



# THE STEAM WHISTLE

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## HOLIDAY PARTY REPORT

A group of about 30 members, family and friends gathered at St. Luke’s Parish Hall for the Society’s annual Holiday Party. The eats were good, as usual, with some of the dessert samples left over because there is just so much which can be eaten at a single sitting.

## VALENTINES PARTY

It is now time to think about our Valentine’s Party. You should put it on your calendar for February 12<sup>th</sup>, the second Sunday. The luncheon will be held at Snyder’s Willow Grove Restaurant in North Linthicum, starting at 1:00, with the buffet at 2:00. The cost will be \$24. John O’Dea has been delegated to handle the reservations. He can be contacted at 7934 Anfred Drive, Laurel, MD 20732 or at 301 490-3691. You must make a reservation and you must pay for it if you do not cancel at least a week beforehand. It is critical to know how many will attend, so reservations are essential. You may send a check to John or pay at the door.

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

If you have items which would be appropriate for a raffle, please bring them to Jim Carpenter at the party.

## **2006 CALENDAR**

It's the New Year, and it's time to start thinking about our operating calendar for 2006. We have the usual monthly meeting every month and the public and member run days each month starting in April. There is also the Valentine's Party on the second Sunday of next month and our Safety meeting on the regular run day in March. Remember, you must attend the Safety meeting in order to run your equipment in Leakin Park. Of course, any operations early in the year are tentative (weather permitting). The boiler inspections haven't been scheduled yet, but sufficient notice should be provided.

## **SAFETY RULES**

Each year the Safety and Operating Rules are read at the March Safety Meeting and each year there are some questions about some of the rules. If you have any questions about the contents of the rules which were revised last year or have suggestions for clarifications, please contact Steve Zuiderveen.

## **TRACK WORK**

As of November Run Day, the inside track had been pulled from HQ to just beyond the east end of the Midway straight. A subsequent week or so saw the track removal extended almost to the Station. There were plans to have a number of people show up for a Mike Russo picnic on December 3 with the hopes of pulling the remaining sections. At that same time, the jig or first of multiple jigs for building the new track panels should be ready. As indicated in last month's *Steam Whistle*, the construction method for the new track is entirely different from current practice.

On December 3, Mike Russo and approximately 20 of his friends, neighbors, and club members did show up at the track and removed all of the remaining old track from the inner loop. In addition, they removed the wooden ties from the rail and placed those rails in the HQ building. Many thanks, Mike and friends.

Now for the fun part. We have to build **350+** new panels!! The new construction method is currently being formulated. When all the "figuring" is complete, the track committee will let us know when the instruction classes for the new panels will be given. No one is to build any panels without having received THE instructions for putting the panels together. THE instructions will be posted on the bulletin board in case you come by at another time, BUT you must receive training from an experienced builder. Do not read the instruction sheet and jump in.

There has been a lot of behind-the-scenes and not behind-the-scenes work conducted around the new track construction. There are several club members that need to be thanked for their contributions.

The first person is Larry Kirchner. Larry volunteered to pay for all of the ties for the inner loop new construction. That is approximately 8,400 ties, and they will be expensive plastic ties. These ties are said to have a life of 300 years.

The Track Committee members Glenn Sharpe, Bob Schwoerer and Steve Zuiderveen also need our round of applause. These individuals met and discussed the new design of the track and the materials and method for construction.

In addition to serving on the Track Committee, Glenn Sharpe is building new switches for the entire mainline. A total of 12 will be needed. Also, committee member Bob Schwoerer built the new track jig and gave a lot of thought to its design and construction. It is a fine piece of work.

When you see the above-mentioned members, give them a big **“Thank you!”**

Even with the new ties being donated by Larry, that leaves us with 44,000 screws and washers, 16,800 rail ties and 700 rail joiners to be supplied by the club. The Board of Directors decided to start a Track Fund, an account to be set up for funds to be used just for new construction. The Society is a 501(c)3 tax-exempt corporation. As such, if you or someone you know or your employer would like to make a donation to the Track Fund, send it to James Carpenter, Treasurer, 6918 Fern Lane, Annandale, Virginia 22003. Jim will provide you with the necessary documentation for your tax return.

Obviously, this plan will require a lot of manpower to fulfill. Please try to come out whenever you can for the Wednesday and Saturday work sessions to learn how to build track sections, actually build those sections, and ultimately put them into the ground for operation. Surely the schedule will involve many long hours at many sessions. If the track is not replaced by April's Run Day this Spring, operations will be run on the single track.

A special note is in order about the method for pulling up track. This note is not too late because the outer loop has to be replaced over next Winter! A section of track must NOT be pulled out of the ground from an end as this action often causes a kink in the middle of one or both rails. It generally takes two persons to pull the section from the middle and keeping it roughly parallel to the ground. Also, removing the ties by knocking them off with a hammer is effective as long as the tie flips off on the first hit. Multiple knocks on a tie often damages the rail footer.

