

# Central Missouri Chapter TCA Newsletter

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## UP 844

Since we recently voted on the UP web site to determine the route that the steam excursion would take this summer-and our choice through Jeff City won-I thought another UP steam photo would be appropriate. You all may think that your scribe is some kind of UP buff, and like UP steam. And you would be right! But then it's hard not to like it. Here is a great sort of close up photo of the 844 for your viewing enjoyment.

## The February Meeting

The February meeting was cancelled on account of snow hip high to our President. And cold weather to help it out. The March meeting will be doubly important due to the upcoming Hobo Joe Show. See below.

## The Hobo Joe Show

The Parks and Recreation Department Hobo Joe train show at Paquin Towers will be on

Saturday, March 19. We set up the modules and run trains for the show in appreciation for the use of the clubhouse. We need all members to help out with this show as it is a major undertaking to move the modules, set them up and take them down, and to run trains all day. The Parks Department will move the modules from the clubhouse to the Towers and back but it does take as many folks as can make it to set them up. We also need cars to move the scenery and accessories as they are too delicate for the Parks Dept to move for us.

Please show up at the clubhouse Saturday morning at 8 AM to move the accessories. If you can't stay all day, please come back around 2:30 to help dismantle and store the stuff so Parks can move it on Monday.

### **The Columbia Star Dinner Train**

The Columbia Star Dinner Train has been moving to town in fits and starts. It had some brake problems in Springfield, IL, which sidelined it for a few days. Along with a major blizzard, but it's here now. Initial operation is scheduled for ?????

### **Dues Are Due**

It's time once again for dues-still a real bargain at \$5/yr. If we don't hear from you by March we'll drop you off the mailing list. So don't forget or you will miss the exciting and very informative Chapter newsletter.

### **Speaking of Meets**

Here is what is coming up in March and April:

March 12, 2011  
Boeing meet  
Queeny Park  
St. Louis, MO

March 19, 2011  
Hobo Joe show  
Paquin Towers  
Columbia, MO

March 19 & 20  
Great Train Expo  
American Royal  
Kansas City, MO

### **The March Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled meeting date will be the first Wednesday in March-the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Mark your calendars now!