



# THE STEAM WHISTLE

A Monthly Bulletin of the  
Chesapeake and Allegheny  
Steam Preservation Society, Inc.

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## NOVEMBER RUN DAY AND DEDICATION

The weather was nicer than expected for a mid-November day and the customers showed up early. It was to be a special day. Bob Schwoerer was running as usual, and Steve Zuiderveen led a crew running Wendy. Mike Schroeder headed a crew to get the 614 from the Hamilton estate. It seemed a bit strange to see that big locomotive running on the inside track but that is now the ‘good’ one. The customers were numerous enough to keep the trains full all day, even though 614 was shut down fairly early and Wendy not much later. A very unusual break in service was made in early afternoon. We asked the customers to fend for themselves for 20 minutes or so while CALS had a special ceremony. At the request of the Society, Sparky Hamilton was at the Park with several family members. The Board of Directors had agreed that Headquarters should be renamed in honor of Bruce Hamilton, who passed away in February but had been a beloved member of the Society for many years. The special ceremony was a dedication of the building as Hamilton Station in his honor. You can see the new name reflected in the Calendar of Events at the end of this issue of *The Steam Whistle*.



**Station Sign Held by Sparky and Friends**

**The Wonderful 614**

### **IN MEMORIAM**

Doris Allen, mother of member Tim Allen, passed away on November 18 with services on the following Tuesday. Doris was instrumental in making arrangements for the use of the church hall for the Christmas parties held through last year.

### **CABIN FEVER**

Feeling cooped up by mid-January every year? Many are, and that is the reason for the annual cabin Fever Expo at the York fairgrounds. This is a steam show which happens to include some trains, but that is enough reason for CALS to be there. The dates are January 19 (9 to 5) and 20 (9 to 3). No setup time has been included in those hours. Herb Schroeder (717-677-8658 – dotty640@hotmail.com) has been volunteered as the contact if you wish to participate.

### **TIMONIUM**

The annual schedule of Timonium Train Shows includes one in February. For 2008 the dates will be February 2 (8:30 to 4:00) and 3 (9:30 to 4:30). Those hours include time to set up and break down. The February show may be the largest of the four held during the year. If you are interested in providing an exhibit or helping, please contact Bob Schwoerer (410-979-0000). Our presence at these shows has resulted in some new members.

### **??? VALENTINES LUNCH ???**

Steve Zuiderveen has suggested that there be some event in February to take the place of the Valentines Day luncheon formerly held at Martin's West and recently at Snyder's Willow Grove. This event would possibly be held at a chain restaurant such as The Olive Garden where everyone would order from the menu. If you are interested in such a gathering, please contact Steve (410-549-5853 – rrsteve@aol.com) soon. Suggestions for the occasion are welcome. The past buffet luncheons required a minimum number of attendees which we have not been able to meet.

### **SAFETY MEETING**

The second Sunday in March, as usual, is the Safety Meeting. Anyone who will be running locomotives or acting as conductor during 2008 must either attend the meeting or have a separate session with a member of the Board. The board's hope is that all current members will attend the March meeting because separate sessions are not time efficient. The purpose of the meeting is to read through all of the current CALS Safety Manual. If anyone has any suggestions for changes to the manual, please contact Steve Zuiderveen (410-549-5853 – rrsteve@aol.com).

## FOR SALE

See the November 2007 *Whistle* for details and pictures.

- 1 Cannonball Mack Switcher, 1985, cast aluminum body and frame, built from a kit, 12 volt (Honda) battery driven.
- 1 Wooden ore car, 1984, home made carbody.
- 1 Wooden flat car, 1985, home made carbody.
- 1 Wooden four wheel caboose, 1987, 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 wood ties.
- 12 5 foot long track panels with Railroad Supply Corp. aluminum rails on wood 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**                      301-464-0611 after 6:00 PM  
**4506 Rising Lane**  
**Bowie, MD 20715**

## 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 MEMBERS

Welcome our Society's newest members – father and son:

CROWDER, STAN	AFFILIATE
7534 SUMMER LEAVE LANE	JANE
COLUMBIA, MD 21046	(H) 410-381-2856 (W) 410-978-1795
CROWDER, RICHARD	STUDENT
SAME ADDRESS AS ABOVE	

## DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

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SESTERO, ROBERT T. 1220 RIDERVALE RD	

## DIRECTORY COPIES

If you want an additional copy of the CALS member directory 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.

