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Donations

Hank Sherwood- \$1,000 cash
T&T Family Foundation- \$1,000 cash (these donations from T&T Family Foundation resulted from efforts by the late **John Stoecker**)

2013-2014 Cumberland Div-TCRM Schedule

Dec 7 North Pole Express Excursion Train with Santa to Lebanon – 2 Trips
Dec 12 Christmas Party & Annual Road Kill Buffet at TCRM
Dec 14 North Pole Express Excursion Train with Santa to Lebanon – 2 Trips
Jan 9 TCRM Thursday Night Meeting- Nashville TN
Feb 8 Valentines Day Murder Mystery Trip to Watertown
Feb 15 Excursion Train to DelMonaco Winery at Baxter
Mar 15 Excursion Train to DelMonaco Winery at Baxter
Mar 22 Cumberland Div Spring Meet-Model Train Show & TCRM Open House
Apr 12 Easter Bunny Excursion Train I to Watertown
Apr 19 Easter Bunny Excursion Train II to Watertown
Apr 26 Spring Mile-Long Yard Sale Excursion Train to Watertown
May 3 Dogwood Spring Festival Trip to Monterey
May 17 Train Robbery Trip to Watertown
May 31-June 1 TCRM Excursion Train 25th Anniversary Celebration
June 13-15 SER Regional Convention – Rails Across The River Memphis TN
June 21 Excursion Train to DelMonaco Winery at Baxter

New Members

Dawn & Tony Androsky Alexandria VA (Family)
Cilene, Jamie & Kristina Bosch Smyrna TN (Family)
Aaron Gerber Oakland TN
Bill McCord Gallatin TN
Joyce Watson Mt Juliet TN (**Ernest Thompson's** d-i-l)
Charlie Weaver Goodlettsville TN (Family)
Bill Whittaker Utica NY
Chad Wiklund Antioch TN (Rerail)
Welcome to our new members as they take part in our activities.

Cumberland Div-TCRM BoD Meeting

By **Bob Hultman**

The Cumberland Division-TCRM Board of Directors met at TCRM Tuesday Dec 3 at 6 pm. Agenda items included review of financial information, proposals for our 2014 budget and selection of a new Board member to replace Jim Adair, who resigned earlier in 2013. The Board approved significant 2014 budget items of \$25,000 for continued restoration of TC 102 business car, \$20,000 for TCRM Excursion Train Program 25th Anniversary activities; last item of business was selection of **Gene Turnage** as the new member on the Board of Directors.

We have lots to do in 2014.....

December 2013 RoadKill Buffet-Program

Catered by Vintage Cakes & Catering..... The menu-
Roast Beef & Gravy Marinated Grilled Chicken Breasts
Mashed Potatoes Southern Green Beans
Squash Casserole Iced Tea (Sweet & Unsweetened)
Assorted Rolls & Butter Assorted Desserts

Note- We start serving at **6:00 pm**.

Our December 2013 program will be a presentation of movie footage shot on TC Ry in the 30s & 40s.

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

Activity Fee for 2014 - Renewals

TCRM annual membership renewal is just around the corner. Please mail your activity fee renewals (the fee remains \$30 individual, \$35 for family members of the same household for 2014), made payable to TCRM to TC Ry Museum at 220 Willow St in Nashville TN 37210-2159 Attn – **Marilyn O'Neal**. If you prefer to renew via credit-debit card, please call **Marilyn** at 615-244-9001 or stop by the Museum to do so in person. Also, be sure to include any updated roster information (name, family member names, mailing address, phone numbers and current E-mail addresses).

NRHS Nashville Chapter members- NRHS National HQ mailed out membership renewal statements that included the TCRM annual activity fee. Please pay your TCRM annual activity fee thru the NRHS National billing. NRHS Nashville Chapter will forward the TCRM activity fee \$\$ to TCRM. If you have any questions, contact NRHS Nashville Chapter treasurer **Ron Musick** at 615-754-6242 or E-mail at rjmusic4@tds.net.

TCRM Hobby Shop News

By **Bob Hultman**

Ed Minnich of the TCRM hobby shop staff announced the hobby shop will be **closed Saturday Dec 7** and **Saturday Dec 14** account conflict with 2 excursion trains on those dates. Additional changes in hobby shop hours are- **Dec 24- Closed; Dec 26- Open Noon-3 pm; Dec 31- Closed**

Broadway Limited's HO scale Trackmobiles are in stock, stop in & check them out.

HO Model RR News

By **Bob Hultman**

The HO modelers are reviving weekly meetings on Saturday afternoons at TCRM to 1) rehab the HO modular RR, 2) encourage & help members build more HO modules & 3) fellowship. Our 2nd meeting will be this Sat, Dec 7, after the PM excursion train returns.

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Thursday Night Meeting – Dec 12, 2013 6:00 pm at TCRM Nashville TN

Excursion Train News

By **Bob Hultman**

Our next 2 trips for 2013 are the 2 North Pole Express Trips to Lebanon on Dec 7. Safety meeting starts at 7 am, with departure at 9:00 am; the 2nd trip leaves Nashville at 1:30 pm, returning about 3:45 pm or so. Sign-up sheets for the Dec 14 trips will be at our Dec 12 meeting.

