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## Cumberland Div/TC Ry Museum Donations

**Charlie Castner**- \$75 for restoration & repainting of TCRM's former L&N GP7  
**Tom Knowles**- \$100  
**Dain Schult**- \$35 for 576 Restoration Fund  
**Jay Wilson**- \$1000

## Program Notes

**May**- Presentation by Metro Police Captain Andy Garrett, former Norfolk Southern Corp detective on the railroad police force.

There will be a special donation collected during the May 24 meeting for the Willow St Building Painting project. The exterior paint on the woodwork has taken a beating from the weather and it's time to repaint.

**June**- Color slide presentation by **Ralcon Wagner** on "Amtrak's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary".

Several folks have expressed interest in an Airbrushing II program. Please contact **Bob Hultman** or **Garrett Rea** concerning the best way to do the followup program (Tuesday night with the N scale modelers, a Saturday, or a Thursday night meeting).

## May Meeting Host Committee

Mark Perry	Mike Perry	Richard Potts
Hal "Rags" Ragsdale	Garrett Rea	Chris Ridgeway
Edwin Robbins	Al Roeder	David Roys
Joe Sapp	John Schneider	Hank Sherwood
Jack Sircy	Ken Smith	<b>Gordon Smith*</b>

\* Host Committee Chair

## Year 2001 Activity Fee/NRHS

If someone asks why he/she didn't get a meeting notice, most likely reason is they didn't pay the activity fee for 2001. Contact **George Gilbert** at 615-352-1254 if you don't know if you've renewed for 2001 or not. **NRHS membership questions:** Contact **Herb Roth**, 8135 Devens Dr Brentwood, TN 37027 phone 615-370-3429.

## Year 2001 Schedule

May 18 Nashville-Cookeville Deadhead move  
May 19 Excursion Train Cookeville-Watertown Train Robbery  
May 22 Sircy Bldg Operating Session  
May 24 Thursday Night Meeting- TCRM Willow St  
June 9 Excursion Train Lebanon Train Robbery Trip  
June 26 Sircy Bldg Operating Session  
July 7-8 GATS Show Nsv Municipal Auditorium  
July 14 Excursion Train Watertown Murder Mystery/Jazz Trip  
Aug 29 Excursion Train Lebanon Shopping Special  
Sep 7-16 TN State Fair- HO scale Module RR Setup  
Sep 8 Excursion Train Watertown Country Hoedown  
Sep 29 Excursion Train L&N Historical Society Lebanon

## SER Convention Report

The SouthEastern Region's Smoky Mountain RailFest 2001 Convention was in Knoxville TN May 4-6, 2001. **Cumberland Division** made an all-out effort to participate with both the Nashville Ntrak and HO scale modular RRs. **Quincy Styke III** coordinated the HO modular RR setup while **Mike Curtis & Ken Herrell** headed up the Nashville Ntrak effort. Members and others noted at Knoxville during the Convention included **Jim Adair, Brandon Baxter, Paul Brock, Mike Curtis, Chris Dotye** (and daughter **Jenna** and grandson **Chris IV**, aka C4), **Don Ey, Wayne Frey, Don Garrison, Don Gage, Jack Garner, Gary Givan, Jimmie Guthrie, Ken Herrell, Len Hollinger, Bob Hultman, Hal Johnson, Stanley Johnson, Robert Marsmaker, Tim O'Neal, Charles Owens, Larry Peters, Tom Staggs, Ed Stone, Quincy Styke III, Phil Utley** and **Steve Wright**. Special thanks go to **Chris Dotye** (truck driver eastbound) and **Mike Curtis** (truck driver westbound) for their extra effort to get the HO & N scale RR pieces safely to and from Knoxville.

The Convention was good, lots of train running, some deals from the dealers, good banquet & breakfast, a nice auction on Saturday night.

Again, thanks for all the help- we looked good over in Knoxville & now it's time to get ready for the modular RR setup at the GATS Show July 7-8.



**Len Hollinger's** new 12' of HO modules also made their debut at Knoxville. Len's modules include a passenger station and a Firestone tire plant in the background. Excellent, Len! Digital photo by **Phil Utley**

## Excursion Train Sign-Up Sheets

**June 9 & July 14** excursion train crew signup sheets will be at the meeting. Come to the meeting and sign up to help staff these trips.

