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Cumberland Div/TC Ry Museum Donations

Cash Donations In Memory of Mrs. Dorothy B. Fossick-Norene M. Fossick, Haury & Smith Contractors, Helen F. Griffiths, Jane G. Eskind, Larry Stump, Mary M. Rollins, and James "Pete" Langfitt II

Terry Bebout- 5 boardroom chairs

Ira Bell- two train order hoops; L&N company forms; TC freight bills and car arrival notices

Battle Claiborne- book: "The Planter's Railway"

Jeff Gill- 6 boardroom chairs

John E Hamlin- four railroad tie date nails

Bob Hultman- 1 boardroom chair

Fred Preuss- box of MODEL RAILROADER magazines

Hank Sherwood- large U.S. RR map; June 1968 issue of the OFFICIAL GUIDE; L&N timetables; TC Ry "safety first" decals; Rand McNally RR atlas; L&N RR, NC&StL Ry and TC Ry condensed profile diagram books; TC Ry pass

September 14 Program Notes

Mr. Glenn Mays, NRHS Regional VP from Knoxville will present a program on the National Railway Historical Society. The Nashville Chapter, NRHS is a part of our overall organization.

Also, a **Make-up Car Host Safety Class** will be presented for those who did not attend the earlier class this summer.

Hobby Shop Open 9 AM-3 PM Saturdays!

Volunteers are needed for staffing the Hobby Shop on Saturdays. **Mark Perry** will be staffing the shop on September 9. If you will come staff the shop for a Saturday, call **Wayne Frey** at 832-4235 to volunteer and pick a day!

HO Scale Car Project Report

The Cumberland Division's SER-NMRA Year 2000 Limited Run car project is the Athearn 2-bay offset side flat end open hopper cars painted & lettered for TC Ry's series 9201-9265. **Steve Johnson** reports that he has reviewed the artwork and approved changes. The cars are being painted & lettered by 3rd Rail Graphics. There will be 6 different car numbers produced- 9204, 9217, 9228, 9235, 9246 and 9251. The cars MAY be in our hands by the September 14 Thursday night meeting. On-site prices will be announced as soon as they are determined.

Year 2000/2001 Schedule

Sep 7-16 N Scale Modular RR Setup- TN State Fair
Sep 9 Excursion Train- Watertown Country Hoedown
Sep 14 Thursday Night Meeting- Willow St Bldg
Sep 23-24 GATS Show- Municipal Auditorium Nashville TN
Sep 26 Sircy Bldg Operating Session
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

Year 2001

April 7 Excursion Train- Watertown Easter Bunny
April 21 Excursion Train- Watertown's Mile-Long Yard Sale

September Meeting Host Committee

Greg Teeple	Homer Thompson	Robert Thurman Jr
Cecil Tidwell	Steve Tomblin	Eddie Tomlinson
Gene Turnage	John Upham III	Phil Utley
Ralcon Wagner	Paul Walker	Brandon Watters
Gary Watters	Alan White*	Rita White

* Host Committee Chair

Library Report

Steve Johnson thanks **Charles Owens** for his continued help in working in the Division/Museum Library, getting the Library magazine collection more organized and useable. **Charles** enjoys working in the Library & the Library is a large, continuing task.

For Sale Item

Stanley Johnson has for sale an HO scale LifeLike Proto 2000 L&N E8A in the blue & cream passenger paint scheme. Call him at (931-293-2672) or E-mail at sjohnson@tnweb.com if interested.

NEXT MEETING Willow St Building Thursday September 14, 2000 7:00 PM

New Members

Linda Burroughs, Nashville TN
James & Jeff Graves, Nashville TN
Fred Preuss, College Grove TN

Sick Call

Roy Brantley Jr is still undergoing cancer treatments.

Herb Roth is also undergoing treatments, so let's keep both of these fine members in our thoughts and prayers.

Module RR Activities

The **Nashville N Scalers'** Ntrak modular RR is setting up this year at the TN State Fair Sep 8 thru Sep 17. This is the 1st time **Nashville N Scalers** have set up at the State Fair. Also, this setup marks the debut of their Digitrax DCC system. According to **Ken Herrell**, the control system permits DCC or conventional DC power on any of the 4 mail/branch lines. Stop by and see how the N scale modelers have accomplished this.

