



THE STEAM WHISTLE

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CABIN FEVER EXPO

A group of about fifteen Society members were seen at the York fairgrounds for this year's Cabin Fever Exposition. Paul Pedersen had a photo display showing C.A.L.S .Weekend in the Alleghenys and was distributing information about this year's Weekend. Herb Schroeder had his locomotive on display and was talking to people about the hobby and about the Society. Jim Carpenter had a model for a duplex pump on display. Other members working at the display were Larry Law, Mike Looney, and Rick Nace.

VALENTINES PARTY

If you haven't done so by now, it is just about too late to think about our Valentine's Party. You should have it on your calendar for February 13th, to be held at Snyder's Willow Grove Restaurant in North Linthicum, starting at 1:00, with the buffet at 2:00 (Directions on last page). The cost is \$24 and can be paid at the door as long as you notify John O'Dea that you will attend. He can be contacted at 7934 Anfred Drive, Laurel, MD 20732 or at 301 490-3691. If you make a reservation, you must pay for it if you do not cancel at least a week before the party date. It is critical to know how many will attend, so reservations are essential.

Menu: one beef dish, one chicken dish, one seafood dish, vegetables, rolls and dessert - Cash bar

CONTAINER ACTIVITY

The third container has been put into some semblance of use. The interior as received was partially painted in a light color, so lights are not an immediate need. Various bits and pieces of seldom-used equipment has been placed at the back of the unit and the two tractors have been moved into it, too. Just about all the stone in front of the Headquarters Building has been dumped in front of containers 2 and 3 to provide something of a driveway and to get the stone out of the way so that work can continue on installation of the new siding. There is probably more to be done on container 2 so that the new car racks can be installed.

SAFETY MEETING

The March Run Day activity will, at the very least, commence with the mandatory Safety Meeting. The primary purpose of the meeting is to read through the Safety and Operating Rules so that the Society can operate safely for the year. If the weather is more accommodating than in previous years and someone brings a locomotive, there may even be a short run.

Each year the Rules are read at the Safety Meeting and each year there are some questions about some of the rules. If you have any questions about the contents of the current rules or have suggestions for clarifications, please contact Steve Zuiderveen or Craig Close in the short time before the February Board meeting so that the proposed rules revision can be presented to the Board of Directors for acceptance and incorporation into an update. Steve and Craig intended to provide proposed updates and clarifications to the Board at the February meeting so that a revised document could be read at the Safety Meeting, but perhaps other activities have intervened...

NEWSLETTER CONTENTS

This month's *Steam Whistle* is rather light in page count, especially if the directions to the party were not consuming an entire page. Your editor does not conjure too much of the content; so without actual membership activities or submitted news-worthy articles, this is the result. DO something which can be described here or describe an activity or event which would be of interest to the readers. Otherwise, you receive this.

Please see the Project List farther below and think about the possibility that YOU can DO something to help our Society. Of course, the membership can petition for the return of your former editor.

2005 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT	PLACE
<u>JANUARY</u>			
Wed 5	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	HQ
<u>FEBRUARY</u>			
Wed 9	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	HQ
Sun 13	1:00-4:00 PM	Valentines Party	Snyder's
<u>MARCH</u>			
Wed 9	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	HQ
Sun 13	11:00-3:30	Safety Meeting - Required	Tracksite
Sun 27	11:00-3:30	Member Run Day	Tracksite
Wednesdays	9:00	Car Inspections	Tracksite
<u>APRIL</u>			
Wed 6	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	HQ
Sun 10	11:00-3:30	Public Run Day	Tracksite
Fri 22-23	9:00	Boiler Inspection	TBD
Sun 24	11:00-3:30	Member Run Day	Tracksite
Fri 29-5/1	All DAY!	CASS w/ CALS 2005	Tracksite
<u>MAY</u>			
Wed 4	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	HQ
Sun 8	11:00-3:30	Public Run Day	Tracksite
Sun 22	11:00-3:30	Member Run Day	Tracksite
Sat 28	10:00-4:00	Herb Festival	Tracksite

WORK RECORD

<u>DATE</u>	<u>WORKERS</u>	<u>WORK ACCOMPLISHED</u>
12/22/04	M Schroeder, Allen, Law	New ties
12/29/04	M Schroeder, Allen	Tractor maint.; Build track
01/01/05	Sharpe	Remove 1 ½” – 1” crossover
01/05	M Schroeder, Allen	Tractor maintenance
01/08	Rick Nace, Law, Close	Drop stone at containers; move Trailers to new container
01/12	M Schroeder, Allen, Ryan Nace, Law	Material for Cabin Fever; Drill Track panels; Tractor maint.
01/24	M Schroeder	Remove snow
01/24	Bob Schwoerer, Bill Schwoerer	Build track
01/25	Bob Schwoerer, Bill Schwoerer	Build track
01/26	M Schroeder, Law	Remove snow; Tractor maint.
01/29	Close	Check building; Get Work Record

