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2019-2020 TCRM Schedule

- Nov 30 North Pole Express Excursion Train with Santa to Watertown
- Dec 7 North Pole Express Excursion Trains AM & PM with Santa to Lebanon
- Dec 14 North Pole Express Excursion Trains AM & PM with Santa to Lebanon
- Dec 14 TCA Music City Chapter Christmas Toy Train Show at TN St Fairgrounds Nashville TN- Flyer on back page
- Dec 19 Christmas Dinner-Party (aka Road Kill Buffet to some) at TCRM
- Jan 9 TCRM Thursday Night Meeting Car Host Safety Certification Class
- Feb 8 Valentines Day Murder Mystery Excursion Train to Watertown
- Mar 21 TCRM Wine Excursion Train to DelMonaco Winery
- Apr 4 Cumberland Div Meet-Model Train Show TCRM Open House
- Apr 11 Easter Bunny Excursion Train with the Easter Bunny On-Board to Watertown
- Apr 18 Spring Mile-Long Yard Sale Excursion Train to Watertown

No Thursday Night Meeting for November

Our next Thursday Night Meeting will be our Christmas Dinner-Party (aka Road Kill Buffet to some) on Dec 19. Mission Catering will provide the meal- Ham, Roasted Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Cornbread Dressing, Green Beans or Roasted Carrots, Yeast Rolls & Red Velvet Cupcakes or Mini Cheesecakes

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

Earl, Helen, Jason & Sherrie Davis Nashville TN (Family)
John Bowman, Cecil Elliott Hermitage TN (Family)
Peter, Rory & Susan Sellgren Murfreesboro TN (Family)
Kenneth Hunt, Derick Lewis, Tina Martin-Lewis, Bobby, Braxton K, Taylor & Tikina Starkey Lebanon TN (Family)
Brandon Watters Columbia TN

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

Activity Fee for 2020 - 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 Picado**. TCRM office hours 9 am-3 pm Tuesday thru Saturday. Call 615-244-9001 or stop by the Museum to pay via credit or debit card. Be

sure to include any updated roster information (name, family member names, mailing address, phone numbers & current E-mail addresses).

Excursion Train News

By **Bob Hultman**

Several weeks ago our new-to-us diner grill car ex-AMTK 8510 (former CBQ **Silver Café** built by Budd in 1948) arrived at TCRM. Many TCRM members have been working on the car to get it ready for our excursion trains- the car made its 1st trip on our trip to Baxter for Baxter's Harvest Festival on Oct 26. The car performed well, the grillied hamburgers, fries & onion rings were excellent. There's still some things to finish on the car, but we have a winner here.

Our 21st trip is a Muddy Roots charter trip to **DelMonaco Winery** Saturday Nov 9. Safety meetings on diner 3119 starts at 6:30 am, boarding at 7:30 am, departure at 8 am, returning to Nashville around 6:40 pm or so.

Our 22nd trip is our North Pole Express trip with Santa to Watertown. Safety meeting on diner 3119 starts at 7:30 am, boarding at 8:30 am, departure at 9 am, returning to Nashville around 3:30 pm or so.

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

Platform Beautification Committee Being Formed

By **Susan Thomas**

Join our platform beautification committee - We have 3 Saturdays of North Pole Express trips, 5 excursions with hundreds of families excited about a Christmas railway experience. So we want to decorate up the garden area for Christmas and family photos. If you would like to participate in making that area a fun photo area for kids, and to create the Christmas ambiance on the platform for our patrons, contact "**Randal Brooks** - TCRY" <randalbrooks@yahoo.com> or Susan Thomas smt789@hotmail.com

We will be removing the plant pots and so we have 4 flat carts and the bench to decorate - suggestions for outdoor decorations in the garden area are most welcome. We hope to convert our scarecrows to Christmas elf helpers - Please send us suggestions, resources, and ideas for decorations - Thanks in advance. (There is a weather-resistant 120 VAC outlet next to the garden – typing boy)

Diner 8510 Report

By **Terry Bebout**

October 7, 2019 Photo below took today. Progress being made. Interior of car cleaned today by outside cleaning company. Vent over grill getting a grease cleaning tomorrow. Plumber is supposed to be there one day this week. TCRM

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No Thursday Night Meeting in November

member **Richard Douglas** came today and identified the roof leaks and is buying the materials to make repairs.

