Donations
Regional Transit Authority- $540 cash for car hosting the Music City Star July 4 train.

2009 Cumberland Div-TCRM Schedule
Aug 15 Work Session @ TCRM for DOWT 2009- Breakfast & Lunch Available
Aug 17 Op Session LA&SL Ry Nolensville TN 6:30 - 9:30 pm
Aug 20 Thursday Night Meeting at TCRM Nashville TN
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 Train Robbery Trip to Watertown
Sep 26 Op Session LA&SL Ry Nolensville TN 8:45a - 1:00 pm
Oct 3 Fall Mile-Long Yard Sale Trip to Watertown
Oct 8 Home Schoolers Excursion Train - TENTATIVE
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 NMRA Cumberland Division Meet at TCRM
Nov 14 Murder Mystery Excursion Train 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

Program
Program for the August Thursday Night Meeting will be members meeting with their area managers for DOWT 2009 training. Contact Terry Bebout 615-479-5758 terry.bebout@earthlink.net or Bob Hultman 615-833-5158 hultman@bellsouth.net if you want to present a program at our Thursday Night Meetings.

No Host Committee – August Meeting
No host committee for the August meeting. Next Host Committee will be for the October meeting.

Excursion Train News
By Bob Hultman
Our next trip is the Watertown Mile-long Yard Sale Trip on Saturday, Sept 26. Safety meeting starts on board diner 3119 at 7:00 am CDT the day of the trip. 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 or mark up on the crew sheet at our September Thursday Night Meeting.

Railroad Trivia
By Tom Staggs
On today’s date July 7, 1862 - The first railroad post office (RPO) was tested on the Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad in Missouri.

New Members
William Hodges, Franklin TN
Michelle, Diane & Lee Johnson, Madison TN
Robert Maples, Christiana TN
Kathie & Keith Reynolds, Nashville TN (Family)
Andrew Rosenfield, Hendersonville TN
Ted Schilling, Nashville TN
Denise & Russ Tait, White Bluff TN (Family)
Pete, SuEllen, Lily, Sophi & John Paul Weaver, Nashville TN (Family)
Please welcome our new members as they get to know us and take part in our activities.

Saturday Aug 15 DOWT 2009 Work Session
By Bob Hultman
TCRM will hold a major work effort this coming Saturday, Aug 15 to prepare for our biggest fund-raising event of the year, Day Out With Thomas The Tank Engine. Food service director Frank Holt & crew will have breakfast items available starting about 8:30 am for early arrivals; cold-cut sandwich lunch should be available around 1 pm.

If you haven’t signed up to help with DOWT 2009, pick an area where you can help & contact the area managers listed below-

Penske Lot Managers
Claire & Ray Martin- 615-288-4772 or rmartirmm@comcast.net Claire- rmcm0813@comcast.net

Train Operations & Platform
Gordon Smith- LLine 615-822-2641 or milwsmith@comcast.net

DOWT Gift Shop Manager
Sharon Tomblin- 615-444-2254 or shayrt@att.net

See other side
TCRM Car Hosts on RTA July 4 Train  
By Terry Bebout

The RTA’s Music City Star special train to the July 4 Riverfront fireworks event was a success despite the rainy weather. TCRM car hosts did a great job of staffing the train and assisting with boarding and checking tickets. TCRM volunteers were George Benson, Terry and Jane Coats, Jennifer Dawson, Jim Eddins, Don Gage, Al Gerth, Mike Ingling, Hugh Lowe, Mike Pugh, Ricky Smith & George Stringer. TCRM will receive a donation ($540.00) from the RTA for this carhost service.

Sick Call- Gene Caldwell, Homer Thompson  
By Bob Hultman

Gene Caldwell returned home from the Centennial rehab facility in Ashland City TN on Friday, July 3, continuing his recovery from cardiac valve replacement and double bypass surgery in mid-June. Gene’s home address is 5009 Pebble Creek Dr in Antioch TN 37013-1813. If you want to give Gene a call, his home landline is 615-831-2838.

Homer Thompson also returned home about a week ago after a bout with some intestinal disorder. He was hospitalized for several days, but is now recovering at home. His address is 359 Ocala Dr in Nashville TN 37211-6147 if you’d like to send him a card.

Nashville Ntrak News  
By Jimmie Guthrie

Thanks to everyone for another great weekend of running trains on a 20’ x 20’ RR at the Smyrna Public Library Summer Reading Program Sat & Sun. We showed the trains to about 300 people this weekend so we can consider it a success. Will send out photos soon; also handouts for DOWT 2009 were left for distribution at the library.

Participants were Brandon Baxter, John Ellis, John Frazier, Joel Gilchrist, Jimmie Guthrie, George Jackson, Walter Karell, Mark Lindecker, Tim O’Neal, JP Ralph, Glenn Ruppert, Pete Shepard, Tom Spiggle, Les & Barbara Trainor & Steve Wright and numerous youngsters who got to run trains

2008 Financial Audit Complete  
By Terry Bebout

The annual audit of Cumberland Division SER-NMRA Inc and Tennessee Central Railway Museum performed by Frazier, Dean and Howard, PLLC is complete for calendar year 2008 and is available to any member that would like a copy. Please contact Allen Hicks or myself if you want a copy.

NRHS News  
By Herb Roth

The August Trains magazine had a short article on an event I wish I could have attended. On July 23-26, at Owosso, Michigan, the Steam Railroading Institute held a Festival featuring eight operating steam locomotives. Here’s a list of those engines scheduled to be there-
1) Pere Marquette 2-8-4 #1225
2) Nickel Plate 2-8-4 #765
3) Southern Pacific Daylite 4-8-4 #4449
4) Little River Railroad 4-6-2 #110, the smallest standard gauge Pacific ever built, and
5) her stable mate 0-4-0T #1
6) Vicoce Co 0-4-0T #6
7) Flagg Coal Co 0-4-0T #75, and
8) David Kloke's replica 1868 Central Pacific 4-4-0 “Leviathan”, a copy of one of the first locomotives on the original Transcontinental Railroad, and a sister of Central Pacific's “Jupiter” of Golden Spike fame

Mid-South Live Steamers Fall 2009 Meet  
By Hank Sherwood

The Mid-South Live Steamers will hold their Fall 2009 Meet starting Wednesday, September 23 thru Saturday September 26, 2009 at the Maury Co Park in Columbia TN. Go to http://www.midsouthlivesteamers.org/ for additional information.