



# THE STEAM WHISTLE

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## MAY RUN DAY

The weather for May 2008 was similar to so much of the weather lately. It was cool and breezy with showers forecast for the afternoon. The rain did eventually come in a few dribs and drabs, much like the numbers of our customers – a few at a time all day. Mike Schroeder led a crew to the Hamilton’s to pick up the Adams. Harry Horney brought out his FA pair and Steve Zuiderveen and Ned Treat ran Wendy. John Frederick ran his Shay with a multi-car train. He did not carry passengers because his engine does not supply train brakes, but he did provide atmosphere. Norm Warfield, Jr also ran his switcher with a single car for his family. It was Mother’s Day and the Adams was out, so Sparky Hamilton’s family was out with her and they made the last ride of the day. All-in-all, there were too many seats for the customers present. Generally a disappointment except for the steamers.

## HERB FESTIVAL

Two weekends after Public Run Day we were back out for the Herb Festival. The weather was beautiful and the Festival crowd appeared to be more like days of yore. The car parking was on the athletic fields rather than on Windsor Mill Road. We were ready for the crowd. Harry Horney’s FAs were pulling the coaches; Wendy was in front of four gons; the Western Maryland had its complement of gondolas. At mid-afternoon the Blue Switcher replaced the Western Maryland. Again, we had many more seats than customers! There were two full loads back-to-back around 12:30 and the final run at 4 o’clock was full. Otherwise almost all trains departed half

to two-thirds empty – even when only two trains were running. The satisfying point was that the riders must not have spent money on herbs because they provided more donations than on the first two Run Days combined.

### **CALS AT CASS**

The annual excursion weekend at Cass was fairly successful this year. There were high hopes of running the first ever diesel passenger run from Elkins to Spruce. Unfortunately, CALS is the first excursion of the year and hiccups are always a potential problem. A few years ago, as an example, the track to the top of Bald Knob was not acceptable for a public trip and CALS stopped at the wye. This year, the tunnel east of Elkins was suffering from some collapse problems which were not repaired until after our weekend. The guys had to scurry to make alternate arrangements which would not upset our customers to a significant degree. Thus there was a special run by the Edwards car and a couple of additional cabooses rides at Cass. Everyone returned without bullet holes, so the adjustments must have been at least somewhat acceptable. There might be a formal report in the future.

### **ELECTION NOMINATIONS**

There will be elections for the Board of Directors at this year's annual meeting being held on Sunday, July 6, at Hamilton Station. There will definitely be a need for some new blood because not all of the current directors will be running for the new two-year term. A nominating committee has been at work to construct a list of nominees. The final list will be published in the July issue of *The Steam Whistle*.

Come on out; bring eatables to supplement the burgers and dogs. You can meet friends and ride trains.

### **ACTIVITY NOTES**

Maybe the weather cooled down. Or perhaps the need to come out for the extra run for the Herb Festival put a damper on the desire to come out to work sessions. Anyway, activity slowed down for the month. There was a lot a grass cutting accomplished due to the rain during the early Spring season. And trees got trimmed, too. A couple of significant events occurred. We picked a supply of tie stock, which now has to be cut into ties, and we also prettified the facilities by painting the gate for the Station and replacing over half the chain link of the fence at Hamilton Station.

Track building activity consisted of installation of the crossover south of the driveway crossing. Unbuilding of the track included pulling track from the new crossover across the driveway. Of course it was then that we realized that there is zero probability that the pieces of track which have been installed will be in the right place now. Well, that's more reason to ask for help to come out on Saturdays...

**PITCHURS, PITCHURS**

OK, “Pictures”; but we have some from the month’s events.

CASS:



**Jim Carpenter Directs the Photographers**  
**Poul Pedersen Is Wearing the Red Hat**



**The O’Deas and Vicky Bell – Shay in Background**

**Carpenter Is Back There, too**

Photos by Jim Carpenter’s camera

Public Run Day:



**Schroeder and Carpenter Operate the Pres. Adams**



**Sparky Hamilton with Family and CALS Gals**

Photos by Glenn McComas

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### DIRECTORY PROBLEM?

It is now time to put together a new 2008-2009 Membership Directory. If you want any change to your entry, contact our Directory Department Manager:

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### WORK RECORD

<u>DATE</u>	<u>WORKERS</u>	<u>WORK ACCOMPLISHED</u>
04/30	M Schroeder, Allen, Close, Krapp	Repair drawbar on electrics; Cut Grass; Paint station gate
05/03	B&B Schwoerer, Sharpe, Close, Koehler, A Mews	Installed turnout
05/07	Close, Carpenter, M Schroeder, Kinzer, Koehler, O'Dea, Krapp	Trim trees; Cut grass; Rake leaves; Trim posts
05/10	B&B Schwoerer, Close, Koehler	Take up track at crossing
05/14	Close, Carpenter, M Schroeder, Allen, Kinzer	Rebuild Ham. Station fence; Trim trees; Cut grass; Put drain back in ground; Deliver tie stock; Cut ties; Exchange battery in blue switcher
05/17	Close, Bob Schwoerer, Zuiderveen	Take ivy off trees; Depart early
05/21	Close, Carpenter, M Schroeder, Allen, Ryan Nace	Cut grass; Trim hedges; Trim trees; Maintain blue switcher

**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>APRIL</u></b>			
Wed 9	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	Hamilton St
Fri 11	9:00-2:00	Boiler Inspection	Track site
Sat 12	9:00-2:00	Boiler Inspection	Track site
Sun 13	11:00- 3:30	Public Run	Track site
Sun 27	11:00- 3:30	Member Run	Track site
<b><u>MAY</u></b>			
Wed 7	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	Hamilton St
Sun 11	11:00- 3:30	Public Run	Track site
Sat 24	10:00- 4:0	<b>Herb Festival</b>	Track site
Sun 25	11:00- 3:30	Member Run	Track site
<b><u>JUNE</u></b>			
Wed 4	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	Hamilton St
Sun 8	11:00- 3:30	Public Run	Track site
Sun 22	11:00- 3:30	Member Run	Track site
Sat 28	8:30- 4:00	Train Show	Timonium
Sun 29	9:00- 4:30	Train Show	Timonium
<b><u>JULY</u></b>			
Sun 6	12:00 Noon	Annual Meeting & Election	Hamilton St
Wed 9	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	Hamilton St
Sun 13	11:00- 3:30	Public Run	Track site
Sun 27	11:00- 3:30	Member Run	Track site
<b><u>AUGUST</u></b>			
Wed 6	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	Hamilton St
Sun 10	11:00- 3:30	Public Run	Track site
Sun 24	11:00- 3:30	Member Run	Track site
<b><u>SEPTEMBER</u></b>			
Wed 10	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	Hamilton St
Sun 14	11:00- 3:30	Public Run	Track site
Sun 28	11:00- 3:30	Member Run	Track site
<b><u>TRACK WORK SESSIONS EVERY YEAR</u></b>			
Wed	9:00 AM	Cut grass; General maintenance	Track site
Sat	9:00 AM	Install track	Outside loop

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