



THE STEAM WHISTLE

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HOLIDAY PARTY REPORT

A small group of 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 a greater proportion of entrees this year. “Doc” Kinzer provided a railroad-themed mailbox and two books for auction. The items collected \$86 for the Society treasury.

VALENTINES PARTY

NOT! Due to the decreasing number of attendees over the past several years, the cost for a guaranteed number of seats has risen considerably. The cost would be large enough this year that it is believed to be beyond an acceptable amount for the general membership. Accordingly, there will be no Valentine’s Party organized by the Society this year. If anyone has an idea for organizing a get-together at reasonable expense, please contact one of the Board members as soon as possible

ANY PARTY?

Both winter parties, Holidays and Valentines, are now probably activities of the past. There are two or three trackside picnics during the season, and they will continue. The Society cannot provide payment for any party activity. The ones which have occurred and will continue are organized by members but are paid by attendees through monetary or pot-luck means. Let’s continue the “back yard” picnics when there are other Society events and think fondly of the past wintertime functions.

2007 CALENDAR

It's the New Year and time to start thinking about our operating calendar for 2007. We have the usual monthly Board Meeting every month and the public and member run days each month starting in April. There is also our Safety Meeting on the regular run day in March. Remember, you must attend the Safety meeting in order to run your equipment or interact with the public in Leakin Park, that means conducting or helping at the station. Of course, any operations during in the year are based upon the cooperating weather. The boiler inspections haven't been scheduled yet, but sufficient notice will 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

Not much progress has been made this past month. The one Saturday when a crew showed, the ground was frozen and just a few track panels were put together indoors. The track is complete almost through the curve of the south-east horseshoe. That still leaves a third of the way to go, and that is just the first of two loops.

We need to recognize the contributions of a few members. The first who really stepped forward is Larry Kirchner, who volunteered to pay for all of the ties for the inner loop construction. Then Glenn Sharpe volunteered to build new switches for the entire mainline. A total of at least 14 will be needed. Also, Bob Schwoerer built the new track construction jig and the winch used for laying track. Last month, Jim Grieshaber donated a substantial sum of money to the track fund. And don't forget Mike Schroeder, our handyman supreme.

Keep these guys in mind and give them a big **"Thank you!"** when you see them.

Even with the recent purchase of 4400 feet of rail from former members at a substantial discount there will be additional track-building expenses. The Track Fund has been set up for money 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.

CABIN FEVER

Don't forget the annual Cabin Fever Exposition at the York County Fairgrounds Expo Center (<http://www.cabinfeverexpo.com/>) will be held the weekend of January 20-21. The Society will have a display table set up, so it would be helpful for some CALS members to help out there. This is a good opportunity to increase the club's "visibility" among the model engineering community and perhaps pick up some new members. There is also a consignment auction on Friday, the 19th at noon. A \$10 admission covers all 3 days.

A map providing detailed directions to the York Fairgrounds is included at the end of this issue.

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome our newest members:

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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.

WORK RECORD

<u>DATE</u>	<u>WORKERS</u>	<u>WORK ACCOMPLISHED</u>
11/29/06	M Schroeder, Allen	Paint fence
12/06	Carpenter, M Schroeder, Allen, Law	Install weather stripping
12/09	Close, Kinzer, Law, B & B Schwoerer, Grieshaber	Build track; Move rail to HQ
12/13	M Schroeder, Allen	Build track; Work on mower
12/16	Close	Check bldg
12/22	M Schroeder	Check bldg
12/23	Close	Check bldg

2006 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
<u>NOVEMBER</u>			
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
<u>DECEMBER</u>			
Wed 7	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	HQ
Sun 11	12:00-3:00	Holiday Party	St. Luke's

2007 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
<u>JANUARY</u>			
Wed 3	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	HQ
Sat 20	9:00-5:00	Cabin Fever Expo	York FG
Sun 21	9:00-3:00	Cabin Fever Expo	York FG
<u>FEBRUARY</u>			
Wed 7	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	HQ
<u>MARCH</u>			
Wed 7	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	HQ
Sun 11	11:00- 1:00	Safety Meeting	HQ
<u>APRIL</u>			
Wed 4	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	HQ
Sun 8	11:00- 3:30	Opening Public Run Day	Tracksite
Sun 22	11:00- 3:30	Member Run Day	Tracksite
<u>MAY</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

TRACK WORK SESSIONS

Sat (every)	9:00 AM	as long as bodies can hold up	Inside loop
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DIRECTIONS TO YORK FAIRGROUNDS

