



THE STEAM WHISTLE

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SAFETY MEETING

Forty-five members attended the Safety Meeting last month to hear the “reading of the rules”. Anyone who did not attend and 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 the reading with a short period of respite by Larry Law. The only change from last year’s updated version of the rules was the addition of a clarification: two members must operate the lift if working above the second level. This is common sense! Don’t try to work the lift by yourself.

President Larry Law asked that attendees commit to working 8 hours per quarter for nine months of the year.

The weather was quite nice but no one thought of operating because Glen Sharpe provided instruction on building the new-style track panels. After that demonstration, there was a demonstration of laying the track outside Headquarters.

OPENING DAY

April starts our real season. Opening Run Day is the 23rd. Be sure to be there by 10 to help with the set up. There are many things to do and they are listed on the bulletin board. If you don’t know what to do next, please check the list. If you don’t know how to perform some of the tasks, ask someone. Getting started on the first day always has its surprises, so help is always welcome.

We will be running a single-track operation on the outside loop; take care with the limited headway.

HERB FESTIVAL

It is not too early to start considering this extra May event. It should be on Saturday, the 27th, starting at 10:00 and lasting until 4:00. That's a long day of itself, but setup and shutdown will add more than an hour at each end. This is the type of event which brings us new customers and maybe new members. We need to put on a good show for the folks. As much help as possible would be appreciated.

TRACK WORK

Many more panels have been constructed. Some members have begun accumulating the requested 8 hours per quarter by coming to a work session to build some more. Unfortunately, not many have been put into the ground so far. Let's hope we can get into the containers for Run Day – at least without having a stack of panels fall onto anyone.

Member Bob Schwoerer has assembled most of the equipment used to construct and lay the new track panels. There is the jig, the hoist attachment for lifting the completed panels out of the jig and onto the flat car, the frame which will keep the panel in proper shape while it is being installed, and now the piece de resistance: a “track panel derrick”. This is a small hoist mounted sideways on a flat car with a battery-operated winch. There is also a wheeled outrigger to permit moving the apparatus without its tipping over. Fancy! And it should eliminate a lot of the back-breaking lifting of these heavy track panels.



Track Committee with Derrick

Bob Schwoerer, Glen Sharpe, Steve Zuiderveen



Derrick at Work

Notice Panel Frame Attached to New Panel

Photos by Bill “Doc” Kinzer

A reminder about building the track panels: Follow the procedure. In particular, get the first rail installed before working on the second.

Remember, too, that you can make a tax-deductible donation to the Track Fund. Send it to James Carpenter, Treasurer, 6918 Fern Lane, Annandale, Virginia 22003. He will provide you with the necessary documentation for your tax return.

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. This schedule can prevent overloading one of the days, but anyone can bring his equipment on either day.

In the past, a hard rule associated with the inspections was not to come to the event if you were not having a boiler inspected because space or time may have been at a premium at Bruce Hamilton's. With the inspection being held at the Park, there is no space problem. You may be able to do some helpful work, especially on Saturday which is a normal work session. Please, just don't get in the way of the inspection process.

As a related reminder: 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 an accumulation test form must be filled out.

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 19 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.

WORK RECORD

<u>DATE</u>	<u>WORKERS</u>	<u>WORK ACCOMPLISHED</u>
02/27/06	Schwoerer, M Schroeder	Wendy
03/01	M Schroeder, Allen, Law, Short, Schwoyerer, Krapp, Sharpe, Patterson, Koehler	Track work
03/04	Law, Schwoyerer, Short, Zuiderveen, Close	Cut ties; Track panels
03/06	M Schroeder	Wendy
03/08	Kinzer, Carpenter, Law, Schwoyerer, Krapp, M Schroeder, Allen	Move tie stack from between containers
03/11	Kinzer, Sharpe, Schwoyerer, Law, Close, Grieshaber, C & C Tweedale, Zuiderveen, Lang Sr & Jr, Short Lalli & Desmond	Install track panels
03/15	Schwoyerer, Law, Carpenter, M Schroeder, Allen, Krapp, Warner, Brown	(no entry – must not've been proud)
03/18	R & R Nace, Law, Close, Koehler, Short, Payne, Watson, Forrest, Zuiderveen	Build track panels
03/22	Kinzer, M Schroeder, Allen, H Schroeder, Law, Carpenter, Krapp, Bayles	Build track panels
03/25	O'Dea, Bayles, Koehler, Close, Law, Hanniker	Prepare rails; Build track panels, Move panels to container



Glen Sharpe Demonstrates Panel Building

Photo by Kinzer

2006 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
<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
Sun 23	11:00-3:30	Member Run Day	Tracksite
<u>MAY</u>			
Fri-Sun 5-7	All weekend	CALS at CASS 2006	Cass, WV
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
Sun 28	11:00-3:30	Member Run Day	Tracksite
<u>JUNE</u>			
Wed 7	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	HQ
Sun 11	11:00- 3:30	Public Run Day	Tracksite
Sun 25	11:00-3:30	Member Run Day	Tracksite
<u>JULY</u>			
Sun 2	12:00 NOON	Annual Meeting	HQ
Wed 5	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	HQ
Sun 9	11:00- 3:30	Public Run Day	Tracksite
Sun 23	11:00-3:30	Member 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

03/28/06 CEC