted a banner and page on Nashville NTrak's web site, **Brent Gaddes** did likewise on TCRM's web site. **Rebecca Renfro** posted the invitation on TCRM's Facebook page. Emails were sent to past excursion patrons by **Terry**, **Nathan Baker** supplied us with Madison Train Show participants, and **Bob Hultman** piggybacked the fun run on TCRM's Spring Meet snail mailing. Thank you for your timely response in getting the word out!

We set this up separately from our regular open house as the meeting room space is normally occupied by dealer tables and access to the layouts is limited. The more "open" arrangement provided for a causal flow and conversation. A survey was emailed to participants that signed up for prizes and based upon the results it appears that we will repeat this event. We also learned that we would increase participation in model railroading if regular HO and N Scale club meets are held on either Saturday morning or Sunday afternoon.

Again, thank you all who helped with this event!!

See Other Side for More

No Thursday Night Meeting in April!

HO Model RR News

By **Bob Hultman**

TCRM & NMRA member **Patrick Slota** continues with his more-compatible-with-DCC rewiring of our HO modular RR. There's a problem with the geezer gate electronics that will require troubleshooting & correction. Ask **Bob Hultman** how he knows this.....

The Model RR Fun Run has rekindled discussion of the HO modelers meeting regularly. I'll be E-mailing modelers for their suggestions.

Anyone wanting further information on HO model RR activities, contact **Bob Hultman** 615-833-5158, cell 615-513-7187 E-mail hultman@bellsouth.net for further information.

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.

Nashville Ntrak News

By **Ed Minnich**

Thank you for the wonderful response this evening on your purchase of N-Scale locos and rolling stock that TCRM recently received from a donor. All of these little items add up. And in the case of this evening, Mar 7, we raised \$912 that will benefit Tennessee Central Railway Museum. This was maybe half of locos and rolling stock. The remaining stock will be placed in hobby shop inventory for sale to TCRM members and the general public.

And wait, there's more. The collection also included a number of highly detailed laser cut structure kits, a huge number of Woodland Scenics and Preiser figures, Classic Metal Works vehicles, and other quality stuff. All of this will be placed in the hobby shop inventory during the next several weeks. I'm sure Fred or Mike will let everyone know when these items become available. Again, many thanks for purchasing these goodies and supporting TCRM.

Nashville NTrak Goes Back to Linden. Rain, rain go away! NTrakers rolled into Linden in the morning of March 24 for the Blooming Arts Festival that started at noon and continued through March 25. We had a sizeable layout including yard and "geezer gate" set up in a building just across the street from the courthouse. Crowds were light, but steady and we were able to give our new command system a good and uneventful shake-down. Saturday was a different story. Just when the Downtown Festival was to open, the skies opened up! Many of the street vendors had packed up their gear and were long gone by 10:30 AM. Needless to say...Saturday was a wash out! NTrakers still believe "model railroading is fun", so we stuck it out until about 3 PM which gave all of us opportunity to tweak some of our locos and rolling stock. A special "thank you!" goes out to **John Ellis** for taking care of the arrangements for this event. We look forward to Linden's annual World War II re-enactment in September.

In addition to 2017 Spring NMRA Division Meet on April 8, our next outing will be the annual Smyrna Library setup and open house on June 10 & 11. This should be a much drier event!

Very Sad News – Passing of Tom Amos

By **Bob Hultman**

Jean Amos notified me on Mar 24 that her husband, Tom Amos, has passed away. Jean was TCRM's admin staff for over 1 year from the spring of 2015 to spring 2016. Jean's mailing address is 216 Farris Av in Madison TN 37115. Please keep Jean & her family on your thoughts & prayers during this most difficult time for them.

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

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/>

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