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Marilyn & Tim O'Neal- Honey-color wood bookcase for the admin office
Ken Oosting- \$500 cash

2012 Cumberland Div-TCRM Schedule

May 12 Watertown Train Robbery Trip
May 18 TCRM Monthly Meeting on **FRIDAY** May 18
June 1-3 SER Annual Convention Gatlinburg TN
June 16-17 Nashville Ntrak Module RR Setup at Smyrna Library
July 7 Watertown Murder Mystery Trip
July 21 Baxter Murder Mystery Trip to DelMonaco Winery Winery Trip is **SOLD OUT**
July 27-28 3rd Annual City Road Chapel UMC Train Show
July 29-Aug 4 NMRA Annual Convention Grand Rapids MI
Aug 7-11 NASG (S Scale) Nat'l Convention at Cht Choo Choo Chattanooga TN
Sep 20-22 L&N Historical Society Convention Nashville TN

May 2012 Meeting on Friday Night

Our monthly meeting for May 2012 will be **FRIDAY**, May 18, starting at 6:30 pm. Prior to the meeting will be a hotdogs & hamburgers cookout provided by TCRM; thus, no host committee for the May meeting. We will start serving the hotdogs & hamburgers between 6 and 6:30 pm. Anyone wanting to bring additional food items are encouraged to do so, please call **Misty Graves** at TCRM 615-244-9001 so she can coordinate what's being brought.

The purpose of the May meeting, in addition to the general membership meeting at 6:30 pm, is to enjoy some fellowship and good food amongst the Museum members. And, for anyone wishing to spend the night at TCRM, we will have the 2095 Slumbercoach powered up and arrangements for use of the Museum building restrooms and shower stall. If you wish to stay the night (here's an opportunity for our out-of-town members), please call **Misty** at 615-244-9001.

Anyone wanting to present a program at our Thursday night meetings, please contact **Bob Hultman** @ 615-833-5158, cell 615-513-7187 or E-mail hultman@bellsouth.net

Excursion Train News

By **Bob Hultman**

Our next trip is the Train Robbery Trip to Watertown on May 12. Safety meeting starts at 7 am, with departure at 9:00 am; return time should be around 3:15 pm. Also, the July 21 DelMonaco Winery trip is **SOLD OUT**. We are always looking for TCRM members to help work these trips. To do so, contact **Bob Hultman** at 615-833-5158; cell 615-513-7187 or E-mail hultman@bellsouth.net

New Members

By **Bob Hultman**

Willaim Frasch Ashland City TN
Brian, Ginny, Katherine, Andrew, Paul, Elizabeth Tharp- Brentwood TN (Family) Incorrect last name Richerson shown in the April 2012 Meeting Notice
Welcome to our new members as they take part in our activities.

TCRM Volunteers Needed

by **Misty Graves**

The only remaining scheduled group for May is on May 15th, Dudley Head Start. (20 children, 5 adults). If you're willing to help with this group, you can E-mail **Marilyn** at mitans08@aol.com or call the office at 615-244-9001 during Museum office hours (Mon-Fri 8 am to 4 pm, Sat 9 am to 3 pm Central Time) to let her know.

N&E RR Finds Historic TC Ry Rail

By **Terry Bebout**

In mid-April the NERR track gang was doing some work on the Carthage Branch and came across some original TC Ry rail and joint bars that are dated 1900. The rail is 60#, meaning every 3' weighs 60#. Very small by today's standards; for example the rail for the commuter train is 132# and the rail on Brotherton Mountain is 156#. The joint bars have wood inserts in them that don't look bad for wood 112 years old. Not sure what the wood is for. Some suggested to insulate the rail for signals. What signals? In 1900 signals were unheard of on the TC especially on a branch line. The track gang saved some of this rail and joint bars and it will be on display in the museum display room soon.

Excursion Train Maintenance Work

by **Terry Bebout**

The new gen sets were started up on Apr 17 and tested; everything went well. Still have a handful of items to take care of before it goes into service but we are finally are getting close.

The Museum has been fortunate to have purchased cars that make up our train with good wheelsets with plenty of tread and flange left to operate with. We have not changed many wheelsets over the past 20 years due to wear. Well, it's finally time to begin wheelset changes which we actually started last year. We don't have any wheels that are totally 'dead' or worn out but some are worn enough to warrant changes.

We have already changed two wheelsets on one coach this year and are changing four wheelsets on diner 3119. We have six axles that fit most of our excursion cars that we rotate to the wheel shop for cutting or to get new wheels (blanks). We are purchasing two more axles from Ben Butterworth (the guy we bought coach 4711 from years ago) so we will have two complete sets to rotate as we continue our wheel replacement program.

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FRIDAY Night Meeting – 7 pm May 18, 2012 at TCRM Nashville TN

When wheels are sent back to be cut "recontoured" the charge is \$600-\$700 per axle. Wheels totally worn that cannot be cut any more due to thin tread and need replacing are \$4,000.00 per axle. Both figures are plus shipping.

As wheel work continues on our fleet of cars everyone is invited to come down and get involved.

