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Cumberland Div/TC Ry Museum Donations

Thomas "Bill" Brown- \$50 for painting the Willow St building

Warren Hannas- \$100

Stephen J Levine MD- \$55

Ken Oosting- \$500

Program Notes

August- HO Sectional Railroad for Willow St presentation by **Quincy Styke III**

August Meeting Host Committee

Jim Adair	Drew Alderson	Jodye Allen
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* Host Committee Chair

Year 2001 Schedule

Aug 16 Thursday Night Meeting Willow St Nashville TN
Aug 28 HO RR Operating Session Willow St Building
Sep 7-16 TN State Fair- HO scale Module RR Setup
Sep 8 Excursion Train Watertown Country Hoedown
Sep 27-30 L&N Historical Society Annual Convention Nashville
Sep 28-30 Mid-South Live Steamers Meet Columbia TN
Sep 29 Excursion Train L&N Historical Society Lebanon
Oct 6 Excursion Train Watertown Train Robbery
Oct 13 Excursion Train Watertown Fall Flea Market and 2nd Trip- Rodeo/OK Corral Shootout
Oct 18 Excursion Train deadhead to Cookeville
Oct 19 Excursion Train Cookeville School Trips
Oct 20 Excursion Train Cookeville to Nashville
Oct 27 Excursion Train Nashville to Cookeville
Nov 3 Cumberland Div Fall 2001 Division Meet
Nov 10 Excursion Train TSU Special to Cookeville
Dec 1 Excursion Train Lebanon Victorian Christmas Trip
Dec 8 Excursion Train Watertown Santa Trip
Dec 15 Excursion Train Watertown Santa Trip

Cumberland Division November Meet

Mike Curtis is general manager for the Fall 2001 Cumberland Division Model Train Show/Division Meet to be held Saturday, November 3, 2001 at Our Willow St building. Please let Mike know how you will help make the Show/Meet a success. Mike's phone # is 615-849-8595, E-mail macurtis@home.com

TCRM/Hobby Shop To Increase Hours

As our Museum becomes more widely known both locally and throughout the railroad enthusiast community nationwide, we are getting more and more folks coming to the Museum and calling, wanting to know when it is open. Also, we are receiving more

deliveries at the Museum. So, to accommodate this increased activity and to just plain grow our organization, we will start having the Museum open 9 am to 3 pm Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. We will staff the Museum with a minimum of 2 persons per day. One person will staff the hobby shop and the other person will staff the Museum room and escort visitors to the Museum. We will start this expanded open hours program on Sep 1, 2001. Accordingly, there will be a training session at the August meeting for those who have volunteered to staff the Museum.

New Members

Albert Gerth- Nashville TN

Phil McDowell- Nashville TN

Kim & Joe Moos, LaVergne TN (Family)

Dorise Polk- Nashville TN (Family)

Bill Radcliffe, Nashville TN (Family)

Alan Reynolds, Pleasant View TN

Please welcome these new members as they join in helping make our organization even better in the future.

HO Modular RR

Adams TN – TN State Fair

Cumberland Valley Model Railroaders set up an HO scale modular RR 11' x 35' at the TN-KY Threshermens Show on Friday through Sunday, July 20-22 in Adams TN. **Allen Hicks** coordinated the setup with participation by **Marvene Bilbrey, Wayne Frey, Frank Holt, Bob Hultman, Quincy Styke III** and **Bob Swanner** and others. Thanks to **Bob Swanner** for towing the station trailer up to Adams, to **Wayne Frey** for providing hauling capacity for **QS III's** modules and **Don Gage** for hauling the corner modules back from Adams on Sunday.

On Monday, 6 Aug, **Bob Hultman** visited the TN St Fairgrounds & met with Adam Holt & Jennifer Hill to determine the location of the HO modular RR for the TN St Fair this September. The RR will be either in the Exhibitors Bldg or in the Creative Arts Bldg. Also the number of passes needed is being negotiated. A contract will be executed and final arrangements should be in place by our 16 Aug meeting. **Quincy Styke III** will be the layout coordinator for this setup. One thing new is adapting the Nashville Ntrak Digitrax DCC system to run the HO RR yet still be able to very quickly convert to conventional analog DC operation/control.

Membership Cards

If you're a member (especially new members) and have not had your photo taken for your membership card, please call **Phil Utley** at 615-754-2073 or E-mail him at railsystems@home.com to arrange for your photo shoot.

E-mail Addresses

Have E-mail and want to receive Cumberland Div/NRHS/TCRM updates & news via E-mail? Well, send your E-mail

NEXT MEETING Willow St Building Thursday August 16, 2001 7:00 PM

address to hultman@nashville.com & you'll be added to the E-mail group maintained for these organizations.

Sad News

Barbara Bebout, mother of Cumberland Division/TCRM president **Terry Bebout** passed away Monday July 30, 2001 after a valiant struggle against cancer. Many members came to the visitation and funeral in support of Terry and his family during this most difficult time. Send expressions of sympathy to Terry and Peggy at 709 N Lake Circle in Brentwood TN 37027-7844.

Sick Call

Will Crowthers recently had some liquid drained from his knee and he's ready to resume work at the Museum site.

