

# THE ORDER BOARD

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**Cumberland Division SER-NMRA Inc**  
**Tennessee Central Railway Museum**  
**Nashville Chapter NRHS**

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## Cumberland Div/TC Ry Museum Donations

**DeLoy Nelms**- \$50 donation from groups he escorted around the Museum

**Dr John Clark**- Newspaper articles on Nashville & Eastern RR from the Cookeville, TN, newspaper

**Ray & Stan Fossick**- Framed black & white photo of TC Ry 50, an ALCO diesel locomotive.

**Jim Paty**- "The Southern Railfan" newsletter, complete set from May 1972 to March 1976, in binder

## Program Notes

**March**- Excursion Train crew recertification class- **Terry Bebout**  
If you intend to be part of the excursion train crew, you need to attend this meeting and take part in this recertification class.

**April**- Painting with an Airbrush- **The Airbrushing Cadre**

## Year 2001 Activity Fee

It's time to pay your Activity Fee for Yr 2001- \$20 for individuals, \$25 immediate families. Send payment along with your current address, phone # and E-mail address to **George Gilbert** at 750 Rodney Dr Nashville TN 37205. **This will be the last Order Board you receive for 2001 unless you have paid your activity fee for the year. Please send your payment to George Gilbert at his address above or bring it to the March 8 meeting.**

**Attention NRHS members:** Although we have not as yet received our regular renewal cards from Philadelphia you might wish to send your Nat'l Dues (\$17) and your TC Ry Museum Fee (\$20) - both for 2001 - to my attention - or you can wait until you receive your renewal card. **Herb Roth**, 8135 Devens Dr Brentwood, TN 37027.

## March Meeting Host Committee

Stanley Johnson	Steve Johnson	<b>Dave Johnston*</b>
Jerry Jones	Eddie Justice	John Kennedy
Don Kloke	Tom Larkins	Dave Lawrence
Jim Lawrence	George Lile-Henley	Doug Lindgren
John Lowe	Ron Macaluso	Robert Marsmaker

\* Host Committee Chair

## Year 2001 Schedule

Mar 8 Thursday Night Meeting- Willow St Building  
Mar 9 Excursion Train- School Trips to Donelson  
Mar 17 Spring 2001 Cumberland Division Meet  
Mar 27 Sircy Bldg Operating Session  
Apr 7 Excursion Train Watertown Easter Bunny I Trip  
Apr 14 Excursion Train Watertown Easter Bunny II Trip  
Apr 21 Excursion Train Watertown Mile-Long Yard Sale Trip  
Apr 24 Sircy Bldg Operating Session  
May 4-6 SER Regional Convention Knoxville TN  
May 5 Excursion Train Cookeville Springfest Trip  
May 22 Sircy Bldg Operating Session  
June 9 Excursion Train Lebanon Train Robbery Trip  
July 7 Excursion Train Watertown Murder Mystery/Jazz Trip

**NEXT MEETING Willow St Building Thursday March 8, 2001 7:00 PM**

## Hobby Shop Update

New in the shop- Promotex modern trucks; Walthers Lakeside Shipping warehouse kit and Black Gold Asphalt Plant kit and Lifelike L&N 50-ton war emergency open hoppers- all items HO scale.

## Excursion Train Sign-Up Sheets

April 7 & 14 excursion train and March 9 school trip crew sign up sheets will be at the meeting. Come to the meeting and sign up to help staff any, some or all of these trips.

## More Museum Trackwork



TCRM has gotten approval from Tennessee Commercial Warehouses to extend 1 of our tracks farther eastward to the west wall of their warehouse. TCRM's track Supergang has dug roadbed, placed ties, bolted rail, installed a bumping post, spiked some of the rail already. A few more Monday/Saturday work sessions & we're ready to spread ballast & level track!! In this digital photo by **Terry Bebout** the gang is installing the bumping post and preparing to spike rail.

## Sick Call

**Allen Hicks** had knee replacement surgery a couple weeks ago. Surgery was successful and Allen is now doing physical therapy to bring the new knee up to speed. **Don Gage** was to have had shoulder surgery late last week, but it was postponed for some more diagnostic work.

