



THE STEAM WHISTLE

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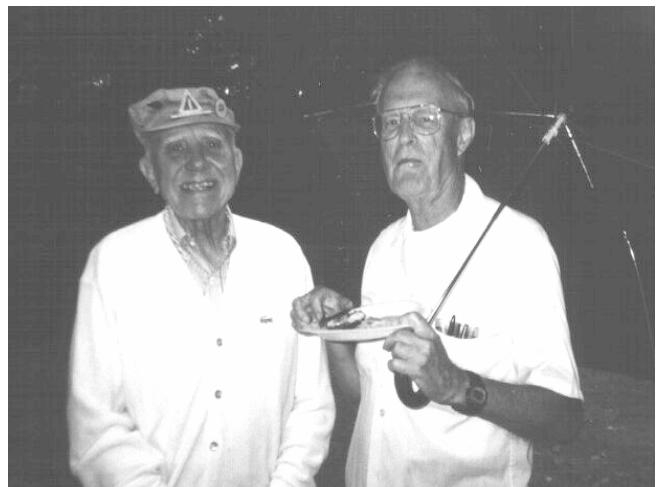
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FOURTH OF JULY PICTURES

Thanks to the steady hand of Sparky Hamilton we have pictures from the annual meeting. Details of the meeting were covered in last month's newsletter.



Lou Kohler and his son Lou



Leo Chism and John Townsend

at the Hamilton's

Photos by Sparky

THE AUGUST RUN DAY

August 8 was a truly beautiful day at Leakin Park (Please note that your editor is not normally given to making such glowing assessments of anything; so, it just might have been a nice day!). The sky was sunny but the temperature was only around 80 degrees. The passenger line was not overly long, but the riders continued to ride again and again so the line remained until late in the session. Larry Kirchner showed up with his Mikado and Mike Russo had his Hudson running. John O'Dea was riding his Mogul, too. Also, operating were Bob Schwoerer's and Tom O'Prays's diesels. Larry's diesel, which he has so graciously provided on loan to the Society, was also running for a short while.

Bob's operator's car gave indications to us that there is a continuing problem with the somewhat-new track in the south-east horseshoe as it derailed two or three times during the day. Also, the block signal for the outside track (our President insists upon calling them by number but your editor cannot remember which is which; so, he reverts to local traffic terminology a la "outer loop" of the Baltimore Beltway) seems to have given up as it remains red after the first train passes in a manner similar to the crossing signal. There is a hint/request/plea included in that sentence.

THE FUN IS ALL GONE!

For those who have been making the run on the inside track (your editor will insist upon this nomenclature, probably) out of the station, the whip-dee-doo where the yard lead joins has been removed. Your fun-loving, conductor-playing editor will miss that thrilling right-hander terribly, but apparently there are others who will miss it much less.

It seems that Glenn Sharpe has returned to activity with vengeance. Glenn ripped out pieces of track and put new ones back in faster than the club as a whole has been able to do the past few winter

seasons. He had some help, but what a slave driver! Unfortunately, the slaves could not complain – only collapse – because Glenn was the hardest-working slave of all.

Glenn rebuilt the switches involved with the yard lead and both ends of the crossover and used some of the panels which had been built over the past few months. The switch panels are constructed with the locust which Herb Schroeder found in a lumber yard in Pennsylvania. Herb had them cut and trailered them to the track site. Our Society's President, bless his heart, suggested that they be used in the new switches. Your editor's guess is that the new panels weigh more than the old ones with water-logged ties – and his back complained about it a bit, too. The re-build also included some new frogs – mighty purty they are, too. The fellow slaves had to inquire if they were stainless or titanium! All in all, a very good job done by Glenn; all Society members should express their thanks when they see him.

Other members of the Saturday crews who helped Glenn were Keats Pullen, Ned Treat, Bob Grieshaber, Larry Law, Craig Close, Steve Zuiderveen, and Ray Short. The Massey-Ferguson tractor worked well with its newly repaired and primed front loader. The detritus removed from the original track was loaded into the green cart and dumped alongside the track in front of the HQ Building to provide fill for the future third track. Whereas the bucket worked well, not so much can be said for the tires on the cart.

