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Cumberland Div/TC Ry Museum Donations

Ed Bowers- A loaned set of link and pin couplers
Dr John Clark- Newspaper articles on TCRM & TC Ry history
Eddie Justice- Copy of a Nashville city map ca 1919
David Lawrence- 15 hardcover RR books and several **Model Railroader** magazines
Dennis Mize- 11"x14" B&W print of a new NC&StL Ry F3A & F3Bs at the W Nashville shops ca 1948
Jim Paty- EMD SD60 operator's manual
Hank Sherwood- Two old unused fusees with tie spikes; old RR carman's tool; small RR spike found on ex-NC&StL Ry line at Craggie Hope TN
Allen Stanley- Several copies of locomotive diagram books, etc

HO Scale Car Project Report

Steve Johnson reports that 3rd Rail Graphics has received the HO Athearn 2-bay open hopper car kits that will be used in our next Cumberland Division limited run car project. The cars are being painted and artwork is in progress. Plans call for 6 different car numbers. The cars may be in our hands by early September.



Photo above shows the HO scale Sircy Bldg railroad on Saturday, Aug 5, 2000 during one of the regular work sessions. This view looks eastward with the rock quarry in the front center and Midway Yard at the upper center of the shot. All digital photos in this meeting notice by **Terry Bebout**

August Program Notes

Dave Lawrence presents a compilation of videotape he has taken of European railroading - "Railroads - Alive & Well in Europe".

Hobby Shop Open 9 AM-3 PM Saturdays!

New in the shop!! **L&N Atlanta Division & Southern Ry Murphy Branch** books are in stock. Check with the staffer on duty for prices. Volunteers are needed for staffing the Hobby Shop on Saturdays. Call **Wayne Frey** at 832-4235 to volunteer!

Year 2000 Schedule

Aug 17 Thursday Night Meeting- Willow St Building
Sep 7-16 N Scale Modular RR Setup- TN State Fair
Sep 23-24 GATS Show- Municipal Auditorium Nashville TN
Sep 26 Sircy Bldg Operating Session
Sep 9 Excursion Train- Watertown Country Hoedown
Oct 7 Excursion Train- Watertown's Railroad Days
Oct 14 Excursion Train-Watertown Fall Flea Market
Oct 21 Excursion Train- Cookeville to Nashville
Oct 24 Sircy Bldg Operating Session
Oct 28 Excursion Train- Cookeville Super Fall Foliage
Nov 4 Cumberland Div Meet- TCRM Bldg Nashville TN
Nov 10-12 Cumberland Sci Museum Whistlestop Weekend
Nov 18 Excursion Train- Lebanon Victorian Christmas
Nov 28 Sircy Bldg Operating Session
Dec 2 Excursion Train- Watertown Christmas in the Country
Dec 9-10 Trains of Christmas at TCRM Building

August Meeting Host Committee

Chris Ridgeway	Herb Roth	Dave Roys
Hank Sherwood*	Jack Sircy	Gordon Smith
Tom Spiggle	Tom Staggs	Robert Stewart
George Stringer	J R Stroud	Q Styke III
Bob Swanner	Aaron Tanzabel	S L Taylor

* Host Committee Chair

Museum Need Met!

Jeff Gill will donate 6 boardroom type chairs for use in the Division/Museum meeting room on the 2nd floor. Twelve chairs will be bought to ensure they all match. **Terry Bebout** is donating 5 chairs and **Bob Hultman** 1 chair.



Looking east where Sircy Bldg railroad main track goes from 1 to 2 tracks. **Doug Lindgren & Charles Owens** have done an excellent job on the signal system!

NEXT MEETING Willow St Building Thursday August 17, 2000 7:00 PM

Sick List

Carol Perry is still recovering from knee replacement surgery. You can call her at 352-7481.

Allan Davis is confined to home & hasn't driven since March. Give him a call at 883-4278 to cheer him up.

New Railroad in Town!!

Special Report by **Steve Johnson**

The **Nashville & Western RR** has started operations the week of July 31 in Nashville. The **Nashville & Eastern RR** has assumed the remainder of the contract for the operation of the line, taking over from the **Central of Tennessee Railway & Navigation Co.** As I understand it, there are two more years on the contract with an option for another 10 years after that. Other bidders on the contract were Pioneer Rail Corp. and R. J. Corman.

