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2019 Cumberland Div-TCRM Schedule

- Feb 8-9 Nashville Ntrak modular RR setup - LaVergne Public Library
- Feb 9 Valentines Murder Mystery Excursion Train to Watertown
- Feb 16 Charter Excursion Train to DelMonaco Winery Baxter
- Feb 23 Muddy Roots Charter Wine Trip to The Mill in Lebanon TN
- Mar 23 TCA Spring Toy Train Show 1st Baptist Church Donelson in Nashville TN
- Mar 23 TCRM Excursion Train to DelMonaco Winery Baxter
- Mar 30 Excursion Train to Spring Mile-Long Yard Sale Watertown TN
- Apr 13 TCRM Open House-Cumberland Div Spring Meet
- Apr 20 Easter Bunny Excursion Train to Watertown
- Apr 27 Charter Excursion Train to DelMonaco Winery Baxter
- May 4 TCRM Excursion Train to DelMonaco Winery Baxter
- May 18 Train Robbery Excursion Train to Watertown
- July 7-13 NMRA National Convention in Salt Lake City UT
- July 26-27 Madison Train Show at City Rd Chapel UMC in Madison TN

No February Meeting

Our next Thursday Night Meeting will be in March.

Anyone wanting to present a program at our Thursday night meetings, please contact **Bob Hultman** landline 615-833-5158 or cell 615-513-7187 or E-mail hultman@bellsouth.net

New TCRM Members

David Kings Willow Grove PA

Reece Kirkpatrick Nashville TN

Tony Rifkin Sr Clarksville TN

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

Activity Fee for 2019 - Renewal

TCRM annual membership renewal is now due. 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 – **Josie Encalada-Picado**. TCRM office is open 9 am to 3 pm Tuesday thru Saturday. If you prefer to renew via credit or debit card, please call 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). Note that the TC Hobby Shop does not take payments for new memberships or renewals.

Excursion Train News

By **Bob Hultman**

Our 2nd trip for 2019 is our Valentines Murder Mystery trip to Watertown on Saturday Feb 9. Safety meeting on diner 3119 starts at 7 am, boarding at 8:30 am, departure at 9 am, returning to Nashville around 3:15 pm.

Our 3rd trip is a Muddy Roots charter trip to DelMonaco Winery on Saturday Feb 16. Safety meeting on diner 3119 starts at 6:30 am, boarding at 7:30 am, departure at 8 am, returning to Nashville around 6 pm.

Our 4th trip is a Muddy Roots charter trip to The Mill in Lebanon on Saturday Feb 23. Safety meeting on diner 3119 starts at 9 am, boarding at 10:30 am, departure at 11 am, returning to Nashville around 4 pm.

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

HO Model RR News

By **Patrick Slota**

First, the good news. The HO RR seems to have the gremlins resolved!

I installed the Walrus Power Cabinet on the RR some time ago. The reason is because it contains 3 Digitrax Control Units. I divided the RR into 3 districts: outer mainline, inner mainline and yard. The 3 controllers are electrically separate from each other. This allows for better operations, keeps a short in one district from shutting down the entire RR, as well as for troubleshooting should there be a problem occur.

We have had issues within the electrical system after most of the rewiring happened where a problem would mask another problem. Thus, when I fixed one issue, another would rear its ugly head. Some were easily fixable but others seemed to linger or be intermittent.

Last week I resolved what seemed to be the underlying cause for most of the troubles...the DCC buss. Reconfiguring how it is connected (Topology) got rid of all the little things that were plaguing operability. The DCC buss in a Digitrax system can be configured in various ways, Star, Daisy Chain, Tree Topology or Freeform (combination of the first three). The HO RR was hooked up as a Daisy Chain, but for some reason the controllers did not like that Daisy Chain. I redid the topology to a different Daisy Chain and now the controllers are happy.

We are also able to run trains into and out of the arrival/departure tracks that parallel the yard as well as move trains within the yard and configure trains for staging on the departure tracks. A couple of the modified for DCC Shinohara's need some point adjustment as they sometimes catch a wheel, but most cars move across them. Remember, the yard area is meant for small switchers to break down and build up trains. My SW1500 works perfectly in that task. Trying to run road engines within the yard does not work well.

