Donations

Estate of Jeff Gill- $3,129.75 cash from unused leave from State of Tennessee

2006 Cumberland Div-TCRM Schedule

- Feb 9 Thursday Night Meeting at TCRM Willow St Bldg
- Feb 11 Nashville-Watertown Valentines Day Murder Mystery Trip
- Mar 11-12 Gt Western & Atlantic (formerly GATS) Train Show
- Mar 18 Cumberland Division/TC Ry Museum Model Train Show & Open House Nashville TN
- Mar 25 Nashville-Watertown Mother Goose Fairyland Trip
- Apr 1 Cookeville-Lebanon Trip, departs from Cookeville
- Apr 8 Nashville-Watertown Easter Bunny Trip I
- Apr 15 Nashville-Watertown Easter Bunny Trip II
- Apr 22 Nashville-Watertown Mile-Long Yard Sale Trip
- May 4-6 Mid-South Live Steamers’ Meet – Columbia TN
- May 6 Nashville-Cookeville TC Ry Spring Festival Trip
- May 20 Nashville-Watertown Train Robbery Trip
- Sep 30 Cookeville-Watertown Mile-Long Yard Sale Trip
- Sep 30 Nashville-Watertown Mile-Long Yard Sale Trip
- Nov 25 Cookeville-TBA Polar Express Trip

Program Notes

February 2006- TCRM 2005 Financial Highlights
March 2006- TBA

Host Committee for February 2006 Meeting

| Gene Caldwell | Brian Ehni | Keith Ericson |
| Don Gage      | Jack Garner | Don Garrison  |
| Al Gerth      | Ben Gerth   | George Gilbert* |
| Clarence Graham | W O Greene | Bill Griffith |
| Jimmie Guthrie | Warren Hannas | Bill Hemrick |

* Host Committee Chair

HO Model Railroading News

By Bob Hultman

The HO modelers have been meeting on most Tuesday afternoons/evenings making some progress on the HO RR in the meeting room. Doug Lindgren and Bob Hultman have been changing out Switchmaster turnout motors and installing Tortoise brand motors that are much more DCC-compatible. The goal here is to make the large freight yard more DCC-compatible and useable for HO RR operations. Len Hollinger has finished building another analog DC and Digitrax DCC control console (named the Wally II). This console will stay with the HO RR in the meeting room and permits us to operate an HO RR off-site and the one in the meeting room on the same day.

Preparations continue for the modular RR setup at the Great Western & Atlantic (formerly GATS) Train Show at the Nashville Municipal Auditorium the 2nd weekend in March. One week later we then have the Spring 2006 Cumberland Division Meet and TC Ry Museum Open House. So, our dance card is full for the next several weeks.

2006 Activity Fee Now Due

By Bob Hultman

The activity fee for 2006 stays at $30 for an individual and $35 for a family of the same household. You can pay the fee in cash, check, money order or credit card. If you have a family membership and you want C Div/TCRM membership cards for family members, you need to provide family member names to Membership Director George Gilbert. His address is 750 Rodney Dr in Nashville TN 37205-3016; E-mail at grgilbert@comcast.net

TCRM Excursion Train News

By Bob Hultman

Our next excursion train is the Feb 11 Nashville-Watertown Valentines Day Murder Mystery Train. The train is getting close to being sold out. If you’re a qualified car host and want to work this trip, please notify Bob Hultman at 615-833-5158 or E-mail hultman@earthlink.net

NRHS Notes

by Herb Roth

All NRHS Members - Please get your renewal checks in the mail ASAP. Thanks to those who have already renewed.

February History - 1936- N& W first Class Y6a #2155 leaves Roanoke Shops. 1957- N&W Class K2a pulls last steam powered train #2 from Hagerstown to Roanoke.

To encourage tourism in areas affected by Hurricane Katrina, Amtrak is offering 20% fare reduction on "City of New Orleans" to points south of Memphis, and on "The Crescent" points south of Atlanta.

If you can - read Don Phillip's column in March issue of "Trains". He lists six critical questions for Amtrak management to answer.

NEXT MEETING Willow St Building Thursday February 9, 2006 7:00 PM
Security Around TCRM
By Bob Hultman

Over the past several weeks there have been some occasions when volunteers have left the Museum site and not locked up gates, passenger car end doors or closed vestibules on our excursion train. So far we have dodged any ill effects from these security lapses. However, we need to make sure we do not offer further opportunities for miscreants to steal or damage our property and equipment. In the future, please make sure you either lock it back up if you unlocked it, or make clear arrangements for someone else to lock it back up after you leave. Similarly, if you get someone else to open up a car for you, make sure you arrange for the car to be resecured.

Nashville Ntrak News
by Mike Curtis

We have one line running on the O gauge 3-rail layout being installed at the Murfreesboro Discovery Center. We will be doing another work session next Sunday Feb 5, 2006 from 1:00 pm to around 3:30 p.m. This next session will concentrate on the connections to the control panel and connecting tracks between the sections to get the other three lines running. Future sessions will then concentrate on repairing the scenery.

I want to thank Joel Gilchrist, George Benson, and Ed Pella for their help today, Jan 29, 2006.

TCRM Building Improvements

Jay Wilson and Steve Arnold have installed some wiring and other electrical components to bring some light back to our storage shed. We’ve used the shed for several years now but have never had permanent lighting back there. Many, many thanks to Steve and Jay for this significant improvement!

Also, on Friday Jan 27 the concrete aprons about 100’ long were poured on both sides of our Museum spur track running along side our shop building. Automobiles can drive onto the concrete starting this coming Sat Feb 4; heavy weight items like the car jacks or the forklifts are to stay off the new concrete until the very end of Feb 2006.

DOWT 2006 Planning Meeting

Our first planning meeting for Day Out With Thomas 2006 will start a 6 pm CST Thursday Feb 9 at TCRM’s building. If you want to help with the initial planning or just want to learn more about what it takes to do the Thomas event successfully, join us for this first meeting.

Music City Star Commuter Train Web Site

Check this Web site for updates on the Music City Star Commuter Train - http://www.musiccitystar.org/index.html