



# THE STEAM WHISTLE

A Monthly Bulletin of the

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## **HOLIDAY PARTY / BOD MEETING**

The question of the month is whether you have received this issue in time for it to serve as a reminder of the Holiday Party. The party is (was) Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 1 o'clock, at St. Luke's Parish Hall, off Windsor Mill Road (see the map at the end of this issue – just in case). Plan on bringing (Hope you took) an appetizer, entrée, veggies, or dessert to share. Surely there will be pictures in the next issue of *The Steam Whistle*.

There will be a meeting of the Board after the party in place of a meeting on the following Wednesday.

## **NOVEMBER PUBLIC RUN DAY**

Your editor's comments in the last issue regarding the good weather for run days was a jinx for November when the temperature was a bit cool. Shamefully, your editor wimped out for the day. Also, your star reporter was out of town and therefore news of the day had to be obtained from more hearty members. There were few Run Day Duties fulfilled but there were operations and the customers kept getting on and getting off and getting back on even though the line reportedly did not exceed the length of the walkway.

Bob Bayles showed up early and performed some preparations. Mike and Herb Schroeder attended with Leo Chism and his green Pacific, and Bob and Bill Schwoerer brought the CSX diesel. The electric helped out with Carl Tweedale driving. Larry Law worked the station. Buck and Doris Slayton attended.

## **VALENTINES PARTY**

It's not too soon to start thinking about our Valentine's Party. It should be somewhere on your February calendar. The details will follow next month, but the general arrangements should be similar to last year: at Snyder's Willow Grove Restaurant in North Linthicum on the Second Sunday in February.

## **HEALTH REPORT**

Mike Looney is back home after two recent visits to the hospital for insertion of stents. All Society members wish him well.

## **FENCING**

The Wednesday work crew has completed their season's work on the fencing (almost) around the north boundary of the site. There is a gap parallel to Windsor Mill Road, but there is also a section installed over by the station area. The report is that the Recreation and Parks people have indicated that they are pleased with the appearance. At the track crossing there is a sturdy, ten-foot wide gate which is constructed with a wheeled support in the middle. All-in all it is a fine job. The work was made easier by the use of Herb Schroeder's power auger, but he had to take it back home to do some real work. Many thanks to Herb.

## **NEW CONTAINER**

There has been considerable activity on the east side of container #2. [Here we go again! Your editor cannot truly comprehend the container numbering anymore than he remembers how the tracks are numbered; so, "#2" may or may not be correct. The container in question is the one inside the horseshoe.] The hedges have been pulled up/out – Massey-Ferguson bucket, thank you – and gathered in the field. Anyone want some hedge(s)? Free!

Removal of the hedges was required so that they would not grow too wild when access to them for trimming is eliminated by the placement of a third container alongside the existing one. There will be a three foot space between the containers so that the sides can still be painted. At this time, a shallow hole has been excavated and (mostly) filled with ballast stone– thanks again, Massey-Ferguson. Some of the railroad ties required as foundation sills have been man-handled into position. The new container has already been delivered. It is sitting in the field beside the place where it will be beside the current one. That's lots of room being taken up by containers right now! Inquiry is being made into obtaining a crane to set the new one in its proper place.

## **TRACK PLANS**

Gradually over the past several months there has been an accumulation of fill along the track in front of HQ. The fill has come from the post holes, the replacement of switches, and the container foundation. The plan is to add a third track in front of HQ in order to allow the existing outside loop track to be used for passenger loading/unloading. To make this plan work, there will be crossovers added above and below HQ. Larry Law has already manufactured the parts for a diamond to cross the yard lead. Further, there is to be a lead from the inside loop into the far end of container #2. Larry has been working at home on the pieces for the racks to be installed in that container. The third container, of course, will be used for the equipment displaced by the racks and resulting general re-organization of the container contents – as well as the Massey-Ferguson which now occupies too much of the HQ building.

## **SIGNALS**

John Frederick has volunteered to draw up revised circuit plans for the crossing and block signals. The crossing signal has been only partially operable for more than a year, and the block signal began acting up a couple of months ago. Hopefully, John will be able to incorporate add-ins to control the crossovers required by the third track operations.

