



THE STEAM WHISTLE

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Chesapeake and Allegheny
Steam Preservation Society, Inc.

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| Charles W. Kinzer – Secretary | 4.75” | Louis A. Koehler – At Large |
| James L. Carpenter – Treasurer | 3.5” | Steven Zuiderveen – At Large |

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SAFETY MEETING

Less than forty 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 read the rules. There were a couple of minor questions, and there should be some areas where wording should be clarified. Generally, though, the rules appear to be workable for the coming season.

OPENING DAY

April opens our season with the 8th as Run Day. That is the earliest date in a month for the Public Run Day; so don't forget to show up. Be sure to be there by 10 to get your locomotive prepared or to help with the operational set up. The list of the many things to do is on the bulletin board. If you don't know what to do next, please check there. 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 appreciated.

TRACK WORK

No more track has been laid and the drainage problem along the Midway Straight still has not been addressed. Poor weather has been part of the reason for this lack of progress. All track panels which have been constructed are in the containers. The 100' radius panels are sufficient to complete the inside track, but more straights and all the 75' radius curves still need to be built. A new supply of ties is now available to resume panel construction. Be sure to follow the procedure when putting track panels together.

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.

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 11 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.

On Wednesday and Saturday work sessions all the cars in HQ are being checked and fixed as necessary in order to begin the season and to be ready for the inspection.

BOILER INSPECTIONS

Bring your locomotives and other boilers to Leakin Park for the annual inspection. On Friday, April 13, between 9 AM and 3 PM, retirees should have their items inspections. Those who are still working should come to the Saturday session, April 14, also from 9 to 3. This schedule can prevent overloading one of the days, but anyone can bring his equipment on either day.

REMEMBER: 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.

TIMONIUM SHOW

Upcoming Timonium show on April 14-15 will overlap the boiler inspection dates on Saturday. Contact Bob Schwoerer if you want to help at the show. It was suggested in last month's *Whistle* that our display does not fully convey to the show attendees just what the Society does. There has been no response to the suggestion 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, there may still be time. Please contact President Larry Law.

B&O MUSEUM

There is a special Steam Days weekend at the B&O Museum on the weekend of April 28 and 29. It is now expected that the Society will support those activities. If you want to help with set up or operation, especially supplying a locomotive, contact President Larry Law

CALS AT CASS

The Cass weekend runs from Friday, May 4, and continues 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 a Climax run along the Greenbrier River and a shop tour at Cass. For information send a SASE to CALS, c/o Poul Pedersen, 19804 Spurrier Ave., Poolesville, MD 20837-2015 or send e-mail to Poul at calsatcass@yahoo.com (www.calsatcass.org).

HERB FESTIVAL

It is not too early to start considering this extra event at the end of May. It will be on Saturday, the 26th, 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. Because of the number of people walking around the park, as much help as possible would be appreciated. This is the type of event which brings us new customers and maybe new members, and we need to put on a good show.

WORK RECORD

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>WORKERS</u> | <u>WORK ACCOMPLISHED</u> |
|--------------------|--|---|
| 03/3/07 | A & J Mews, Kinzer, Law, Schwoerer | Build track |
| 03/07 | Law, Carpenter, M Schroeder, Allen | Service oil heater in HQ |
| 03/10 | A & J Mews, Kinzer, Law, Schwoerer, Close | Move track to containers; Set up for Safety Meeting |
| 03/14 | Law, Carpenter, M Schroeder, Allen, Close, Krapp, Kinzer | Work on brakes for Electric; Inspect cars |
| 03/21 | Law, Carpenter, M Schroeder, Allen, Close, Krapp, Kinzer | Inspect cars |
| 03/24 | Kinzer, Law, Close, Zuiderveen | Re-Build car brake; Rearrange shelf |

2007 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>TIME</u> | <u>EVENT</u> | <u>PLACE</u> |
|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| <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 |
| Wed 11 | 8:00- 5:00 | Car Inspection (DLLR) | HQ |
| Fri 13 | 9:00- 3:00 | Boiler Inspection (retired) | Tracksite |
| Sat 14 | 9:00- 3:00 | Boiler Inspection (working) | 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 |
| Sat 26 | 10:00- 4:00 | Herb Festival | 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

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| Sat (every) | 9:00 AM | Build/Install track | Inside loop |
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CASS 2006



At Cass – The Start



At Whittaker Camp – Half Way



At the Top – Lotta Highlands



At Spruce – Branch Line



Last Year's Gang – Recognize Anyone? – Might Have To Squint

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