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SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY RUN IN EARLY OCTOBER

On Saturday, October 6, there will be a very special run day to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Winans estate/mansion in Leakin Park. Ross Winans was instrumental in the development of early railroad technology for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad and built his estate on the grounds of the current Leakin Park where the Society has its facilities. The Parks & People Foundation is planning the event which will include activities on both Saturday and Sunday. Members of the Winans family are coming on Saturday, and CALS has been asked to provide train rides on that day. There should also be handouts describing the history of the estate.

This run is the weekend preceding the Public Run weekend. Please come out and support the celebration and our train rides. The newly-rebuilt inside track is ready to have the Winans family ride the inaugural passenger trip.

TIMONIUM SHOW

The October rendition of the Great Scale Model Train Show will be held the weekend of October 13-14. CALS will have representatives there on Saturday only. Sunday is our Public Run Day and we need all hands to provide our customers with a great day.

SEPTEMBER RUN DAY

A nice day for the public, but a variety of competing events and illness left us with a minimal crew to provide the operations. The turnout of locomotives was highlighted by the appearance of the President Adams through the special work of a crew led by Mike Schroeder. CSX Bob Schwoerer was running as well as club locos.

NIGHT RUN/RUMMAGE SALE

The Saturday evening run was held on September 22. The grill was fired up around 5 PM to grill burgers and dogs, plus some smoked sausages brought by Mike Looney. A variety of additional foods were provided by the attendees. The moon was not yet full but provided sufficient moonlight to provide some atmosphere. Wendy was sporting multi-colored LEDs on the valve gear and main rod to provide quite an interesting effect. The headlights and variety of blinking end-of-train lights added to the visual pleasure.

A rummage sale was conducted to some effect. Two older lawn tractors were carried off, leaving some much needed space in the containers. A small part of the considerable amount of “stuff” collecting in HQ was also taken. A trip to the dump will have to be made to clear the rest of it.

ACTIVITY NOTES

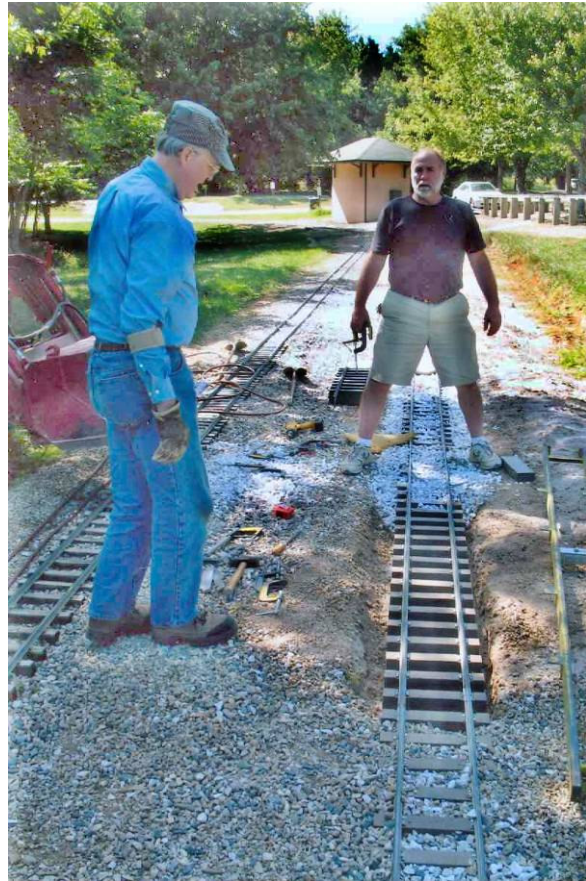
We approached the Midway Curve, very, very slowly, from the southwest horseshoe. Then Bob Schwoerer figured out how to use the new, more powerful laser to align the track for straightness and gradient. The crew made much quicker work of laying the track from then to COMPLETION on September 15, at around 3:45. The laser allowed for quick work, but the radius of the Midway curve was established only after clearing out the “meadow” with the Massey-Ferguson bucket in order to find the original radius point. The final gap was filled with a short piece of track – about 6 feet long. The crew of Bob, Bill Kinzer, and Craig Close put away the tools and then made a first run around the track on the electrics. There are a couple of places which need some work, but the track is quite smooth. Generally, the design and installation methods seem to have been successful. The drainage across the Midway straight still remains as a major job.

