2008 Cumberland Div-TCRM Schedule
Mar 13 Thurs Night Meeting at TCRM Bldg Nashville TN
Mar 15 Easter Bunny Trip I to Watertown
Mar 22 Easter Bunny Trip II to Watertown
Mar 29 Spring 2008 Cumberland Div Meet-TCRM Open House
Apr 5 Girl Scout Excursion Trains to Donelson
Apr 19 Spring Mile-Long Yard Sale Trip to Watertown
May 3 TC Ry Spring Festival Trip to Cookeville
May 16-17 NC&StL Ry Preservation Society Annual Reunion
May 17 Train Robbery Trip to Watertown
July 12 Murder Mystery/Jazz Festival Train Trip to Watertown
Aug 30-31 Day Out with Thomas the Tank Engine
Sept 6-7 Day Out with Thomas the Tank Engine
Sept 27 Fall Mile-Long Yard Sale Trip
Oct 4 Train Robbery Trip to Watertown
Oct 11 Super Fall Foliage Trip I to Cookeville
Oct 18 Super Fall Foliage Trip II to Cookeville
Oct 25 Super Fall Foliage Trip III to Cookeville
Nov 15 Murder Mystery Train to Watertown
Nov 29 North Pole Express with Santa to Watertown

Program Notes
March 13, 2008- Program to be announced.

Host Committee – Mar 13, 2008 Meeting
Charles Dillingham James Jones Jerry Jones
Eddie Justice* Scott Kammerer Mike Keipp
Tim Laskey George Lile-Henley John Lowe
Mark Matthews Porter McGill Mike Medley
Steve Mitchell Horton Monroe Charlie Morton
* Host Committee Chair

New Members
Roger Justus Nashville TN (Family)
Greg & Marilyn Turner Bowling Green KY (Family)

Please welcome our new members as they join in the many activities our organization provides.

Cumberland Division-TCRM 2008 Activity Fee
By Bob Hultman
The 2008 activity fee ($30 individual, $35 family) for Cumberland Division-TCRM is now due. Make checks, money orders, etc payable to TCRM and send-bring them to TCRM, 220 Willow St in Nashville TN 37210-2159 attention- Jenny Smith. If you wish to pay by credit or debit card, call Jenny at 615-244-9001, give her your card information or pay in person at TCRM. Keep in mind that only members who have renewed for 2008 will be able to ride the special train to Monterey when it is rescheduled.

Jenny Smith is Leaving TCRM
By Jenny Smith
To TCRM Members,
First, I would like to thank everyone for making my four years at the Tennessee Central Railway Museum great ones. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here and have met some great people. You all have taught me so much that I will be able to use in my future job and in life. As most of you already know I am moving on to another job. As much as I would like to stay at the Museum it’s time that I put my degree to use and break into the medical field. I have a great opportunity awaiting me and am excited about the challenges that lay before me. I will miss you all but don’t think you are rid of me for good. I will still stop in every now and then and may even work a trip or two. All my information will stay the same so please don’t hesitate to keep in touch. I wish everyone the best!

Sincerely,

Jenny Smith
jls8734@hotmail.com

TCRM Excursion Train News
By Bob Hultman
Our next excursion trains are the Watertown Easter Bunny Trips coming up March 15 and 22. Tickets have sold pretty well for these trips. If you want to work these trips, please contact Bob Hultman at E-mail hultman@bellsouth.net or phone 615-833-5158 or cell 615-513-7187.

Cumberland Division – TC Ry Museum 2006 Financial Audit Still 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 are available at the Museum office.

TCRM Train to Monterey Postponed
Reported by Terry Bebout
A special excursion for TCRM members and their immediate families originally scheduled for Saturday, March 1, was postponed several days prior to the trip because track conditions did not permit the trip to be made safely. A reschedule date has not yet been determined. When it is, the date will be promptly communicated to TCRM members. Please be sure you have paid your activity fee for 2008 if you want to ride this trip.

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Thursday Night Meeting - TCRM Willow St Building March 13, 2008 6:30 PM
Sad News
By Bob Hultman

My Dad, Gus Hultman, died on Thursday, Feb 28, 2008. Part of the obituary appearing in the Canonsburg PA newspaper is below-

Gustaf P. Hultman
33rd Degree Mason

Gustaf P. Hultman, 88, of Canonsburg, died Thursday February 28, 2008 at Canonsburg Memorial Hospital. He was born February 26, 1920 in Detroit, MI, only child of Elmer and Mabel Hultman. On April 13, 1946 in Norfolk, VA he married Thelma Funk who died May 4, 2004.

