Cumberland Div/TC Ry Museum Donations
Roy Brantley-Model Railroader, Railroad Model Craftsman & Trains magazines; Alaska RR map; calendar w/prints of historic buildings in Dickson TN
Don Drake- Several RR books; several issues of C&O Historical Society magazine; VHS RR videotape
Frank Holt- 12 AAR Manual of Standards & Recommended Practices (for locomotives & cars); GE AC4400CW diesel locomotive operating manual for CSXT nos. 1-198; CSX “Safety First” caps & Agreement Between the L&N RR and Its Locomotive Engineers
Bob Hultman- 1997 CSX pocket calendar; Tennessean article on Nashville Union Station
Mike Keipp- Newspaper article on new track construction by Ft Campbell RR at Hopkinsville KY
John Kennedy- Railmodel Journal magazines
Mike O’Neal- Several Railfan magazines
Mark Perry- Wagner Power Painter Kit

Congratulations!
To Jim Nichols- on the upcoming June 1st release of his book Norfolk & Western Color Guide to Freight & Passenger Equipment by Morning Sun Books! This is Jim’s 2nd book on the N&W! Good show!!
To Steve Johnson & the rest of the Cumberland Division Car Project gang for the fine review by Stu Thayer on the 1999 L&N 40’ Box Cars in the April/May 2000 issue of Model Railroading magazine! There’s a color copy of the article on the bulletin board in the Willow St building front hallway.
Also, to Steve Johnson's for his 1st Morning Sun book, Louisville & Nashville Color Guide to Freight Equipment Volume 1, set for an Oct 1st release. All you L&N fans, save your Suzie Anthony $s for this one.....

New REA Express Service!

Picture at lower left shows a new service being offered by TC Ry Museum… seems our own Steve Tomblin decided that we need REA Express baggage service for our excursion trains. So, he’s out in the parking lot practicing Baggage Cart Driving 101. Digital Photo by Terry Bebout 17 May 2000

Year 2000 Schedule
May 26-28 SER Regional Convention Atlanta GA
June 1 Thursday Night Meeting & BoD Meeting
June 17 Excursion Train- Train Robbery Watertown
July 4 Excursion Train- Fireworks Trip
July 8 Excursion Train- Murder Mystery/Wtn Jazz Festival
July 14-16 HO Modular RR Setup- Adams TN Steam Show
July 30-Aug 6 NMRA National Convention- San Jose CA
Sep 7-16 HO Modular RR Setup- TN State Fair
Sep 9 Excursion Train- Watertown Country Hoedown
Oct 7 Excursion Train- Watertown’s Railroad Days
Oct 14 Excursion Train-Watertown Fall Flea Market
Oct 21 Excursion Train- Cookeville to Nashville
Oct 28 Excursion Train- Cookeville Super Fall Foliage
Nov 18 Excursion Train- Lebanon Victorian Christmas
Dec 2 Excursion Train- Watertown Christmas in the Country

Program Notes
June Dave Lawrence’s European Train Travels
July Dennis Mize’s L&N- Last 30 Years Slide Program

June Meeting Host Committee
John Kennedy Don Kloke Tom Larkins
Dave Lawrence George Lile-Henley Doug Lindgren
John Lowe Ron Macaluso Robert Marsmaker*
Glenn Martin Doug Maxwell Larry McClure
Ray McCoy Porter McGill April Meadows
* Host Committee Chair

Museum Gets Still More O Scale Models
TC Ry Museum has acquired additional O-scale structure models that were originally on the old Children’s Museum O scale RR. Terry Bebout, Bob Hultman & Steve Tomblin brought models including the L&C Tower, NC&StL Ry Freight House, Third National Bank and others to the Museum site on May 19. We will display these models to honor the O scale RR that is a fond memory for so many people in Nashville.

Museum Needs
12 good boardroom type chairs with wheel casters for the Division/Museum meeting room on the 2nd floor.

Hobby Shop Open 9 AM-3 PM Saturdays!

Last Chance to spike real rails! Track work is nearing completion on our new spur. Come and help on Saturdays and Mondays!
New Members
Welcome… we look forward to you participating in Museum & Cumberland Division activities!

J L Crownover, Nashville TN
Andrew Eisenberg, Nashville TN
Charles R Hiehle, Nashville TN
Alan & Rita White, Nashville TN

Mr Crownover is a veteran railroader with service on the NC&StL Ry, TC Ry & the L&N RR. Be sure to welcome our new members!

