

# THE ORDER BOARD

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## Cumberland Div/TC Ry Museum Donations

**Bailey Co-** Towmotor brand Model G forklift truck  
**Dr. John Clark-** newspaper clippings of railroad articles  
**Cliff Downey-** 14 black & white TC locomotive photos  
**CSX Transportation-** Operation Lifesaver Display  
**Glenn Mays-** NRHS Society Activities Annual BULLETIN (Vol. 65, No. 3, 2000)  
**Pat McDurmon-** fusee rack and paperwork holder from former L&N caboose #6301.  
**Jim Paty-** two rubber stamps: 1. ICG "Exempt Freight" and 2. Nashville & Ashland City office.  
**Allen Stanley-** copy of Tennessee Coal, Iron & R.R. track standards diagram book.  
**Ralcon Wagner-** March 1998 Amtrak system wall map; calendar with L&N train scene; L&N paper napkins and plastic cups from KRM's "Flamingo" dinner train.

## October 26 Program Notes

**FALL COOKOUT!!** Cumberland Division/TC Ry Museum will provide grilled hamburgers, buns & 'burger fixin's before the meeting from 6 PM to 6:45 PM. Come on out to the meeting for fellowship, planning, EATING, and a general GOOD TIME!

**Program** will be a videotape from our videotape library.

Also, there will be a **Board of Directors' Meeting** right after the general business meeting. Memembers are invited to attend the BoD meeting.

## Hobby Shop Report

**L&NHS 2001 Photo Calendars**, \$5.00 each  
17 1/2" X 19 1/2" color maps (reproduced from a White & Kemble Atlas & Digest of Railroad Mortgages) showing L&N, NC&StL, Clinchfield, Monon and Georgia RRs (and others) - \$10 per print  
**L&N Freight Car Color Guide** by **Steve Johnson** \$43.00 each  
**Walthers HO 2001 Catalogs** - same price as last year, \$19.98.  
Still a couple of 2000 Catalogs left at \$ 8.00. Long awaited  
**Walthers HO Hopper Car 6 Packs** are here; your choice L&N or Clinchfield \$ 54.98, get 'em now.  
Volunteers are needed for staffing the Hobby Shop on Saturdays.  
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

THEY'RE HERE! Cumberland Division's Year 2000 Limited Run car project is the HO Athearn 2-bay offset side flat end open hopper cars painted & lettered for TC Ry's series 9201-9265. The cars are here and will be available for purchase at the meeting.  
On-site prices- 1 car, \$11; 3 cars, \$32 & 6 cars, \$63. Mail, 1 car \$12, 3 cars, \$35 & 6 cars \$69 - Send order/payment to Allen Hicks at 833 Kenny St in Gallatin TN 37066-3535  
Great effort, **Steve Johnson & Allen Hicks!**

## Year 2000/2001 Schedule

Oct 20 Cookeville School Trips  
Oct 21 Excursion Train- Cookeville to Nashville  
Oct 24 Sircy Bldg Operating Session  
Oct 26 Thursday Night Meeting- TCRM Willow St  
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 28 Sircy Bldg Operating Session  
Dec 2 Excursion Train- Watertown Christmas in the Country  
Dec 9-10 Trains of Christmas at TCRM Building  
Dec 16 Excursion Train- Watertown Santa's Post Office  
Dec 26 Sircy Bldg Operating Session

## Year 2001

Feb 24 Excursion Train Watertown Fairyland Express Trip  
Mar 16 Excursion Train Donelson School Trips  
Mar 17 Spring 2001 Cumberland Division Meet  
Mar 31 Excursion Train Watertown Mardi Gras Trip  
April 7 Excursion Train Watertown Easter Bunny Trip  
April 21 Excursion Train Watertown Mile-Long Yard Sale Trip  
May 5 Excursion Train C'ville TC Ry Spring Rendezvous Trip  
May 19 Excursion Train Cookeville to Nashville Flyer  
June 2 Excursion Train Lebanon Civil War Reenactment  
July 7 Excursion Train Watertown Murder Mystery Trip  
Oct 6 Excursion Train Watertown Train Robbery Trip  
Oct 13 Excursion Train Watertown Fall Flea Market Trip  
Oct 20 Excursion Train Cookeville to Nsv Flyer  
Oct 27 Excursion Train Cookeville Super Fall Foliage Trip  
Nov 3 Fall 2001 Cumberland Division Meet  
Nov 17 Excursion Train Watertown Santa Trip  
Dec 1 Excursion Train Watertown Christmas/Country Trip  
Dec 8-9 Trains of Christmas at TCRM Building

## October Meeting Host Committee

**Jay & Michelle Wilson\*** Steve Wright Nicho Young  
Andy Zimberg Jim Adair Mark Austin  
Nathan Baker Harry Batey Jr Brandon Baxter  
Terry Bebout George Benson  
Marvene & Brenda Bilbrey Roy Brantley  
\* Host Committee Chair

## Nashville N Scale TN State Fair

Nashville N Scalers set up their Ntrak modular RR at the Tennessee State Fair this year and ran 10 days straight. Two firsts- First time for the N Scalers to set up for the Fair and first time for Nashville N Scalers to operate their modular RR with Digitrax DCC at a public display. They publicized all our activities and reported good working relationships with the Fair folks.

## For Sale Item

**Jim Paty** has for sale one TC Ry tall switchstand, \$150. Call him at 615-792-3786 or E-mail at [Fpaty@msn.com](mailto:Fpaty@msn.com) if interested.

