2013-2014 Cumberland Div-TCRM Schedule

Dec 7 North Pole Express Excursion Train with Santa to Lebanon – 2 Trips
Dec 12 Christmas Party & Annual Road Kill Buffet at TCRM
Dec 14 North Pole Express Excursion Train with Santa to Lebanon – 2 Trips
Jan 9 TCRM Thursday Night Meeting- Nashville TN
Feb 8 Valentines Day Murder Mystery Trip to Watertown
Feb 15 Excursion Train to DelMonaco Winery at Baxter
Mar 15 Excursion Train to DelMonaco Winery at Baxter
Mar 22 Cumberland Div Spring Meet-Model Train Show & TCRM Open House
Apr 12 Easter Bunny Excursion Train I to Watertown
Apr 19 Easter Bunny Excursion Train II to Watertown
Apr 26 Spring Mile-Long Yard Sale Excursion Train to Watertown
May 3 Dogwood Spring Festival Trip to Monterey
May 17 Train Robbery Trip to Watertown
May 31-June 1 TCRM Excursion Train 25th Anniversary Celebration
June 13-15 SER Regional Convention – Rails Across The River
Memphis TN
June 21 Excursion Train to DelMonaco Winery at Baxter

New Members

Dawn & Tony Androsky Alexandria VA (Family)
Cilene, Jamie & Kristina Bosch Smyrna TN (Family)
Aaron Gerber Oakland TN
Bill McCord Gallatin TN
Joyce Watson Mt Juliet TN (Ernest Thompson’s d-i-l)
Charlie Weaver Goodlettsville TN (Family)
Bill Whittaker Utica NY
Chad Wiklund Antioch TN (Rerail)

Welcome to our new members as they take part in our activities.

Cumberland Div-TCRM BoD Meeting

By Bob Hultman

The Cumberland Division-TCRM Board of Directors met at TCRM Tuesday Dec 3 at 6 pm. Agenda items included review of financial information, proposals for our 2014 budget and selection of a new Board member to replace Jim Adair, who resigned earlier in 2013. The Board approved significant 2014 budget items of $25,000 for continued restoration of TC 102 business car, $20,000 for TCRM Excursion Train Program 25th Anniversary activities; last item of business was selection of Gene Turnage as the new member on the Board of Directors.

We have lots to do in 2014……….
Excursion Train News
By Bob Hultman

Our next 2 trips for 2013 are the 2 North Pole Express Trips to Lebanon on Dec 7. Safety meeting starts at 7 am, with departure at 9:00 am; the 2nd trip leaves Nashville at 1:30 pm, returning about 3:45 pm or so. Sign-up sheets for the Dec 14 trips will be at our Dec 12 meeting.

Want to help work these trips? Just contact Bob Hultman at cell 615-513-7187 or E-mail hultman@bellsouth.net

Sick Call Update – Homer Thompson
By Delores Thompson

Thursday, Nov 28, 2013- Ron took Homer to doc Tuesday and he still has too much fluid in chest tubes to remove them. He has lost weight & is going back next week for recheck and to see heart failure specialist. Seems the surgery did not improve his heart function - it’s still functioning/pumping/circulating at 45%. Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours.

Monday, Nov 18, 2013- Homer got to a room on Friday afternoon, after 8 days in ICU. He is alert, doing as well as can be expected when you have had your chest cracked x2 in 1 day. They hope to get him to rehab by the end of the week.

Friday, Nov 8, 2013- Homer underwent valve replacement and 3 bypasses yesterday at St. Thomas. He was on the table almost 13 hours due to bleeding and had to open his chest again. He finally got to ICU about 9 pm and is critical. He is still bleeding but cannot locate source. He is on a ventilator, has 4 chest tubes, blood going, 10 IVs with different medications. He looked better than we thought he would after that long under anesthesia. He is still sedated due to the vent. They are going to try to wean the vent today but they say that is the critical part so will keep you posted on that aspect.

No visitors in ICU. When he is in a room, will let you know. Homer’s home address- 125 Hillview Dr in LaVergne TN 37086

Special Thanks to TCRM Volunteers
By Marilyn O’Neal

Nov 24, 2013- I want to send out a huge thanks to all the youth group that came out yesterday to usher around, teach, and help the young children that we had yesterday for our visitors. We were almost at 100 percent of the youth members. Also a big thanks to the office interns who were here to help sort out seating for all of our 5 Christmas trips. I’m so proud of them.

Yesterday our members were there in full force to help the youth, talk to visitors and to take visitors on guided tours. By far this was one of the best days I ever experienced in teaching, helping and sharing with all of our members working together.

Thanks to all of you for helping me get thru this past 3 days of non-stop guests to TCRM. As always you are appreciated, more than you will ever know.

TCRM Museum Room Exhibit Addition
By Terry Bebout

We now have a restored vintage switch stand on display in the Museum room. Thanks to Allen Hicks for the restoration and Don Strong for the wooden blocks representing the headblock crossovers. Allen Hicks and Mark Mathews moved it in place on Saturday Nov 30. It is complete with a brass switch lock and placard that gives information to visitors about its use.

Photo by Terry Bebout below-

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2013 Whistlestop Weekend Nov 15-17
By Bob Hultman

The HO modular RR went to Adventure Science Center on Nov 9 to take part in their Whistlestop Weekend Nov 15 thru 17. We had the RR up & running by ~ 4 pm Sunday Nov 10 in our usual location just to the left of the main entrance on the ground floor.

RR configuration will be in the Jan 2014 Meeting Notice. C Div Outside Corner - C Div 24' Yard - C Div Outside Corner Horton Monroe's 12' Central of GA RR Horton Monroe's 4' My-T-Fine Motel Len Hollinger's 16' Firestone Plant C Div Outside Corner - C Div Outside Corner George Gilbert's 4' Forge Creek C Div 4' Geezer Gate - C Div Inside Corner Thomas Mogish's 4' Farm Scene C Div Inside Corner Thomas Mogish's 8' Engine Terminal C Div Outside Corner - C Div Outside Corner Russ Schneider's 20' MILW Rd Passenger Station Mike Irwin's 8' British Village Thomas Mogish's 4' Seaside Scene

Many thanks to the module owners and everyone else who helped with transport, setup, takedown & return transport to TCRM Sunday evening Nov 17 in the rain. We promoted the hobby to well over 1,000 people and also got a lot of excursion train information handed out. The RR ran pretty well, no major mechanical or electrical failures. It was nice to see the new modules by Mike Irwin and his British steam, diesel, passenger & freight rolling stock (carriages & wagons). Larry Dunlap-Berg, our contact at ASC, was very glad to have us back & they look forward to us returning next year.

Upcoming Conventions & Shows
Mar 22 Cumberland Div Spring 2014 Meet-Model Train Show & TC Ry Museum Open House at TCRM
June 13-15 SER Joint Regional Convention with Mid-Continent Region – Rails Across The River Memphis TN
July 13-19 NMRA 2014 Cleveland National Convention in Cleveland OH
http://www.2014cleveland.org

Future Group Tours at TCRM
By Marilyn O’Neal

Dec 18th Wednesday - Berry Head Start - Jackie Mckinney 19 Students 3-4 Year Olds + 7 Chaperones

Dec 19 Thursday - Classical Conversationalist Home Schoolers- Jessica Schwiger 15-30 attendees, 10 am thru noon.

Mar 6 2014 - North Head Start- Roselyn Mccullough 20 Children + 5 Adults