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No TCRM Thursday Night Meeting for February

Picking up trains on the arrival/departure tracks with road engines does.

Rewiring the HO RR has been a labor of love, and it is still not completed fully. Some may wonder why that is as I started the project 2 years ago. At that time I had just sold a small business and therefore was "retired". When **Bob** asked for help in solving "some electrical issues" I volunteered to do so. But the electrical issues were a lot to do with old wiring, running DC and DCC together on a RR, constant movement of the modules, etc., etc. The decision was made to rewire the HO RR. In the beginning I spent most days doing that, 4-5 days a week for the most part.

About 18 months ago I renewed my real estate license, and a few months after that got involved in a development project in Columbia and with a modular home building company. The Columbia project met roadblocks so it was cancelled but as it turns out, Florida is the ideal real estate climate for what we want to do. I have since formed a company of which I am the CEO. A lot of time is spent getting this endeavor going, but I do get to the TCRM as often as I can to finish what was started.

Bowling Green KY Train Show Feb 23rd

By **Kevin Comer**

Bowling Green KY Train Show is Saturday, February 23rd at L&N Station/Historic Railpark and Museum. Time 9 am – 3 pm. Admission is \$5, free parking. Vendor tables are \$15 each.

For more info, contact **Kevin Comer** at kcomer300@yahoo.com

Hobby Shop Needs Volunteers

By **Fred Enters**

HELP WANTED to assist opening the TCRM Hobby Shop. It is easy and just 4 hours a month fills a need. All you have to do is learn the cash/credit card sales system. No inventory duties, just open the door, smile, assist customers, and close the shop. It is a good way to meet members and interact with the many visitors to our Museum and city. If interested, please contact **Fred Enters**, entersf@charter.net Thanks

Nashville Ntrak News

By **Jimmie Guthrie**

The Nashville N Trak Club is going to be at the La Vergne Public Library on the 8th and 9th of Feb. Free to the public.

2 NC&Stl Ry Caboose End Doors Available

By **Gary Miller**

February 3, 2019 - I spoke with **Aaron Tanzabel** on the phone last night. He had acquired an NC&StL caboose from KY, frame, trucks, wood all gone except for the two original caboose doors. He said if someone wanted them, they are available. Contact **Aaron** at LN41@bellsouth.net or phone 615-374-4878; best time to call is noon to about 7:30 pm, leave message on his home phone/answering machine/voicemail.

Sick Call – Howard Yawn

By **Josie Picado**

January 31, 2019, 9:48 AM CST - I just received a call from **Linda, Howard's** wife, - he had a stroke this morning and has been taken to St. Thomas West. Little is known about his condition at this time. She will call me when they have spoken to all the doctors. **Howard** has only been a member with TCRM

since November, but he and his wife are here every Saturday like clockwork and help me out a lot in the Museum.

The **Yawns'** mailing address is 975 Beech Bend Dr in Nashville TN 37221. The **Yawns** joined TCRM in mid-November 2018. Please keep **Howard** and his family in your thoughts & prayers during this difficult time for them.



SPRING TRAIN MEET
Saturday, March 23, 2019

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DOZENS OF VENDORS!
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FOR MORE INFORMATION:
CALL: 615-646-2232 EMAIL: petrona.vj@comcast.net

Directions: I-40 East to Briley Parkway North Exit, right on Lebanon Pike, East. The church is on the left past the 2nd traffic light. Drive around the back on the right side of the complex to the gym.

Upcoming Conventions & Shows

Mar 23- TCA Music City Chapter Spring Train 1st Baptist Church on Lebanon Road in Donelson

Apr 13- TCRM Open House-Cumberland Division SER-NMRA Spring Meet Nashville TN

July 7-13, 2019- NMRA National Convention in Salt Lake City UT <http://www.nmra2019slc.org/>

July 26-27, 2019- 10th Annual Madison Train Show at City Road Chapel UMC in Madison TN To celebrate this milestone, vendor tables and admission prices are decreased. For info about volunteering, setting up a layout or detail, call cell 615-612-3324 or E-mail nathanbaker@comcast.net Nathan Baker, Chairman