## **CABIN FEVER**

The annual Cabin Fever Exposition at the York County Fairgrounds (<http://www.cabinfeverexpo.com/>) will be held the weekend of January 21-22. Several Society members normally attend. It is a “don’t miss” event for anyone interested in model engineering, whether it be trains, boats, aircraft or stationary engines. There will be many vendors selling tools, materials and supplies, and many fine models on display. The Society will have a display table set up (including Herb Schroeder’s locomotive and Steve MacDonald's partially completed "Big Boy”), so it would be helpful for some CALS members to share “manning the booth”. If any member will be attending the show, please plan to take an hour or so to help answer questions from visitors to the display. This is a good opportunity to increase the club’s “visibility” among the model engineering community and perhaps pick up some new members.

## **NEW MEMBER**

Please welcome our newest member:

WHITE, ROBERT “BOB”  
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FULL  
JOCEIL  
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## **NEW DIRECTORY**

The 2006 Directory is being put together. Check your current listing and if changes have been made, get in touch with Jim Carpenter, 6918 Fern Lane, Annandale, VA 22003. Home 703/941-3898. Office: 301/299-4804.

## **FOR SALE**

Smithy XL 1220 Combination Lathe, Mill & Drill Press      \$800.00

Many extras  
New Star Digital X Y axis readout.

Mike Krionderis 410-848-1796

## WORK RECORD

<u>DATE</u>	<u>WORKERS</u>	<u>WORK ACCOMPLISHED</u>
Your editor is mostly back and obtained the Work Record from HQ with help of our intrepid reporter.		
10/31/05	M Schroeder	Electric loco
11/02	M Russo, M Schroeder, Allen, Krapp, Law	Pull inside loop
11/04	M Schroeder	Electric loco
11/05	R & R Nace, Zuiderveen, Koehler, Treat, Schwoerer, Law	Elev. Track; Wendy tender; Pull track
	Looney	Research screw prices
11/09	Kinzer, Law, M Schroeder, M Russo, Bayles, Carpenter, Krapp, H Schroeder	30 fence posts; Recycle rail
11/12	Beattie, Close, Frederick, Sharpe, Koehler, C & K Pullen	Install switch; Design signals
11/13	C & K Pullen, Krapp	Pull track
11/14	M Schroeder, Allen	Clean up
11/16	Nace, M Schroeder, M Russo, Bayles, Law	Install fence rails
11/19	Sharpe, Law, Close, Grieshaber, Taber	Clean HQ; Pull track
11/23	M Russo, M Schroeder, Allen, Law	Track; Ties; Tractor
11/26	Law, Kinzer	Rack; Track
11/29	M Schroeder	Wendy
11/30	Carpenter, M Schroeder, Allen, H Schroeder, Law	Clean track; Paint guide poles; Racks
12/03	M Russo and company	Pull rest of track
12/07	Carpenter, M Schroeder, Allen, Kinzer, Law	Mount rack; Clean track; Move track To container

**2005 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>PLACE</b>
<b><u>NOVEMBER</u></b>			
Wed 9	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	HQ
Sun 13	11:00-3:30	Public Run Day	Tracksite
Sat 19	9:00-4:00	Long work session	Tracksite
<b><u>DECEMBER</u></b>			
Wed 7	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	HQ
Sun 11	12:00-3:00	Holiday Party	St. Luke's

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<b><u>JANUARY</u></b>			
Wed 4	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	HQ
Sat 21	9:00-5:00	Cabin Fever Expo	York FG
Sun 22	9:00-3:00	Cabin Fever Expo	York FG
<b><u>FEBRUARY</u></b>			
Wed 8	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	HQ
Sun 12	1:00- 5:00	Valentines Luncheon	Snyder's
<b><u>MARCH</u></b>			
Wed 8	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	HQ
Sun 12	11:00- ??:00	Safety Meeting	HQ
<b><u>APRIL</u></b>			
Wed 5	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	HQ
Sun 9	11:00- 3:30	Opening Public Run Day	Tracksite
<b><u>MAY</u></b>			
Wed 10	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	HQ
Sun 14	11:00- 3:30	Public Run Day	Tracksite

**LONG WORK SESSIONS**

Wed (every)	9:00 AM	as long as bodies can hold up	Inside loop
Sat (every)	9:00 AM	as long as bodies can hold up	Inside loop

## DIRECTIONS TO SNYDER'S

Snyder's Willow Grove Restaurant is on Hammonds Ferry Road, right off the Beltway (I-695) at Exit 8, between I-95 to the North and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway (MD 295) to the South. 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 onto Fairview Avenue, then turn right at the light 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 for the outer loop interchange and immediately on the right.

