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2017 Cumberland Div-TCRM Schedule

- July 8 Murder Mystery Excursion Train to Watertown Music & Arts Festival
July 13 Thursday Night Meeting At TCRM Nashville TN
July 15 Muddy Roots Charter Trip to DelMonaco Winery Baxter TN
July 21-22 8th Annual Madison Train Show Madison TN
July 30-Aug 6 NMRA National Convention Orange Blossom Special in Orlando FL
Aug 12 Excursion Train Trip to DelMonaco Winery Baxter TN
Aug 18 thru 26 Wilson Co Fair Lebanon TN
Aug 26 TCA Music City Chapter Summer Train Show 1st Baptist Church in Donelson
Sep 2-3, 9-10 Day Out With Thomas The Tank Engine at TCRM
Nov 4 Cumberland Division Fall Meet at TCRM Nashville TN

July Program

The July Thursday night meeting program will be announced at the meeting or E-mailed out as soon as we pin one down.

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 13th trip for 2017 is our July 8 Murder Mystery trip to Watertown for Watertown's Music & Arts Festival. Safety meeting 1 pm, departure at 3 pm & return around 9:15 pm.

Crew sign-up sheet for our 14th trip for 2017 going to DelMonaco Winery will be at the 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

New TCRM Members

Jonathan Langenback Lebanon TN

Please welcome our new members as they take part in our activities & events.

Need Volunteers for Museum Tour

By **Bob Hultman**

We need volunteers to help with a group of about 20 summer campers touring the Museum Friday July 7 at 10 am. **Don Strong** will be @TCRM & he'll need some help with the group. If you will help, contact **Bob Hultman** landline 615-833-5158 or cell 615-513-7187, E-mail hultman@bellsouth.net

RTA July 4th Train a Success

By **Terry Bebout**

Thanks to all the carhosts who helped out with the RTA July 4 train. You all made it a success! The Museum will receive a \$800 donation for carhost help.

Day Out With Thomas 2017 News

By **Bob Hultman**

Area managers for **Day Out with Thomas 2017** listed below; phone numbers listed are in this order- home, cell & work numbers. We still need volunteers, so be proactive, call the manager for the area in which you will volunteer & work. This is TCRM's major fundraising effort each year (our 16th consecutive year for DOWT) - we need your help!

Terry Bebout- 615-833-5077 615-479-5758

General Manager, Ticket Booth tbebout@nerr.com

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Fred Enters- 615-948-6655 615-792-4917

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Bill Stewart 615-672-6464, cell 615-557-8595

viking.24@comcast.net &

Don Strong 615-275-8186 jo.strong@comcast.net

Platform & Car Hosts

Tribute to Jay & Michelle Wilson

By **Terry Bebout**

Membership is the backbone of any volunteer organization. Over the years many Museum members have come and gone from our organization and most have made significant contributions in one way or another. However, few have made as many contributions as **Jay** and **Michelle Wilson**. From countless hours car hosting, restoration and maintenance of equipment, financial contributions, conductor on train crews, fabrication and donation of numerous steel projects, managing DOWT vendors and probably some others I can't think of right now, they have contributed an extraordinary amount to make us who we are.

Jay and **Michelle** will be leaving us shortly. They have decided to retire and move to east Tennessee. They will be greatly missed at the Museum. Without them being a part of our organization over the years we would not be where we are today. As President of the organization and their good friend, I salute them for their service at TCRM and wish them a long and happy retirement.

TCRM Polo Shirts Available

By **Terry Bebout**

If you ordered a gray TCRM polo shirt they are in stock at the Museum. Sizes are L, XL, 2XL & 3XL. Shirt cost to members is \$10 each.

More on the other side

Thursday Night Meeting July 13 6:30 pm at TCRM

Very Sad News – Passing of Joe Sapp

By **Bob Hultman**

I have the very sad duty to report the passing on June 27 of **Joe Sapp**, a long-time TCRM member, dedicated car host & a very close friend of mine. TCRM member and Vanderbilt employee **Brenda Bilbrey** phoned me with the news. **Joe** had just been moved into Vanderbilt palliative care unit about 2 days ago on June 25. I had spoken w/him by phone late last week during which he said he was about ready to give up the fight. **Joe** had acute myeloid leukemia & had been fighting the disease for around 2 yrs.

Joe's funeral was 2 pm Monday July 3 at St Joseph Catholic Church. Anyone wanting to send cards or notes to the family can mail them to 911 Apple Valley Rd in Madison TN 37115.

Activity Fee for 2017 - Renewal

TCRM annual membership renewal is now due. Please mail your activity fee renewals (**\$35 individual, \$40 family membership**), payable to TCRM to TC Ry Museum at 220 Willow St in Nashville TN 37210-2159 Attn – **Shakela Lawler**. 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).