The Board of Directors now has to decide how to proceed with replacement of the outside track. There are proposals to rip up all the track at once, as was done with the inside track, take up the track section-by-section, or replace only part of the track. Consideration must also be given to the fact that some parts of the outside track are relatively new even though they are built with the wood ties.

As time passed during the almost two years it took to build and install the new track, the work crew diminished to a core group of about six – not all of whom would be able to work each week. Essentially a crew of four did most of the work. Significant reasons for the small crew are the slowness at which the installation moved and the physical labor required. Both of those problems have been addressed. Speed of the installation has been greatly increased by proper use of the laser, and the back-breaking digging has been lessened by the use of a ditcher attached to the rear of the Massey-Ferguson tractor. Perhaps in the future a few more members can turn out for the Saturday work day to help with track work knowing that fairly rapid progress will be possible. Of course, before we get to installation it is necessary to take up the old track and preserve the rail and to build a few hundred more panels.



Tamping Last Full Piece; Gaping Gap



Final Short Piece Hooked Up



Installation Crew: Bill Kinzer, Larry Law, Bob Schwoerer, Craig Close

Photos by Bill Kinzer

PARK ADDRESS

There are often phone calls from people asking for directions to the park for run days. With so many of these folks having access to internet mapping systems and in-car GPS devices, it is very helpful to have a specific address to give them. The address which should put them on the road at the station is posted on the wall above the phone:

1920 Eagle Drive, Baltimore, MD 21207

Additionally, the address for the driveway to the Slocum Athletic Fields is:

5111 Windsor Mill Rd, Baltimore, MD 21207

FOR SALE

Diesel Locomotive running lights (many available) \$2.50 each

Clear lens, 12 volt. Used front and back as ditch lights. See WM diesel for example.

Contact:

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WORK RECORD

<u>DATE</u>	<u>WORKERS</u>	<u>WORK ACCOMPLISHED</u>
08/29	Close, Carpenter, M Schroeder	Trim trees; Fix gondola brake rigging; Fix Ford tractor
09/01	Schwoerer, L Koehler, Close, Law, Kinzer, Zuiderveen	Lay track; Find curve center
09/02	Schwoerer, Close	Set track curve to Midway
09/03	Short, Payne	Sweep track with repaired Ballast Regulator
09/05	M Schroeder, Allen, Kinzer, Carpenter	Cut grass; Clean up HQ
09/06	M Schroeder	Work on tractors; Repair large fan
09/08	Schwoerer, Kinzer, Close, Law, Allen, Short	Lay track on final curve
09/12	Schwoerer, Kinzer	Lay track (7 panels)
09/15	Schwoerer, Close, Kinzer, Law	COMPLETED INSIDE TRACK; Inaugural ride on new loop
09/19	M Schroeder, Allen, Close, Seyfrit, Grieshaber	Drain broken pipe; Clean front gutter On HQ; Cut grass; Dress ballast; Build front bank
09/21	M Schroeder, Close	Continue draining; Prep Night Run
09/26	Close, O'Dea, Carpenter, Law	Build track
09/27	M Schroeder	Clean Wendy; Fix air filter
09/29	Close, L Koehler, Law, Frederick	Build front bank; Cut grass

2007 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
<u>JULY</u>			
Sun 1	12:00 NOON	Annual Meeting	HQ
Sun 8	11:00- 3:30	Public Run Day	Tracksite
FRI 13	10:00-3:00	S-Gauger's Convention	Tracksite
Sun 22	11:00- 3:30	Member Run Day	Tracksite
<u>AUGUST</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
<u>SEPTEMBER</u>			
Wed 5	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	HQ
Sun 9	11:00- 3:30	Public Run Day	Tracksite
Sat 22	5:00 PM	Night Run & Rummage Sale	Tracksite
Sun 23	11:00- 3:30	Member Run Day	Tracksite
<u>OCTOBER</u>			
Sat 6	11:00- 4:00	Special Winans Run Day	Tracksite
Wed 10	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	HQ
Sat 13	8:00- 4:00	Train Show (Sat. only)	Timonium
Sun 14	11:00- 3:30	Public Run Day	Tracksite
Sun 28	11:00- 3:30	Member Run Day	Tracksite
<u>NOVEMBER</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>DECEMBER</u>			
Wed 5	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	HQ
<u>TRACK WORK SESSIONS</u>			
Wed (sometimes)	9:00 AM	Build/Install track	Inside loop
		Someone is always at HQ on Wednesdays, but track laying may not be done...	
Sat (every)	7:30 AM (in HOT weather)	Build/Install track	Inside loop

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