Fred Enters and his friend & fellow TCRM member **Bill Sapp** are coming back this week to work on removing the stripe. I will work further on the graffiti since the weather has cooled off and it doesn't bake the stripper before it can work. **Gene** started some acid washing today also. **Bob** has windows ordered for the graffitied windows. (Graffiti cleaned off windows pretty well..... envelope-licking typist)



cooked Beast Burgers from the grill, french fries, beans and coleslaw were enjoyed by our volunteer crew luncheon.

However, the Beast Burgers were not limited to just the crew, and some of our more intrepid adventurers on the train were the first to try our Beast Burgers.

The first Beast Burger off the 8510 grill was served by **Gordon Sutla** to **Brianna Pixomatis**, and the second was to **Lois Boswell**. Their review of the Beast Burger was extremely positive, juicy, tasty and hot! And, enjoyed at the comfortable table in the new diner car.

What brought **Lois** and **Brianna** on board our Fall excursion train? **Lois** had attended the University of Puerto Rico for the last 5 years, and had missed the changing of the seasons, particularly Fall. Searching on the Web for things to do in the Fall in Middle Tennessee, the Baxter Harvest Festival Train Excursion caught her attention and her friend, **Brianna**, happily agreed to ride the excursion train. And so that is how they came to enjoy the first and second burgers served from our 8510 diner grill.

TCRM Policy for Keys, Access Codes & Related Matters

By **Bob Hultman**

TCRM's basic policy is that if a member has a recurring need for unlocking something or getting access (bldg. alarm code, keybox code, etc) AND the item in question is not normally open-available when the member needs access, then he-she get the necessary code or key(s). Example- if a member routinely comes in to work at TCRM outside the normal open hours (9 am-3 pm Mon thru Sat), it's reasonable they have a TCRM padlock key to get thru the various vehicle-pedestrian gates. If they come down to work 1 or 2 days a yr, they don't need a key. Same concept applies to the Buntin electrically-controlled street gates, the hobby shop door key, the TCRM building alarm system, the combination key boxes on-site. If you have any questions regarding this policy, contact Terry Bebout 615-479-5758 or Bob Hultman

TCRM building front door lock is going to be rekeyed sometime in the near-intermediate future. Please notify **Bob Hultman** at hultman@bellsouth.net or cell 615-513-7187 or landline 615-833-5158 if you currently have a front door key.

People Magazine Photo Shoot at TCRM

By **Randal Brooks**

On Oct 14 TCRM played host to a People Magazine photo shoot. The photo shoot involved Country Music Entertainer Hunter Hayes and his rescue dogs. Hunter has two rescue dogs. The article will be about celebrities who own rescue dogs. They shot in the plug door box car, the 3119 diner car, the dome car, various outdoor shots and in the Museum building. I was told the magazine would be out sometime in November. People Magazine is a weekly magazine. (Anyone who looked at the inside front cover of Nashville Scene's Best of Nashville 2019 issue recently saw a familiar sight- EMD SW8 TCRM #52 was the background for a full-page photo ad for RailYard Studios, our new neighbor across from our building's roll-up door... still typing boy.....)

Best Beast Burgers from our 8510 Diner

By **Susan Thomas**

The Baxter Harvest Festival Excursion on October 26, 2019 was our inaugural outing not only for the newest addition to our consist, our 8510 diner car, but also for our Beast Burgers. Fresh

TCRM at 2019 Wilson Co Fair

By **Susan Thomas**

TCRM would like to thank and recognize all our volunteers who gave of their time and shared their passion for model railroading and the historic passenger trains during the 9-day 2019 Wilson Country Fair. Our TCRM table was co-located in the Fiddlers Grove Train Museum, inside with air conditioning. A total of 6682 visitors entered the Train Museum. We offered a special discount for the September 7 wine train excursion, as well as promoting a variety of themed excursions for the rest of 2019 and into 2020. **Terry Bebout** did report a marked increase in the excursions bookings as a result of this opportunity to talk one-on-one to train enthusiasts about the different experiences on TCRM train excursions.

The Fiddlers Grove folks really made the TCRM volunteers welcome and were excellent hosts. There was often a meal available, and plenty of drinks and donuts on hand for our volunteers.

