2007-2008 Cumberland Div-TCRM Schedule

Nov 3-11 Whistlestop Weekend at Adventure Science Center
Nashville TN
Nov 10 Murder Mystery Trip to Watertown
Nov 15 Thurs Night Meeting at TCRM Bldg Nashville TN
Nov 24 North Pole Express Trip with Santa to Watertown
Dec 1 Two North Pole Express Trips with Santa to Lebanon
Dec 8 Two North Pole Express Trips with Santa to Lebanon
Dec 13 TCRM Road Kill Buffet & Christmas Program
Aug 30-31 Day Out With Thomas 2008 at TCRM
Sep 6-7 Day Out With Thomas 2008 at TCRM

Program Notes
November 15, 2007- Day Out With Thomas 2007 report to be presented by TCRM president Terry Bebout. Don’t forget our famous Road Kill Buffet coming up in mid December 2007! And, in January 2008 the program will be our car host safety training class.

Host Committee – Nov 15, 2007 Meeting

Dan Cole         John Coles         Chris Cook
Will Crowthers   Charles Dillingham       Chris Dotye II
Brian Ehni       Carl Eisemann          Fred Enters
Don Gage         Dave Gara             Jack Garner
Don Garrison     Al Gerth              Bob Hultman*

* = Host Committee Chair

Cumberland Division-TCRM 2008 Activity Fee

By Bob Hultman
The 2008 activity fee for Cumberland Division-TCRM is now due. Please make checks, money orders, etc payable to TCRM and mail to attention of Jenny Smith at TCRM, 220 Willow St in Nashville TN 37210-2159. If you wish to pay by credit-debit card, call Jenny to give her your card information or come by TCRM and pay in person.

TCRM Excursion Train News

By Bob Hultman
We ran three Cookeville Super Fall Foliage Trips Oct 13, 20 & 27. The trips ran safely, were pretty much on time and we did not have any significant equipment failures. On the Oct 27 trip we ran some Cookeville passengers on the Cookeville-Algood segment of the trip.

Our next trip is the Nov 10 Watertown Murder Mystery Trip. If you want to work this trip, please call Bob Hultman landline 615-833-5158 or cell 615-513-7187 or E-mail hultman@bellsouth.net We need several more volunteers to properly staff the train.

Our remaining 2007 trips (Nov 24 & the Lebanon Dec 1 & 8 trips) are all essentially sold out (there may be a pair of seats here & there available). There will be a crew sign-up sheet for these trips at the Nov 15 meeting.

Cumberland Division – TC Ry Museum

2006 Financial Audit Available

By Bob Hultman
Cumberland Division & TC Ry Museum had a financial audit covering CY 2006 recently completed. Any member who wants a copy of the audit report is welcome to get one; they will be available at our November 2007 meeting.

Hobby Shop News

By Bob Hultman
The Hobby Shop rolling stock sale described in the Oct 2007 meeting notice is still continuing. New in the shop are InterMtn HO RTR L&N blue 50’ PS-1 box cars, 6 different road numbers and some Rapido smoothside RTR L&N passenger cars – a café-bar-lounge (3 different car names), a 10-5 sleeper (3 different car names) & a diner (3 different car names). Although these cars have a list price of $59.95, they are loaded with details, including all the underbody equipment. Special sale on these cars – 30% off the list price. Stop in and see what else is new in the shop.

Division Meet-Model Train Show Report

By Bob Hultman
Our Cumberland Division Fall 2007 Division Meet & Model Train Show was on Saturday, Nov 3 at TCRM. The Company Store, over 25 dealer tables, 2 live clinics by talented and knowledgeable members, the operating HO and N scale model RRs operating plus our usual fine food service on the diner car were all enjoyed by attendees. Many, many thanks to everyone who worked to put on a good Meet. We had close to 300 people attend the Meet.

HO Modular RR Report

By Bob Hultman
Many, many thanks to member Pete Boehme, who has rekindled interest in HO modular RR activity by building 8, count ‘em, 8 curved corner modules with larger main track radius curves than our previous standard of 33” & 35” radii. The new corners have 46” & 48” radius curves. Best of all, Pete calculated the required dimensions and built 2 inside corners (the radii are slightly less than the 46” & 48” curves) so that the HO modular RR can now set up in a C-shape. And, we did just that for the setup at Adventure Science Center (ASC) in Nashville. We set up the afternoon of the Division Meet and completed the RR on Sunday afternoon, Nov 4. Modules in the setup starting from the freight yard and proceeding around the RR clockwise are- 24’ Freight Yard, 4’ Drop-In, C Div Outside Corner, 8’ Leroy Nessen modules, 16’ Don Garrison modules, C Div Outside Corner, 4’ George Gilbert’s Forge Creek module, C Div Outside Corner, 8’ Eddie Justice modules, C Div Inside Corner, 4’ Quincy Stye III module, C Div Inside Corner, 8’ Leroy Nessen modules, C Div Outside Corner, C Div Outside Corner, 16’ Len Hollinger’s Firestone Rubber modules, 4’ Pete Hoadley’s fishing wharf module, 4’ Eddie Justice module & finally the 8th C Div Outside

NEXT MEETING - TCRM Willow St Building on November 15, 2007 6:30 PM
Corner. Total linear feet of run is ~ 150’. The HO RR will stay set up at ASC thru Sunday Nov 11.

After tear-down at ASC we will immediately take modules to Bellevue Center Mall for a setup there in a vacant storefront (~ 5K ft² in size). The mall manager said we can stay there as long as we clear out by Dec 31, 2007. Many, many thanks to Charles Owens for making the arrangements for this venue. At this venue we’ll have to make the RR long & narrow, sort of like a telephone handset or dogbone shape. But, thanks to Pete’s inside corners, we can now easily do that. So, if you want to help run the HO RR thru the 2nd half of November & during almost all of Dec, contact Bob Hultman for information (Contact information is in the Excursion Train News item).

NRHS News
By Herb Roth

Thank you to all NRHS members who have sent in your 2008 Dues. And to you who have not mailed me a check please try to do so by the end of the year.

Howard Fogg has a great watercolor in his calendar for November 2007 of a long-gone engine and railroad. It's 1922 and Shay locomotive #6, on the Camino, Placerville & Lake Tahoe RR is hauling a log train thru the forest and the snow to the Southern Pacific connection.

**Important information** - 2008 Dues Cards will be mailed DIRECTLY to Chapter members in October. Send your check covering Nat'l and Chapter Dues to me - Herb Roth, 8135 Devens Dr in Brentwood, TN 37027. Make check payable to NRHS Nashville Chapter.

**Most Important** - More stringent Dues Collection Rules have been set by Fernley & Fernley, a company hired by NRHS to handle Dues and Donations. If your dues have not reached the Nat'l office by March 30, 2008 you will be listed as "resigned for failure to pay dues". So please make sure I receive your check before March 17th so that I can complete the necessary paper work and computer entry. Thank you for your cooperation. Please e-mail me or phone me if you have any questions. E-mail hroth95229@aol.com phone 615-370-3429