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NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am honored to be CALS president for the coming term and feel obliged to work hard meeting everyone's expectations. I am comforted knowing the strengths of our Board and that CALS structure requires the Board to participate in the weighty business of setting goals, policy, spending money, and practically everything else.

The good relationships we have with our local neighbors and the city of Baltimore need to be maintained. Communication with local rail-oriented groups sharing our interests need to be fostered. Attracting attention through media publicity can bring us new members and new skills. We need to work on all of these--and we need to continue working on the track.

Track work is going slowly, but well, with a dedicated small nucleus of skilled gandy dancers and a brainy, inventive engineering foreman. All members are invited to participate in this back-breaking work--there is much satisfaction in it. Working conditions have recently been improved, and salary increased. Members will be pleased that recently, despite the heat, we placed six new panels on the Baseball Curve--not a record, but let's see: that's 1/55th of the loop. We should be done sometime in 2009; then we can get started on the yard.

See you at the track--

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MAINTENANCE OF WAY NOTES

Also from the President: Under switches is a clear space in which throw-rods travel to the switch points. These passages frequently get fouled by ballast, dirt, weeds, dead leaves and so forth. This accumulation of detritus causes incomplete closure of points and results in derailments, sometimes with damage to the switch as well as to rolling stock. Another cause of split switch derailments is that a twig or stone gets wedged between the point and stock rail. Such obstructions must be removed immediately.

And straight from a real railroad operations manual: "Switches must be lined for the current of traffic. When changing any switch for a train movement, the switch must be relined for the current of traffic after the train has passed over it. A switch must not be thrown with a train on it." Most of the time the switches are re-set, but there are those instances when operations need to be interrupted because of forgetfulness.

Please be attentive.

MIDWAY CONCERNS

There have been some instances lately when the Midway building has not been closed up properly:

1. The upper left breaker switch for the outside pole lights was turned OFF. It is noted on the breaker identification list that it is to remain ON so that the lights are turned on and off by the timer at the proper times.
2. The cover for the lift controls was left unlocked. There are two screw-downs inside the building for locking the outside cover closed and they were not used.
3. The insert on the lock cover was left loose thus permitting easy access to the lock mechanism.

If you recognize your responsibility for any of these errors or if you never have learned how to close up Midway, please ask an experienced member to go over the complete procedure with you.

INSTRUCTIONS MOUNTED

Slightly modified instructions for performing general set-up duties on Public Run Day have again been mounted on the bulletin board in Hamilton Station. Please do not remove this list as it is referenced as a reminder checklist even by members who know what has to be done. There is also a list of closing actions to be taken when leaving Hamilton Station. It is mounted on the front door. Shortly there should be a similar list for closing the Midway building. Many types of job positions require the use of checklists so that important steps are not missed. Please use these instruction lists in the same manner. Thank you.

AUGUST RUN DAY

The weather was really great for a Run Day in August. Yet again and again the weather has cooperated. The crowds came in before lunch and after lunch spurts, but again less than we could ably carry on rides. One nearby resident left a generous check in the donation box. It is good to see that we are appreciated in the neighborhood. Many locomotives were active during the day as there were a couple of failures. Bob Schwoerer drove his CSX diesel but had to shut down early due to an ominous noise. Ned Treat steamed up Wendy and ran 'til closing. Mile Schroeder ran the Kirchner Western Maryland diesel. Norm Warfield double-headed his new electric steamer (? !) with John Frederick's electric Shay. In mid-afternoon Mike replaced the WM with the B&O blue switcher and the electrics ran for a short while after Wendy was taken in for cleanup.

OPEN HOUSE AT JOHN SIMMS' TRACK

John Simms, remote member and insurance counselor, has issued an invitation to CALS members to visit his recently-completed 7 1/2" gauge track way down in Drayden, MD, which is just bit beyond Patuxent Naval Air Station in Lexington Park, way southern St Mary's County. Given that the location is a long way for just about everyone other than John, it is strongly suggested that members arrange car pools for the visit. Those taking their locomotive might be able to have an extra seat filled, too. John will provide lunch; so, **PLEASE, RSVP is REQUIRED**. Full information is provided on the flyer enclosed with this issue of *The Steam Whistle*. There are phone numbers (301-994-1255 & 800-339-1206), an e-mail address (john@simms-ins.com), and a street address (47030 Christianna Lane, Drayden, MD 20630). You should be able to get your **RSVP** to John. Come, eat, ride trains over the trestle and maybe through the tunnel, and have end of season fun.