Many of our TCRM volunteers worked at the Fair for more than one shift. A big thank you to:

James "JD" Brooks

Randal Brooks

Carol Grandstaff

Eric Henry - also worked 576 booth and extra days-times in the TCRM booth

Tommy Jones

Brian McDonnell- also worked extra days & helped run Lionel trains in the Train Museum

Larry Norton

Ariel, Josie and Eli Picado

Susan Thomas - also worked 576 booth

Ralcon Wagner

who gave up their evenings and weekends to support the Tennessee Central Railroad Museum. Mark your calendars for the 2020 Wilson Country Fair, August 14 - 22, 2020.

TCRM Photo Memories

By **Susan Thomas**

We want to set up an "engine photo prop" with a facial cut out so families can take their photos and keep their memories. Kids and parents love them. This would be located on the platform. Does any member have a workshop and tools to build one, or constructive suggestions. Contact **Randal Brooks** at randalbrooks@yahoo.com

HO RR Modeling News

By **Bob Hultman**

TN St Fair 3 Sep - **Randal Brooks** reports the HO RR at the Banquet Hall on the TN St Fairgrounds is operational today.

There's a few things yet to be done like installing a few plastic shields. **Terry Bebout** has made cc's of our excursion train handouts & **Howard & Linda Yawn** have volunteered to staff our information table during some of the weekday evenings of the Fair.

The RR occupies 22' x 38', not counting floor area taken by pipe & drape. The RR configuration starting with the Southwest corner of the RR is-

Large-Radius Corner- Cumberland Division

Yard- 24' Straight- Cumberland Division

My-T-Fine Motel- 4' Straight - Horton Monroe

Large-Radius Corner- Cumberland Division

HortBrook- 12' Straight - Randal Brooks, Horton Monroe

Large-Radius Corner- Cumberland Division

Bates Motel- 4' Straight - Randal Brooks

Forge Creek- 4' Straight - George Gilbert

Geezer Gate- 4' Straight - Cumberland Division

Firestone Tire & Rubber- 16' Straight - Len Hollinger

Large-Radius Corner- Cumberland Division

An excellent crew turned out Labor Day morning to load out the HO RR & related impedimenta to the Banquet Hall at the St Fairgrounds. We could drive right up to the location in the Hall for the RR. **J P Campbell** drove his sgl-axle dry box straight truck to the east side of the Hall to a loading dock (van box too high to get into the Ag bldg, then to the Banquet Hall). We made short work off-loading everything, then a scurrying around locating items-pieces-parts..... Many, many thanks to all who came to help- **James, Marvene & Nathaniel Bilbrey, Randal Brooks, J P Campbell, George Gilbert, Robert "Moose" Guzman, Len Hollinger, Bob Hultman, John Kennedy, Gary Miller, Jason Whipp & Gary Willoughby.** Gary W drove in from Paris TN to help out with loading-hauling-unloading.....

and his was the nicest ride of the bunch, a restored 2-tone Studebaker Golden Hawk (forget the model yr). If I failed to name everyone who helped, my apologies in advance.

Overall the RR operated well during the 10-day run, altho 1 of our members tried to give it an ice tea bath one day (names omitted to protect the guilty). We look forward to setting up for the 2020 St Fair no matter the venue (within reason). Many thanks again to all who helped set up, troubleshoot, operate, take down & finally haul the RR either back home or back to TCRM.

The HO modelers within TCRM are continuing to work on the HO RR in the meeting room. **Patrick Slota** met with many of our younger modelers on Oct 26 to lay groundwork for making more progress on the RR and to get to where we hold operating sessions on the RR. There's discussions going on about changing the RR configuration including switching out module groups. There's also several module groups & modules in the "shed" in need of attention. There are also modular benchwork sections stored in the shed's "ceiling" that are available for anyone wanting to use them in a home model RR. If interested, contact **Bob Hultman**. If you are interested in being added to the HO modeler's E-mail group, notify Bob Hultman at hultman@bellsouth.net

This from Gary Dobias via the E-mail group Proto-Layouts@groups.io Oct 3, 2019 Subject: Re: [Proto-Layouts] Gluing styrene to putty-

