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## 2017 Cumberland Div-TCRM Schedule

- Sep 2-3, 9-10 Day Out With Thomas The Tank Engine at TCRM  
Sep 21 Life After Thomas Dinner at TCRM Nashville TN  
Sep 21-23 Mid-South Live Steamers Public Fall Meet Columbia TN  
Sep 30 Train Robbery Excursion Train to Watertown – SOLD OUT  
Oct 7 Fall Mile-Long Yard Sale Excursion Train to Watertown  
Oct 14 Super Fall Foliage Excursion Train to Monterey  
Oct 21 NTrak 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Meet 9 am at TCRM  
Oct 21 Super Fall Foliage Excursion Train to Cookeville  
Oct 28 Super Fall Foliage Excursion Train to Baxter Harvest Festival  
Nov 4 Cumberland Division Fall Meet at TCRM Nashville TN  
Nov 11 Excursion Train Trip to DelMonaco Winery Baxter TN – SOLD OUT  
Nov 11 NTrak 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Meet 9 am at TCRM  
Nov 25 North Pole Express Excursion Train with Santa to Watertown  
Dec 2 North Pole Express Excursion Train with Santa to Lebanon  
Dec 9 North Pole Express Excursion Train with Santa to Lebanon  
Dec 9 NTrak 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Meet 9 am at TCRM

## September Program

The September Thursday night meeting program will be an initial report on our 2017 Day Out With Thomas event. Serving of the dinner will start around 6 pm.

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](mailto:hultman@bellsouth.net)

## New TCRM Members

**Bekah, CJ, James & Tina Hutsenpiller** Mt Juliet TN (Family)

**Jeff & Sherry Smith** Antioch TN (Family)

**Gregory Utley** Clarksville TN

**Michael Webb** Hermitage TN

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

## Day Out With Thomas 2017 News

By **Terry Bebout**

Our 2017 Day Out With Thomas The Tank Engine was a great success. Thanks to all of you who helped to make it happen. I know a lot of you put in many hours and it made the difference in having a great show. The Mattel folks are very happy with us and say we have one of the most organized shows

in the country. Our numbers were down a little bit from last year but we still had over 10,000 paying guests.

Our DOWT celebration dinner will be Thursday Sept 21 at 6 pm at the museum. Uncle Buds Catering will be catering the event with fried fish, chicken and all the fixin's.

Hope to see you there.

## Excursion Train News

By **Bob Hultman**

Our 16th trip for 2017 is our fall Train Robbery trip to Watertown Saturday, Sep 30. Safety meeting on diner 3119 starts at 7 am, boarding at 8:30 am, departure at 9 am. Return should be around 2:45 to 3 pm. I'll have crew mark-up sheets at the LAT dinner for the next 5 trips, all the way thru end of October.

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](mailto:hultman@bellsouth.net)

## TCRM Exhibit at Magnet Middle School

By **Lyndell Edmondson**

(Editor's note- **Ms Edmondson** came by TCRM about 3 weeks ago while **Randal Brooks** & I were doing something..... I forget what..... and she asked if TCRM would do a train-related exhibit; the following she E-mailed to me regarding the event)

Greetings Mr. Hultman..... The gentlemen that you are associated with, through the Railroad Museum are totally incredible! Without a doubt they are exceptional individuals. Their willingness to throw in with me and expose our students to new experiences is wonderful.

The Museum exhibit (this is the John Early Museum Magnet Middle School) is a celebration of the 60th anniversary of the Desegregation of Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools. The opening will consist of a short program (public opening) attended by the Director of MNPS, Dr. Joseph, the Chairperson of the MNPS Board, Mrs. Shepherd, the District 1 School Bd. Representative, Sharon Gentry and a special one on one tour of the exhibit by the Mayor's Senior Education Advisor later in the day.

The Railroad Exhibit furnished by TCRM member **Mr. Patrick Slota** will be a part of the Plessy v Ferguson exhibit, that deals with transportation. Our students will use this as the STEM portion of our Museum. They will talk about transportation by rail and the advantages, construction and economy of this mode of transportation.

I cannot tell you how pleased I am that TC Ry Museum is willing to assist students in Inner City Nashville.

Best,

Lyndell B. Edmondson Instructional Designer John Early  
Museum Magnet Middle School 615-291-6369 ext 104  
[Lyndell.Keys@mnps.org](mailto:Lyndell.Keys@mnps.org)

More on the other side

**Thursday Night Meeting September 21- Dinner Starts 6 pm at TCRM**

## Wilson Co Fair TCRM Booth a Success

By **Ralcon Wagner**

Just wanted to report that things went very well while staffing the TCRM table at the Wilson County Fair on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Although the crowd was fairly light, those days, **Randal Brooks, Billy Odom** and myself were able to chat with several folks and hand out literature to many who didn't know about us. It looks like some of the contacts we made may generate some future excursion ticket sales.