PROJECT LIST

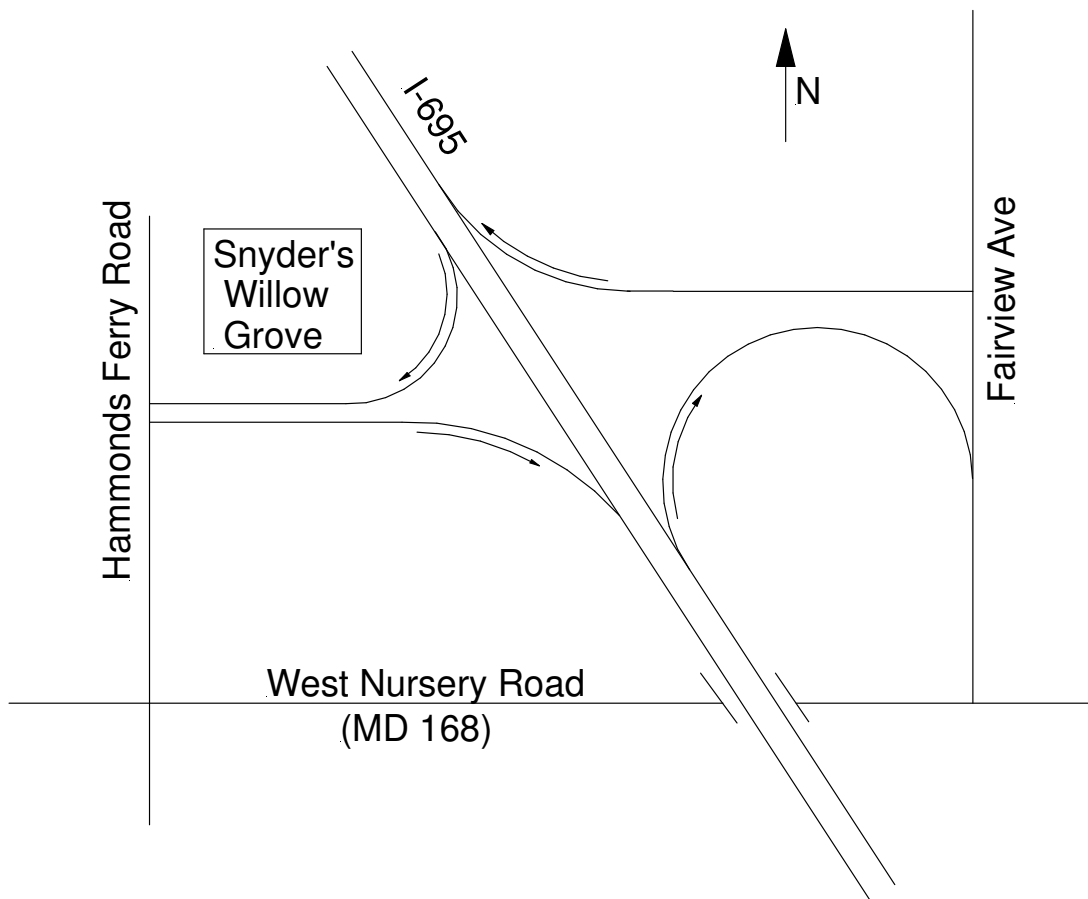
Additions and status:

1. Implement use of the third container - started
2. (new) Install new 1 ½” – 1” crossover
3. Complete the fence around the track
4. Upgrade the current signaling system - initial plan drafted
5. (new) Find drainage piping and fix
6. Install the third track (siding) at the Headquarters building (see December 2004 *Steam Whistle*)
7. Install new switches for the siding
8. Add siding signals to the signaling system
9. Upgrade the drainage systems
10. Install light pole at east side of steaming bays
11. Continue upgrade of track
12. Fix post holes for customer-control ropes at station
13. Install car racks in container #2

Work sessions are scheduled for Wednesday and Saturday mornings – say 9 o’clock or so. There is always something to do – see above. Thanks to those who have been giving their time.

DIRECTIONS TO SNYDER'S

Snyder's Willow Grove Restaurant is on Hammonds Ferry Road, right off the Beltway (I-695) at Exit 8, south of Baltimore, between I-95 and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. From the outer loop you can see Snyder's sign from the beltway; take exit 8 and turn right onto Hammonds Ferry Road at the end of the off-ramp. Snyder's parking lot is immediately on the right. From the inner loop, it is a little trickier; take Exit 8 which leads you to Fairview Avenue, then right onto Nursery Road. Travel under the beltway and turn right onto Hammonds Ferry at the first signal. Snyder's is about ¼ mile ahead, past the traffic signal and on the right.



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