

THE ORDER BOARD

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Cumberland Div/TC Ry Museum Donations

Pete Hoadley- Various model RR magazines and books, L&N RR ashtray and NYC System kerosene lantern, various electrical parts

Hugh & Marie Nichols- Two security mirrors, an office clock, a smoking urn and emergency tools (wrecking bar and sledge) for coach 4733

Jim Paty- TC Ry tickets

Year 2002 Schedule

- Apr 11 Thursday Night Meeting Willow St Building
BoD meeting after general business meeting
- Apr 13 Watertown Train Robbery Excursion Train
- Apr 20 Watertown Mile-Long Yard Sale Excursion Train
- Apr 27-28 GATS Show Municipal Auditorium Nashville TN
- May 4 Cookeville Springfest Train
- June 8 Lebanon Train Robbery/Civil War Reenactment Train
- July 13 Watertown Murder Mystery/Jazz Festival Train
- July 20 Watertown Murder Mystery Evening Excursion Train
- Aug 17 Lebanon Wilson Co Fair Express Train
- Sept Thomas The Tank Engine in Nashville Date TBA
- Sep 7 Watertown Country Hoedown Excursion Train
- Oct 5 Watertown Train Robbery/Fall Foliage Excursion Train
- Oct 12 Watertown Fall Flea Market Excursion Train
- Oct 19 Cookeville Super Fall Foliage Excursion Train
- Oct 26 Cookeville Super Fall Foliage Excursion Train
- Nov 2 Model Train Show at TC Ry Museum
- Nov 23 Lebanon Victorian Christmas Excursion Train
- Dec 7 Watertown Santa Excursion Trains
- Dec 14 Cookeville-Silver Point Santa Excursion Trains

April Meeting Host Committee

Jaymi Millard	Wiley Miller	Ron Musick
DeLoy Nelms	Leroy Nessen	Hugh/Marie Nichols*
Tim O'Neal	Ken Oosting	Charles Owens
Jim Paty	Jim/Lynn Perry	Mark Perry
Mike Perry	Richard Potts	Garrett Rea

* Host Committee Chair

Program Notes

April- Decalling Model RR Rolling Stock

Year 2002 Activity Fee

If your friend is asking why he/she didn't get her copy of the meeting notice, it's because they didn't pay their activity fee for 2002. If you're not sure of your membership status, contact **George Gilbert** at rgilbert@comcast.net or call him at 615-352-1254.

Building Improvements

The past 2 weeks have seen significant improvements to our Museum building. First, the building exterior wood and other trim has been pressure-cleaned, scraped, caulked and painted white. The painters did a good job and the building looks much better. Many members donated money towards this painting project- without their help, we would not have gotten the painting done as soon as we did. Another step we are taking to improve the building's appearance is to replace the aluminum-framed storm windows with storm windows having white frames. We are currently getting estimates for this upgrade to our building.

Another less visible improvement is a termite inspection, treatment and bait station installation done last Thursday by Terminex International. You will see a series of round plastic green fittings at ground level around the entire perimeter of the building. Please be careful that you do not damage these bait stations while driving bulldozers, backhoes and forklifts. The painting and termite work are expensive but necessary maintenance items, as will be the new storm windows. Be prepared for group participation in helping pay a portion of these expenses.

Sick Call

CeCe Doub is recovering from thyroid cancer surgery and is undergoing treatment to suppress any remnant of the disease. She is currently back on duty. Please keep her, husband **Tom** and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Bob Swanner took a bad fall at work some weeks ago, breaking some ribs and getting some facial lacerations. After a night in the hospital, **Bob** was back on the mend and has been recovering at home. Please keep him, his wife **Gloria** and their family in your thoughts and prayers.

Access to TCRM Sites

On Saturday & Monday workdays park along Willow St and walk to Museum work areas or park in the Southern Junction Yard parking area directly behind our work area. During weekdays we do have permission to drive through the TCW main gate off of Stanley St to the Museum work site. The only vehicles that should use the track gate on Saturdays crossing the Hertz-Penske lot are service vehicles delivering directly to the excursion train. Our agreement with Hertz-Penske is that crossing their lot will be kept to a minimum.

Excursion Train Sign-Up Sheets

Sign-up sheets will be present for the April 20 and May 4 Excursion Train trips. If you successfully completed the Excursion Train Crew Safety Training given during our March 7 meeting, then you're qualified to work the excursion trains. Please sign up for at least 1 of these trips so we can continue running the best museum excursion train in the USA.

NEXT MEETING Willow St Building Thursday April 11, 2002 7:00 PM

Hobby Shop News

By **Wayne Frey**

New! Atlas HO CSX Dash 8-40Bs arrived last week in the shop. Also, check out the other items that have arrived in the past few weeks. Don't forget, a major benefit of Cumberland Division/TCRM membership is a 25% discount from list price on virtually all items in the shop. And the shop will order your items for you from their wholesalers. **Wayne Frey, Phil Utley and Quincy Styke** have been diligently working to enter the shop merchandise into a computer inventory/point-of-sale program so that a perpetual inventory will be maintained and items can be bar code scanned for checkout. Wal-mart has nothing on us!

Membership Cards

If you're a member (especially new members) and haven't had your photo taken for your membership card, E-mail **Phil Utley** at railsystems@home.com to arrange for your photo shoot. No E-mail capacity available? Call the Museum at 615-244-9001 ext 6 (**Bob Hultman**), leave a message and your message will be E-mailed in to **Phil**.

E-mail Addresses

Have E-mail and want to receive Cumberland Div/NRHS/TCRM updates & news via E-mail? Well, send your E-mail address to hultman@nashville.com & you'll be added to the E-mail group maintained for these organizations.

SER Convention Followup

For developments regarding the SER 2002 Regional Convention in Greenville SC, check out this Website- www.TextilExpress.org The Website has been recently updated.

Feature Model Railroad

Dave Johnston's Clinchfield RR in HO Scale



This view of Tri-County Block is at the north end of the Marion NC passing siding on Dave Johnston's fabulous HO scale **Clinchfield RR**. The railroad takes virtually all the basement at Dave's home in Nashville. Dave's road has a fully-operable dispatcher's panel, lineside signal system and 2-way radios for communications among train crews/agents/yardmasters and the general superintendent. This is a most realistic railroad for operating trains in a prototypical manner. The railroad can accommodate up to 12 operators, including someone working the Birmingham steel mill complex. Digital photo by **Len Hollinger**

This view is of the US Steel Birmingham Works blast furnace 1 assembled by **Dave Johnston** from the Walthers Blast Furnace kit. Dave did an excellent job of adding more detail to this installation, including representing molten slag flowing from the furnace and being loaded into the thimble-style slag cars in the upper center of the photo. One of the mill locomotives is in the left center of the photo. The series of 5 vertical black tanks are for byproducts from the coking process, out of view to the right of this photo. Digital photo by **Len Hollinger**

Company houses and company store at Trammel on the HO Clinchfield RR in **Dave Johnston's** basement. Excellent work, **DAVE!!** Digital photo by **Len Hollinger**