



THE STEAM WHISTLE

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NIGHT RUN - NIGHT RUN

Very sorry for the short notice, but there will be a Night Run this year. It will be held on the 16th of September at 5 PM at Leakin Park. The usual picnic fixings with your additions. Be sure you have a CRED (CALs Rear-End Device) if you will be running a train. There may be one or two available at headquarters but you might have batteries (like Christmas – “batteries not included”).

AUGUST PUBLIC RUN

Our wonderful Run Day weather continued with yet another bright, warm public run day and a fairly steady crowd. Mike Russo again had his Hudson out and Bob Schwoerer was running his CSX diesel. Mike ran most of the day with Mike Schroeder for relief. Unfortunately, Mike could have been doing any number of other things to keep the day full of excitement for our customers; so we need someone without current experience to come forth to help Mike Russo. After a while, Herb Schroeder brought out Wendy and later the Tweedales ran the electrics for awhile. No one ran the short yard loop. Question is were they not interested or not crazy?

TIMONIUM

The 25th anniversary of the Howard Zane shows will be celebrated during the October 14-15 show at Timonium Fairgrounds. The Society will have an area at the show. If you are interested in displaying something or helping with the display, please contact Bob Schwoerer.

EDUCATION

Last issue of *The Steam Whistle* there was mention that member Mike Russo was looking for help from another member with his steam locomotive. Our Society has been established to preserve the ability to run real steam locomotives, even if in model scales; that is, to educate (younger) people how to build, maintain, and operate such equipment. That is the sort of mission a 501 (c) organization such as ours is supposed to try to accomplish if possible. Mike is by no means the only member who needs at least one other member to help with the maintenance and operation of an engine. As our members become older it becomes more important that there be someone who is able to take over operation of the locomotive as the owner becomes less able to handle the physical demands. So contact members who have steamers and offer to help. If you don't know of an owner who might need such help, contact a Director as listed on the masthead. It is the standard plight of all railroad societies that the average membership age is above 60. It might be scary to check the average age of the owners of our steam locomotives!

DIRECTORY

Member directories have been mailed and you should have received yours. If you still have not or if you want an additional copy at a cost of \$5, contact James Carpenter, Treasurer, 6918 Fern Lane, Annandale, Virginia 22003. Also, if you have any changes or additions to make, get in touch with Jim. There are often references to members in an issue of *The Steam Whistle*, so keeping your copy of the directory on hand does make it convenient for contacting another member when a reason arises.

DIRECTORY CHANGE

SCHWOERER, WILLIAM

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RAIL TRAILS

True rail trails are coming. That is hike-bike trails which share the way with rails. You may have heard that the Allegheny Highlands Trail from Cumberland to Frostburg will be completed by the end of the year, including the shared Brush Tunnel. The rest of the trail to Pittsburgh has been open for a year with Big Savage Tunnel being a big attraction.

Another trail is the Northern Central Trail from Ashland on the north of Baltimore to York. Now, though, two somewhat local rail fans have bought rights to the former Pennsylvania right of way and plan to operate the newly-formed Codorus Creek Railroad with the hike-bike trail alongside, including their tunnel near York.

TRACK WORK

It is now possible to make the short loop through the yard running on new track all the way on the inside loop, although there would be a 3 mile-per-hour speed limit within the yard. All panels through the station have been replaced, but if you are continuing on the second track there might be a rude stop if you try it before it is extended to the far switch. Of course you cannot go anywhere beyond that far switch so why were you traveling through the station, huh? Only to get to the yard – that is the only reason to run on the inside track through the station area. Bob Schwoerer is back cracking the whip on his little gang of regulars. Motre help would really be appreciated.

An immediate focus now is the first switch to the yard immediately past the driveway crossing. As mentioned last month, it is in especially bad condition but has a lot to do with reasonable operations being performed. Some members have begun to replace some ties in hope that it will hold together until a new switch is constructed.

Work will continue on rebuilding the inside track. By September Run Day – barring a break in the drought caused by rain on Saturdays - the track will be complete out beyond the parallel station tracks. That will leave just a few sections of straight track to install before the horseshoe and only a few straight sections left in the container. We need for members to come out to help. At this time we need 100 foot radius track for the far horseshoe and the curves coming into and out of the Midway straight. And we need straight sections for that midway straight. Please, do not think that there is no work for you to do! And beyond those sections is the grade to the southwest horseshoe, near Headquarters, and the straight sections before and after. Just remember that the southwest horseshoe is a 75 foot radius curve.

HOWEVER, be very certain that you truly know how to prepare rail and construct the track panels before setting to work. There are quite a few specific requirements to follow in order to have the panels fit together when installed out in the field. It is hoped the instructions can be revised and republished soon so that construction can be done properly.

FOR GIFT

Glenn McComas would like to find a good home ASAP for his '87 Dodge 8-passenger-size van -- appearance quite presentable, as you can see from the image. It would be a great loco transporter: drive to train meets, no need to unload during the week, minimal investment. It has ~125,000 miles and uses a quart or two between oil changes but mechanical maintenance level is well above average. It passed smog inspection easily. Price negotiable, preferably a \$500 [Ed: or MORE!] donation to the CALS track fund.



WORK RECORD

<u>DATE</u>	<u>WORKERS</u>	<u>WORK ACCOMPLISHED</u>
08/02/06	M Schroeder, Law, Close	Stay cool
08/05	A & L Koehler, Krapp, Law, Close	Cut grass; Trim trees
08/09	Allen, M Schroeder, Carpenter, Law, Looney	Cut grass; Spray weeds; Washers on Screws; Ties to dump
08/12	R&R Nace, A & L Koehler, Krapp, Law, Cetel, McCray Close, Grieshaber, B & B Schwoerer	Elev Track; Install track; Ties to dump
08/16	Krapp, Allen, M Schroeder, Law, Grieshaber	Cut ties; Trim hedge; Work on switch
08/19	L Koehler, Law, Close, Bob Schwoerer, Grieshaber	Install track
08/23	A & L Koehler, Krapp	Ties to dump
08/26	R&R Nace, Law, L Koehler, Close, Bob Schwoerer, Grieshaber	Elev Track; Install track

2006 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
<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>AUGUST</u>			
Wed 9	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	HQ
Sun 13	11:00 - 3:30	Public Run Day	Tracksite
Sun 27	11:00 - 3:30	Member Run Day	Tracksite
<u>SEPTEMBER</u>			
Wed 6	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	HQ
Sun 10	11:00 - 3:30	Public Run Day	Tracksite
Sat 16	5 PM	Night Run	Tracksite
Sun 24	11:00 - 3:30	Member Run Day	Tracksite
<u>OCTOBER</u>			
Wed 4	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	HQ
Sun 8	11:00 - 3:30	Public Run Day	Tracksite
Sun 22	11:00 - 3:30	Member Run Day	Tracksite
<u>NOVEMBER</u>			
Wed 8	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	HQ
Sun 12	11:00 - 3:30	Public Run Day	Tracksite
Sun 26	11:00 - 3:30	Member Run Day	Tracksite

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