Donations

Terry & Peggy Bebout- $1,000 cash  
Billy Odom- 1,000 #10 plain envelopes & 500 #9 window envelopes  
Hank Sherwood- $1,000 cash  
Betty Tidwell- L&N RR train register from 1902  

2008-2009 Cumberland Div-TCRM Schedule

Nov 15 Murder Mystery Trip to Watertown  
Nov 20 Thursday Night Meeting TCRM Nashville TN  
Nov 29 Santa Express Trip to Watertown  
Dec 6 Two Santa Express Trips to Lebanon  
Dec 13 Two Santa Express Trips to Lebanon  
Dec 13 Train Collectors Association Show State Fairgrounds  
Jan 10-11 Great Train Expo Train Show Nashville Municipal Auditorium  
Feb 7 Valentines Day Murder Mystery Trip I to Watertown  
Feb 14 Valentines Day Murder Mystery Trip II to Watertown  
Feb 14-15 Worlds Greatest Hobby Train Show Nashville Convention Center  
Mar 21 Spring 2009 Cumberland Div Meet-TCRM Open House  
Apr 4 Easter Bunny Trip I to Watertown  
Apr 11 Easter Bunny Trip II to Watertown  
Apr 18 Spring Mile-Long Yard Sale Trip to Watertown  
May 9 TC Ry Spring Festival Trip to Cookeville  
May 16 Train Robbery Trip to Watertown

Program

November 20 Thursday Night Meeting- Slide show by TCRM member Ralcon Wagner on ‘80s Passenger Trains Eastern USA.

Host Committee

Dan Cole  John Cole  Chris Cook  
Will Crowthers  Mike Curtis  Chris Dotye  
Don Gage  Jack Garner  Don Garrison  
Al Gerth  George Gilbert  Warren Goodwin  
John & Misty Graves  Jerry Gray  James Green  
* Host Committee Chair

New Members

Royce Belcher, Lebanon TN  
John Coniglio, Hixson TN  
Luke & Ann Dunn, Franklin TN (Family)  
Rich Gell, Franklin TN  
Prentiss Hobbs, Murfreesboro TN  
Gary, Sandi & Trent Sagaser, Hendersonville TN (Family)  
Randy Williams, Antioch TN

Please welcome our new members as they get to know us and take part in our activities.

Open House Dec 4 at Bill Hemrick’s HO RR

By Bob Hultman

There will be an open house at Bill Hemrick’s large HO scale model railroad on Dec 4, 2008 from 6 pm to ??? in Nolensville TN. Soft drinks and snacks will be available. Lots of mainline track is operational, so bring a Digitrax throttle, some DCC decoder-equipped locomotives and be prepared for some serious train-running. Spouses are welcome.

Directions to the RR- Approaching on Nolensville Rd from the north, proceeding southward-

1- Make a left turn onto Stonebrook Blvd heading east. Stonebrook Blvd T-intersects into Nolensville Rd where the former Nolensville Elem School and Nolensville Church of Christ are located (both on E side of Nolensville Rd, the former Elem School on N side of Stonebrook Blvd, C of C on S side).

2- Proceed eastward a few hundred yds and turn right (southward) onto Johnson Industrial Blvd. Follow Johnson Industrial past the Nolensville-College Grove Utility Dist office thru 90-deg left (now heading eastward) curve.

3- As you make the 90-deg left curve continue eastward maybe 100 yds to double-wide concrete parking lot entrance & turn left here.

4- Drive past the 1st commercial bldg, proceeding on to the rear bldg. The rear bldg has a front brick facade. Drive to the rear of the rear bldg; there is a concrete parking area in the back, ~ 6-7 vehicle capacity. Park here. You should see a door in the rear wall (faces north) of the rear bldg. You should be able to enter thru that door. There is also a door in the west side of the rear bldg, the one closer to the rear corner; this door (the number 201 appears on the outside of this door) also opens into the model RR room.

Excursion Train News

By Bob Hultman

TCRM’s next excursion train is the Nov 15 Murder Mystery Trip to Watertown. The WW II reenactors will also be set up for this event. Safety meeting starts on board diner 3119 at 7:00 am CST. If you want to work this trip please contact Bob Hultman at 615-833-5158 or cell 615-513-7187 E-mail hultman@bellsouth.net

NRHS Nashville Chapter News

By Herb Roth

I searched for how other railroad groups like TCRM that have special "Santa" trains at this time of the year. I found four.

- The Copper King Express, Anaconda, Michigan, using rails of the historic Butte, Anaconda, & Pacific RR. Christmas trains started this year on September 15th.