Sircy Building RR Activities

Work continues on the Sircy Building HO Scale Layout. If you are not coming to participate, you are missing out on a world of fun. Learn scenery and structure techniques from **Robert Mars-maker** and **Charles Owens**. Electronics wizard **Doug Lindgren** will impress you with his ample knowledge of signaling circuitry and soldering skills. **Donald Ey** will also impress you and demonstrate that good modeling is achievable if you have patience and are fussy about the quality of your work. The blast furnace that he is building is coming along quite nicely. **Don Gage** can show you techniques of scenery demolition and natural resource exploitation as he mines the HO world away with his quarry and gravel pit. Is a module on your horizon? **Paul Brock** and **Len Hollinger** are building high quality modules. This is your chance to get in on the ground floor and learn the basics of module building. We have a full wood shop and storage space for modules under active construction and active exhibition status. Also, don't forget that the 4th Tuesday of every month is operating night from 7:00 PM until 10 PM. Whether you are DCC or

analog, the railroad can handle your motive power. We would be pleased to have you join us. If you have questions, call **Quincy Styke III** at **865-2973**.



Photo above shows an overhead view of the Gage Gravel & Stone Pit on the Sircy Building RR. **Don Gage** has been working on this complex for close to a year. Digital photo by **Terry Bebout**

Museum Activities

Work on the Museum excursion train, building and grounds continues, especially with the effort to get our excursion train ready for the upcoming trips. Saturday, Sep 2, found **Terry Coats** cutting grass and steel-wooling the letterboards of our new power car, TCRX 514. **Bob Hultman & Gordon Smith** completed replacing faded/scratched exterior window sheets in the windows of diner TCRX 3113. Remaining to be rebuilt on the 3113 are the more-square windows and the emergency windows in the car. **Jay Wilson** completed putting signs on the chain-link fence; these signs came from the Broadway Dinner Train wood fence. **Steve Johnson & Charles Owens** have been working in the library the past few weekends. **Roy Brantley, Jim Paty & DeLoy Nelms** have been repairing seats in some of the cars. **Terry Coats & Steve Tomblin** have been changing the air-handling system blower filters in the excursion train. Just after the last Thursday night meeting there was a massive work crew on site that accomplished many things. Thanx to all who donate their time for the Cumberland Division and TC Ry Museum!

Pay Off The Mortgage!

The Sep 14 business meeting will include some information on our overall financial position, with an emphasis on paying off the building loan early. Once we do that, then we could consider maybe air-conditioning the warehouse part of the building.

Excursion Train Sign-Up Sheets

There will excursion train crew sign-up sheets at the September meeting. We have trips coming up on all 4 weekends in October. This is our maximum excursion train effort for the year, so please be sure to sign up for these trips!!

Modeling Tips

From **Bob Swanner**- Threaded fasteners: sometimes we may try to screw in a screw & it cross threads or strips out. What can we do to help correct this problem? An easy way to reduce cross threading is to hold the screw as straight as possible & turn it counterclockwise a bit until you feel it drop slightly; this is when the screw has fallen into the original thread. Now tighten the screw until snug is reached. Another simple thing that can be done is to lubricate the screw threads lightly with a plastic friendly oil & don't tighten so tight. An old mechanic's practice is to make it snug & if it needs more torque later then do so, but using the power of a Neanderthal on small fasteners especially in plastic is not too wise. If the hole is already stripped before you read this, then there is a fairly simple fix for this also. The screw moves in & out the hole as if it was a clearance hole instead of threaded. Of course there is not enough material there to use a larger screw. So this is what you can do: [by the way, I have done this many times so this is not a theory, it really works!] work a lubricant, heavy oil or grease, into the threads of the screw and blot off the excess in a rag then put epoxy [best] or super glue [fair] into the hole & on the screw threads; push them together & allow to harden, then rotate the screw back & forth a few times before removing. Re-oil screw & assemble parts normally.