FLASH! CART TIRES REPLACED

The tires on the green garden cart were (the tense of that verb is used rather precisely here) VW Beetle tires, so you get an idea of their age. They were not at all up to the haulage load as described above – small wonder. Herb Schroeder worked some more of his magic to find a pair of replacements which have been delivered and already installed. No, they are not Beetle-size tires in this the 21st Century – but they are front tractor tires which have probably been around longer than the Beetle was.

NIGHT RUN

The annual night run is scheduled for September 18th. This is the date scheduled for the full work day so it will be a truly full day for those who supply their time for maintenance of the facilities. There is a picnic starting at about 6 PM; the Society provides burgers and dogs plus the grill, but members are encouraged to bring dishes to share.

If you plan to run your locomotive, be sure to have a working headlight and a red light for the end of your train.

SAFETY NOTE

Conductors are required to have three items with them on the train: a flag, a horn, and a plastic bag with a small notebook with pen. In order to assure that these items are available for run day and that the horns are in proper working order, it is necessary to remove these items from the cars after each run. The flags and horns can be placed on the shelves behind the desk. The notepad and pen can be placed on the desk. Note that the air horns must be re-filled before each run. The amount of air in the can is sufficient for several loud blasts, but that supply runs out rather quickly, plus leakage over the month, and therefore must be replaced.

A new piece of equipment has been purchased for use by the engineers. Eight walkie-talkie radios are now available. Each engineer should carry one and pass it on to relief engineers. Also, the Station Master and a board member at HQ should each have one. Please remember to turn them back in after the run. They may be left on the desk.

THE PRESIDENT'S VIEW

[Imagine the nothingness of a broad ceiling before your eyes for days on end]

[Note: perhaps an inside joke to many of the Society members, but see the following section.]

Larry wants to remind everyone that everything which belongs to the Society is the result of a donation of some sort. The donors provided the item or the money to obtain the item with the thought that they were helping the Society and did not expect tools and other items to be used for any other purpose. All possessions of CALS are to be used only on-site unless permission has been granted to take the item off-site for use in the interests of the Society. Thanks to all for observing this Society requirement which the Board of Directors is taking very seriously.

ILLNESS REPORT

Thankfully, the need to make the image described in the preceding section is no longer true for Larry Law. He did have a time of it, though. His appendix perpetrated a sneak attack in full burst mode, and Larry had a trip to the Emergency Room, Operating Room, and Hospital Room on his rapid-fire, short-term agenda. He stayed in the hospital for a few days (looking at that ceiling), but he is at home and walking - each day a little bit longer. We wish him well with a speedy and complete recovery.

YOUR EDITOR

All Society members should thank John O'Dea for the seven years or so he devoted to providing *The Steam Whistle* every month. It was a job well done. He is still a member of the Society and his name and address are in the directory. Your new editor is certain that John would obligingly welcome a

deluge of pleas to return to this position of editor. That's true, is it not, John? Remember, folks, you suffer with your current editor unless you do something!

If it does not come true that John returns, then your current editor really needs some articles and suggestions from the membership. John was able to fall back on his growing interest in steam boats to fill these pages. Unless there is a desire to read about bicycling or some other non-steam subjects, the members will have to provide suggestions of interest or manuscripts. Most editors have to make this plea, but it may be especially important in this situation.

Andy Jacobs provided an article in July and Sparky Hamilton often has photographs. These types of submittals are gratefully received, but other members have to send descriptions of their activities, too. How are you coming with your locomotive project? What meets are coming up and what went on at the last one you attended? There is no problem if more than one person submits information on the same subject; your editor can compile a combined description. Worried that you can't write well? Well, don't worry; your editor can't write either, but he can edit reasonably well and get something which is publishable – and he promises not to make disparaging and deprecating remarks about submitted articles.

Send information to Craig Close, Editor, at 15 Benway Ct, Catonsville, MD 21228, or see him at Leakin Park on Saturday morning or Run Day. Remember that there is a publishing deadline. As with most activities of the Society, there is no set date; *The Steam Whistle* has to be ready to go the Wednesday prior to the Board of Directors meeting, which is the Wednesday before Run Day. That means, of course, that outside submittals must be to your editor before then. Suddenly, a calendar has become an intimate part of your editor's life.

DIRECTORY UPDATES

You should have received your 2004 Society Directory by now. If you have any changes or additions to make, call Jim Carpenter, Treasurer, at 703-941-3898. Additional copies of the Directory may be obtained for \$2.50 each.