It was a lot of great opportunity to work with fellow Museum members in a comfortable setting. The time passed very fast! (Editor Note- I want to thank all of those TCRM members who staffed the Wilson Co Fair booth this year. Every bit helps to publicize TCRM & encourage excursion train ticket sales, new members plus the hobby of model railroading..... Bob H)

## HO Model RR News

By **Randal Brooks & Horton Monroe**

Once again the Cumberland Valley Model Railroaders set up their HO modular RR at the Tennessee State Fair. The setup began on Tuesday Sep 5 and was completed on Friday Sep 8. On opening day the following people were present at some point during the day: **Marvene Bilbrey, Randal Brooks, George Gilbert, Len Hollinger, Horton Monroe and Quincy Styke III.** The railroad was configured starting clockwise from the Geezer Gate, followed by-  
Randal Brooks' 4' Bates Motel  
Len Hollingers' 16' Firestone Tire Plant module group  
Randal Brooks' 12' bridge/trestle module group  
Cumberland Div 4' Pulpwood  
Cumberland Div Large-Radius Corner  
Horton Monroe's 4' My-T-Fine Motel  
Cumberland Div 4' Drop-in module  
Cumberland Div Large-Radius Corner  
Cumberland Div 24' Yard module group  
Horton Monroe's 12' Central Of Georgia Yard module group  
Cumberland Div Large-Radius Corner  
George Gilbert's 4' Forge Creek

On opening day, Sep 8, the fall-like temperatures created a bustling atmosphere across the Fairgrounds! This year we are located in the Exhibitors Building with the Butterfly exhibit and the rabbit exhibit (RR was in SE corner of Exhibitors Bldg next to permanent concession stand & close to restrooms). The railroad ran pretty much flawlessly the entire day with some minor adjustments in the Geezer Gate. As the aroma of roasted corn, hamburgers, hot dogs, popcorn and turkey legs swept thru the building, the steady stream of spectators was mesmerized as they gazed upon the modeling techniques. We still have some passes available for those who want to get involved in this most rewarding and relaxing hobby. Please come out and join us.

From **Horton**- TSF Thursday Sep 14- Tonight, Thursday, I almost was not allowed to park in the "horse trailer" lot, and was told that tomorrow night (Friday) they were letting only horse trailers enter at that gate. This is just what I was told. We'll see...I guess.

**Marvene Bilbrey, Bob Hock, John Kennedy**, and myself were the only ones playing trains. **Marvene** had to leave about 7ish because a grandchild cut his foot; **Bob Hock** stayed until about 8 or so; **John Kennedy** stayed until closing with me.

There were some electrical issues, meaning the locos would lose sound, stop and go, stop and not go. This happened to most

locos that were running at any given time. Then **John** said he thought it was the Geezer Gate and (southwest) corner module problem. So, Mr. Brainiac me, pushed in all the Jones plugs around the gate area and ... voila... issue solved. Do I get "trainee of the night" for that?... I'll even share it with **John**...haha. Slamming of the Geezer Gate just might add to/cause this problem to occur.

For some reason, we couldn't access the WiFi tonight.

## Parking Crew Help Needed

By **Bob Hultman**

The parking crew will need more people to help with parking for the rest of 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](mailto:brucelilly1970@gmail.com). Thanks ahead of time for the help.

## Sick Call Update – Glenn Martin

By **Johnna Walters**

(Editor's note- **Johnna Walters** is an employee at the Murfreesboro VA Hospital; she contacted me regarding selling some HO trains she had) Thank you so much for **Glenn's** number. I spoke to his wife and in case you would like to lift up prayers on his behalf he is still in the hospital. However, his condition is slowly improving. Although I do not know you or him I try to treat others the way I would like to be treated and if it were me would appreciate all the prayers possible so hoping he would too. When I explained how I got his name/number and was interested in consulting with him on trains his wife offered his cell #...LOL...got to love trains a lot to be willing to talk about them while in recovery mode in a hospital..... I will call him at a later date as I am not in a big hurry since I have had these trains for over 20 years.

Thanks again and have a wonderful day, **Johnna Walters** (**Glenn's** mailing address is 2146 Old Russellville Pike in Clarksville TN 37043..... Editor)

## Upcoming Conventions & Shows

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

**July 27-28, 2018- 9th Annual Madison Train Show at City Road Chapel UMC in Madison TN**