Want to help work these trips? Just contact **Bob Hultman** at cell 615-513-7187 or E-mail hultman@bellsouth.net

Sick Call Update – Homer Thompson

By **Delores Thompson**

Thursday, Nov 28, 2013- Ron took **Homer** to doc Tuesday and he still has too much fluid in chest tubes to remove them. He has lost weight & is going back next week for recheck and to see heart failure specialist. Seems the surgery did not improve his heart function- it's still functioning/pumping/circulating at 45%. Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours.

Monday, Nov 18, 2013- **Homer** got to a room on Friday afternoon, after 8 days in ICU. He is alert, doing as well as can be expected when you have had your chest cracked x2 in 1 day. They hope to get him to rehab by the end of the week.

Friday, Nov 8, 2013- **Homer** underwent valve replacement and 3 bypasses yesterday at St. Thomas. He was on the table almost 13 hours due to bleeding and had to open his chest again. He finally got to ICU about 9 pm and is critical. He is still bleeding but cannot locate source. He is on a ventilator, has 4 chest tubes, blood going, 10 IVs with different medications. He looked better than we thought he would after that long under anesthesia. He is still sedated due to the vent. They are going to try to wean the vent today but they say that is the critical part so will keep you posted on that aspect.

No visitors in ICU. When he is in a room, will let you know. Homer's home address- 125 Hillview Dr in LaVergne TN 37086

Special Thanks to TCRM Volunteers

By **Marilyn O'Neal**

Nov 24, 2013- I want to send out a huge thanks to all the youth group that came out yesterday to usher around, teach, and help the young children that we had yesterday for our visitors. We were almost at 100 percent of the youth members. Also a big thanks to the office interns who were here to help sort out seating for all of our 5 Christmas trips. I'm so proud of them.

Yesterday our members were there in full force to help the youth, talk to visitors and to take visitors on guided tours. By far this was one of the best days I ever experienced in teaching, helping and sharing with all of our members working together.

Thanks to all of you for helping me get thru this past 3 days of non-stop guests to TCRM. As always you are appreciated, more than you will ever know.

Future Group Tours at TCRM

By **Marilyn O'Neal**

Dec 18th Wednesday - **Berry Head Start** - Jackie Mckinney
19 Students 3-4 Year Olds + 7 Chaperones

Dec 19 Thursday - **Classical Conversationalist Home Schoolers**- Jessica Schwiger 15-30 attendees, 10 am thru noon.

Mar 6 2014 - **North Head Start**- Roselyn Mccullough
20 Children + 5 Adults

TCRM Museum Room Exhibit Addition

By **Terry Bebout**

We now have a restored vintage switch stand on display in the Museum room. Thanks to **Allen Hicks** for the restoration and **Don Strong** for the wooden blocks representing the headblock crossties. **Allen Hicks** and **Mark Mathews** moved it in place on Saturday Nov 30. It is complete with a brass switch lock and placard that gives information to visitors about its use.

Photo by **Terry Bebout** below-

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2013 Whistlestop Weekend Nov 15-17

By **Bob Hultman**

The HO modular RR went to Adventure Science Center on Nov 9 to take part in their Whistlestop Weekend Nov 15 thru 17. We had the RR up & running by ~ 4 pm Sunday Nov 10 in our usual location just to the left of the main entrance on the ground floor.

RR configuration will be in the Jan 2014 Meeting Notice.
C Div Outside Corner - C Div 24' Yard - C Div Outside Corner
Horton Monroe's 12' Central of GA RR
Horton Monroe's 4' My-T-Fine Motel
Len Hollinger's 16' Firestone Plant
C Div Outside Corner - C Div Outside Corner
George Gilbert's 4' Forge Creek
C Div 4' Geezer Gate - C Div Inside Corner
Thomas Mogish's 4' Farm Scene
C Div Inside Corner
Thomas Mogish's 8' Engine Terminal
C Div Outside Corner - C Div Outside Corner
Russ Schneider's 20' MILW Rd Passenger Station
Mike Irwin's 8' British Village
Thomas Mogish's 4' Seaside Scene

Many thanks to the module owners and everyone else who helped with transport, setup, takedown & return transport to TCRM Sunday evening Nov 17 in the rain. We promoted the hobby to well over 1,000 people and also got a lot of excursion train information handed out. The RR ran pretty well, no major mechanical or electrical failures. It was nice to see the new modules by **Mike Irwin** and his British steam, diesel, passenger & freight rolling stock (carriages & wagons). Larry Dunlap-Berg, our contact at ASC, was very glad to have us back & they look forward to us returning next year.

Upcoming Conventions & Shows

Mar 22 Cumberland Div Spring 2014 Meet-Model Train Show & TC Ry Museum Open House at TCRM
June 13-15 SER Joint Regional Convention with Mid-Continent Region – Rails Across The River Memphis TN
July 13-19 NMRA 2014 Cleveland National Convention in Cleveland OH
<http://www.2014cleveland.org>