## LAST CALL FOR DUES

Dues for the 2007-2008 year were due in July but an extension has been made until December 15. If you have not fully paid your dues by then, this will be your final issue of *The Steam Whistle*. Please stay in CALS.

## ACTIVITY NOTES

No more outside track. The panels have been removed from the entrance crossing to the north station switch. Most of the panels have been stripped of ties and the rails sorted (somewhat) according to length. The old ties are in a pile behind the containers to be taken to the dumpster. The panels have been removed with care by using a pick ax on each side and working down the panel until it was fully lifted from the ground. The ties have likewise been removed from the rail with care. The ties are manually twisted from the rail and partially unscrewed if there is difficulty. The rails should be in much better shape for reuse.

Herb Schroeder found some locust wood many months ago. It has been sawn into strips which are suitable for use as ties for the switches to be made by Glenn Sharpe. On the 24<sup>th</sup>, Larry Law, Steve Zuiderveen and Craig Close went with Glenn in his truck with trailer to Biglerville, PA, and loaded the locust onto the trailer to take it back to Glenn's shop.

## WORK RECORD

<u>DATE</u>	<u>WORKERS</u>	<u>WORK ACCOMPLISHED</u>
10/31	Close, Carpenter, M Schroeder, Allen, Law, L Koehler O'Dea	Take old ties to dumpster; Spread grass seed; Build track
11/3	Schwoerer, Taber, Close, Kinzer	Arrange containers; Move panels to container; Build track
11/7	Law, M Schroeder, Allen, Kinzer, Carpenter, Short, O'Dea, Close, Krapp	Cut ties; Build track
11/10	Schwoerer, Close, Law, L Koehler	Take old ties to dumpster; Untangle reel of track tape; Set up for Dedication Ceremony
11/14	Close, Carpenter, M Schroeder, Allen, Law, Kinzer	Pull up track; Dismantle panels
11/17	Close, Law, Schworer, O'Dea, Zuiderveen	Dismantle panels; Build track; Moved panels to container; Received 1:1 ties
11/21	Close, Carpenter, M Schroeder, Allen, Law, Kinzer	Pull up track; Dismantle panels
11/24	Schworer	Pick up track tools for modification
11/24	Sharpe, Law, Close, Zuiderveen; H Schroeder	Pick up locust lumber for ties

**2007 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>TIME</u></b>	<b><u>EVENT</u></b>	<b><u>PLACE</u></b>
<b><u>OCTOBER</u></b>			
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
<b><u>NOVEMBER</u></b>			
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
<b><u>DECEMBER</u></b>			
Wed 5	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	Hamilton St

**2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>TIME</u></b>	<b><u>EVENT</u></b>	<b><u>PLACE</u></b>
<b><u>JANUARY</u></b>			
Wed 9	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	Hamilton St
Sat 19	9:00- 5:00	Cabin Fever	York Fairgr'ds
Sun 20	9:00- 3:00	Cabin Fever	York Fairgr'ds
<b><u>FEBRUARY</u></b>			
Sat 2	8:30- 4:00	Train Show	Timonium
Sun 3	9:00- 4:30	Train Show	Timonium
Wed 6	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	Hamilton St
Sun 10	12:00- 3:00	Lunch gathering (tentative)	TBD
<b><u>MARCH</u></b>			
Wed 5	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	Hamilton St
Sun 9	11:00- 3:30	MANDATORY Safety Meeting	Hamilton St

**TRACK WORK SESSIONS EVERY YEAR**

Wed (sometimes)	9:00 AM	Build/Install track	Outside loop
Sat (every)	9:00 AM	Build/Install track	Outside loop

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