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## 2017 Cumberland Div-TCRM Schedule

- Feb 11 Valentines Day Murder Mystery Excursion Train to Watertown TN
- Feb 25 Excursion Train Trip to DelMonaco Winery Baxter TN
- Mar 9 TCRM Thursday Night Meeting Nashville TN
- Mar 11 Excursion Train Trip to DelMonaco Winery Baxter TN
- Mar 18 Model Railroading Open House TCRM Nashville TN
- Mar 25 Train Collectors Assoc Spring Show at Donelson 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church Nashville TN
- Apr 8 TCRM Open House & Cumberland Division Spring Division Meet Nashville TN
- Apr 15 Easter Bunny Excursion Train to Watertown TN
- Apr 22 Excursion Train to Watertown TN Mile-Long Yard Sale
- Apr 29 Excursion Train Trip to DelMonaco Winery Baxter TN
- May 6 Excursion Train to Monterey TN Spring Festival
- May 20 Train Robbery Excursion Train to Watertown TN
- June 10 Muddy Roots Charter Trip to DelMonaco Winery Baxter TN
- June 24 NRHS Convention Charter Trip to Lebanon TN

## No Feb Meeting - March Meeting Program

Our March meeting program will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> presentation of the car host safety certification class. If you want to work as a car host on our excursion train, you need to attend this class. Be sure to bring "an effective writing instrument" & your car host handbook.

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](mailto:hultman@bellsouth.net)

## New Members

**Linda Clayton Byrd, Michael Byrd, Biars Davis, Joan**

**Clayton-Davis** Nashville TN (Family)

**Jonathan Cole** Greenbrier TN

**Phyllis Long** Hendersonville TN

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

## Excursion Train News

By **Bob Hultman**

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## Activity Fee for 2017 - Renewal

TCRM annual membership renewal is now due. Please mail your activity fee renewals (\$35 individual, \$40 family member-

ship), 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 E-mail addresses).

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## HO Model RR News

By **Bob Hultman**

TCRM & NMRA member **Patrick Slota** has changed out a defective Tortoise switch motor (#3 switch on the 36' yard module group). He's also fixed some open-circuit spots in main tracks on the module group. He is also taking on the project of rewiring the HO RR for DCC, permitting up to dispense with the old conventional DC control panels.

We have also procured an Atlas Alco C420 non-sound loco (TC #401) so a train can be run by **Shakela Lawler** for visitors.

See the Nashville Ntrak News item for a description of our upcoming "Model RR Open House" on Mar 18. Anyone wanting further information on HO model RR activities, contact **Bob Hultman** 615-833-5158, cell 615-513-7187 E-mail [hultman@bellsouth.net](mailto:hultman@bellsouth.net) for further information.

## Nashville Ntrak News

By **Ed Minnich**

NTrakers kicked off the new year participating in Montgomery Bell State Park's annual Train History Festival on January 21 and 22. The spacious venue affords us the opportunity to showcase a substantial layout as we welcomed approximately 1,200 guests over the two-day event. This is our third year at Montgomery Bell and we're already looking forward to next year.

We are anticipating a busy Spring and have been "freshening up" some of our battle-scarred modules and upgrading our 10+ year-old digital command system. In addition, club members have constructed several new modules during the past year. Our guests will not only see new scenes in 2017, the display will be brighter resulting from our new portable lighting system.

The Cumberland Valley Modular Railroaders and TC Hobby Shop have joined us in sponsoring a *Model Railroading Open House* at TCRM on March 18, 2017. All of us are working hard to finalize a program tailored for "would be" model railroaders.

**See Other Side for More News**

**No Thursday Night Meeting for February 2017 – Next Meeting Mar 9**

Guests will be invited to “bring their own HO and N scale trains” to run on our tracks, or will have “hands on” opportunities to run club trains. We’ll also conduct a couple of “Introduction to Model Railroading” clinics. Thanks in advance to TCRM for giving us full support on this endeavor. It would be ideal to add a small Lionel layout to the mix where guests can have a hands-on experience. Anyone interested in participating should contact Ed at [ebminn@gmail.com](mailto:ebminn@gmail.com) or call 615.416.2892.

