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## 2020 TCRM Schedule

- Mar 7 TCRM Excursion Train –Capitol Theatre in Lebanon
- Mar 12 Thursday Night Meeting at TCRM Nashville
- Mar 14 NMRA Cumberland Div Meeting Old Hickory UM Church 1:30 pm
- Mar 14 Train Collectors Assoc Music City Chapter Spring Train Meet Donelson 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church
- 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 - Easter Bunny On-Board to Watertown
- Apr 18 Spring Mile-Long Yard Sale Excursion Train to Watertown
- May 16 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Donelson Train Show at St John's Lutheran Church Nashville TN
- May 16 DelMonaco Winery Excursion Train
- June 20 DelMonaco Winery Excursion Train

## March Thursday Night Meeting – Mar 12

Our next Thursday Night Meeting will be on Mar 12. Brian McDonnell has agreed to present a program, subject to be announced closer to the meeting date.

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](mailto:hultman@bellsouth.net)

## New TCRM Members

**Eric Wingo** Springfield 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**

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> trip for 2020 is our You're a Good Man Charlie Brown trip to Capitol Theatre in Lebanon Saturday Mar 7. Safety meeting on diner 3119 starts at 9 am, boarding at 10:30 am, departure at 11 am, returning to Nashville around 4:15 pm or so.

Our 4<sup>th</sup> trip for 2020 is our first DelMonaco Winery trip of the year on Mar 21. Safety meeting on diner 3119 starts at 6:30 am, boarding at 7:30 am, departure at 8 am, returning to Nashville around 6:30 pm or so. Passengers ride 1-way to DelMonaco, then return on chartered motor coaches. Car hosts will ride the train back to Nashville, departing DelMonaco as soon as all passengers have deboarded.

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)

## Cumberland Division News

By **Bob Hultman**

Next Cumberland Division meeting will be on March 14 (Saturday) at Old Hickory UM Church (courtesy of TCRM member **Horton Monroe**) at 1:30 PM. We will get an update on a new constitution and by-laws for our group, as we currently have no organizational structure heading into 2020.

## TCRM Ex-AMTK Rolling Stock Update

By **Terry Bebout**

TCRM's 3 cars still at AMTK Beech Grove Indiana have been interchanged to CSX. They should be in Nashville soon. As a consequence, there will be some switching of our rolling stock @TCRM this Saturday, Mar 7.

## Hobby Shop Help Urgently Needed

By **Hank Sweetman**

The Hobby Shop needs your help. We currently have 7 days in March with no one to staff the shop. Working the Hobby Shop is interesting as it allows you to interact with others interested in model railroading, and learn from them as you assist them.

The system that we use is not complicated, and you will be given hands-on training in how to use the system and Hobby Shop procedures.

The Hobby Shop is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon until 3 pm, and on Saturdays from 10 am to 2 pm. If you can volunteer for one day a month, your help would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Hobby Shop Manager **Hank Sweetman** at 615-406-6917, or by email at [hanksweetman@gmail.com](mailto:hanksweetman@gmail.com) if interested.

## Volunteers Needed - 2 School Group Tours

By **Josie Picado**

We have two exciting opportunities for our Museum Volunteers. On Tuesday, March 10th we have 2 school groups coming to TCRM. These students are studying the Industrial Revolution - Westward Expansion. They are middle schoolers (7-8th grade), 1<sup>st</sup> group - 9 am - 11am, 2<sup>nd</sup> group 12:30 - 2:30 pm

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**Thursday Night Meeting at 6:30 pm Mar 12**

This is being coordinated by Julie of the 576 Restoration Project and we will hopefully be able to draw in more students with her help.

We need volunteers to run the HO & N-scale trains, someone to talk to the students in the Artifact Room, and several volunteers to assist with Tours to the yard. Volunteers can help out all day or take one of the shifts. Would be great if some of our Operating Crew could help out with tours also.

We will need to cut off each shift once we reach 10 volunteers so sign up early to get the shift you want.

## TCRM HO Model RR News

By Patrick Slota

**Robert “Moose” Guzman** and myself have been “working on the railroad” along with help from **Bob “VP” Hultman** and **Randal “The Man” Brooks**.

We wanted to extend the length of the railroad to the passenger exit door (approximately 9.5 feet) so **Bob, Randal** and **Moose** pulled a number of modules from the shed to determine their condition and applicability. One 12’ set of straight modules is in very bad shape and may not be worth the trouble to bring up to standards. Another 24 feet of yard modules plus 2 corner modules are in decent shape (need some cleaning, scenic refresh, etc.) but will make a welcome addition. However, as the length of the modules would cause us to exceed the room available to the passenger door, we are considering placing the modules in line against the south and west walls of the main room as a way to extend the operating portion of the CVRM linearly. We have a “bridge module” to connect the current configuration together with the add-on that can be removed when not operating the railroad to allow people traffic to pass through to the office and passenger exit door. We could use a reverse loop module to turn trains at the end of the linear run if anyone has one or would like a modelling project.

**Moose** and I have ordered through the hobby shop signal lighting for the yard tracks for additional visual indicators of the switch alignments. Will begin installing those once they have arrived.

I am continuing the wiring of the engine shop area. Have all switches converted to DCC friendly, have started to install tortoise switch machines and toggle switches to control those. **Moose** spent a day reversing the walls on the engine shed to allow the windowed side to be viewed from inside the operating pit and I wired the already installed lights to the 12 volt DC circuit.

There are 3 track switches on the Marsmaker modules (those on the south side of the RR between the corner module and **Randal’s** 2 modules) that have tortoise switch machines attached. These, however, do NOT have toggles yet installed. I will get to those as soon as I do not have to spend time repairing problems.

By the way, thank you **Jim Perry** for your Tuesdays spent at the Museum helping between tours to repair problem areas on the RR. Your surgeon hands and keen eye have resolved a few mysterious problems that have reared their ugly heads as we have done a complete rewire of the CVRM.

Lastly, we are implementing a set of rules for operating the CVRM. We need to have these in place as a guideline for everyone to enjoy running trains while respecting the model railroad as well as respecting other operators’ equipment and operating rights. As soon as I have those finished I will have **Bob** distribute them to the TCRM HO members.

## O Gauge Tinplate For Sale

By Josie Picado

If you are interested in the following O gauge train manufacturers, Mr Jay Edgar is looking to sell part of his collection. The items are in their original boxes and are in NEW & great condition. If interested please TEXT Mr. Edgar at 615-579-8367. Send Text only, please. Manufacturers- Atlas O, Bachmann, Lionel, MTH, Rail King & Williams..... New in Boxes - 70-80's manufacturer dates.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Donelson Model Train Show

by Nathan Baker

We are announcing the 1st Annual Donelson Model Train Show on Saturday, May 16th, 2020 from 9 am to 3pm Venue is St John's Lutheran Church, 39 McGavock Pike, Nashville.

This is our first Model Train Show at this location. The church is very supportive of this event. We will need some volunteers, there will be food for sale and 3 or more model railroads running.

If you are interested in setting up a layout, running a layout. Vendor tables are \$25 each. Contact Nathan Baker, cell: 615-612-3324 or email: nathanbaker@comcast.net

## Upcoming Conventions & Shows

**Mar 14 Train Collectors Assoc Music City Chapter Spring Train Meet Donelson 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church 2526 Lebanon Pike Nashville TN**

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

**May 16 1<sup>st</sup> 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 36<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 18<sup>th</sup> See Nathan Baker for vendor and other show information [nathanbaker@comcast.net](mailto:nathanbaker@comcast.net) Cell-615-612-3324**