- "The Polar Express" - Durango & Silverton RR in Colorado. Don't know if Santa is on board.

- Another "Polar Express" is listed by the Great Smokey Mountain RR at Dillsboro and Bryson City in western North Carolina.

Thursday Night Meeting – TCRM Willow St Bldg Nashville TN  6:30 pm Nov 20, 2008
• A Christmas train is listed by the Crossroads Village & Huckleberry RR at Flint, Michigan. It is Michigan's only narrow-gauge steam RR.

All of the above are advertised in TRAINS and in CLASSIC TRAINS magazines. Surely there must be more!

**HO Model RR News**

By **Bob Hultman**

The HO Modular RR setup for Adventure Science Center’s Whistlestop Weekend Nov 7-9 went quite well. We set up the RR for the week preceding the Whistlestop Weekend event and ran it for 7 days straight. The configuration for the RR starting in the northeast corner of the room and proceeding clockwise was: Outside Corner, 24’ New Yard, 12’ Leroy Nessen’s Mt Yucca, 16’ Don Garrison’s Switch Haven, Outside Corner, Outside Corner, 4’ Geezer Gate, 4’ Mark Perry’s Plymouth Pacific, Inside Corner, 4’ George Gilbert’s Forge Creek, Inside Corner, 8’ Mark Perry’s Plymouth Pacific, Outside Corner, Outside Corner, 12’ Jack’s Sircy Circus & 16’ Len Hollinger’s Firestone Rubber. We displayed the TCRM tall sign and handed out TCRM 2008-2009 excursion train schedules.

Those who read through the Cumberland Div-TCRM Schedule saw there will be 2 more train shows coming to Nashville in January and February 2009. These will be 2 more opportunities to promote the hobby of model railroading and to showcase our HO modular RR to the general public.

**Sick Call**

By **Bob Hultman**

**Eddie Justice** is home from Baptist Hospital after a bout with cellulitis in his foot. If you want to send him a card or note his home address is 3035 Mossdale Dr in Antioch TN 37013-1392.

**Sad News**

By **Bob Hultman**

TCRM member **Linda Perry** passed away early on the morning of Nov 1, 2008. Please keep her husband **Mike Perry** and brother-in-law **Mark Perry**, both TCRM members, in our thoughts and prayers. Mark & Mike’s mailing address is 102 Rural Av in Nashville TN 37209-3255.

**Excursion Train Ticket Policy for TCRM Members**

By **Terry Bebout**

At the May 30, 2008 Board of Directors Meeting a policy was adopted for TCRM members obtaining tickets for excursion train rides. In the past some members have paid full price for tickets, some have paid half price for tickets and there were some instances where tickets were not paid for at all. In order to be fair across the board the following policy is in place:

1. Volunteer hours worked at TCRM (logged into the book in the admin room) earn one ticket on any trip for every 40 hours worked.

2. Members and their immediate family (living with member) 1/2 price tickets on any trip. Dome car seats are not available for volunteer hours worked or 1/2 price fare.

**PROTOTYPE RAILS**

**COCOA BEACH, FL, JAN 8-11, 2009**

**AN NMRA SANCTIONED EVENT** - A PROTOTYPE MODELING MEET FEATURING MODULAR LAYOUTS IN O, HO AND N SCALE - OVER 400 MODELS ON DISPLAY, PROTOTYPE BASED LAYOUTS - PLEASE BRING MODELS


There will be open sessions available on Thursday Jan 8 at John Wilkes [863-604-4854] and Mike Brock's [321-453-4140] layouts. Those wishing to join in a session should indicate their choices in preregistration and make direct contact with the layout owner. Selection will be on a first come basis. Layouts including Lou Ullian's On3 and Dan Zugelter's C&O will be available for visitation on Sunday. For early arrivals, there will be a dinner at Durango's in Cocoa Beach Thursday evening Jan 8, at 7 PM. We will meet in the Hilton lobby at 6:30 pm. Following the dinner we will return to the hotel for slide shows and clinics.

A special dinner on Saturday, Jan 10, for Prototype Rails attendees only will be available for $20/person. Tickets are required and must be purchased no later than Saturday morning. Tickets may be purchased and reserved in advance and included with the cost of registration. Registration plus dinner is $55/person. Spouses not attending presentations do not have to register.

There will be a bulletin board available just for listing items that an attendee might wish to sell. The name and room number of the seller must be included. Potential buyers can list their name and/or contact the seller. Selling in the ballroom will not be permitted except for approved dealers.

FOR INFORMATION: Contact Mike Brock at: brockm@brevard.net or 321-453-4140.