## Membership Cards

**Phil Utley** will take digital photos during the March meeting of members who did not get their photo taken during the February meeting. The photo will go on Cumberland Div/TC Ry Museum membership cards. So, dress nicely, comb your hair and don't be bashful. Photo location will be upstairs at the Willow St building.

## Feb 24 Excursion Train Report

TCRM's first excursion train for the year 2001 was our Fairyland Express trip to Watertown. The trip sold out several weeks in advance. Dedicated work by many volunteers got the train cleaned up, repaired, some windows replaced ready to the on-time 9 am departure last Saturday. **Steve Tomblin** debuted as conductor and did a fine job. The crew showed up on time and we ran a safe, enjoyable trip for all concerned. The drama company did an excellent job and the predicted rain held off until after midnight Saturday. Thanks again to all whose efforts made the trip completely successful!

## NRHS 2001 Convention Information

By **Robert Stewart**

Key events of the upcoming National Railway Historical Society National Convention in St. Louis are listed below. Most of the train trips sell out way in advance of the trip date.

June 19th: UP's 4-6-6-4 # 3985 all day (9am to 5:30pm) trip using UP's great passenger fleet to Gorham, IL and back- coach \$150, Dome \$325

June 20th: Museum of Transportation in St Louis tour and lunch-\$40

June 20th: RailCruise America's luxury dinner run- 5:30 to 9:30 pm at \$175 for coach and \$300 for dome.

June 21st: Frisco #1522 all day (8am-8pm) to Old Monroe, Hannibal along the Mississippi for 83 miles to W Quincy- coach \$150, lounge \$250, dome \$325.

June 23: Frisco #1522 all day (8am-8pm) to Newbury, MO- coach \$150, lounge \$275 and dome \$325.

They are expensive trips but they are all day behind steam. The domes seats will sell fast. I suggest that anyone interested in going call their order in (there is a registration form but it can be done over the phone which is much faster) with credit card, NRHS#, and requests to- 314-839-2356 between 12noon and 3:30 pm and 7-9pm Monday-Friday. It took me a few minutes to get through since the line is quite busy. I have already booked the first four items and will be driving up there on Monday and returning on Friday and would have room in my car for others interested in going. If anyone wants more details they can reach me at [stewarttravel@juno.com](mailto:stewarttravel@juno.com) or at 615-822-8490.

## Sad News

**Jack Sircy's** wife **Louise** passed away February 18 after a long struggle with Alzheimer's Disease. **Quincy Styke III** and **Dave Johnston** were pallbearers at the funeral on Feb 21. Jack's mailing address is PO Box 192 in Madison 37116-0192.

**Brandon Baxter's** grandmother **Wardelle Nicks** passed away on Feb 20. His address is 5025 Hillsboro Rd #8-B Nashville 37215. Please keep Jack and Brandon and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

## TC Ry Signal Update

**Hank Sherwood** is continuing work on restoring the TC Ry approach signal featured in the Feb 2001 Order Board. He is cleaning and repainting the parts and pieces. A footing was dug between the concrete train platform and the northeast corner of the

chainlink fence surrounding the parking lot. Concrete has been poured for the foundation and a conduit placed so electric power will reach the signal head. Pretty soon the signal will be uprighted and returned to operating status.

## Cleaning Up.....



**Don Gage** uses a backhoe to load the excavated rock and dirt from the track extension roadbed into NERR air-operated side-dump cars. The extension adds about 500' to the existing track, running due east from the east end of the shop roof partly blocked in this view by the tractor front scoop bucket. Saturday was a perfect day for trackwork. TCRM also has the use of 2 air hammers for use in spiking rail. So, if you want to learn some trackwork skills, come on down on Saturdays and Monday evenings.... You'll get lots of chances to be a Gandy Dancer! Digital photo by **Terry Bebout**.

## TCRM Supergang – Feb 10, 2001 Version



**Supergang** members on Feb 10 were **Jay Wilson**, **Terry Bebout**, **Joshua Poston**, **Roy Poston**, **Leroy Nessen** (in red knit cap), **W O Greene**, **DVM** and **Don Gage**. Digital photo by unknown photographer.