Extended Vision Cupola Caboose for Sale

by **Jay Wilson**

For sale ... International Car Co C&O Ry Caboose, \$18,000.00
Good wheels and roller bearing trucks (can be moved by rail)
Underside complete, inside is dry; bunk frames, window frames and seat frames complete. Caboose can be viewed at Tennessee Central Ry Museum. Anyone interested in seeing it please contact me JB Wilson @ office @ 615 259 9010 or cell @ 615 642 1470

TCRM Library News

by **Charles Owens**

List of recently added videos to our Museum library.
Model Railroad Masters by FOS Scale Models:
"John Elwood's Olympic & Puget Sound Railway"
"Rick Abramson's HO Scale New Haven RR"
"Marshal Sommer's HO Scale Rhode Haven"
"Robert Sackler's HO Scale Duchess & Hudson Valley RR"

Better, Easy Realistic by FOS Scale Models:
"Model Railroading Details & Scenery"
"Waterfront Scenery for Your Model RR"
"Roads and Highways for Your Model Railroad"
"Build Wood Structures From Start to Finish"
"Tips for Building Contest Quality Structures with Bob Mitchell"
"Masonry Wall Techniques for Structures & Dioramas"

Dream Plan Build Video Series:
"American Streamliner"
"Layout, Prototypes, Tips: Special Edition"
"Winter on the Boston & Albany"
"Tony Koester's Allegheny Midland RR"
"Railroad Police: From the Pinkertons to the Present"
"Union Pacific on the Sunset Route"
"Santa Fe Across America"
"Hudson River Thunder"
"Great Train Disasters"
"Conrail in New England"
"Scratch Building Structures"
"CSX on the Magnolia Cutoff"
"Colorado's Joint Line"

CSX Tours by Chris Wehman
"The Heart of Dixie"
"The Chattanooga Sub"

Classic Trains Magazine: The First 10 Years

TC Ry HO Box Car Kits in Production

By **Jim King**

I have produced another batch of castings for both TC boxcars. While I plan to keep these in-stock for the foreseeable future, eventually, the market will be saturated and both kits will

be pulled from production. Don't miss out! Go to the link below to view details and pricing:

http://www.smokymountainmodelworks.com/HO_boxcars.html

Note that the "Econo-Kit" option is available for all HO rolling stock kits. Contact me off-list to order, ask questions, etc. Jim King at Smoky Mountain Model Works, Inc.

Ph. (828) 777-5619 www.smokymountainmodelworks.com

Sick Call – Pete Boehme

by **Bob Hultman**

I had a call from **Pete Boehme** on Monday, 7 May. He has aortic arch replacement surgery Monday a week ago. He came thru surgery fine & was out of the hospital on Thursday. He now has some weeks of recovery at home. He's doing quite well. If you'd like to send him a card, his mailing address is 1027 Creek Bottom Rd in White Bluff TN 37187-4837.

Head Start Group Visits TCRM May 1

by **Marilyn O'Neal**

To our surprise, at about 10:20 am on May 1, we had 19 children and 9 adults show up at the Museum for a tour. They were one of our school groups that had cancelled from Susan Gray and I asked her to please call back to reschedule. There was some type of a communication error and they just showed up. We were in a lucky situation since **Butch Geng** had come by to volunteer his services wherever needed, **Misty Graves** had come by to discuss ticketing for May 5th and this is normally **Bob Hultman, Eddie Justice, Jim Perry** and my day to work. We all pitched in together- got on a roll and had some smiling children when they left us. And oh----by the way----they could tell us to **STOP-LOOK AND LISTEN** when they see a train.

Thanks to a great bunch of guys that made a bunch of people happy this morning.

Nashville Ntrak News

by **Ed Minnich**

N-Trakers have been working hard on the railroad! The Barry Beckett permanent layout has been improved significantly during the past several weeks as existing track was re-aligned and new track was laid. An indexing turntable was installed at the new roundhouse with plans to provide complete servicing facilities for both steam and diesel locomotives. The trolley serving the town is nearing completion and weathering and scenery work are on-going. Also of importance, one of our three main lines is now switchable to either DC or DCC so that N-Scalers can now run their old standbys in a smooth and reliable manner.

Members have also voted to change meeting nights from Tuesday to Thursday beginning June 7. This change will give some relief to museum volunteers responsible for locking up after us and provides an opportunity for members who have other commitments on Tuesday.

Museum members and friends are invited to attend and participate in our activities. The club has two sets of DCC-equipped locos in addition to plenty of rolling stock so those interested in operating N Scale do not need to bring equipment to enjoy N Scale railroading. We have lots to do to keep folks busy!

We are currently scheduled to set up modules on June 15 at the Smyrna Library for operations display on June 16 and 17. At least two other similar events will occur this summer.

Upcoming Conventions & Shows

SER 2012 Regional Convention- June 1-3, 2012 in Gatlinburg

TN Web site-

<http://www.ser-nmra.org/convention/2012-gatlinburg-convention>

3rd Annual City Road Chapel UMC Train Show- Nathan

Baker 615-612-3324 or nathanbaker@comcast.net

National Association of S Gaugers National 2012 Convention

<http://www.nasg2012.com/>

NMRA 2012 National Convention- <http://gr2012.org/>