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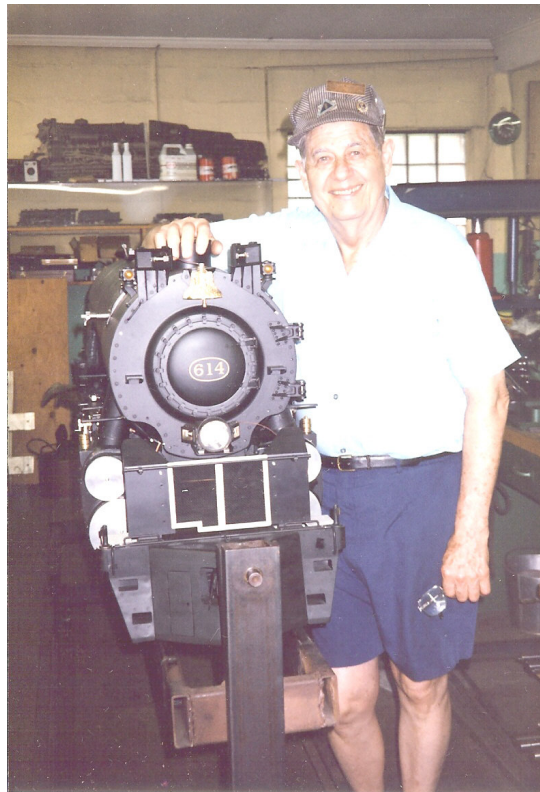
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MASTER MACHINIST – GREAT FRIEND – SOCIETY ICON

IN MEMORIAM

R. BRUCE HAMILTON, JR

FEBRUARY 23, 2007



Bruce Hamilton with 614

Picture provided by Jim Carpenter

Bruce Hamilton, our amazing friend, is gone from here. He died Friday, February 23, 2007, among his family and friends at the Gilchrist Hospice in Towson.

A catalogue of his accomplishments in life would fill many pages, and their stories will be told many-fold over in coming years. One of these illustrates the demands he placed on his own abilities and characterizes much of what we have come to respect in him.

Bruce was always interested in making things go--at first, it was airplanes. As a teenager he built a model for a contest sponsored by the Smithsonian Institution but became dissatisfied with the quality of his work. He "slopped" (his words) some paint on it and entered the plane in the contest anyway. When he returned after the contest to pick up his model, it was nowhere to be found, and there was no explanation. He was referred to the director. He found his model in the director's office and also that he had won first prize as well as a request to make more models for the museum.

We have known Bruce not only for his industriousness and technical abilities, but for his gentle kindness toward others. He gave freely of his time, never turning away from someone who sought his counsel. He was a diplomat. When not in agreement with an idea, he could present his reasons so logically and smoothly that any controversy would simply dissolve.

Charming, warm hosts, Bruce and 'Sparky' have received us over and over again in their home, at the shop where Bruce created his remarkable locomotives, and upon their railroad. Boiler inspections at Bruce's became a tradition--always a picnic, and always a grand way to open each year's operating season. And for many years the Society's annual meeting was a train-operating picnic on their railroad.

Bruce was an early member and a constant and generous supporter of CALS, and though he never sought its leadership, his influence shaped the policies and physical structure of our very existence. By his death we are not relieved of our debt to him whose example in life tells us how it is to be paid.

Above was principally supplied by Bill Kinzer

The Baltimore Sun included a two-column-wide obituary on February 27. The contents were provided by local railroad historian Herb Harwood and by Society member Glenn McComas. Aside from several technical misunderstandings, the obituary described Bruce's younger years as well as his devotion to live steam railroading after his retirement.

All who know of them will remember Bruce's gorgeous green B&O P-7 Pacifics and the magnificent black C&O Greenbrier 614. These wonderfully detailed, fully scale models will long provide memories of their builder.

We wish Sparky well at this time of her great loss.



HOSPITALIZED

Mike Looney suffered a significant heart attack the evening following the Timonium Train Show in February and was transported to a hospital in Boston where he has received treatment previously. Mike has been very helpful for the past couple of years setting up the Society's Timonium tables and supplying ribs at Leakin Park picnics.

