



THE STEAM WHISTLE

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SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY RUN

On Saturday, October 6, the Society participated in special run day to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Winans estate/mansion in Leakin Park. Mike Schroder had a group to bring out the President Adams to make the first official public run on the newly completed inside track. This was the first time in a long while that anyone has seen one of Bruce Hamilton's locomotive or the coaches run on that track. Ned Treat was head engineer on Wendy, and Andrew Dodge had his engine running, too. Lou and Alex Koehler were standing by with the WM diesel in case they would be needed.

The weather was fine but attendance was very low, and the standby diesel certainly was not needed. Everyone involved was disappointed and some, including the Parks Department, were very unhappy. 'Nuff said.

OCTOBER RUN DAY

A VERY nice day for the public, and they surely did turn out to ride. The turnout of locomotives was pretty good, too, thankfully. Load after load left the station with all seats filled, all day long. CSX Bob Schwoerer was running as usual. John Frederick was driving his Shay with the cars in front, and Andrew Dodge brought his Mogul. Mike Schroeder and others ran Wendy, and an assortment of would-be engineers ran the Kirchner WM diesel. Has it been mentioned that the loads were full all day?

FINAL PUBLIC RUN OF THE YEAR

November marks the final month of the year for public runs. Be prepared to dress warmly. This year will include special celebratory events. The headquarters building will be renamed Hamilton Station with name signs to be hung at each end. In keeping with that celebration, weather permitting, the 614 will be run that day.

ACTIVITY NOTES

When a few people show up at a work session to work, some things get done. There were a couple of days with a decent crew and significant results. There are things to do, especially with colder weather coming, and help would be appreciated on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Equipment has to be winterized; that is a time-consuming job with little exertion required. The old ties from the inside track have to be carted away to make room for a new container as well as for the ties-to-come from the outside track. Work – perhaps fairly physical – has to be done to make an appropriate foundation for another container between the two in the field. More? You betcha!

The outside loop has to be attacked. The start will be pulling up the track from the entrance crossing around to the station. That's only the start. The track has to be pulled up carefully so that the rail is not kinked vertically. Then the ties have to be removed carefully so that the foot of the rail is not deformed. These actions, performed carefully, take time; so lots of help is needed. Track panels, all 360-plus, have to be constructed. And that means ties have to be cut, rail prepared, and the panels put together. There is a limit to the number of workers building track due to space and tool limitations, but five might be an appropriate crew. That's more than normally are available at a work session. There is hope that the new container will be available to store track panels made during the winter. Let's see you there some time. It's your track!

Looking ahead. As the weather warms, a crew will be needed to lay the track. During the effort to lay the inside track there were numerous times when little got done even if there was a good-sized crew on site. Those times were generally caused by some situation which had not been experienced before or by failure of a process to work as well as expected. For 2008 those problems should be largely cured. Experiences have been had and solutions found. Also, the process for laying track has been much improved. There was a continuing effort to use a laser rather than a string to provide a guide. That process was usually a time-wasting failure which turned off several members who did show up to work. A new, more powerful laser seems to be the answer. Along with a shielded, reflective target, the laser has been used successfully to lay track on straights and curves, keeping a consistent rate of grade. This process should work well next year.

RECYCLING:

Recycling non-ferrous metals can preclude environmental problems and can provide some funds for the Society. There is a metal trash can in Headquarters with the top painted red and marked for aluminum cans. (Note to those responsible: paper products are not made of aluminum. The trash can is for aluminum cans.) A full bag is worth about three bucks, but you can add your bags of cans, too. When scrap rail and brass is added, the dollars start to mount. Yes, the load of scrap rail was exceptional this past month, but \$83 dollars is added to the kitty.

FOR SALE

- 1 Built in 1985, Cannonball Mack Switcher, cast aluminum body and frame, built from a kit. Four wheel switcher, Mack prototype, cast iron wheels, steel axles, two motors driving large gear on the back of two wheels from small pinion gear on motor shaft. Weighs about 90# to 110#.12 volt (Honda) battery driven. Wired as Series/Parallel, forward/backward, for 6 volt and 12 volt speeds in each direction. Horn. Sprung draft gear couplers.
- 1 Built in 1984, wooden ore car, home made carbody, Railroad Supply Corp. Bettendorf trucks. Sprung draft gear couplers.
- 1 Built in 1985, wooden flat car, home made carbody, home made Arch Bar trucks, Railroad Supply Corp. Sprung draft gear couplers.
- 1 Built in 1987, wooden four wheel caboose, home made carbody, home made 4-wheel truck with steel pedestals and strap iron pedestal binders, Railroad Supply Corp. Sprung draft gear couplers.
- 1 Left hand, stub switch w/cast Railroad Supply Corp. aluminum frog, aluminum rail on wooden cross ties.
- 12 - 5 foot long track panels with Railroad Supply Corp. aluminum rails on wooden cross ties.

Miscellaneous lengths of matching Railroad Supply Corp. aluminum rail, steel joint bars, and hardware.

If you want to inspect or make an offer, contact:

Gil Stimson
4506 Rising Lane
Bowie, MD 20715

301-464-0611 after 6:00 PM



Bobber and Flatcar



Ore Car



Cannonball Mack Switcher

FOR SALE STILL

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.

Mike Schroeder 410-672-3351

CALS SHIRTS AVAILABLE

Mike Schroeder has a new supply of blue CALS golf shirts with a pocket. All sizes now available, \$15 each.

NEW MEMBER

Welcome our Society's newest member; he is the son of Norm Warfield:

WARFIELD, NORMAN L., JR	FULL
11 WALTON AVE.	TAMMY
BROOKLYN PARK, MD 21225	(H) 410-636-4569

DIRECTORY

You should have received your Member Directory. If you have not or if you want an additional copy at a cost of \$3, 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.

RECYCLING

Pull tops are valuable to Ronald McDonald. There is a red drinking cup nailed to the wall above the can squasher. There is good authority (no urban rumor this time) that McDonalds uses collected pull tabs as a gauge for their support for Ronald McDonald Houses. That's a good cause, and we have pull tabs.

WORK RECORD

<u>DATE</u>	<u>WORKERS</u>	<u>WORK ACCOMPLISHED</u>
10/03	Close, Carpenter, M Schroeder, Allen, Law, L Koehler	Cut grass; Work on Ballast Regulator engine; Clean Gutters; Caulk roof vents
10/10	H Schroeder, M Schroeder, Allen, Kinzer, Carpenter, Law, Close	Fence post holes; Set fence posts
10/13	Law	Track survey
10/17	H Schroeder, M Schroeder, Allen, Carpenter, Law, Krapp, Close	Fence post holes; Set fence posts; Take away some old ties; Caulk roof vents
10/20	Schwoerer, Close, Short, Zuiderveen	Extend Midway drain; Measure for HQ signs
10/24	M Schroeder, Allen, Carpenter, Close, Frederick	Build track; Sort old rail/recycle
10/27	Close	Clear drains

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	Outside loop
		Someone is always at HQ on Wednesdays, but track laying may not be done...	
Sat (every)	9:00 AM	Build/Install track	Outside loop

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