



# THE STEAM WHISTLE

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GAUGES

7.5”

4.75”

3.5”

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**The Club Electric with a Trainload of Passengers**

photo by Steve Callanen

You probably recognize the train crew in this picture: that's Bob Bayles at the throttle, Tim Allen conducting. But who, you ask, is the photographer? Well, last year Steve Callanen showed up at one of our public runs with his grandson; nothing particularly uncommon about that. But here's the interesting thing: I used

to work with Steve at David Taylor Model Basin. Steve retired some years ago, and I hadn't seen him since he retired. I do remember having some casual discussions with him about model trains and such. Now, years later, we meet again, both still "train nuts" at heart!

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Our annual Safety Meeting is coming up on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of this month. This is a good chance to get reacquainted with all those CALS who have been hibernating for the winter, as well as getting a "refresher" on our operating rules. Also, remember this meeting is mandatory for those planning to operate equipment at Leakin Park this year. It's particularly important to keep safety in mind in all our operations carrying the general public. We can't afford to have any "slip ups". As many of you may know, many live steam clubs (including us) have recently had great difficulty obtaining liability insurance. We had to switch insurance companies this year, with an associated huge increase in annual premium, and this is without any claims having been made. It's just the way it is in the insurance industry in these modern (post 9-11) times. We can't afford to operate without such insurance, so each of us individually, as well as the club as a whole, must be continuously vigilant to prevent any accidents.

Also, coming up next month is our annual boiler inspection, scheduled for April 16-17<sup>th</sup>, at Bruce Hamilton's shop. Your Board of Directors has been actively monitoring proposed state legislative changes in this area, and we may have more information to report by the time of the safety meeting, or in next month's Whistle. Another reminder regarding boilers: remember that each boiler must, in addition to the usual hydro test, annually pass an accumulation test. This is done to ensure that the safety valves can discharge steam rapidly enough to prevent an unacceptable pressure rise.

### **WORKERS NEEDED**

A perusal of the monthly work list will show that a few hardy souls have faithfully shown up over the winter to check the plant, fuel oil, do car maintenance, etc. Well, these few can't do it all by themselves. So, this is a reminder: spring is coming, and if you start thinking about wanting to operate trains in Leakin Park this year, you should also think about coming out to help on our regular work days. There's a lot of regular maintenance

work to be done when you have an extensive physical plant such as we have in Leakin Park. Just the normal effects of weather over a winter mean there's much to be done to get the track ready, plus there's riding car maintenance. Also, we are finding that, after twenty years of operating, much of the main line trackage is worn to the point of requiring replacement. And, finally, with the arrival of spring, guess what: the grass will start growing, and it won't stop until next fall! We have a small fleet of riding mowers (as well as push mowers and weed-whackers), but they need real humans to operate them. Regular work sessions are on Wednesday and Saturday mornings, plus we are experimenting with an extended eight-hour workday once a month, the Saturday before the third Sunday of the month, starting at 8:00 AM.

### **AN HISTORIC ANNIVERSARY**

I'm not sure if any CALS are aware of it, but February was the occasion for a very significant anniversary in railroad history. The following was brought to my attention by an article in the PLS Gazette, newsletter of the Pennsylvania Live Steamers: On February 21<sup>st</sup>, 1804 (that's *two hundred* years ago), Richard Trevithick ran the first steam-powered railroad locomotive between Pen-y-darren and Abercynon in South Wales. The first train carried ten tons of iron and about 60 or 70 people. Prior to designing and building this locomotive, Trevithick had built and operated Live Steam Models (apparently trying out his ideas on a smaller prototype before making the leap to full-size). So, you might say this is the two hundredth anniversary of live steam, both model and full size.

### **PASSENGER CARS**

Andy Pullen sent me the following email message, from Jack Miller in Pennsylvania. Andy saw these cars in operation at the Altoona meet and says they are nice cars and run well. Anyone interested should contact Jack directly:

“Andy;

Any body down your way interested in purchasing PRR Passenger Cars let us know. We are going to sell in kits or RTR the same cars that we had at the Museum, the PRR B60b baggage and the PRR P70 coach. Complete fiberglass bodies w/couplers. Trucks are will be sold in semi finished or RTR and all the wheels are

finished w/axles and bearings. The truck is the PRR 2DP5 style wheel type with the equalizer in the middle of the pedestals, sprung and are steel in construction.

Anybody in the MD. area that would like to have information can E-Mail me at my address [pennsyp70@floodcity.net](mailto:pennsyp70@floodcity.net) or Don Sweger at his address [drsweger@nmax.net](mailto:drsweger@nmax.net). These cars are very nice and you will not have to mortgage the house. You've seen them in Altoona and they have performed very well in the Michigan and Ohio area at meets. They are Pennsy BUT anybody can paint and letter for their own personal road or paint for the N&W and the B&O. Thought I would just let you know

-Jack"

**2004 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>TIME</u></b>	<b><u>EVENT</u></b>	<b><u>PLACE</u></b>
<b><u>JANUARY 2004</u></b>			
Wed 7	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	HQ
<b><u>FEBRUARY</u></b>			
Wed 4	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	HQ
Sun 8	1:00-5:00 PM	Valentines Party	Snyder's
<b><u>MARCH</u></b>			
Wed 10	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	HQ
Sun 14	11:00 AM	Safety meeting	Tracksite
Sun 28	11:00-3:30	Member Run Day	Tracksite
<b><u>APRIL</u></b>			
Wed 7	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	HQ
Sun 11	11:00-3:30	Public Run Day	Tracksite
Fri-Sat 16-17	9:00	Boiler Inspection	Hamiltons'
Sun 25	11:00-3:30	Member Run Day	Tracksite
<b><u>MAY</u></b>			
Wed 5	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	HQ
Sun 9	11:00-3:30	Public Run Day	Tracksite
Sun 23	11:00-3:30	Member Run Day	Tracksite

**WORK RECORD**

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>WORKERS</u></b>	<b><u>WORK ACCOMPLISHED</u></b>
1/10/04	Law, Rick & Ryan Nace	¾" elevated track work
1/14	Law, M. Schroeder	Tractor work, building heater
1/21	Law	Return material from expo, clean up, check fuel
1/28	M. Schroeder	Tractor work, plowed snow
1/31	Law	Check building & fuel
2/1	Law	Called fuel co.
2/4	Law, M. Schroeder	Work on mower, check track for damage
2/11	Krapp, Law	
2/14	Rick & Ryan Nace	Elevated track panels
2/18	Allen, Law, M. Schroeder	Inspect cars
2/21	Close, Law	Check building, fuel & track
2/25	Allen, Krapp, Law, Ryan Nace, Mike Schroeder	Inspected cars, replace shoes, clean sign, snow blower
3/04/04	JFO	