TIMONIUM SHOW – ONCE AND AGAIN

A rather large group of CALS members provided exhibits at the February Great Scale Train Show at Timonium. Mike Russo brought his missile-carrying car. Kapp Pullen brought his diesel switchers and a scale steam-fired farm tractor. Bob Schwoerer again had his CSX diesel with a drop-well flat car. There was interesting activity when a radio-controlled model A-1A Abrams Tank would sneak up on an unsuspecting victim – usually a young boy. Fathers of young boys were also known to question their charges if they had touched the model, not knowing the turret was controlled remotely. More great fun provided by Mr. Bob. Oh, yes, the tank filled the well on the flat car; it was not small.

MAYBE you read the announcement of the February show before the show was over – or not – but you are getting fair notice of the next one. April 14-15 will be the dates for the next show at Timonium. From comments made at the Board of Directors meeting following the show, it is clear that our display does not fully convey to the show attendees just what the Society does. It was suggested that a couple of signs be prepared to supply information to the public. One would describe the educational and recreational aspect of a live steam club while the other would describe the rides provided to the public at the Park. If you can help to develop these signs, please contact President Larry Law as soon as you can.

SAFETY RULES

Our Safety Meeting is scheduled on the regular run day in March, the 11th. Remember, you must attend the Safety meeting in order to run your equipment or interact with the public in Leakin Park, including conducting or helping at the station. 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.

INSPECTIONS

Dates for the annual inspections should be firmed up now as Friday, April 13 and Saturday, the 14th. The car inspections will be scheduled for April 11 with the 18th as a backup.

TRACK WORK

Oh, how the weather has changed! There has been no work outside since the previous newsletter as the temperatures have been below freezing and the ground is frozen. As this report is composed the snow is falling once more with freezing rain forecast, again. Some additional track panels have been built so there are almost enough 100 foot radius curved sections to meet the number required for the inner track. A few more straight sections are needed as well as the 75 foot radius panels for the horseshoe.

B&O MUSEUM

There is a special steam days weekend at the B&O Museum on the weekend of April 28 and 29. There continue to be serious thoughts that the Society will support the activities, but to this time there has been no successful communication to establish a firm commitment for our participation.

CALS AT CASS

There will be another annual excursion weekend at Cass starting on Friday, May 4 and continuing with special rides on Saturday and Sunday. The Society's 29th steam railroad weekend in the Alleghenies will include double headed Shays and a Shay race. The rides will use two different consists going to Bald Knob and to the Western Maryland right of way from Spruce to Big Cut. The trains will include all available old logging cars for unparalleled photo opportunities during lots of run-bys. With a limited number of riders compared to other weekends there are clear photo lines. Optional Friday railroading activities include Climax run along the Greenbrier River and a shop tour at Cass. For information send SASE to CALS c/o Poul Pedersen, 19804 Spurrier Ave., Poolesville, MD 20837-2015 or e-mail Poul at calsatcass@yahoo.com (www.calsatcass.org).

WORK RECORD

<u>DATE</u>	<u>WORKERS</u>	<u>WORK ACCOMPLISHED</u>
01/27/07	A & J Mews, Kinzer, Law	Build track; Take down fence; Put Track in container
01/31	Kinzer, Law, Carpenter, , M Schroeder, Allen	Build track; New lawn mower
02/17	M Schroeder	Clear snow/ice
02/21	Kinzer, Krapp, Law, Carpenter, M Schroeder, Allen	Build track; Clear snow/ice
01/27	Schroerer, Close	Build track; Pick up work sheet

2007 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT	PLACE
<u>JANUARY</u>			
Wed 10	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
Sun 25	11:00- 3:30	Member Run Day	Tracksite
<u>APRIL</u>			
Wed 4	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	HQ
Sun 8	11:00- 3:30	Opening Public Run Day	Tracksite
Sat 14	8:00- 5:00	Timonium Show	Fair Grounds
Sun 15	9:00- 4:00	Timonium Show	Fair Grounds
Sun 22	11:00- 3:30	Member Run Day	Tracksite
Sat 28	8:00- 4:30	B&O Museum (tentative)	Museum
Sun 29	8:00- 4:30	B&O Museum (tentative)	Museum
<u>MAY</u>			
Fri 4 thru Sun 6		CALS at CASS	Cass, WV
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>JUNE</u>			
Wed 6	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	HQ
Sun 10	11:00- 3:30	Public Run Day	Tracksite
Sun 24	11:00- 3:30	Member Run Day	Tracksite

TRACK WORK SESSIONS

Sat (every)	9:00 AM	Build/Install track	Inside loop
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