NTrakers move on to Linden on March 24 & 25 for the community’s annual *Blooming Arts Festival*. We have an excellent venue to display our layout and expect a strong turnout for this event. Events such as this gives us the opportunity to promote all of TCRM’s programs in addition to showcasing N Scale model railroading. TCRM members are more than welcome to join us for this and other events. Any help with setup, tear down, and TCRM promotion is greatly appreciated. Please contact Jimmie Guthrie at [r.guthrie@aol.com](mailto:r.guthrie@aol.com) or 615.472.2364 if you’re willing to help.

Nashville NTrak is open to all TCRM members and meets most every Tuesday afternoon and early evening. We will not meet this coming Tuesday which is Valentine’s Day. It’s best to call the museum office to confirm if NTrak is meeting on a given day. Interested folks do not need trains and are not required to construct a module. We have lots of opportunities for everyone. Participation in Nashville NTrak is a great way to learn about all the various aspects of model railroading even if you’re planning to model in a different scale. Visitors are always welcome, but beware, we may put you to work!

## TCRM EMD SW8 #52 Update

By Terry Bebout

Our switcher got its wheels recontoured this week by Messiah Locomotive Works that has a portable lathe. The wheels had thin flanges at the legal limit before the cutting and now are like new that will last us many years. Cost was \$10K.

## Sick Call Update – Brenda Bilbrey

By Marvene Bilbrey

Brenda had surgery the 9th on her right shoulder with installation of three screws and stitches. They repaired some arthritis damage to her shoulder. This past Thursday, Jan 26, she had the stitches removed.

She has limited use of her shoulder (no driving etc). She is to have an operation to repair her right foot Achilles tendon as soon as her shoulder heals and will then be off her foot for at least 4 to 6 weeks.

Thanks for the cards and prayers. Marvene and Brenda

Please keep Brenda & Marvene in your thoughts and prayers. Their mailing address is 644 Monte Carlo Dr in Antioch TN 37013-4431

## 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](mailto:brucelilly1970@gmail.com). Thanks ahead of time for the help.

## Sad News – Passing of Nicolas Nessen

By Joe Ed Gaddes

Nicolas Nessen , 42 years old , passed away January 12th, 2017. Visitation with his family was at 12 noon, Wednesday, January 18th at Woodlawn Funeral home with burial to follow at 1:00 PM. The Mid South Live Steamers extend their deepest sympathy to his sister and parents for this sudden loss. **Leroy**, his dad, is one of the three remaining charter members of MSLS (Mid-South Live Steamers).

Please keep Leroy & Carolyn in your thoughts & prayers during this very difficult time. Leroy’s mailing address is 4908 Maywood Dr in Nashville TN 37211.

## Sad News – Passing of Steve Pugh

By Terry Bebout

**Judy Hicks’** brother Steve Pugh passed away on Monday, Jan 23. Visitation was Wednesday, Jan 25 at Hickory Chapel Funeral Home on Nolensville Road and funeral service was Thursday, Jan 26 at 1 pm.

Please keep Judy, Allen & their family in your thoughts & prayers. Judy & Allen’s mailing address is 833 Kenny St in Gallatin TN 37066.

## Upcoming Conventions & Shows

**Mar 18, 2017 Model RR Open House sponsored by Nashville Ntrak & Cumberland Division at TCRM in Nashville TN**

**Mar 25, 2017 Train Collectors Assoc Spring Show at Donelson 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church Nashville TN**

**Apr 8, 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 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Madison Train Show**

City Road Chapel Methodist Church at 701 Gallatin Pike S Madison, TN

Nathan Baker, Madison Train Show Chairman

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

**Nov 18, 2017 Cumberland Div Meet-Model Train Show at TCRM in Nashville TN**