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Update - Excursion Train 25th Anniversary

By Terry Bebout

Just wanted to provide you all some details concerning the 25th anniversary celebration in May. As you already know we are having a small coal-burning live steam engine brought in (comes in by truck) that will be the focal point of our celebration. You can see the exact engine that is coming in by looking it up on the Internet- Flagg Coal Company #75. The owners of the steam engine come in with it for operation.

Tuesday May 27- Steam engine arrives by truck, unloading at TCRM.

Wednesday May 28-Media Day. Operate steam engine at Southern Jct yard area for news media.

Thursday May 29-Special TCRM members day. Operate steam engine at Southern Jct yard area during the day. Special catered evening meal at 6 pm under tent. Entertainment by Grand Ole Opry Star Buddy Jewell. Special members' excursion from TCRM to MP 5.6 and return at 7:30 pm.

Friday May 30-Continuation of media day if necessary.

Saturday May 31-Public excursions at 9 am, 12 noon & 3 pm from TCRM to MP 5.6 and return.

Sunday June 1-Public excursions at 12 noon and 3pm from TCRM to MP 5.6 and return.

Keep in mind this is a small steam engine that operates at an average speed of 10 mph. Another locomotive will be at the other end of the train for assistance and making the return trip. We will probably only have 5-6 coaches in the consist. During the public excursion days TCRM will be open with various displays. Included will be one of the NERR Dash 8-40BW locomotives for cab tours.

New Members

Jeff Askew & Vickie Parker Vinemont AL (Family)

Catherine & Robert Bargoesi Nashville TN (Family)

David & Margaret Graves Gallatin TN (Family)

Avrom, Carolyn, Heidi & Veronica Shtern Cote Saint Luc QC Canada (Family) – Our first members from outside the US of A!!

Aaron, Cathy & Stephen Swetland Gallatin TN (Family)

Welcome to our new members as they take part in our activities.

Excursion Train News

By Bob Hultman

We have 3 consecutive trips coming up in April- 2 Easter Bunny Trips and the Watertown Spring Mile-Long Yard Sale Trip. Safety meetings for these 3 trips start at 7 am at TCRM; keep in mind these trips board passengers at Donelson Music City Star station, NOT at TCRM. Crew sign-up sheets for these trips will be at our April 3 meeting.

We are always looking for TCRM members to help work these trips. To do so, contact **Bob Hultman** at cell 615-513-7187 or E-mail hultman@bellsouth.net

Donations

Southern Nights RR Photography- \$200 cash for restoration of TC 102 office car - This donation was made as a show of appreciation for the TCRM allowing us to do a night photo shoot on March 1. A letter of appreciation has also been put on the bulletin board if you want to see it - **Brandon Baxter**
Jack Sircy- mobile 3' x 6' N scale operating model RR

2014 Cumberland Div-TCRM Schedule

- Mar 29 Train Collectors Association Spring Train Meet
Donelson 1st Baptist Church Gym Nashville TN
- Apr 3 TCRM Thursday Night Meeting Nashville TN
- Apr 12 Easter Bunny Excursion Train I to Watertown
- Apr 17 J C Napier School Easter Egg Hunt
- Apr 19 Easter Bunny Excursion Train II to Watertown
- Apr 26 Spring Mile-Long Yard Sale Excursion Train to
Watertown
- May 1-3 Mid-South Live Steamers' Spring Meet
Maury Co Park in Columbia TN
- May 3 Dogwood Spring Festival Trip to Monterey
- May 9 Friday Cookout & Meeting at TCRM
- May 17 Train Robbery Trip to Watertown
- May 31-June 1 TCRM Excursion Train 25th Anniversary
Celebration Nashville TN
- June 13-15 SER Regional Convention – Rails Across The River
Memphis TN
- June 21 Excursion Train to DelMonaco Winery at Baxter

April 2014 Program

Our April program will be a slide show & PowerPoint presentation by TCRM member **Ralcon Wagner** on "25 Years of Excursions and Counting", covering the highlights of our history. Anyone wanting to present a program at our Thursday night meetings, please contact **Bob Hultman** cell 615-513-7187 E-mail hultman@bellsouth.net

Host Committee – April 2014 Meeting

Jerry Jones	Victor Jordan	Roger Justus
John Kennedy	Rusty Lacy	Rey Laureano
Dave Lawrence	Lawrence Lilly	Mark Lindecker
Hugh Lowe	John Lowe	Ron Macaluso
Gale Madison	Lem Majors	Don Marlin*

*- Host Committee Chair

Cookout for May Meeting Planned

By Terry Bebout

The May meeting will be a special cookout social & members meeting on Friday evening May 9. We have done this special cookout meeting for the last couple of years and looking forward to another great one this year. It's a night of food, fun and fellowship as a prelude to our 25th anniversary celebration. Mark the date! Details to follow soon on menu, etc!!!

