



# THE STEAM WHISTLE

A Monthly Bulletin of the  
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GAUGES  
7.5”  
4.75”  
3.5”

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## WE HAVE LOST A GREAT ONE

### IN MEMORIAM

Lou Kohler, after nearly six years as a ventilator-dependent quadriplegic, died on January 16<sup>th</sup> at age 77.



Lou Kohler with his B&O Pacific

Picture provided by Jim Carpenter

Lou was manager of the General Motors diesel repair facility in Baltimore and was a real railroad man. He was a long-time member of the Society and though it seems he has been gone for a while, I am reminded how much he is still with us at CALS and with me personally.

Do you enjoy the shade at the park? Lou personally raised most of the shade trees in his own back yard, and with the help of Art Schuster and others transplanted them to the park and cared for them.

Enjoy the modern bathrooms at HQ? Lou had a big hand in overseeing the construction of them as well as of the electricity, lighting, and heating. He was a part of the first steaming-bay light, too.

Enjoy riding the trains? Lou machined all seventeen sets of truck castings for the owners of the cars.

Lou was a big part of the steel work and construction of the car lifts and storage racks.

I could go on. The point is that Lou has not left us – in so many ways, we will be reminded of his presence.

Submitted by Bruce Hamilton

Your editor joined CALS in the mid-90s when the 1” track was being re-built. Lou was the sparkplug that kept the task moving and done the way he wanted it done - with interruptions to feed the trees. Since the time of Lou’s incapacitation, your editor has trimmed those trees and hopes that Lou has been satisfied with the effort.



### **VALENTINES PARTY**

Don’t forget our Valentine’s Party. It should be on your calendar for February 12<sup>th</sup>, the second Sunday. Get your reservation to John O’Dea at 7934 Anfred Drive, Laurel, MD 20732 or at 301 490-3691. The luncheon will be held at Snyder’s Willow Grove Restaurant in North Linthicum, starting at 1:00, with the buffet at 2:00. A map is on the last page of this issue.

The cost will be \$24. You must make a reservation and you must pay for it if you have not cancelled 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.

## CABIN FEVER

Cabin Fever was held on January 20 through 22 at York, Pennsylvania Fairgrounds. Friday was set-up day, and there was an auction. The arrangement was the same as at previous shows -- vendors around the walls and exhibitors in the middle. There was a large pond for the model boat enthusiasts. The show was well-attended on Saturday, with fewer showing up on Sunday.

There was a large contingent of Gauge One people this year -- four tracks were in operation because the convention normally held in Mississippi was cancelled due to hurricane Katrina. Jim and JoAnne Stapleton were there with some of their equipment.

Other C.A.L.S. members exhibiting were Herb Schroeder with his 2-6-0 steam locomotive, Bob Schwoerer and his CSX diesel, and Steve MacDonald with his partially completed Big Boy. The Big Boy was photographed as much or more than anything else at the show. It certainly was a crowd pleaser. Society members working at our exhibit were Herb Schroeder, Larry Law, Jim Carpenter, Mike Schroeder, Steve MacDonald, Tim Allen, and Mike Looney.

Poul Pedersen had a table displaying photos and handouts for "2006 CALS at Cass."

In all, there were approximately 15 Society members seen at the show.

Submitted by intrepid reporter Jim Carpenter



**Steve MacDonald with part of his Big Boy**

**That's Bob Schwoerer's CSX diesel behind Steve**



**Poul Pedersen selling "CALS at Cass"**

Pictures by Jim Carpenter

## **TRACK WORK**

All the inside track designated to be pulled has been completely pulled. The jig (first of multiple jigs?) for building the new track panels is being used to construct panels using the new construction method which includes use of plastic ties, tie plates, and different rail joiners. Approximately 20 panels, including straight and 100' radius sections have been built.

The fun part is that we have to build **350+** new panels!! Come on down! You can learn how to build panels; or you can help prepare the materials so that panels can be constructed; or you can help move them to storage or to their place of use; or you can help put them in the ground, especially if the nice weather continues (your editor predicts NOT). Remember, no one is to build any panels without having received THE instructions for putting the panels together.

Even with the new ties being donated by Larry Kirchner, there are thousands of connecting parts to be supplied by the club. The Board has decided to start a Track Fund account to be set up 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.

