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Donations

Robert Marsmaker- \$2,000 cash towards purchase of Cushman utility cart

2019-2020 TCRM Schedule

- 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
- Feb 15 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
- May 16 1st Annual Donelson Train Show at St John's Lutheran Church Nashville TN

December Thursday Night Meeting

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.

Nathan Baker will make a presentation to the Nashville Ntrak group.

The program will be Songs of the Season presented by **Rob Bartley** (who likes car hosting in 3113 car with its electronic piano) and **Brian McDonnell** will present a photo overview of TCRM's 2nd Decade of the 21st Century.

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

William Rauli

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).

Christmas Party Santa Gifts

By **Bob Hultman**

TCRM members 1) paid up for 2019 AND 2) are in attendance get a ticket for the gift drawing. For those who have renewed for 2020, they get a 2nd ticket per membership (incentive to renew on or before Dec 19; 1 extra ticket per membership, not per family member). Not renewed for 2019? Reread the item just prior to this one.

Corporate Changes – Cumberland Division SER-NMRA & TCRM

By **Bob Hultman**

About a year to 18 months ago, I received a phone call from the then-president of SouthEastern Region (SER) of the Nat'l Model RR Assoc (NMRA), **Alan Mole**. What prompted the call was increased interest-concern amongst SER leadership (and NMRA national leadership) regarding the legal & business relationship between Cumberland Division SER-NMRA and TCRM. Essentially the concern was primarily the potential liability for NMRA, SER & Cumberland Division for the TCRM excursion train operation. The main end result from a series of phone calls, E-mails, in-person discussions, etc is that the TN domestic non-profit corporation Tennessee Central Railway Museum & Model Railroad Club has been officially dissolved. Then the TN domestic non-profit corporation Cumberland Division SER-NMRA (the IRS 501(c)(3) federal income tax-exempt entity) name was officially changed to Tennessee Central Railway Museum & Model Railroad Club. The IRS has officially acknowledged the name change. The appropriate paperwork has been filed with the Davidson Co Register of Deeds. Yet to be accomplished is to get the TN Dept of Revenue to issue a Certificate of Sales Tax Exemption with the current corporate name for TCRM.

The net effect of all this legal & bureaucratic hoop-jumping and sticky wicket negotiating is to remove Cumberland Division SER-NMRA from any liability for TCRM operations & any liability arising from owning real or personal property.

Excursion Train News

By **Bob Hultman**

Our 25th & 26th trips for 2019 are our North Pole Express trips with Santa to Lebanon on Dec 14. 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-

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Thursday Night Meeting Dec 19 – Serving Starts ~ 6 pm

TCRM Gets A Utility Cart

By **Bob Hultman**

On Dec 10 TCRM took delivery of a Cushman 1200X EFI utility cart. This cart is for TCRM grounds maintenance, excursion train maintenance, parking crew use, etc. It is NOT for ferrying passengers or TCRM visitors around the Museum, up & down the platform or to & from motor vehicles. The cart's home is in the east end of the electric jack house, seen in the left side of the photo below. There is also a log sheet on a clipboard hanging on a wall of the electric jack house. Cart users are to log their use of the cart on the sheet. An effective writing instrument accompanies the clipboard.

The cart's bed is a tilting one, so we can use it to haul & dump material like rock, gravel, hay bales, tie plates, etc. We will also have a non-alcohol gasoline container so marked for refueling the gas tank (passenger side, seats tilt forward to get to the tank); fuel fill outlet is above & slightly right of the right rear wheel.

Manty thanks to long-time TCRM member & qualified air brake installer **Robert Marsmaker** for his \$2,000 cash donation towards TCRM's purchase of the cart.

Photo below by **Tanner Peterson**; photo rotated by Kevin Blevins



Newest Train Show

By **Nathan Baker**

1st Annual Bellevue Model Train Show Saturday, February 1st, 2020 at Bellevue Baptist Church, 7400 Highway 70 South, Nashville (Across from Red Caboose Park) Time: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Admission: Adults \$5 *Profits benefit Bellevue Food Bank LIMITED number of vendor tables still available.

For Info: Nathan Baker, Chairman Cell 615-612-3324, E-mail nathanbaker@comcast.net

Upcoming Conventions & Shows

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

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

May 16 1st Annual Donelson Train Show at St John's Lutheran Church at 3259 McGavock Pike in Nashville TN Nathan Baker 615-612-3324 nathanbaker@comcast.net

May 31 thru June 6 36th Annual National Garden Ry Convention hosted by Nashville Garden Ry Society in Nashville TN Website- <https://ngrc2020.com/>

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

**26th Annual
Christmas Toy Train Show**

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

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