Thursday Night Meeting – April 3, 2014 6:30 pm at TCRM Nashville TN

Division Meet, TCRM Open House Report

By **Bob Hultman**

Cumberland Division's 2014 Spring Meet & Model Train Show and TCRM's Spring Open House attracted about 400 attendees Saturday, Mar 22. Dealer tables were sold out, 1 locomotive and other rolling stock was open for touring, 2 live clinics and 2 model railroads on the self-guided tour. Lots of folks were carrying off merchandise bought from the dealers & the Company Store. The large HO RR in Nolensville, the Los Angeles & Salt Lake RR, reported over 40 visitors on their self-guided tour. Many thanks to all who worked to make the Meet & Open House a success.

TCRM Phone Bank a Success

By **Bob Hultman**

TCRM's phone bank for Nashville Public Television March Pledge Night Thursday, March 13th was a nice success, almost doubling the pledge goal of \$2,000. Monell's Restaurant catered supper for everyone. Many thanks to TCRM members **Cledia Eby, Ariana, John & Misty Graves, Bob Hultman, Mike Irwin, Amber, Ashley & Kim McGill, Marilyn & Tim O'Neal, Charles Owens & Gordon Sutla** for making the evening a success.

HO Model RR News

By **Bob Hultman**

Mike Irwin has completed many low-relief backdrop buildings using printed paper images for the RR; **Randal Brooks** painted the new scenery base on the corner module & added ground cover to it; **George Gilbert** returned 2 houses nicely weathered & continued working on the scenery & roads on the corner with the highway overpass bridge. **Quincy Styke III** (aka **QS III**) ordered a large fleet of motor vehicles, some of which have been delivered to the hobby shop. Come on by on Saturday afternoons & check on our progress.....

TC 102 Office Car Palm Beach Update

By **Pete Weaver**

We have finished removing the asbestos from the top and south side of the Palm Beach. **Steve Tomblin** and I have begun de-engineering the electrical system. **Terry Bebout** and **Allen Hicks** tied the Palm Beach and the Training cars (storage) together so that more of the salvageable material can be removed to make possible necessary repairs to the interior.

Terry is working on a storage solution for the large components which must be removed from underneath the Palm Beach in order to facilitate structural repairs.

Contractors have been contacted to evaluate the existing condition of the car and offer suggestions and pricing estimates for making repairs. These initial estimates are not inclusive and cover primarily the costs for replacing the central structural components.

We can always use help. I want to especially thank **Bill Howard & Wayne Sharpe** for their help on the Palm Beach. Please call **Pete Weaver** at 615-292-2087 if you would like to be involved. I try to be on site most days when the weather is favorable (above 45° F). Please call first since I must leave by 1:30 pm during the week.

Dixie Line Days Train Show in Wartrace

By **Jerry Fox**

The annual Dixie Line Days train show is coming to Wartrace, Tennessee on Saturday April 26th from 9 am to 5 pm with dealer swap tables, operating model railroads, how-to clinics, switching and modeling contests, a steam locomotive engineer presentation, door prizes, live music, food, and a parade of passing trains courtesy of the CSX mainline through the heart of Wartrace. Admission is \$5 for adults and children under twelve \$3. Dealer tables are still available starting at \$10.

Visit <http://www.dixieflyertrains.com/upcomingevents.html> for more information and a dealer application. Directions and a map is available at www.dixieflyertrains.com. The event is presented by The Dixie Flyer train store and the Tennessee Valley Model Railroad Club.

Sad News – Passing of Paul Musick

By **Bob Hultman**

TCRM & Nashville Chapter NRHS member **Ron Musick** sent the very sad news of the passing of his son, **Paul Musick**. URL to Paul's obituary posted by Bond Memorial Chapel-
<http://www.bondmemorial.com/#lobituaries/c10af>
Ron & Jeannette's mailing address is 291 Benders Ferry Rd in Mt Juliet TN 37122 Please keep Ron & his family in your thoughts & prayers during this most difficult time.

Head Start Classes Visit TCRM

By **Kim McGill & Marilyn O'Neal**

We would like to thank each and every one of the volunteers who took their time out of their day to come down to TCRM on Mar 6 and spend time with our little friends from Berry and North Head Starts. I do believe a few of the parents/teachers enjoyed this visit as much as the children, although the children did have a good time. They seemed to understand---Stop--- Look and Listen and Don't Play on the Tracks. A big thank you goes to **Fred Enters, Bob Hultman, George Jackson, Gale Madison, Ed Minnich & Steve Price**. We ended up with 54 children and 17 parents/teachers..... Again-many thanks.

Upcoming Conventions & Shows

Mar 29 Train Collectors Association Spring Train Meet in Donelson Baptist Church Gym

May 1-3 Mid-South Live Steamers' Spring Meet in Maury Co Park in Columbia TN

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>

July 25-26 5th Annual Madison Train Show LARGEST MIDDLE TN MULTI –SCALE SUMMER TRAIN SHOW

Fri July 25 – 3 pm to 6:00 pm (private running session for modelers, 6:00 to 8:00 pm)

Sat July 26 - 9 am to 3:30 pm 65 vendor tables, 5 layouts. Vendor tables are still available.

For info, Call Nathan Baker, Madison Train Show Chairman 615-615-3324 nathanbaker@comcast.net