2006 Cumberland Div-TCRM Schedule

Aug 24  Cumberland Div-NRHS-TCRM Thursday Night Meeting  
At Music City Star Facility Lebanon TN

Sep 2-3  Day Out With Thomas 2006 at TCRM

Sep 9-10  Day Out With Thomas 2006 at TCRM

Sep 30  Mile-Long Yard Sale Trip to Watertown

Sep 30  Cookeville-Watertown Mile-Long Yard Sale Trip

Oct 7  Train Robbery Trip to Watertown

Oct 14  Super Fall Foliage Trip I to Cookeville

Oct 21  Super Fall Foliage Trip II to Cookeville

Oct 28  Super Fall Foliage Trip II I to Cookeville

Nov 4  Fall 2006 Cumberland Division Meet at TCRM

Nov 11  Murder Mystery Trip to Watertown

Nov 25  Cookeville-TBA Polar Express Trip

Dec 2  Polar Express Trip I to Watertown

Dec 9  Polar Express Trip II to Watertown

Dec 16  Polar Express Trip III to Watertown

Program Notes

Aug 24, 2006 - Tour of Music City Star commuter train facility at Lebanon TN by Terry Bebout.

New Members

Rerailed members – George Jackson

Day Out With Thomas 2006 Almost Here

By Bob Hultman

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HO Model Railroading News

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Hobby Shop News

Arrived on 17 Aug 2006- 6 different car numbers for the new Athearn 50" ATSF 50' ice refrigerator car! Great looking cars!

Atlas has announced it will be producing HO models of the Alco RS-3 diesel in the TC Ry black & white paint scheme – the very first mass-produced HO plastic diesel painted & lettered for TC Ry. Hobby shop manager Eddie Justice will be ordering several of these models. - check with Eddie Justice for other items in stock. Stop in the shop and see what else is new!

TCRM Excursion Train News

By Bob Hultman

Our next public excursion train is the September 30 Nashville-Watertown Mile-Long Yard Sale. Notify Bob Hultman at 615-833-5158 or E-mail hultman@bellsouth.net This trip is a 9 am departure with return to Nashville around 3:45 pm. A Cookeville-Watertown section will also run, departing Cookeville Sep 30 at 8 am.

Two excursion train specials! This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Nashville & Eastern Railroad. There will be a special catered event on Thursday, Sept 21 to celebrate. TCRM will operate two special excursions, one from Nashville and one from Cookeville into Watertown for the ceremony and catered dinner.
Bob Hultman and Joe Sapp have completed window rebuilding in TCRX 9400 and even rebuilt the window in the 4719 conductor’s office.

**Music City Star Commuter Train Start-Up**

By Teresa McKissick

As part of the RTA’s customer service efforts, we want to have ambassadors at each of the stations in the morning to assist passengers with getting tickets, having them validated and helping them ride the Music City Star stress-free.

Given our budget restraints, we are looking for volunteers and it seems that the Tennessee Central Railway Museum would be a good place to find volunteers who are enthusiastic and knowledgeable. Please discuss this with the membership and let me know if you can refer some volunteers to the RTA. Here’s what we are looking for:

1- Availability to serve at the outlying and Riverfront Stations during the morning commute hours.
2- Availability to serve at the Riverfront Station during the afternoon commute hours.
3- Two to three weeks of commitment. This is flexible as volunteers can choose to work days/hours that best fit their schedules, but to benefit our passengers, we are looking to keep the Ambassador Program going for the first two to three weeks of service.
4- There will be a one to two hour training session prior to the beginning of service, held by Betty Laurs, the RTA Marketing Consultant on the Music City Star project.

TCRM members, thanks in advance for your assistance. If you have further questions, please call Teresa at 615.880.3907 or e-mail her at tmckissick@gnrc.org.

**Sick Call**

By Bob Hultman

**Barry Beckett** had a couple of strokes on July 5th and has been in therapy for 3 weeks. Barry is going to be able to come home Friday Aug 18. Repeating therapy has helped to a certain extent. Barry brain does not know he has a left side. He has movement on his left side if he tries but he does not recognize it is there. Diane said when he shaves himself he shaves his right side and to the nose and until shown in a mirror he does not realize that he has to continue on the left side. He can stand for about 30 seconds but his walking days are over. He will recognize you and can talk but he does not know that he has to take a big breath to raise his voice. Word recognition is not a problem. Diane is having the ramps put into his home starting today. He will sleep in a hospital bed.

Therapy has taken him as far as he can go. He has lost over 40 pounds and a lot of it is muscle mass in his left side. When asked if it was ok to tell these items on the list because a lot of people were asking about Barry, Diane said it was fine because Barry knows “how it is”.

Visitation at his home can be done after Sunday. It will take a couple of days to get settled in and comfortable for Barry.

Pray for Barry and Diane. Her role as caregiver has just begun.

Thanks to **Tom Staggs** for the above information.

Barry’s home address is 104 Stonebrook Ln in Hendersonville TN 37075-8857.

From **Cindy Holt** on Aug 16 – “I just wanted to let you all know that after a little more than a week home from the hospital...”

**Frank’s** health has not improved much and he has decided to go ahead with surgery once more to try and fix this blockage. He will be going back in on Thursday afternoon and get some intravenous feeding to try and get his strength up for the operation on Tuesday.

I know you are all concerned about his health and I just wanted to let you know that he is in good spirits and looking forward to a full recovery after this operation.

Please keep him in your thoughts.”

**Mike Curtis** continues his recovery from thyroid cancer surgery. An E-mail from him on 15 Aug 2006 shows he’s back on the road to recovery with him being Mr Mom and getting back to some bit of normal daily life activities. He reports some significant weight loss, another good sign.

On behalf of all TCRM members, I wish all the best to them as our members with medical challenges meet them head-on.