



THE STEAM WHISTLE

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THE SEASON BEGINS

The March Safety Meeting establishes the beginning of a new season of Run Days. There were thirty-six Society members who attended this year’s meeting to read through the Safety Rules. Anyone who did not sign the register will have to go through a separate session with a Board member if they are to operate a locomotive, act as a Conductor, or help with the Station duties.

Steve Zuiderveen provided helpful revisions to the rules, and the Board of Directors accepted them at the February Board meeting. Craig Close was a late-comer and suggested additional updates which were accepted at the March Board meeting. All these changes served both to make a more professional-looking set of rules and also to clarify several areas of the rules which had been questioned at the Safety Meetings of past years. The weather was not very pleasant and no one ran any train after the meeting ended.

CAR INSPECTIONS

Any car which will carry passengers during any Public Run Day or other time the Society provides rides to the public must be inspected by DLLR. Representatives of DLLR will be at Leakin Park on Wednesday, April 6 to perform these inspections. Any Society member who has such a car should bring it or them to the Park on that day. Trains are operated at the Society tracksite with vacuum brakes and the Safety Rules delineate the amount of braking capacity required for each train. Because of this requirement, each car should have operable vacuum brakes or at least a pass-through vacuum line.

BOILER INSPECTION

Boilers must be inspected by DLLR or equivalent agency of another State. Club certifications are not sufficient for operating a locomotive at Leakin Park.

Our annual boiler inspection is set for Friday and Saturday, April 15-16, at Bruce Hamilton's property. The usual custom is for those who have the day off (mostly retirees) to bring their boilers on Friday, and for those who have to work on Friday to bring theirs on Saturday. This is not a hard rule, however, and anyone can bring his equipment on either day. To help the inspections go smoothly, each locomotive owner is urged to get his boiler documentation in order by the inspection date. Also, make sure your firebox and smokebox are reasonably clean and accessible for the inspector.

A hard rule associated with the inspections, however, is that **IF YOU ARE NOT HAVING A BOILER INSPECTED, DO NOT COME TO THE ACTIVITY.** Space and or time may be at a premium, and on-lookers may be in the way or create delay. **PLEASE** abide by this direction.

As a related reminder: just as we have done in recent years, each boiler is expected to undergo an accumulation test (to check safety valve capacity) at Leakin Park the first time that boiler is steamed up for the year. This test involves firing the boiler vigorously and demonstrating that the safeties do not allow the pressure to rise. This test must be witnessed by a member of the Board of Directors, and a accumulation test form must be filled out.

NEW EQUIPMENT

Jack Suter's .equipment has been brought to the Park. There is a tank engine named Wendy and a diesel switcher. Also there are two passenger gons which are currently being equipped with brakes. Both engines need repair before being inspected. Operating methods will have to be determined before engineers can be trained and the engines put into use.

EQUIPMENT REMINDER

The Board of Directors has continued their decision not to permit the use of safety chains on the Society's passenger equipment. If anyone wishes to use chains on their own cars, they may do so after providing a liability insurance policy for \$2 Million. This subject is not stated in jest; it is a serious concern.

EXTERNAL ACTIVITIES

Herb Schroeder, John Fredericks, and Bob Schwoerer will represent the Society at The Great Scale Train Show at Timonium Fairgrounds on the weekend of April 16 and 17. Attend the show, stop by the display, and help introduce others to the Society.

CALS at Cass for 2005 will chuff up the mountains early this year. The weekend will begin on Friday, the 29th of April, and run on Saturday and Sunday. Check with Poul Pedersen (see Directory) if you are interested. It is important to have a full complement of passengers as this is an important input to the Society treasury.

A potentially important event for finding young members of CALS will occur on June 21. Herb Schroeder and John Fredericks will be together again when they attend the Cub Scout Fair at the Harford Fair Equestrian Center. They will have some equipment, including John's Shay and will be explaining how locomotives work and how the Society attempts to preserve the heritage. Try to stop by and help if you can. Call Herb or John for details.

CORRECTIONS

Several Society members attended the February Train Show at Timonium. It was reported in this journal that Herb Schroeder had equipment on display. In fact, the equipment belonged to Mike Looney and Herb was working the display area and helping to introduce the visitors to CALS. Thanks Mike and Herb.