## **SAFETY RULES**

Each year the Safety and Operating Rules are read at the March Safety Meeting. If you intend to run a locomotive or even provide help as a conductor or as Station help, you must attend this meeting or go through the Rules with a member of the Board of Directors. Obviously, having many members going through the Rules individually would take a lot of time from the Directors; therefore, please attend the March meeting at Headquarters at 11 am on march 12<sup>th</sup>. Consider the meeting to be **mandatory**. Thanks.

## **BOILER INSPECTIONS**

Work has begun on scheduling the boiler inspections in mid-April at HQ. The hope is that notice can be provided in the next *Steam Whistle* (this is a hint to the inspection committee).

## **SOLD**

Smithy XL 1220 Combination Lathe, Mill & Drill Press

## C.A.L.S. IN HOT WATER

During a Wednesday work session a month or so ago, someone mentioned how cold the “hot” water was and how long it had been that way. A couple of weeks? Uh, a couple of months? Okay, okay, okay, more like a couple of years. Anyway, a long time without hot water.

Mike Schroeder got out the tester and checked the power. Plenty of power, but the heating element -- dead, toasted, kaput. Rather than replace the element on a 20-year old water heater, it was decided to get a new one. Mike agreed to pick up a new one at Home Depot.

At the next Wednesday work session, Bob Schwoerer and Jim Carpenter arrived at the HQ building and found a new water heater in the box, ready to be installed. With the help of a pipe cutter, well-chosen words, and a siphon, the water was drained from the old heater. Larry Law and Bob removed it from the confined space behind the sewage pump between the restrooms. By this time, Mike Schroeder had arrived and, after prepping the area, installed the new heater including an insulation cover.

Hot water at CALS! Society members can now wash up without losing fillings because of chattering teeth.

Submitted by intrepid reporter Jim Carpenter

## N. A. MODEL ENGINEERING EXPOSITION

This year's meeting will be held in 50,000 sq ft of the Seagate Convention Centre, in downtown Toledo, Ohio, at 401 Jefferson Avenue. The dates will be April 22-23. Saturday hours are 9 am to 6 pm and Sunday 9 am to 4 pm. There will be a 4-day seminar on “The Study of Steam Power”, sponsored by N.A.M.E.S, preceding the Expo.

All types of models are included as well as machine tools. There will be other seminars and a raffle. All for the FREE admission.

For information check with the following contacts:

**Online** at [www.modelengineeringsoc.com](http://www.modelengineeringsoc.com)

**General Expo information** from Peter Villarreal 419 878-0611 or [ptvelcro@accesstoledo.com](mailto:ptvelcro@accesstoledo.com)

**Expo Vendor information** from Barbara & T Parkinson 440 285-2327 or [bpnames@yahoo.com](mailto:bpnames@yahoo.com)

**Expo Exhibitor information** from Tom Boyce 519 256-4186

**Seminar information** from T Stockton 734 662-2991 or [t.stockton@sbcglobal.net](mailto:t.stockton@sbcglobal.net)

**WORK RECORD**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>WORKERS</b>	<b>WORK ACCOMPLISHED</b>
12/14/05	Law, Carpenter, Schwoerer, M Schroeder	Track work; Water heater
12/29	M Schroeder	Lawn tractors
01/04/06	Law, Schwoerer, M Schroeder, Allen	Clean HQ; Lawn tractor
01/07	R & R Nace	¾" joiners; no track training
01/11	Law, M Schroeder, Allen, Bob & Bill Schwoerer H Schroeder	Cut ties; Clean & paint mower deck, Work on hoist
01/14	R & R Nace, Sharpe, Kinzer, Law, Schwoerer	Elevated track work; Build new track
01/25	Kinzer, Schwoerer, Law, Carpenter, Allen	Track panels; Mowers
01/28	Sharpe, K Pullen, Schwoerer, Law, Jasmine Law, Close, Grieshaber	Track panels; Cut ties; Sort screws & rail plates; Move panels to container; Lower pile of ties between containers

**2006 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>PLACE</b>
<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>			
Sat-Sun 4-5	9:00 AM start	Train Show	Timonium
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- ??	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
Sat-Sun 22-23	9:00 AM start	Model Engineering Expo	Toledo

**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

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## 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.