Matt, I am familiar with Paul Budzik's work and he is an incredible modeler but the dental acrylic process is different from the process I use. The product I use is something I found in my wife makeup supplies. It is used to build up and fill cracks in acrylic nails. It is Aspire ASP 14 Bonding Acrylic Liquid and ASP7 Bonding Acrylic Powder, clear. Both are available at Sally Beauty supply. I use the powder with CA glue because it sets instantly and can be built up sanded and polished immediately. I have used it to repair broken windshield and canopies on model airplanes as well as building up figures when after modification. It can be polished to a glassy surface unlike most modeling putties..... Gary Dobias

Nashville Ntrak to Receive Award

By **Nathan Baker**

Nathan Baker, Chairman of the 11th Annual Madison Train Show will be presenting a plaque to the Nashville Ntrak group for 10 years of faithfully setting up a N scale railroad at the Madison Train Show. Additionally, the 11th Annual Madison Train Show is moving one week earlier because of "Tax Free Weekend". The summer 2020 dates are Friday July 17 & Saturday July 18th. See **Nathan Baker** for vendor and other show information nathanbaker@comcast.net Cell-615-612-3324

NWSL To Continue Operating

By **Bob Hultman**

Aug 19, 2019 - Good news today, NorthWest Short Line will continue in business. The current owner was having to shut down the business because of family medical matters (wife has cancer). Good news indeed for all those want to repower and otherwise upgrade their model railroad rolling stock - Bob H

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On Monday, August 19, 2019, 4:16:49 PM CDT, Bill Lugg <luggw1@risebroadband.net> wrote:
Just got this through the HOn3 grapevine... "Dave here, and I have good news. NWSL released the following today:

NorthWest Short Line Press Release

NorthWest Short Line is pleased to announce that the entire line has been acquired by an NWSL employee, effective September 3rd, 2019. All existing back orders will be filled, and NWSL will be open to new orders as soon as the new websites are rolled out; the primary website nws1.com <[Home](#)> will carry forward as the primary contact point. The line is expected to carry forward largely unchanged although the company will no longer offer phone support. NWSL will be headquartered in Kila, Montana, located near Kalispell, and the new address is PO Box 219, Kila, MT 59920. Email contact is through the website."

TCRM Hosts Hickman Co Home-School Group

By Josie Picado

Oct 9, 2019 TCRM hosted a visit Wednesday, Oct 9 at 10 AM for the Hickman County Home Educators; about 25 children and 10 adults to visit TCRM. The group was with us for about 1-1 1/2 hrs.

The plan is to split the group into three groups Elementary, Middle & High School. We had volunteers running the HO & N Scale layouts, someone to discuss module building with the kids Someone to monitor the Sly Fox & Birdie video for the younger kids & someone to monitor the Artifact Room. Plus several volunteers to help give tours and talk about the passenger cars Someone with a little more extensive knowledge about TC History and Local R/R Knowledge to talk to the High School students.

The contact person for the group was Ms. Rachael Tanner 931-994-9077 jimnrachtanner@gmail.com

The group really enjoyed their visit almost as much as we enjoyed hosting them.

26th Annual
Christmas Toy Train Show

Saturday, December 14, 2019
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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Upcoming Conventions & Shows

Nov 9-10- Mississippi Railfest in Gulfport MS sponsored by Mississippi Coast Model RR Museum www.mcmrcm.org

Dec 14- TCA Music City Chapter 26th Annual Christmas Toy Train Show at TN St Fairgrounds Nashville TN

Year 2020

Apr 4 Cumberland Div Model Train Show & TCRM Open House at TCRM Nashville TN

June 19-20 SER NMRA Regional Convention Trax to the Max II in Cartersville GA
<http://www.ser-nmra.org/convention/2020-ser-convention-trax-max-ii>

**June 24-28 N Scale Enthusiasts National N Scale Convention in Nashville TN Sheraton Music City Hotel, 777 McGavock Pike, Nashville, TN 37214. More details-
nationalnscaleconvention.com**

July 12 thru 18 NMRA National Convention Gateway 2020 in St Louis MO <https://www.gateway2020.org>

July 17 & 18 11th Annual Madison Train Show Friday July 17 & Saturday July 18th See Nathan Baker for vendor and other show information nathanbaker@comcast.net Cell-615-612-3324