2009 Cumberland Div-TCRM Schedule

July 9  TCRM Thursday Night Meeting at the Museum
July 11  Murder Mystery Trip to Watertown Jazz Festival
July 13  Op Session LA&SL Ry Nolensville TN 6:30 - 9:30 pm
July 25  Op Session LA&SL Ry Nolensville TN 8:45a - 1:00 pm
Aug 17  Op Session LA&SL Ry Nolensville TN 6:30 - 9:30 pm
Sep 5-6  Day Out With Thomas The Tank Engine at TCRM
Sep 11-20  Tennessee St Fair HO Model RR Setup
Sep 12-13  Day Out With Thomas The Tank Engine at TCRM
Sep 26  Fall Mile-Long Yard Sale Trip to Watertown
Oct 3  Train Robbery Trip to Watertown
Oct 10  Super Fall Foliage Trip to Monterey Standing Stone Fall Festival
Oct 17  Super Fall Foliage Trip I to Cookeville
Oct 24  Super Fall Foliage Trip II to Cookeville
Nov 7  Cumberland Division Meet
Nov 14  Murder Mystery Trip to Watertown
Nov 28  North Pole Express Train Trip with Santa to Watertown
Dec 5  2 North Pole Express Train Trips with Santa to Lebanon
Dec 12  2 North Pole Express Train Trips with Santa to Lebanon

Donations

Metro Transit Authority- 15 used bus benches

TCRM Hobby Shop Closed for July 4th

By Bob Hultman

Shop manager Eddie Justice has announced the hobby shop will be closed Saturday for the July 4th holiday. Also, the shop has received the Digitrax duplex radio throttles and receivers. Using these duplex radio throttles and receivers means being able to acquire locomotives, consist and unconsist locomotives without having to plug in the radio throttle. Digitrax will offer an upgrade program where you can get your non-duplex radio throttle upgraded to be a duplex radio throttle. Contact Eddie at the hobby shop, 615-244-9001 for further details.

Sick Call – Gene Caldwell

By Bob Hultman

Gene Caldwell had cardiac valve replacement and double bypass surgery Tuesday, June 16, at Centennial Hospital. The surgery went well; however, he has not bounced completely back and is in the Centennial rehab facility at 313 N Main St in Ashland City TN. He moved there from the hospital early last week. Gene’s home address is 5009 Pebble Creek Dr in Antioch TN 37013-1813.

TCRM to Help RTA with July 4th Train

By Terry Bebout

The Regional Transit Authority is going to run a July 4 train to the fireworks display at Riverfront this year. They want to partner with the Museum to have a carhost in each of the 7 cars. They will be making a cash contribution to the Museum for this service. So far I have 3 persons signed up. If you would like to work this trip (could bring your family also) please let me know ASAP cell 615-479-5758 or E-mail terry.bebout@earthlink.net

In addition the RTA is donating some used bus benches to us and to Watertown to use on our platforms. These should make a nice addition to our facility.

TCRM, Sommet Center Promote Thomas The Tank Engine Events

By Bob Hultman

On Tuesday June 30 TCRM volunteers joined representatives from the Sommet Center to jointly promote upcoming Thomas the Tank Engine events at Opry Mills Mall in Nashville. TCRM members Will & Jean Crowthers, Jennifer Dawson & her 4 children, staffer Amy Hannah and Bob Hultman passed out information on TCRM and Day Out With Thomas 2009 Hero of the Rails Tour, while the Sommet Center folks presented a real live Sir Topham Hatt who described the upcoming Thomas The Tank Engine stage performances at Sommet Center. The audience varied in size, but around 30 folks watched the show. The younger Dawsons handed out TCRM literature and DOWT literature to any and all who passed by. All in all, well worth the effort.

Thursday Night Meeting – TCRM Willow St Bldg Nashville TN  6:30 pm July 9, 2009
New NERR Customer Close to TCRM
By Terry Bebout
Monday, June 29, 2009, the Nashville & Eastern RR served their newest customer- Rogers Group has located just south of Hermitage Av and on the east side of the old TC Ry beltline. New spurs have been installed to their facility to unload gravel for concrete operations. You can see this new facility from I-40 westbound as you are approaching the Hermitage Av exit.

Sad News – Passing of Barry Beckett
By Bob Hultman
Quoted from The Tennessean newspaper- “BECKETT, Barry Edward Of Hendersonville, TN. Renowned record producer and Musicians Hall of Fame member. Barry Beckett passed away on June 10, 2009 from complications from a stroke. He was sixty six years old. He is survived by his wife of forty three years, Diane Beckett; two sons and their wives, Matthew and Liz, Mark and Jessie; one grandson, Anthony. Born in Birmingham, Alabama, Barry's five-decade career began in Muscle Shoals in 1967, where he was a member of the Muscle Shoals Rhythm Section. There he played keyboards on records by Wilson Pickett, Aretha Franklin, The Staple Singers, Bob Seger, Traffic, Rod Stewart, Paul Simon, and many others. He also produced records on such artists as Bob Dylan, Dire Straits, Glen Frey, Joan Baez, and Delbert McClinton. After moving to Nashville in 1985, he produced records on Alabama, Kenny Chesney, Lorrie Morgan, Eddy Raven, Tanya Tucker, Tammy Wynette, Neal McCoy, Confederate Railroad, and Hank Williams, Jr., including the 1988 CMA Album of the Year, "Born to Boogie". He continued to contribute his keyboard talents on many records as well, including his acclaimed piano work on Vince Gill's "When I Call Your Name". Barry also continued producing rock artists, such as Bob Seger the eclectic band Phish, and legendary soul singer, Etta James. If there was one creative outlet that equaled his love of making records, it was collecting and building model railroads. He particularly enjoyed his time with Nashville NTrack at the Tennessee Central Railway Museum in Nashville. Barry was a lifetime member of the American Federation of Musicians and an inductee of The Alabama Music Hall of Fame. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to The Musicians Hall of Fame & Museum, 301 6th Avenue South, Nashville, TN 37203 or The Alabama Music Hall of Fame, P.O. Box 740405, Tusculumia, AL 35674. A memorial will be set for a date to be announced. HENDERSONVILLE FUNERAL HOME AND MEMORY GARDENS, (615) 824-3855"

NRHS News
By Herb Roth
There are nearly 50 old train depots surviving in the Atlanta GA area. The one at 922 Main St. in historic downtown of the village of Stone Mountain is an excellent example. It's a Victorian structure, made of Stone Mountain granite local to the area. Part of this depot originally dates back to the 1850s. The old Georgia Railroad began bringing freight and passengers to the resort town of Stone Mountain. About 1914 the depot was expanded and remodeled taking on the quaint appearance that it has today. In recent times the train station has been converted into a City Hall, complete with administrative offices and a Recorder’s Court…… Historic preservation at its best.

Ride behind Steam Locomotive NKP 765
By Terry Post
I had the extreme pleasure and luck (good timing) to ride the beautifully restored NKP 765 last weekend at the Hoosier RR Museum in North Judson IN, What a great trip, consist, run-bys, etc!

In talking to their club secretary, Bill Otter, I told him about our Museum and its excursion train. They brought up the TCRM Website and were very impressed with our operation. When I told them about our recent trip to Monterey, which I cubbed on, they fell over with the thought we had that much track on which to run! They even expressed questions about somehow accessing our home rails and bringing the "765" for a joint visit.