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**Cumberland Division SER-NMRA Inc**  
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## Cumberland Div/TC Ry Museum Donations

**Rev Jonathan Nelms**- 20 folding chairs

**Hugh & Marie Nichols**- 30 bags of concrete mix (Thomas 2002)

## March Meeting Host Committee

<b>Robert Hultman*</b>	Barbara Hutton	George Jackson
Wayne Jenkins	David Johnston	James Jones
Jerry Jones	Thomas Jones	Eddie Justice
Mike Keipp	John Kennedy	Ralph Key
Rusty Lacy	Thomas Larkins	David Lawrence

\* **Host Committee Chair**

## Program Notes

**March**- Live clinic- Soldering for Dummies by **Allen Hicks & Bob Hultman**. After the general membership meeting, there will be a meeting of excursion train crew who have volunteered to be responsible for various cars in our trainset.

## New Members

**Scott Kammerer**- Old Hickory TN

**Charles Morton**- Madison TN

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

## 2003 Activity Fee Now Due

Annual activity fee of \$30 for individuals and \$35 for family household is **past due**. Please provide your name/address/phone/E-mail & give/mail with your payment so Membership Chairman **George Gilbert** has as accurate a membership roster as possible. George's address is 750 Rodney Dr Nashville TN 37205 Don't forget we accept Discovery/MasterCard/VISA credit & debit cards in payment of activity fees. After March 30, 2003 those not renewed will not receive meeting notices and will not be members of Cumberland Division/TC Ry Museum.

**Attention All NRHS Members** who have not renewed for 2003. Please send your renewal card with check to Herb Roth (address on card). If you have already sent the TC Railroad Museum your \$30. Activity Fee for 2003, then only send \$20 for NRHS renewal. If you wish to handle both items in one check, send check to me and I will make correct distribution. Thanks- H. Roth

## Sick Call

**Jerry Jones** is still having some difficulty recovering from eye surgery. He does a great job as car host on our Excursion Trains and also answering the Museum phones. Hope you get well soon, Jerry! Also, **Don Gage** is recovering from foot surgery. We need all our folks at 100%, so keep Jerry & Don and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

## Year 2003 Schedule

March 6 C Div/NRHS/TCRM Meeting 7 pm at TCRM

Mar 8 Girl Scout Nsv-Donelson Charter Trips

Mar 15 Cumberland Div Meet/Model Train Show at TCRM

Mar 22-23 GATS Show Nashville TN

Apr 12 Watertown Easter Bunny Trip I

Apr 19 Watertown Easter Bunny Trip II

Apr 26 Watertown Mile-Long Yard Sale Trip

May 3 Cookeville TC Ry Spring Rendezvous Trip

May 9-11 SER Convention Chattanooga TN

May 10 Nashville-Cookeville Railfan Charter Trip

May 17 Watertown Train Robbery Ex Train Trip

May 31 TCRM Cookeville-Nashville Trip

June 7 Watertown WWII Re-enactment

July 12 Watertown Murder Mystery/Jazz Festival Trip

Aug 30, 31 Sep 1- Thomas The Tank Engine at TCRM

Sep 5-14 Modular RR Setup at TN State Fair Nashville TN

Sep 6 & 7 Thomas The Tank Engine at TCRM

Sep 13 Watertown Country Hoedown Trip

Oct 4 Watertown Train Robbery Trip

## Amtrak F40s Arrive!

This week TC Ry Museum's locomotive roster expanded by not one, but two ex-Amtrak F40PH locomotives. **TCRX 258** and **TCRX 375** are on the Southern Jct Yard 2 Track, west end. The 258 has a cab air-conditioner and ditch lights, while 375 lacks these features. Chief Mechanical Officer **Gene Turnage** thinks one of the two units can be made to run fairly easily. The other unit has some internal fire damage to be fully diagnosed and repaired before going into revenue service. Paint schemes? For now both units will get an acid wash to remove dirt, grime & rust streaking and stay in the Amtrak scheme.

## Division Meet/Excursion Train Museum Staffing Sign-Up Sheets

Sign-up sheets will be present for the Division Meet on March 15, the April 12 & 19 Easter Bunny Excursion Train trips, the April 26 Yard Sale Trip & the May 3 Cookeville trip. We still need help to continue putting on top quality events for our patrons. Please sign up for something, even if it's just answering phones for a Saturday or working the hobby shop on a Saturday. We also need folks to answer phones on Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays during the week.

## 2003 Volunteer Work Areas/Assignments

Some of you are receiving by USPS mail or E-mail the 2003 volunteer work area sign-up sheet. Please complete the sheet, circling those areas where you can be counted on for 8 hours' volunteer time every 3 months. Then return the sheets to Bob Hultman so work efforts can be more efficiently planned and organized. If you received the E-mail version, please indicate your preferences in your reply to Bob Hultman.

**NEXT MEETING Willow St Building Thursday March 6, 2003 7:00 PM**

## TCRM Hobby Shop News

**Eddie Justice** has agreed to become the Hobby Shop Manager, with **Wayne Frey** continuing to be the buyer for the Hobby Shop. The Shop is making progress on getting its Point of Sale computer system in place which will greatly improve customer service, speed check-out and permit more accurate stock inventory. New items include Atlas 50' ACF PD box cars in the L&N blue and yellow scheme, multiple car numbers. Restocked items include 33" wheels and HO Kadee couplers. Come visit the Shop, or, better yet, volunteer to staff the Shop for 6 hours on a Saturday!