**NEXT MEETING Willow St Building Thursday October 26, 2000 7:00 PM**

## Our Website

<http://home.hiwaay.net/~bgaddes/tcrm>

## New Members

**Mary & Don Goldsberry**, Old Hickory TN

**Al Roeder**, Nashville TN

**Carol & Rich Wolverton**, Mt Juliet TN

**Andy Zimberg**, Nashville TN

## Mileposts

**Bob and Gloria Swanner** celebrate their **40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary** on Oct 25, 2000.

### Willow Street Mortgage Payoff

The September collection to help pay off the Willow Street building mortgage netted over \$1,000!! That's great for less than 100 folks in attendance that night... now, what can we do to get the rest of the mortgage paid off?? Well, the old 1365 concessions/souvenir car has been sold for over \$10,000 plus 2 other passenger cars unneeded for our Museum mission. So, we're making progress...

### Thought of the Month

"Non-profit is a tax status, not a business plan."--Richard Anderson, curator of the Northwest Railway Museum in Snoqualmie, WA, commenting in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer on the need for admission ticket prices to generate capital for restoration and preservation efforts - Contributed by Don Gage

### Module RR Activities

Not only was the **Nashville N Scalers'** Ntrak modular RR in action at the TN State Fair Sep 8 thru Sep 17, but the very next weekend the **Cumberland Division's Cumberland Valley Model Railroaders** set up the HO modular RR with about 5 day's notice at the Sep 23-24 GATS Show at Nashville's Municipal Auditorium. Originally the Nashville N Scalers and the HO bunch had been told by GATS, "No space!" This would have marked the very 1<sup>st</sup> Nashville GATS Show we would have missed. However, the Knoxville Area Model Railroaders had to cancel out less than a week before the Nashville Show... thus we got in and WON \$300 for 2<sup>nd</sup> PLACE in the Layout Contest.

Next modular RR effort is at the Cumberland Division Model Train Show and Division Meet on Saturday, Nov 4. The Nashville N Scalers will have an N scale RR set up & operating for the Show! Then the very next Thursday night, Nov 9, we set up for the 3-day Cumberland Science Museum Whistlestop Weekend. We have more RR activities than ever going on in Nashville and Middle Tennessee!

### Upcoming Division Meet

Our Cumberland Division Model Train Show and Division Meet on Saturday, Nov 4 is coming up and we will need volunteers to put on a good Show for our guests. We will need help staffing the Company Store, Registration table, the Museum Room, Food Service and Hobby Shop. When many folks volunteer, then those working the Show can get some break to actually enjoy a part of the Show.

### The Trains of Christmas

Our **Trains of Christmas Show** will be on Dec 9-10, Saturday and Sunday with several different activities going on both days. The main attraction will be the several operating model railroads set up in the Willow St meeting room. We will also have Santa on one of our cabooses, excursion train rolling stock and a locomotive will be open for touring. With any luck, **Hank Sherwood** will be displaying one or more of his live steam locomotives, fired up and under shelter. Our Museum Room and Library will be open, as will the Hobby Shop for those last-minute Christmas purchases. Railroad videos will be running the entire 2 days, giving a place to rest and take in the visual and aural impressions of railroading. This will be another great event where we promote Operation Lifesaver, the hobby of model railroading, our Museum and our excursion trains. We always get several new memberships from these type of Shows and get more and more people involved in all of our efforts. Please make time available so we can be as successful as possible at this event.

### Excursion Train Report & Sign-Up Sheets

The Museum did an outstanding job in the run-up to the fall Excursion Train season. Through the effort of several people, we were able to sell out well ahead of the first trip all 3 October trips

originating in Nashville. An early effort concentrated on notifying media outlets and notifying them again (in some cases) resulted in a steady flow of phone calls and ticket orders. One of the best things we've done in the past year is to start accepting credit cards. We now accept MasterCard, VISA and Discovery credit and debit cards. Well over half the ticket orders are now paid by credit/debit card. Plus, the Hobby Shop takes those 3 cards. What a deal! Now, all we need to do is to sell out the 2 December trips to complete a very successful year!

There will be Dec 2 and Dec 16 excursion train crew sign-up sheets at the October meeting. We also have a school trip on Oct 27 in the mid-morning. If you're qualified (took and passed the excursion train crew safety class and test) and will work these trips, please sign up and help make these trips the best excursion train experience our passengers have ever had. TCRM needs your help!

### Modeling Tips

From **Bob Swanner**- Stretching track- Sometimes when putting up modules we discover an excessive gap between the permanent rails & the joiner track (even though we know it wasn't there last time) so much so that the derailment gremlins raise their ugly heads or, worse, our flanged babies go plowing up the ballast. Not good. So what can we do about it? I don't have a rail stretcher, do you? Well, we need to fill the gap - so take a piece of scrap rail of the proper size, code 100 to code 100, etc., and cut it to fit in the gap. Then, push the piece of rail into the center of the rail joiner then join the track sections as usual. Wow, no gap... you did it!

### Available Items

Module frames (including plywood top)-  
4 - 29" x 29" corners, each with a 5" x 5" square cut out of one corner; smaller versions of CVMR corners  
2 - 24" x 24" straight sections  
1 - 36" x 24" straight section  
1 - Regulation CVMR Corner (24" width)

Homasote top available separately.  
Call Wayne Jenkins at 615-226-5903