Donations
Dr Art Cushman - $250 cash
John Kennedy - $300 cash
Bill Strong - $1,000 cash for the TC 102 office car restoration

2011 Cumberland Div-TCRM Schedule
Jan 13  TCRM Thursday Night Meeting  Nashville TN
Jan 17  LA&SL RR Operating Session 7-10 PM Nolensville TN
Jan 29  LA&SL RR Operating Session 9-Noon Nolensville TN
Feb 5  Murder Mystery Trip to DelMonaco Winery Baxter TN
Feb 12  Valentines Day Murder Mystery Trip to Watertown
Mar 19  Spring 2011 Cumberland Division Meet-Model Train Show & TCRM Open House
Apr 9  Trip to 23rd Annual Watertown Mile-Long Yard Sale
Apr 16  Easter Bunny Trip I to Watertown
Apr 23  Easter Bunny Trip II to Watertown
May 7  Spring Dogwood Festival Trip to Monterey
May 14  Train Robbery Trip to Watertown
July 9  Murder Mystery Trip - Watertown Music & Arts Festival
July 23  Murder Mystery Trip to DelMonaco Winery Baxter TN

Host Committee for January 2011 Meeting
Allen Hicks  Bob Hock  Ingrid Hofmann
Frank Holt  Bill Howard  Wes Howe
Judy Huckaby  Bob Hultman*  Josh Hunter
Fred Huss  Barbara Hutton  Mike Ingling
Mike Irwin  George Jackson  John Jacobs
* - Committee Chair

Program
The January program will be the carhost safety certification class. Course instructor Terry Bebout reminds all participating in the class to bring 1) an effective writing instrument and 2) their car host handbook.

New Members
By Bob Hultman
Charles Carter - Brentwood TN
Craig Haslip - Lebanon TN
Andrew, Diane & Eric Jensen - Nolensville TN (Family)
Rich Suss - Clarksville TN
Welcome our new members as they take part in our activities.

Activity Fee for 2011 - Renewals
By Bob Hultman
Please mail your activity fee renewals (the fee remains $30 individual, $35 for family members of the same household) payable to TCRM to TC Ry Museum at 220 Willow St in Nashville TN 37210-2159 Attn – Marilyn O’Neal. If you prefer to renew via credit card, please call Marilyn at 615-244-9001 or stop by the Museum to do so in person. Also, be sure to include any updated roster information (name, address, phone numbers and current E-mail addresses).

HO Scale Model RR News
By Bob Hultman
HO scale modelers took something of a break in December, keeping the HO RR running for the 4 North Pole Express trips and preparing for the New Year. Pete Boehme will do some repair work on our large-radius corners and is going to complete a moving storage corner module rack, making the moving of these corners somewhat less aggravating. Good news- the 2011 TN State Fair will once again be at the State Fairgrounds in Nashville, a 10-day run that is a highlight of the HO modular RR effort. We have a great opportunity to 1) show off the model railroading hobby, 2) promote Day Out With Thomas and TCRM excursion trains; and 3) we earn some $$ for our efforts in the bargain.

NRHS Nashville Chapter News
By Bob Hultman
Ron Musick sends word to remind NRHS members that it’s time for renewal of membership dues. If you have not already done so, please contact Ron (E-mail rjmusic4@tds.net or phone 615-754-6242) to arrange your membership renewal.

Excursion Train News
By Bob Hultman
Our first 2 trips for 2011 are 1) the Feb 5 Murder Mystery Trip to DelMonaco Winery in Baxter TN and 2) the Feb 12 Valentines Day Murder Mystery Trip to Watertown. Safety meetings for both of the Feb trips start at 7:00 am. We are always looking for TCRM members to help work these trips. If you want to work these trips, contact Bob Hultman at 615-833-5158 or cell 615-513-7187 or E-mail hultman@bellsouth.net
Don’t forget the carhost safety certification class will be presented during the Jan 13, 2011 Thursday Night Meeting.

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Sad News – Passing of Gene Caldwell  
By Bob Hultman

Robert E “Gene” Caldwell passed away early Monday morning December 27, 2010. Gene had been in poor health with lung problems and had just transferred from Centennial Medical Center to a skilled nursing care facility. Gene was a long-time member of the Cumberland Division Ser-NMRA. He and his wife Carolyn Caldwell were quite active with the Division Meets in earlier years. Later on Gene concentrated on building his well-detailed home railroad, the CSX & ATSF RR. Gene was always glad to host Division Meet attendees during the self-guided layout tours. Gene also held every Wednesday evening operating sessions on his model railroad for several years.