HO Model RR News

By **Bob Hultman**

There's a bunch of HO modules at TCRM, both corners & straight modules, available for rehabbing. Anyone interested in seeing these modules or 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.

We have lots of work to do prepping for the upcoming conversion of the meeting room to the Thomas gift shop. We'll be starting work on making space for HO RR modules Thursday July 6.

(Article below received after the Wed noon CDT deadline, but included in this electronic version of the meeting notice- Ed.)

Update - Cumberland Valley HO Model Railroad

By **Patrick Slota**

I believe most of you are aware that I took on the task of rewiring the CVMR in January of this year. I'd like to give a brief overview and why this was needed, an update on where we are and open a dialogue with regards usage of the CVMR.

In the January newsletter **Bob Hultman** had asked if anyone could assist in finding and fixing some electrical problems in the 36' yard modules. Having just closed down a full-time business and possessing an electronics engineering background plus having built and operated a few HO DCC model railroads over my lifetime, I "volunteered" to help out. After many days of futile and frustrating troubleshooting I was able to resolve a few of the issues but not all of them. I discussed what was going on with **Bob**, and advised him that the only real "fix" was going to be to rewire the entire railroad to modern day DCC standards. The old DC cab control needed to go as did the central Tortoise switch control panel. Also, the wiring needed to be color-coded for easier future problem resolution. He agreed, as did a few of

the CVMR operators, so work got underway in January. It soon became apparent that the way to accomplish the goal was to completely rip out the old wiring and put in new in the yard modules and then attack the rest of the modules one at a time.

The CVMR is now wired with 3 2-wire busses. These are black/red color-coded 12 gauge AWG wires. Two of them are for the DCC system; one powers the inside main (1 district) and the other the outside main (1 district). These are closest to the front edge of all the modules. At the rear of each module is the third buss and this distributes 12 volts DC to control the Tortoise machines and any other 12 volt accessories. I am contemplating a third district which may be just the yard area and will decide that once all the yard tracks and turnouts are wired.

Most of the rewiring is completed to allow trains to run the 2 main loops. We are now working on the turnouts. All of these are Shinoharas that have to be made "DCC friendly". About half of them have been converted. I am also installing Tortoise switch machines on all of the turnouts in the yard and eliminating the manual push/pulls. Each turnout now has a toggle switch mounted recessed in the fascia at the location of the turnout and below each toggle is a 2-color LED (red/green) indicating the position of the turnout points...for those of you who may be color-blind, green is up and red is down! Eventually I will be installing a matrix system in the yard that will set the turnouts in the proper position to leave the yard tracks and enter the main with the flip of one toggle.

There are still modules in the shed that need to be rewired as well as the mobile power supply box. These will be started on soon. In order to accomplish this task more quickly, I propose having a work-night for members who would like to be more involved in the CVMR where I will teach you how to do the wiring, etc. I will work with **Bob Hultman** to set a date for that and will send out an email letting you know when it is.

G Scale Equipment For Sale

By **Ron Olson**

I have a large amount of G scale equipment for sale. Two locos, 23 cars, 250+ feet of stainless track and 13 or so buildings. If you know someone who might be interested call me at 615-429-8608..... Ron Olson

Wilson Co Fair – Need Volunteers

By **Ron Selliers**

If you need to find volunteers to represent the TCRM or model railroaders who would be interested in running the trains at Fiddler's Grove, this year's Wilson County Fair will be August 18th thru the 26th. Any questions contact me at (281-389-4297) or David Brooks at (615-714-9433).

Parking Crew Help Needed

By **Bob Hultman**

The parking crew will need more people to help with parking in 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.

Madison Train Show Update

By **Nathan Baker**

We have a few tables left for the 8th Annual Madison Train Show. Set up: Thursday, July 20th or Friday, July 21st, 2017. Tables are \$25 each (\$30 after July 10th) IF you want to sell. If you have an active running train layout at the show, you receive 1 free vendor table. Help available for loading and unloading. Also, looking for some volunteers to run both the Lionel and HO layouts.

Show hours- Friday July 21 3 pm to 6 pm Saturday, July 22 9 am to 2 pm For INFORMATION, call 615-612-3324 or email: nathanbaker@comcast.net
Nathan Baker, Chairman - Madison Train Show

Upcoming Conventions & Shows

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/>

Aug 26, 2017 TCA Music City Chapter Summer Train Show
1st Baptist Church in Donelson
<http://dixiedivisiontca.com/>

Nov 4, 2017 Cumberland Div Meet-Model Train Show at TCRM in Nashville TN