Contrary to a another previous report, the Society's annual trip to Cass will be held in the mountains of West Virginia rather than at the Leakin Park tracksite. It is possible that gremlins are responsible for this error.

SOCIETY STATISTICS

The purpose of last month's display of slash marks under this heading was to indicate that there are quite a number of members, but that not very many actually participate in the WORK necessary to keep the facilities in shape to provide for the Run Days. The slashes representing the inactive membership would have run across the page and wrapped around to a second line. It is understood that many of the Society members are unable to participate actively due to their location or other reason. And surely, their monetary participation is greatly appreciated. However, if you are an able-bodied member living reasonably near to Baltimore, please try harder to attend one of the Wednesday or Saturday work sessions. If you have any concern about attending a work session, you may contact Larry Law (see the Directory) to determine a way in which you may be able to help the Society.

2005 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
<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	HQ
Sun 27	11:00-3:30	Member Run Day	Tracksite
Wednesdays	9:00 AM	Car Inspections	HQ
<u>APRIL</u>			
Wed 6	9:00 AM	DLLR Safety Inspection for cars	HQ
	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	HQ
Sat 9	9:00 AM	Badge pictures	HQ
Sun 10	11:00-3:30	Public Run Day	Tracksite
Fri 15-16	9:00 AM	Boiler Inspection	Hamilton's
Sat 16-17	10 AM	Great Scale Train Show	Timonium
Sun 24	11:00-3:30	Member Run Day	Tracksite
Fri 29-5/1	All weekend	CASS w/ CALS 2005	Cass, WV
<u>MAY</u>			
Wed 4	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	HQ
Thu 5		Repair Facility Re-opening	Museum
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
<u>JUNE</u>			
Wed 8	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	HQ
Sun 12	11:00-3:30	Public Run Day	Tracksite
Tue 21		Cub Scout Expo	Harford
Sun 26	11:00-3:30	Member Run Day	Tracksite

WORK RECORD

<u>DATE</u>	<u>WORKERS</u>	<u>WORK ACCOMPLISHED</u>
01/29/05	Law (late entry for date – see VOL 31, NUMBER 2)	Material to #3
2/2	Law, R Schwoerer, W Schwoerer, M Schroeder, Allen	Remove snow, Mat'1 to #3, Mowers
2/9	Law, R Schwoerer, W Schwoerer, M Schroeder, Allen	Mat'1 to #3, Mowers, Mtg setup
2/12	Law, R Schwoerer, Close	Paint inside #2
2/15	Krapp, Law, R Schwoerer, M Schroeder, Allen, Sharpe	Paint inside #2, Paint bucket & Mower, Survey for switches
2/19	Law, Close (& Mr Cold)	Install a rack bracket in #2
2/23	Krapp, Law, R Schwoerer, M Schroeder, Allen, Carpenter	Inspect cars
2/25	R Schwoerer, Close	Check building
3/2	Someone(s) who must not have been important	But did important stuff!
3/5	Kinzer, Close, Law, R Schwoerer	Paint, Transport Suter eqt
3/9	Law, R Schwoerer, M Schroeder, Allen, Carpenter	Clean HQ, Arrange for Safety Mtg
3/12	R & R Nace, Close, Law	Walk ¾ “, Chairs for Safety Mtg
3/16	Krapp, Law, M Schroeder, H Schroeder, Allen, Carpenter, Ryan Nace	Receive mat'1, Paint rack, Inspect cars & Suter loco (Wendy)
3/19	Close, Law	Spread stone
3/23	M Schroeder, Law, Kinzer, Allen, Krapp	Paint, Repair Suter cars & Wendy
3/26	Bayles, Close, Law, Kinzer	55 gal trash bags, Check lift, Look for 3/16 “ tubing, Move loco stand to HQ, Clean Wendy's flues

PROJECT LIST

1. Implement use of the third container - pretty much in use
2. Install new 1 ½” – 1” crossover
3. Complete the fence around the track
4. Upgrade the current signaling system - initial plan done and circuit box constructed
5. Find drainage piping and fix
6. Install the third track (siding) at the Headquarters building – drawing made
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 - brackets being made and rack components painted

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.

03/29/05 CEC