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2016-2017 Cumberland Div-TCRM Schedule

- Nov 5 Muddy Roots Charter Trip to DelMonaco Winery Baxter TN
- Nov 6-13 HO Modular RR Setup at Adventure Science Center Nashville TN
- Nov 10 TCRM Thursday Night Meeting Nashville TN
- Nov 10-13 Whistlestop Weekend at Adventure Science Center Nashville TN
- Nov 12 Excursion Train to DelMonaco Winery Baxter TN
- Nov 19 Cumberland Div Meet-Model Train Show at TCRM Nashville TN
- Nov 26 North Pole Express Excursion Train with Santa to Watertown TN
- Dec 3 & 10 2 North Pole Express Excursion Trains with Santa to Lebanon TN each day
- Dec 10 Train Collectors Assoc Christmas Toy Train Show at TN State Fairgrounds
- Feb 4 Muddy Roots Charter Trip to DelMonaco Winery Baxter TN
- Feb 11 Valentines Day Murder Mystery Excursion Train to Watertown TN

November Meeting Program

The program for our November meeting will be by Ralcon Wagner entitled "Nashville's Streetcars and Interurban Railways: Celebrating 150 Years". Ralcon will present a PowerPoint presentation and discussion about his new book, "Nashville's Streetcars and Interurban Railways". Images from the first 75 years of Nashville's transit history will illustrate the transition from horse-drawn streetcars to steam dummies, electric cars and finally conversion to buses. Books will be available after the program.

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

Excursion Train News

By **Bob Hultman**

Our next trip is a Muddy Roots charter trip to DelMonaco Winery east of Baxter TN on Nov 6. Safety meeting starts at 7 am with departure at 8:30 am, return around 5:45 pm. Crew sign-up sheets for the Nov 12, 26 & the Dec trips will be available at the Nov 10 Thursday Night Meeting.

We are always looking for TCRM members to help work these trips. To do so, contact **Bob Hultman** landline 615-833-5158 or cell 615-513-7187, E-mail hultman@bellsouth.net

New Members

Allison, Josh, Leeanne, Michael, Ralph & Sarah Schulz Nashville TN (Family) – Corrected L Name Spelling Joseph Giunto Nashville TN

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

Activity Fee for 2017 - Renewal

TCRM annual membership renewal is now due. Please mail your activity fee renewals (\$35 individual, \$40 family membership), made payable to TCRM to TC Ry Museum at 220 Willow St in Nashville TN 37210-2159 Attn – Shakela Lawler. If you prefer to renew via credit or debit card, please call Shakela 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 & current Email addresses).

Division Meet-Model Train Show Nov 19

By **Bob Hultman**

Cumberland Division's Fall 2016 Division Meet & Model Train Show will be Nov 19 here at TCRM. We'll have the Company Store, Dealer Tables, Self-Guided Tour to the large HO Scale Los Angeles & Salt Lake RR in Nolensville, Hobby Shop, Museum Room, HO & N Scale RRs operational & Food Service in our dining car 3119. There's no admission charge to TCRM members. We'll be setting up dealer tables and the registration canopy on Thursday-Friday right before the Meet. Contact **Bob Hultman** landline 615-833-5158 or cell 615-513-7187 E-mail hultman@bellsouth.net for more information.

Parking Crew Help Needed

By Bob Hultman

The parking crew will need more people to help with parking in 2016 and 2017. **Lawrence Lilly** is our parking crew manager.

Parking for our excursion trips only requires 2-3 hours per any Saturday that you can help. It may not be glamorous but is a very important part of our excursion trips. If the parking crew can get enough volunteers to help out they would only have to help 1 or 2 Saturdays a month. All help would be greatly appreciated. If you want to part of this crew you may contact **Lawrence** at 615-319-5646 or 615-641-2415 or E-mail brucelilly1970@gmail.com. Thanks ahead of time for the help.

HO Model RR News

By **Bob Hultman**

The HO modular RR will once again be going to Adventure Science Center's Whistlestop Weekend this year. We will be able to start setting up the RR on the 1st floor of ASC Sunday Nov 6. **Bob Hultman** will be @TCRM 8 am Sunday morning to start loading up modules & related items to haul to ASC.

Whistlestop Weekend starts with an ASC members-only event Thursday evening Nov 10 (same as our Thursday Night Meeting) and runs thru Sunday Nov 13. We take the RR down Sunday evening after ASC closes to the public.

Anyone with operating HO modules is welcome to have them considered for inclusion in this setup. Anyone wanting to help with this effort contact **Bob Hultman** 615-833-5158, cell 615-513-7187 E-mail hultman@bellsouth.net for further information.

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TCRM Video Library News

By Charles Owens

Added another dozen videos to the video library. All new videos are in the bottom drawer of the video cabinet. Several of the new videos are multi disk videos. Any video is only \$2 for one month's rental no matter the number of DVDs in its case. Just pay **Shakela Lawler**, our administrative assistant, or one of our volunteers who helps out at the Museum.

TCRM Volunteer Incentive Program By Bob Hultman

The Board of Directors approved on April 26, 2007 a volunteer incentive program whereby members can earn benefits after volunteering a certain number of hours of work for TCRM. The overall intent of the incentive program is to 1) encourage more members to volunteer their help and 2) encourage those members already volunteering to consider increasing their volunteer hours.

Benefits are in the form of 1) free tickets on TCRM excursion trains or 2) some additional discount on purchases in the TCRM Hobby Shop or 3) purchases of TCRM souvenirs.

For every 20 hours of volunteer work, a member earns 1 free 1st-class seat on our excursion trains. If members do not want excursion train tickets, they can earn an additional 5% discount (going from 25% to 30%) on most items in the TCRM hobby shop, up to a limit of \$250 (MSRP) worth of hobby shop merchandise.

To keep track of volunteer hours earned, **Shakela Lawler** maintains a loose-leaf binder with a separate page for each participating TCRM member. She keeps the binder in the TCRM admin office where members will have access to it. Each time a member works volunteer hours, the member can record the hours on the member's record sheets. When a member wants to redeem his/her volunteer hours worked, the member should so indicate to **Shakela**, who will make appropriate notations and issue a written authorization for the benefit desired by the member.

Officers and Board of Directors members are not included in this incentive program.

Upcoming Conventions & Shows

Nov 19, 2016 Cumberland Div Meet-Model Train Show at TCRM in Nashville TN

Dec 10, 2016 Train Collectors Assoc Music City Chapter Christmas Toy Train Show at TN State Fairgrounds http://dixiedivisiontca.com/category/events-music-city/

Mar 18, 2017 TCRM Open House & Cumberland Div Meet-Model Train Show at TCRM in Nashville TN

June 9-10 SouthEastern Region NMRA 2017 Convention-Crossroads of Dixie Birmingham AL

Hosted by Steel City Division Website- http://www.2017serconvention.com/

July 21-22, 2017 8th **Annual Madison Train Show** City Road Chapel Methodist Church at 701 Gallatin Pike S., Madison, TNNathan Baker, Madison Train Show Chairman cell: 615-612-3324 e-mail: nathanbaker@comcast.net

July 30-Aug 6, 2017 NMRA National Convention Orange Blossom Special in Orlando FL http://www.nmra2017.org/