NERR sent one of its ex-NS/nee-Southern U23Bs (#3901, recently outshopped with a chopped nose) over to work the line. The unit retains most of its black NS paint "scheme", but with yellow nose and rear of the long hood, and "NWRR" reporting marks. The two units on lease to **CofT** will probably be sent over to the NERR's Southern Junction yard for storage, pending return to the lessor. These locomotives are #5 (ex-B&O SW900 #9427) and #2001 (ex-CNW GP7R #4440). The switcher is painted in a rust red color, but was never lettered, while the Geep is painted black with white Central of Tennessee lettering and a version of the old Tennessee Central herald. I have seen the U23B resting on the interchange track since earlier this week.

Gene Turnage informed me that he and another person would be running the U23B and switching the industries on the line until **NERR's** Crew 1 takes over. Crew 1 goes on duty at 3 PM at Southern Jct. yard to switch the **NERR's** Nashville industries, but would go in earlier to work the **NWRR** as needed.

The **NWRR** line operates trackage mainly near the downtown Nashville area to the old TC drawbridge in Bordeaux. North of the bridge, the trackage, and especially the trestles, are in poor shape. **NERR's** Bill Drusic wants to rehab the line back to Ashland City...and has ideas to put the line back into Clarksville... Hey, this isn't nearly as grandiose as Drusic's proposals to extend the **NERR** from Monterey to Knoxville... over a new route (He showed us the maps at a TC Ry Museum meeting about a year or so ago). Then there's the ongoing problem with the old drawbridge, which is considered to be a hazard to river navigation.

Who knows, the **TC Ry Museum** could be running excursion trains over this former TC line in a few years...

Module RR Activities

Adams Threshermens Show Report-

This year **Allen Hicks** once again organized our HO modular RR setup at the TN-KY

Threshermens Show in Adams TN the 3rd weekend in July. Yes, it was hot, but the gym is air-conditioned so it's quite tolerable now. This year the former Hicksville modules displayed under new ownership (**Don Ey**) with an appearance by **Quincy Styke III's** Styrofoam Desert (actually, QS's 4' straight module was quite necessary to complete the RR). **Frank Holt's** Down on the Farm module returned to public show service and is always a crowd-pleaser at the Adams show. **Marvene & James Bilbrey** participated via their module presence with 8' of their modules, plus their partly-owned Volunteer Yard. **Randal Brooks'** Cumberland Oil rounded out the 24' yard complex. All in all, a good show, a chance to run trains and enjoy the steam show and earn \$100 for the Cumberland Division.



Photo above is a view of just some of the dual-gauge trackwork at Ft Patrick of the Sircy Bldg HO railroad. This track is the handiwork of former member **Martin Sinclair**, who did a wonderful job getting our Hon3 narrow gauge railroad started.



Photo above is a view of the West (or Wangler) Yard on the Sircy Bldg RR. **Dick Wangler**, a member who passed away some years ago, built most of this yard, including the slide switch controls for the yard turnouts. The upper level benchwork is a **Robert Marsmaker** effort for the Hon3 narrow gauge extension to tap coal reserves found in the mountains at the far end of this upper level trackage.

New this year for the TN State Fair modular RR setup is that the Nashville N Scale folks will be setting up an N scale RR at the State Fair. This is the first time they have set up during the State Fair- so, be sure to go out to the Fair and see more of our organizations' efforts to take model railroading to the public at large.

Museum Donations

All museums depend to some degree or other on donations of money, material and artifacts. We understand your good intentions when you bring something down to the Museum and leave it for the Museum's use. However, we are running short of useable storage space.... So, we ask that **BEFORE** you bring any more donations of material or artifacts to the Museum please contact **Terry Bebout** (615-244-9001 ext 4) or **Bob Hultman** (615-244-9001, ext 6). This way you will know **BEFORE** you make the effort to haul something to the Museum whether or not the Museum needs/wants the item. Otherwise, we may have to contact you to come get the item or items and take them somewhere else.

Pay Off the Mortgage Donation

At July's Thursday night meeting we took up a collection to help pay an extra month's mortgage payment on our building loan. We took in a bit over \$540 that night, pretty close to a 1-month payment. Good show, all who attended and donated at that July meeting!!



Photo above shows just some of the detail that's included on the Sircy Bldg HO RR. Seems that a couple of tavern patrons trying to make their way home are having to explain themselves to the local constabulary representative. Although somewhat difficult to show in still photos, the patrol car's rooftop red lights are fitted to flash on & off. Particularly neat when viewing the RR at dusk, combined with the prototypical signals built by **Charles Owens** and circuit-designed by **Doug Lindgren**.



Photo showing **Don Ey** and **Doug Lindgren** at the site of the future Wangler Works of the Cumberland Steel Corporation. **Don** is doing a great job on the Walthers blast furnace kit.