Please make the following changes to your directory:

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| NACE, RICHARD | (H) 410-635-8148 (W) 301-903-2189 |
| NACE, RYAN | (H) 410-635-8148 |
| PAYNE, GEORGE | FULL MEMBER |
| SCHROEDER, HERBERT | FULL MEMBER |
| SCHWOERER, ROBERT | FULL MEMBER |
| SIMMS, JOHN | FULL MEMBER |
| TREAT, NED | FULL MEMBER (H) 301-330-3009 |

NEW MEMBERS

We have a new member joining the Society this month, make an addition to your directory:

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| SESTERO, ROBERT T. 1220 RIVERDALE ROAD TOWSON MD 21204 | ASSOCIATE DIANNE (H) 410-828-0602 (W) 410-872-4387 |
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DUES REMINDER

This is a reminder that dues were due in July. If you have forgotten, why not write a check now and send it in to Treasurer Jim Carpenter. His address is in the Directory, or you can see him at the Park.

2004 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>TIME</u> | <u>EVENT</u> | <u>PLACE</u> |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| <u>JULY</u> | | | |
| Sun 4 | 12:00 NOON | Annual Meeting & Picnic | Hamiltons' |
| Wed 7 | 7:30 PM | BOD & Member Meeting | HQ |
| Sun 11 | 11:00-3:30 | Public Run Day | Tracksite |
| Sat 17 | 8:00-4:00 | Work Day | Tracksite |
| Sun 25 | 11:00-3:30 | Member Run Day | Tracksite |
| <u>AUGUST</u> | | | |
| Wed 4 | 7:30 PM | BOD & Member Meeting | HQ |
| Sun 8 | 11:00-3:30 | Public Run Day | Tracksite |
| Sat 14 | 8:00-4:00 | Work Day | Tracksite |
| Sun 22 | 11:00-3:30 | Member Run Day | Tracksite |
| <u>SEPTEMBER</u> | | | |
| Wed 8 | 7:30 PM | BOD & Member Meeting | HQ |
| Sun 12 | 11:00-3:30 | Public Run Day | Tracksite |
| Sat 18 | 8:00-4:00 | Work Day | Tracksite |
| Sat 18 | 6:00 PM | Night Run | Tracksite |
| Sun 26 | 11:00-3:30 | Member Run Day | Tracksite |
| <u>OCTOBER</u> | | | |
| Wed 6 | 7:30 PM | BOD & Member Meeting | HQ |
| Sun 10 | 11:00-3:30 | Public Run Day | Tracksite |
| Sat 16 | 8:00-4:00 | Work Day | Tracksite |
| Sun 24 | 11:00-3:30 | Member Run Day | Tracksite |
| <u>NOVEMBER</u> | | | |
| Wed 10 | 7:30 PM | BOD & Member Meeting | HQ |
| Sun 14 | 11:00-3:30 | Public Run Day | Tracksite |
| Sat 20 | 8:00-4:00 | Work Day | Tracksite |
| Sun 28 | 11:00-3:30 | Member Run Day | Tracksite |

WORK RECORD

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>WORKERS</u> | <u>WORK ACCOMPLISHED</u> |
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| 7/10/04 | Rick & Ryan Nace, Bayles, Koehler, O'Dea, , Law, Kinzer, Close, Zuiderveen, Schwoerer, Grieshaber | Elevated track, Cut grass, Re-ballast SE curve |
| 7/14 | Law, Carpenter | Lift, Spray |
| 7/17 | Sharpe, Close, Grieshaber, Zuiderveen | Install switch |
| 7/21 | Bayles, M. Schroeder, Carpenter, Allen | Spray, Cut grass |
| 7/24 | Rick & Ryan Nace | Elevated track |
| 7/28 | Carpenter, Bayles | Repair 9102 brakes, Sweep HQ, Deliver Round-Up |
| 7/31 | Pullen, Sharpe, Law, Short, Treat, Close, Krapp | Install cross-over |
| 8/4 | Carpenter, Law, M. Schroeder, H. Schroeder, Payne, Krapp, Allen | Spray, Cut grass, 1" track |
| 8/7 | Close, O'Dea, Zuiderveen | Trim trees, Cut grass, Track work |
| 8/11 | Kinzer, Bayles, H. Schroeder | Replaced ties |
| 8/18 | Kinzer, Bayles, H. Schroeder, M. Schroeder, Payne | Fence posts |

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