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SAFETY MEETING

A reminder from the President:

Safety Day is MANDATORY. All members must attend Safety Day in order to be permitted to operate on Public and Member Run Days. Those who help as Conductors or Station help must attend, too. This year’s Safety day is also the Instruction Day for the new method of building track panels.

Each year the Safety and Operating Rules are read at the Safety Meeting on the second Sunday in March. We are responsible for the safety of the members of the public who ride our trains and provide our reason to exist at Leakin Park. You must attend this meeting or go through the Rules with a member of the Board of Directors. Obviously, having members going through the Rules individually takes a lot of time from the Directors; therefore, please attend the March meeting at Headquarters at 11 am on March 12th.

TIMONIUM SHOW

Another show at Timonium Fairgrounds in early February and a goodly crew of Society members attended to support the display which included that hunk of Big Boy which drew so much attention at Cabin Fever. The hope is that the exposure at these shows will result in new members.

TRACK WORK

The jig for building the new track panels has been used to construct about 100 panels using the new construction method which includes use of plastic ties, tie plates, and slide-on rail joiners. The panels include 100 ft radius curve sections and straights. The joints will be offset by about 5 inches. Whatever the actual measurement of the offset, it will be precisely the same for all panels because there is a mini-jig to make it the same for all. The construction instructions will be given after the Safety Meeting, and they are necessary. The jig and new parts allow the panels to be constructed fairly quickly, but you just gotta KNOW how to do it – you will need the instruction in order to help with the construction while keeping the panels fully compatible with each other.

A round of appreciative applause should be given to Bob Schwoerer for the time he has put in making the jig and other tools used for making the track panels and for laying them in the ground. “**Thanks**”, Bob.

Only a quarter of a thousand more panels to go for the inside loop! It’s like we’re almost there; just have to get them into the ground now. Yeah, they have to go into the ground **now** because the containers are being filled up with the sections already built. Here’s hoping we can get Run Day equipment out of the containers.

One of the most fun-filled activities related to the new track is getting them out of the HQ building. The hoist purchased last year, for who knows what purpose, is being used to lift the completed panels out of the jig and onto one of the three flat cars which have been sitting around virtually unused for many years. Those cars are on the rack-like tracks on the floor beside the car racks. They now lead outside under the raised lift on the most sharply curved piece of track any of us has seen in quite while – if ever. The panels have to be loaded “just so” in order to clear the lift upright while going out the door. And the cars have been stripped of all accoutrements near the trucks: brakes – gone; couplers – gone. And still the cars jump the curves about twice per load! Oh, my! It is such fun. You have to come down to help. You just have to...

While giving continuing “Thanks” to Larry Kirchner for his very generous donation of the plastic ties – and their machining – there are still considerable expenses for the other construction parts. The Board started a Track Fund account just for those new construction expenses. Please make a tax-exempt donation. Send it to James Carpenter, Treasurer, 6918 Fern Lane, Annandale, Virginia 22003. He will provide you with the necessary documentation for your tax return.

IN MEMORIAM

Jack Evans, a charter member of C.A.L.S., passed away in November 2005. Jack served in the US Navy and retired from the U.S. Postal Service Dover office after 30 years of employment. He was an avid railroad collector and was active in the live steam community. Known as “Grandfather Steam” because of his love for steam-era railroading, his Pennsylvania Railroad, 7 1/2" gauge Atlantic shined the rails from Michigan to Florida, and from Delaware to California and Oregon. Before his failing health, there was rarely an event at Bruce Hamilton's track that Jack's Atlantic could not be seen or his laughter could not be heard. Our sympathies go to his daughter and son-in-law, Deborah Evans and Thomas Watkins, both of whom are CALS members.

Submitted by Jim Carpenter



Jack Evans in 2003

Photo supplied by Tom Watkins



BOILER INSPECTIONS

The dates have been set for this year's Boiler Inspection. Bring your boilers and whatever is attached to Leakin Park on Friday, April 21, between 9 AM and 3 PM. This Friday period is the time when, if possible, retirees should have their inspections. Those who are still working, should come to the Saturday session, April 22, also from 9 to 3.

WORK RECORD

<u>DATE</u>	<u>WORKERS</u>	<u>WORK ACCOMPLISHED</u>
02/04/06	Law, Schwoerer, M Schroeder, Allen	Clean HQ; Lawn tractor
02/08	R & R Nace	¾" joiners; no track training
02/11	Law, M Schroeder, Allen, Bob & Bill Schwoerer H Schroeder	Cut ties; Clean & paint mower deck, Work on hoist
02/15	R & R Nace, Sharpe, Kinzer, Law, Schwoerer	Elevated track work; Build new track
02/18	R & R Nace, Sharpe, Kinzer, Law, Schwoerer	Elevated track work; Build new track
02/22	Kinzer, M Schroeder, Schwoerer, Law, Carpenter, Krapp	Track panels
02/25	Cetel, Koehler, Schwoerer, Close, Zuiderveen, Law, S & T Merrill	Prepare rails; Move panels to container

2006 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
<u>JANUARY</u>			
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
<u>FEBRUARY</u>			
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
<u>MARCH</u>			
Wed 8	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	HQ
Sun 12	11:00- ??	Safety Meeting	HQ
<u>APRIL</u>			
Wed 5	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	HQ
Sun 9	11:00- 3:30	Opening Public Run Day	Tracksite
Fri-Sat 21-22	9:00 -3:00	Boiler Inspection	Tracksite
Sat-Sun 22-23	9:00 AM start	Model Engineering Expo	Toledo
<u>MAY</u>			
Wed 10	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	HQ
Sun 14	11:00- 3:30	Public Run Day	Tracksite
Sat 27	9:00 AM start	Herb Festival	Tracksite
<u>JUNE</u>			
Wed 7	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	HQ
Sun 11	11:00- 3:30	Opening Public Run Day	Tracksite
<u>LONG WORK SESSIONS</u>			
Wed (every)	9:00 AM	as long as bodies can hold up	Build panels
Sat (every)	9:00 AM	as long as bodies can hold up	Build panels

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