SER Convention Followup

For those wanting to keep up with developments regarding the SER 2002 Regional Convention in Greenville SC, check out this Website- www.TextilExpress.org

For Sale

Custom-built 5 car HO scale L&N "The Hummingbird" set, which is: Athearn - 72' length; Stream-line; lighted interiors with Kadee Couplers. They are dark blue sides w/gold script & w/gray roofs. Cars include 1) RPO w/gold script "The Hummingbird" on the side, 2) Baggage, 3) Coach, 4) Diner and 5) Observation. \$15 each or \$60 for entire set. Contact Dave Patterson at 615-441-3727 or email address safetyhealth@home.com

New Dock Roof

The new roof is up over the dock at the TCRM Willow Street building. Three wooden benches have been placed on the dock. We inaugurated this new roof with Dinner on the Dock at our June 2001 meeting

Please keep the following in mind when working in and around the dock-

- 1- The surface of the dock is not for storage of anything except the benches. Store all items in the open air shed as usual.
- 2- The wood benches are not work tables. Please use other tables that are appropriate for such work as spray painting, material cutting, etc.

Front coupler installation on a steamer

By Bob Swanner

Every once in a while I want to install a working Kadee coupler on the front of a steam engine but find the place where it needs to go is too small. Cutting the pilot, or cow catcher, to accept a Kadee draft gear box would remove too much material and detail to be acceptable. So I did the next best thing. First I remove the original non-working coupler from its draft gear box. Then I take a Kadee #26 centerset, or a #27 underset, or a #29 overset, as needed. These are the long plastic Kadee coupler series. Thirty series is the same. I cut the end off so I would have a straight shank and pushed short pieces of gradually increasing size of shrink tubing on until the coupler was a snug fit in the draft gear opening. I cut a short piece of solid wire from my diode stock and drill a hole the same size as the wire, about 0.020" diameter. I

push the wire into the hole with pliers. The coupler is mounted, it can swivel, it doesn't flop up and down but it stays coupled. Very sanitary...

Amtrak To Extend Cardinal Service

By Bob Stewart, President, TARP

In the midst of all the bad news about Amtrak, a positive step was experienced today, Thursday, Aug 2, 2001, in Louisville. A state and a river were spanned today by something other than a highway or airline. Amtrak's Cheryle Jackson (VP-Govt & Public Affairs), Ray Lang (Director-Govt & Public Affairs), Lee Sargrad (President- Mail and Express), Frank Stoy (Market Mgr) joined the mayors of Louisville and Jeffersonville, along with TARC (Transit Authority of River City) officials, and officials from the Louisville and Indiana Ry, KIRA and TARP to celebrate the ground breaking of restoring service to Louisville. In the parking lot of the Louisville station speeches were made and dirt was shoveled as photos were snapped and video cameras recorded the scene for local TV stations. As I looked down 11th street I saw an Amtrak Conductor standing on the railroad crossing (where the old PRR came across to line up for the back up move to Union Station. All of a sudden an Amtrak Sightseer lounge car appeared! It was very, very hot and I wondered if I was having an illusion. It was real! Amtrak had backed two Genesis engines, a Superliner coach and a Sightseer lounge across the Ohio River on the Louisville and Indiana Ry.

While we were walking over to the train in Louisville, Mayor Armstrong shook hands with employees at the TARC bus washing facility (located behind the Louisville station). He invited them to ride the train across the river and many of them did it. He is definitely converting the "lost" and even bus employees!

After the ceremony we were treated to a ride across the river to the new Jeffersonville Mail and Express terminal. As I crossed the river in the Sightseer lounge car, the mayor of Louisville, Dave Armstrong described how he used to fish in the ponds along the river. I told Cheryle that they should take Armstrong on a road show--he is a great cheerleader for Amtrak. We watched a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new express and mail facility and boarded buses for the trip back to Louisville. Some of us wanted to ride the train back to Louisville and continue on to Nashville but calmer heads prevailed. Ugh!

Amtrak provided bottled water on the train and boxed lunches at Jeffersonville. They had a table set up at Jeffersonville selling Kentucky Cardinal mugs, pens etc. They said there would be no more "train specific" items. All Amtrak logo items will be generic. I gobbled up some items and felt, in a small way, I had helped George with his cash crunch.

The extension to Louisville is supposed to be completed by the end of October. During the ceremony the local utility company was taking down the telephone poles that were in the way of the new track. The sleeper is to come back on October 29th. Frank Stoy said they are talking with Greyhound about stopping a Nashville-Louisville bus at the Louisville station. There was a lot of talk about extending the train to Nashville. No specific details to report. The Amtrak engineer was very enthusiastic and ready to head south to Nashville with his train.

During the groundbreaking ceremony, the mayor of Louisville asked for those who had worked for the railroad to raise their hands and many did. I met a guy who started working for the L&N in 1937 and was involved in streamlining the steam engines used on the railroad. He was excited to be part of the celebration.

I cannot imagine what he has seen in his lifetime on the railroad.

Today was an exciting time for us who dream of Amtrak service in Nashville. It was only a small step in light of all that is happening but a big step for Louisville and "us Tennesseans"!

Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2001 5:44 PM

Subject: FYI

InfoBeat - Russia marks Trans-Siberian train

VLADIVOSTOK, Russia (AP) - A train arrived in this Russian Pacific port Wednesday after traveling from Moscow to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Trans-Siberian railway, the world's longest track. The special train stopped at major stations along the way to allow its crew of 140 _ including railway workers and veterans, writers, journalists and Orthodox Christian clergy _ to promote the anniversary among local residents.

The celebrations will culminate in Vladivostok in October, a century after the last rails of the 5,758-mile railway were put in place to honor Czar Nicholas II's ascension to the throne. In Russia, completion of the track was compared to the discovery of America or the digging of the Suez Canal.

Sergei Darkin, governor of Russia's Far Eastern Primorye, or Maritime region, of which Vladivostok is the capital, said the length of the railway ``reminds us of how great our country is and of the industriousness and diligence of our people."

The railroad may get a new impulse from increased traffic if it is connected with the railway that is planned to join North and South Korea.