## **PROJECT LIST**

A Project List for Winter/Spring will be published in the next *Steam Whistle*. If you have any suggestions, give them to Society President Larry Law. He claims to have a lengthy list already, but you don't want your pet project omitted. In particular will be the need for many more track panels beyond those already constructed recently by the brothers Schwoerer (see the Work Record).

## **NEW MEMBERS**

No new members to report this month.

**2004-2005 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>OCTOBER</u></b>			
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
<b><u>NOVEMBER</u></b>			
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
<b><u>DECEMBER</u></b>			
Sun 5	1:00-4:00 PM	Holiday Party & BOD Meeting	St. Luke's Hall
<b><u>JANUARY</u></b>			
Wed 5	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	HQ
<b><u>FEBRUARY</u></b>			
Wed 9	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	HQ
Sun 13 (?)	1:00-4:00 PM	Valentines Party	Snyder's

**WORK RECORD**

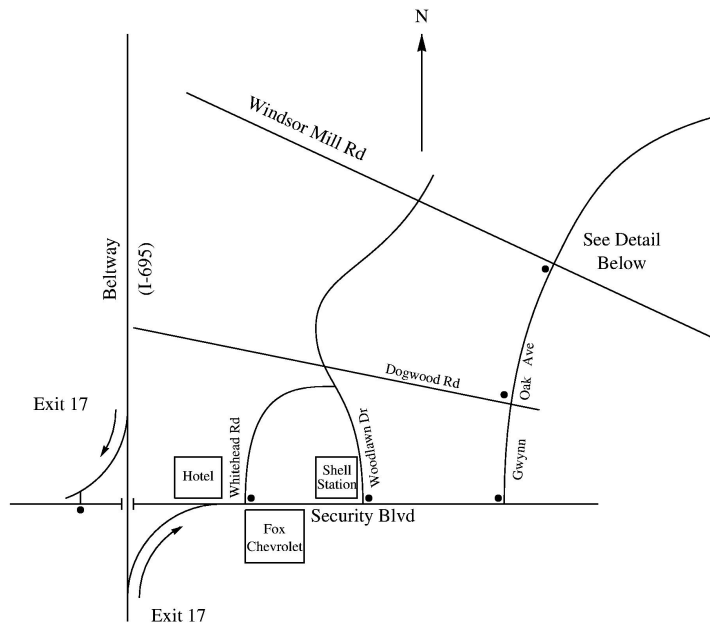
<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>WORKERS</u></b>	<b><u>WORK ACCOMPLISHED</u></b>
11/3/04	Krapp, M Schroeder, H Schroeder, Close, Diehl, Allen, Carpenter, Law	Cut grass, Fence, New container site
11/6	Rick & Ryan Nace,, Law	Remove fallen tree, Received donation of cars (4, Sauter)
11/10	Krapp, M Schroeder, H Schroeder, Bayles, Law, Carpenter	New container site
11/13	Law, Close, Krapp	Receive lumber for fence, Trim tree
11/17	Krapp, Allen	no report
11/18	Bob Schwoerer, William Schwoerer	Build 1.5" track panels
11/19	Bob Schwoerer, William Schwoerer	Build 1.5" track panels
11/20	Law, Close, Zuiderveen,	Grade at HQ
11/23	Bob Schwoerer, William Schwoerer	Build 1.5" track panels
11/24	Law	Check building
11/27	Law	Drill new container for lock

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## HOLIDAY PARTY DIRECTIONS

Directions to St. Luke's Parish Hall: take the Baltimore Beltway to the Security Boulevard exit (since Windsor Mill does not intersect with the Beltway). If you are coming from the north (outer loop of the Beltway), take exit 17 to the stop light on Security Blvd. Turn east (left) on Security and proceed to the 3rd stop light (Gwynn Oak Ave.) Turn north (left) on Gwynn Oak to the 2nd traffic light and turn right on Windsor Mill Road. There is a block of stores with Ripple Florist ending the block. Turn left at the mailbox and proceed to the back of the parking lot (the lot is shared with the Baptist church). The white building wall that you see is the wall of the Parish Hall. Park and walk up the path on the left side of the Parish Hall (between it and the church) to the entrance. If you are coming from the south (inner loop of the Beltway), take exit 17 and stay in the right lane, which will take you onto Security Blvd, then follow the directions as above.

MAP TO ST. LUKE'S



(DETAIL)