Gene’s funeral was at Reed’s Chapel in Decaturville, TN on Wednesday, December 29 with burial in Crossroads Cemetery in Parsons, TN. Carolyn Caldwell’s mailing address is 5009 Pebble Creek Dr in Antioch TN 37013-1813.

Please keep Carolyn and Gene’s families in your thoughts and prayers.

Sad News – Passing of Ingrid Guthrie  
By Bob Hultman

Ingrid Guthrie, wife of Nashville Ntrak and TCRM member Jimmie Guthrie, passed away on Tuesday, January 4, 2011. Jimmie thanks everyone for their prayers and support. Visitations will be from 4 pm to 8 pm Thursday at the Rutherford County Baptist Church at 5742 Seminary Rd in Smyrna TN. Service will be at the same church beginning at 3 pm Friday, January 7.

Jimmie’s home address is 587 Mason Tucker Dr in Smyrna TN 37167-5929. Please keep Jimmie and Ingrid’s families in your thoughts and prayers.

Sad News – Passing of Dean Freytag  
By Bill Linson

Flags are flying at half staff today (Dec 25) over model railroads throughout Ohio and beyond, mourning the passing of model railroad legend Dean Freytag. Freytag, 86, passed away Christmas night at the assisted living facility in Ashland, OH, where he had resided for the past 11 months. He leaves a sister Carol, a brother-in-law Jim, and a niece and nephew. He was preceded in death by wife Ann Elizabeth (Davies) in 1999.

He was a prolific modeler of all things about railroading, but especially steel mills. Indeed, it was steel that dominated the 13’ x 38’ main room of his HO model railroad. His models of the various components of the steel mills that dominated the landscape in what he called the “Ruhr Valley of the United States” -- that section of the country between Cleveland and Pittsburgh -- are the prototypes for the Walthers series of steel-making structures used by modelers throughout the world.

He spent a lot of time on the telephone with modeling friends all over the country discussing a myriad of topics, but usually related to railroading. It was Dean Freytag who put train watching into perspective when he once said to someone questioning the time spent, "I'm with friends who share interests, we're sitting outside in lovely weather and when there aren't trains going by we discuss the world, the economy, football, and all sorts of things."

The lights are dimmed on Dean Freytag’s South Ridge Lines, and fires are out at his Davies Steel complex. Model railroading has lost an icon, and I have lost a friend.

Sick Call - Mike Perry  
By Bob Hultman

Mark Perry reports his brother Mike is not doing well; Mike has blood circulation problems, among other health issues and is seeing some specialists regarding future course of treatment. Mike and Mark’s home address is 102 Rural Av in Nashville TN 37209-3255. Please keep Mike and Mark in your thoughts and prayers.

Hobby Shop News  
By Bob Hultman

TCRM Hobby Shop is temporarily closed for the annual inventory. The shop will reopen as soon as the inventory is complete.

If you want to E-mail hobby shop orders, send them to Mark Perry at markperry46@comcast.net  Normal shop hours continue to be Tuesdays 4-7 pm, Thursdays noon-6 pm and Saturdays, 9 am to 3 pm.

TCRM Clothing Available  
By Bob Hultman

There are a few TCRM black winter jackets available, XL and XXL size; the jackets feature an embroidered white TCRM emblem over the left side, 2 zippered outside pockets and an inside pocket on the right side. Member prices are $45 for the LG & XL sizes, $50 for the XXL & up sizes. We also have to collect TN sales tax on these jackets.

TCRM black baseball caps w/embroidered logo are available, member price $8

TCRM E-mail Group & Comcast.net  
By John Graves

Best I can piece it together, Comcast started bouncing list mail explained it like this: "Mail to Comcast is rejected and is returned with an error message containing the code BL001000. What does this mean? Your mail could not be delivered because your mail provider is listed on MAPS by TrendMicro. The MAPS RBL is a list of mail providers who have been detected as sending spam and dynamic users that are sending email improperly. Comcast uses this list to protect its subscribers from receiving spam".

I checked the MAPS list. Apparently the IP address from which the list mail comes was listed on the MAPS list for a time, but isn't listed any longer. As I explained a few moments ago, I have reset everyone manually, so no one should have to reset anything at this point. I’ll be glad to host Division Meet attendees during the self-guided layout tours.

Editor’s Note- back in early to mid December, Comcast started blocking E-mail messages sent out by TCRM Members E-mail Group, our E-mail group service provided and administered by John Graves. After I received 50-60 consecutive bounce messages from TCRM Mbrs E-mail Group, I knew something was awry; but, it’s now fixed & let’s hope it stays fixed. Many thanks to John for providing this E-mail service.

Upcoming Conventions- Websites

SER 2011 Regional Convention- May 20-22, 2011 in Macon GA
Questions- E-mail to SER2011@bellsouth.net