### 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 [bob.hultman@mach10internet.com](mailto:bob.hultman@mach10internet.com) & you'll be added to the E-mail group maintained for these organizations.

### SER 2003 Convention in Chattanooga TN

Visit the convention website: [www.camrc.org/ser2003](http://www.camrc.org/ser2003)  
Mark McAllister, HQ Div Superintendent Convention Chairman

### Special Phone Answering Effort

With several excursion trains running on 4 consecutive Saturdays in April and early May, we anticipate additional phone answering needed to handle incoming calls leading up to the 1<sup>st</sup> Easter Bunny trip on April 12 and trips on the following Saturdays. Please help answer the phone, even on Saturdays. It's relatively easy to do, not physically demanding and you can work on other projects while waiting for the next call to come in. Contact Terry Bebout or Bob Hultman on what day/dates you will answer phones for TCRM.

### And You Thought You Had a Bad Day ...

#### CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILROAD

Telegraphic Report of Accident filed at 1455, at Thunder Bay Ontario, July 21st, 1977

Occurred at: 1400, July 21st, 1977 at Neebing Avenue Lead, West Fort William (Joint Area).

Train involved: Yard diesel 7018; 1 load, no empties.

Type of occurrence: Derailments and collisions (multiple)

Cause of accident: Failure of yard crew to notify CNR yard crew approaching from Montreal Street Siding to stay clear until running switch had been completed.

Occurrence details: Yard diesel 7018, Engineer N. Tanchik, no fireman, Yard Foreman R. D. Lane, Helpers B. Wyrozub and H. Powell, working on the regular Farm Assignment had pulled CP 313005, Subway Car destined Toronto, from the Canadian Car Company's Industrial track, and when reaching the Neebing Avenue gate, the yard crew decided to make running switch so that the car could be handled on the west end of the diesel for pulling to the Island Wye and its eventual turning. In doing so, the movement was lined up for the diesel to go into the stub track located inside the Canadian Car Company's fence and CP 313005 was to go westward on the Neebing Av lead towards the North Western Elevator.

Just at the time that the running switch was being made, a Canadian National yard movement, diesel 7083 was moving from the Montreal Street siding and pulling 3 loads behind their diesel, came out foul on the Neebling Avenue lead, sideswiping CP 313005 which had, by now, been cut off and was moving freely on the Neebling Avenue lead in a westerly direction. The impact caused the Subway Car to come loose from its moorings on CP 313005 and catapult off the car, clearing the ditch on the North side of the track and striking the Jenkins Funeral Home Hearse, a 1975 Cadillac, license 3476-J (Ontario) and driven by H. Gillman which was heading a funeral procession and also moving slowly in a westerly direction. The Subway Car hit the middle of the hearse and this resulted in the coffin being dislodged from the damaged hearse, striking the roadway and the body of the late Mr. A. Brown, a well-known pioneer of the City was dislodged from the coffin and landed laying facing-down in 6 inches of water in the ditch on the north side of the roadway. Mr Gillman received a gash on his head, and was transported to hospital by another motorist from the funeral procession who had already been commandeered to take Mrs. A. Brown to the hospital as she had suffered a heart attack after seeing the preceding occurrence. Mr. N. Jenkinson, director of the Jenkins Funeral Home and driver of the automobile following the hearse was unable to assist in this respect as he and the 6 pall-bearers were injured by flying glass when they were unable to avoid running into the damaged hearse. CP 313005, the flatcar which had had the Subway Car on it ran free down the Neebing Avenue lead when Yardman B. Wyrozub was knocked off the car when it came in contact with the Canadian National diesel 7083. The flat car ran into #4 track at the North Western grain elevator demolishing the stop-block and came to rest, hanging half over the trestle over the Kam River.

Canadian National diesel 7083, when struck by CP313005, had all wheels derailed at the point of impact, and Engineer R. Smith had several teeth knocked out when he hit his head on the air valve in the diesel cab when the diesel stopped suddenly. The third, or last car of the drag being pulled by the Canadian National diesel 7083 was CN 660042 containing concrete blocks loaded at the Terra-Krete outfit on Montreal Street. This car was exactly on the Montreal Street crossing when the incident occurred, and when it stopped suddenly, 11 concrete blocks toppled off CN 660042 and landed on a 1976 Chevrolet Sedan, License 64T33, (Minnesota) owned and driven by Mr. W. Wyturuk of 1822 Hillside Drive, St. Paul, Minnesota, who had been on Montreal Street at the crossing to allow the Canadian National movement to clear. Damage to Mr. Wyturuk's automobile was estimated to about \$6,000, and Mr. Wyturuk sustained 2 broken legs and was taken to hospital.

Yard diesel 7018, which was involved in making the running switch in the first place was lined up to go into the stub track inside the Canadian Car Company's fence and became derailed. It was discovered that the Roadmaster had shortened up this track to about 100 feet in length but had neglected to put out any advice in this regard. All wheels on unit 7018 are derailed, and the unit is listing at a 45 degree angle. The track that unit 7018 entered is quite overgrown, with weeds, and it has hard to see that the track had been shortened.

Dedicated to those who have ever written, been the subject of, or read a railway accident report.