Mr. Hultman was a WWII veteran, serving in the US Navy on the attack troop transport USS Leedstown in the South Pacific campaign. He retired in 1985 from the National Park Service, after 38 years of service. Mr. Hultman was also an avid golfer, a volunteer for Habitat-for-Humanity and the Canonsburg Community Food Pantry, and loved to travel, recently visiting his grandparents’ hometowns in Norway and Sweden. He was a member of the Friendship Class, Monday Crew, and Active Christian Seniors, as well as an Elder-Trustee of Canonsburg United Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Hultman was a graduate of Cadillac High School in Cadillac, MI and of Michigan State University, Class of 1942, graduating with a B.S. in Forestry. He attended Naval Officer’s Training School at Notre Dame University and served in the United States Navy, attaining the rank of Lt. Commander. After the war, Mr. Hultman began his National Park Service career in North Carolina, which took him from the Blue Ridge Parkway to Cape Hatteras, where in 1953 he was the first Park Ranger on site for the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. In 1965, after serving in the Richmond Regional Office, Mr. Hultman accepted the position of Superintendent of the new Johnstown Flood National Memorial and Allegheny Portage Railroad National Historical Site in western Pennsylvania. In 1971 he became Superintendent of another new national park, the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway in St Croix WI.

He will be remembered by his family and friends as a kind, caring, gentle and loving man, who modeled a servant’s heart in all he did. He was always willing to do whatever was needed and served in leadership positions in Boy Scouts, Scandinavian Society, and church committees.

Surviving are his sons Robert (wife Rebecca), Richard (wife Jane), and Randy (wife Lynda) and grandchildren, Andrea, Ashley, Peter (wife Erin), Nathan, Richard, and Rachael

Friends will be received from 1 to 8 p.m. Saturday, March 15, in Bogan Funeral Home, 164 West Pike Street, Canonsburg. A Masonic Funeral Service will be conducted by Chartiers Lodge #297 at 7:30 p.m. A memorial service will be held Sunday, March 16, at 1 p.m. in Canonsburg United Presbyterian Church with The Rev. Thomas Hamilton officiating. Interment will be in The National Cemetery of the Alleghenies.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to The Memorial Fund at Canonsburg United Presbyterian Church, 112 West Pike Street, Canonsburg, PA 15317 or any charity of choice.

Hobby Shop News
By Bob Hultman

The Cumberland Div-TCRM Hobby Shop Committee (Terry Bebout, Allen Hicks & Charles Owens) and shop manager Eddie Justice have announced additional hrs and days the hobby shop will be staffed. Eddie will be staffing the shop on Tuesdays from 4 pm to 7 pm local time and on Thursdays from 12 noon to 6 pm local time. The shop will continue to be staffed and open on Saturdays 9 am to 3 pm. These additional days and hours the shop is open further serve members and other customers who find it difficult to get to the shop on Saturdays, but can come in at the end of a mid-week workday.

New in the Hobby Shop this month- Atlas N scale std cupola cabooses, CoFe, Monon & SCL (orange scheme), 2 road numbers each; Kato N scale Unitrack sections, Walt HO L&N & WP Flexivans; Ricko HO street hot rods; four Kalmbach soft-cover books The DCC Guide, Mountain to Desert – Building the HO Scale Danville to Donner River, Planning Scenery for Your Model Railroad & Modeling the ‘50s The Glory Years of Rail; Kadee HO coupler bulk packs #14, #148, #150 & #158, plus restock on Kadee #46; Proto 1000 HO Monon (black & gold scheme) RS2 diesel, 2 road numbers, 40% off list price if you buy 1 loco of each number; RR-CirKits Loco Buffer USB for $63.89 (no discount) for connecting your computer USB port to Digitrax DCC control station; Bowser foam cradles for both HO & N rolling stock. Stop in & see what else is new!

Cumberland Division-TCRM BoD Meeting
Reported by Bob Hultman

The Cumberland Division-TC Ry Museum Board of Directors met at TCRM on Thursday, March 6 at 1 pm CST. Nine of the 12 members were present, along with 3 Museum members, Eddie Justice, Hugh Nichols & Mike Pugh. The main item of business was adoption of the CY 2008 budget, totalling $429,100, not including Day Out With Thomas. Treasurer Allen Hicks will have copies of the approved budget available at the March 13 meeting.

Another important item of business was arranging for getting the tasks done that Jenny Smith, our excellent staff assistant, has been doing for the past 4 years. After Jenny leaves, we will be looking to temporary employment agency workers for answering phones and taking excursion train ticket orders. We also need the help of any TCRM members who are willing to answer phones, return calls, greet Museum visitors, etc until we are able to hire another staff assistant. If anyone knows of someone looking for part-time work for a unique Middle Tennessee institution (us), please let Terry Bebout know at cell 615-479-5758.

Nashville Ntrak News
Reported by Jimmie Guthrie

We welcome Greg Turner and his wife Marilyn to the Nashville N-Trak Group. Greg and Marilyn are from Bowling Green KY. We are still working on modules for the Derby City Express Show in Louisville KY in June.

Sick Call
Reported by Bob Hultman

Porter McGill has been diagnosed with lung cancer; he’s to go in for more evaluation Thursday, March 6. Porter & Lynn’s address is 9806 Deerpoint Rd in Brentwood TN 37027. Please keep Porter and Lynn and their family in your thoughts and prayers.