**NEXT MEETING Willow St Building Thursday May 24, 2001 7:00 PM**



**Nashville Ntrak** modules combined with the Knoxville Area Model Rrer's N scale modules for a great-looking railroad. This is an example of our N scale modelers' handiwork. Digital photo by **Phil Utley**

## FREMO Modules

**Garrett Rea** has been doing some research into HO FREMO module standards. The FREMO concept is different from the traditional round 'n round modular RR. The FREMO RR has a single track mainline, is usually set up as a true point-to-point operation and can take on any sort of overall geometric shape. If you have any interest at all in the FREMO modular approach, please contact **Garrett** for additional information.

## Membership Cards

**Phil Utley** will again take digital photos of members during the May meeting who did not get their photo taken during the February, March or April meetings. The photo will go on Cumberland Div/TC Ry Museum membership cards. Photo location will be upstairs at the Willow St building.

## E-mail Addresses

Have E-mail and want to receive Cumberland Div/NRHS/TCRM updates & news via E-mail, E-mail [hultman@nashville.com](mailto:hultman@nashville.com)

## TC Ry Signal Update III

The TC Ry approach signal is now permanently lit after **George Lile-Henley, Terry Bebout & Steve Tomblin** used a trenching machine to bury electric wire supplying power to the signal head. A great addition to our Museum site!

## Sad News

**Allan E Davis**, a long-time member of the Cumberland Division and Cumberland Valley Model Railroaders, passed away on May 1, 2001. He was 88 years old and leaves his wife, Grace Estill and many other family members. **Allan** was an enthusiastic participant in Division and HO modular RR activities until ill health slowed him down some. The family address is 137 Spring Valley Rd Nashville TN 37214-2833.

## Sick Call

Don **Gage** continues recovery from shoulder surgery. **Allen Hicks** has returned to work after his knee replacement surgery. **Doug Lindgren** had orthopedic correctivesurgery on his elbow recently and is now undergoing physical therapy to maximize the elbow's range of motion. **Eddie Justice** is recovering from hernia surgery that requires him to not drive for some weeks. Time to get some modeling done! Mike **Perry** recently had shoulder surgery and is recovering well. **Jack Sircy** recently had a cardiac stent implanted by our own **Jim Perry**. Jack is doing fine and will be traveling to Hawaii very soon.

## Train Wreck!

I was there. On January 15, 1953 my father took me to the Washington DC Union Station to pick up my grandmother who was coming in for the inauguration of President-elect Eisenhower on January 20. As we stood waiting for my grandmother's train to arrive several police officers ran in blowing their whistles & shouting for everyone to get back. "Runaway train will be here in less than a minute!" they shouted, "Get back!" As we stood there, the floor started to vibrate, faintly at first, then more forcefully. Then we started hearing a roaring sound like we were approaching a waterfall, very faint at first, then louder, then much louder, then a whole lot louder until the whole place seemed to have gone mad with blasting sound that rocked our very bones, and here it came! A huge GG-1 electric locomotive in front of a seemingly endless string of very long passenger cars was too-fast approaching the platform that was chest-high above the rails. With a thunderous crashing impact the engine leaped into the air followed by its train immediately obliterating an office of some type & the main newsstand with a blizzard of newspapers & magazines. The engine was surging across the concourse heading for the main waiting room. The floor gave way beneath the behemoth dropping it into the basement baggage room followed closely by the first two passenger cars. The rest of the train slid in beside them with the lead car resting almost on top of the locomotive. Due to the fact of timely warning, there was no loss of life on the train or in the station. Days later the floor was temporarily repaired with plywood while efforts were being made to extricate the locomotive & cars. As nearly as I remember the floor was not re-concreted for over two years, the locomotive & cars had to be dismantled & removed in pieces since no crane powerful enough could be brought in to where the wreckage was located. The locomotive & cars were reassembled & put back in service. Witnessed & written by Bob Swanner.

## Did You Know....

How Joshua Cohen got started on his way to fame and fortune? He was an inventor with some possibilities in the late 1800s. He developed fuses for land mines and also worked on very early versions of the electronic doorbell. He also came up with a small electric motor, but didn't really have any application for the motor. So, he decided to use the motor to power a child's miniature toy train. He sold the electric train plus some 30' of track that went with it to a novelty store. He then decided to go into train-making full-time. By 1903 his Lionel Train Company had an entire catalog of trains and accessories; and the electric train became a permanent fixture in toy and other stores around the USA, not to mention millions of homes. Yes, he was Joshua Lionel Cohen.