Sick List
Don Perry came home from St Thomas Hospital today recovering from respiratory difficulties; wife Carol is in room 530 recovering from knee replacement surgery. Ralcon Wagner’s mother is very ill with cancer. Keep him and her in your thoughts and prayers.

Museum Activities
Since the last Thursday night meeting TCRM sponsored its 8th Annual Railroadiana and Model Train Show & Sale at the Museum building. The weather was too good, cutting into our attendance somewhat…but it was a good Show with plenty of bargains to be had. The Show also marked the debut of the Museum’s own 10’x20’ steel pole & plastic tarp canopy for the registration table. However, the canopy decided to take wing & try to escape over the fence at 1 point during the day. Several folks helped bring it back to its rightful position (lesson- get some heavy weights on the frame!)

On May 19 TCRM operated a special passenger train for US Congressman Bob Clement of the 5th District. A group of supporters boarded the train at the Museum site for a ride to Lebanon where another group of supporters boarded the train at the depot. After taking some time to be sure we had everyone aboard, we headed for Watertown. There the crown deboarded the train for a fundraising event at the Watertown Bed & Breakfast 1 block from the train. Some of the crew took advantage of the opportunity to eat Cajun food at Quibbo’s, a restaurant on the north side of the square. There was some fine eatin’ committed that night!

We then boarded the passengers for the return trip to Nashville, getting back around 11 PM or so. Once back at TCRM, we then readied the train for our overnight trip to Cookeville. Someone calculated that this trip was the first overnight sleeping car accommodations to go to Cookeville since the early 50s. Arrival in Cookeville was about 3 AM, with an 8 AM departure coming quickly.

Excursion train crew members had to be particularly sharp Saturday, May 20, because the entire trainset was turned on the Southern Jct wye before we headed to Cookeville. It’s not good form to send passengers or crew off in the opposite direction that they want to go.

The Saturday trip to Nashville went off in normal fashion. The train performed well mechanically, the headend crew ran carefully and on time, the passengers enjoyed the sights and venues of downtown Nashville and the crew got to rest a bit before heading back to Cookeville. Frank Holt & Ron Macalu, with help from Jodye Allen, Ralcon Wagner & Ingred Hofmann, did a fine job in feeding the excursion train passengers and especially the crew during the entire weekend. Overall the trip was a safe, professionally executed effort, with passengers asking when we’re going to run the next train from Cookeville to Nashville (Oct 21 as shown in our calendar on the front page).

Upcoming Excursion Trains
We have 3 excursion trains in the next 2 months- the June 17 Watertown Train Robbery Trip, a newly-added Nashville Rocket 4th of July Fireworks Special leaving from Donelson at 5 PM for Riverfront Park with a 9:45 PM departure from Riverfront Park to return to Donelson & the July 8 Murder Mystery Trip to the Watertown Jazz Festival. The 4th of July train consist will include a car for C Div/TCRM members who want to ride the train down to Riverfront Park for the fireworks display. There will be a sign-up sheet at the June meeting for those want to ride the trip. There will also be sign-up sheets for the other excursion trains coming up.

Hobby Shop News
New items in the Hobby Shop include the Athearn Genesis 2-8-2 USRA Light Mikado Steam Locomotive in Southern Ry and 1 other road name. Also Classic Metal Miniature HO vehicles have been restocked. There’s also some new Athearn freight cars and some new how-to books on the bookshelf. Also, check out the paint stock and detail parts masking their way up the walls. Contact Wayne Frey, Shop Manager, at 615-244-9001 ext 8 for those special order items… And, if you’ll help staff the Shop, contact him to arrange a Saturday.

Model RR Activities
Tonight (May 23) was to be an operating session at the Sircy Bldg. Hopefully a contingent of the HO modular modelers and the Sircy Bldg regulars were there to further learn about the Digitrax DCC control system. For those wanting to add resistance across a wheelset on a caboose or the last freight car of a train, the Hobby Shop can get the JayBee wheelsets with a resister across the 2 metal wheels. The last car in the train needs to have such an arrangement so the signal system works at an optimum state.

HO Modular RR modelers- do we still want to set up the Sircy Yard & some corners & some other straight modules at the Willow St building so we can fully install the hostler control panel that George Gilbert has finished? Contact Bob Hultman at 615-833-5158 or E-mail hultman1305@earthlink.net (the hultman@nashville.com account is currently not receiving incoming E-mail messages).