NIGHT RUN

The CALS annual picnic and Night Run will be held on Saturday, September 27, with activities beginning at 5 PM.. There is no specified ending time. The usual picnic terms apply: burgers, dogs, rolls, and fire provided; you bring other goodies to share. The moon will not be providing much light this year, so you will be needing your train lights earlier. Be sure the locomotive has a working headlight and that there is a red "Fred" on the last car. Local speed limits still apply.

In previous years, locomotives have been outfitted with swirling EOT lights and lights shining on the drive train of a steamer. The effects can be amazing in the dark, whether the train is nearby or across the way.

ACTIVITY NOTES

Many small jobs were done this past month. One on the To-Do list for a long time was to clean and repair the light fixtures on Hamilton Station. A large limb hanging over the south end of HS was removed. That operation did not fit under the heading of “Trim trees”! A few equipment repairs had to be addressed, too, as well as re-laying the drain at the SW corner of HS. Apparently a small critter ran into the drain to escape a dog which pulled the drain out of the ground and chewed it considerably. While not much track was laid, two switches were replaced – one in front of Hamilton Station and the other at the lead to the steaming bays. A small crew also laid some 1” track. There was a lot of grass cutting and tree trimming, with a bit more weed spraying.

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WORK RECORD

<u>DATE</u>	<u>WORKERS</u>	<u>WORK ACCOMPLISHED</u>
07/30	Carpenter, M Schroeder, Allen, Close, Koehler, Law, Krapp, Lehmann	Cut grass; Trim trees; Spray weeds
08/06	Carpenter, M Schroeder, Allen, Close, Krapp, O’Dea, H Schroeder, Kinzer	Cut grass; Repair tractor
08/09	Schwoerer, Koehler, Kinzer, Warfield, Law, Sharpe	Replaced switch and crossover in front of Hamilton Station
08/13	Close	Trim trees
08/14	M Schroeder, Allen	Cut grass; Maintain electrics
08/16	Schwoerer, Kinzer, Warfield, Close, Koehler, Zuiderveen, Grieshaber	Lay track; Sharpe cut locust ties
08/20	Close, Carpenter, Law	Received 1” track; Clean outside Light fixtures; Trim lrg branch above Hamilton Station
08/23	Sharpe, B&B Schworer, Close, Grieshaber, Warfield Koehler, Law, Krapp, T&S Dolan	Replaced switch ay bay lead; Lay 1” track
08/27	Close, Carpenter, M Schroeder, Allen, Warfield, Krapp	Receive stone; Cut grass; Repair 2 gons (trucks); Repair outside light; Re-lay drain at SW corner; Reset timer for Bay pole lights; Arrange kitchen cabinet
08/30	Schwoerer, Kinzer, Koehler, Close, Engers	Re-arrange kitchen cabinet; Put gons in rack; Trim trees

2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
<u>JULY</u>			
Sun 6	12:00 Noon	Annual Meeting & Election	Hamilton St
Wed 9 Tentative	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
<u>AUGUST</u>			
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
<u>SEPTEMBER</u>			
Wed 10	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	Hamilton St
Sun 14	11:00- 3:30	Public Run	Track site
Sat 27	5:00- 10 PM	Night Run and Picnic	Hamilton St
Sun 28	11:00- 3:30	Member Run	Track site
<u>OCTOBER</u>			
Wed 8	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	Hamilton St
Sun 12	11:00- 3:30	Public Run	Track site
Sat 25	10:00 – 3:00	Open House at John Simms’ track	Drayden, MD
Sun 26	11:00- 3:30	Member Run	Track site
<u>NOVEMBER</u>			
Wed 5	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	Hamilton St
Sun 9	11:00- 3:30	Public Run	Track site
Sun 23	11:00- 3:30	Member Run	Track site
<u>DECEMBER</u>			
Wed 10	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	Hamilton St
<u>JANUARY 2009</u>			
Wed 7	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	Hamilton St
<u>TRACK WORK SESSIONS EVERY YEAR</u>			
Wed	9:00 AM	Cut grass; General maintenance	Track site
Sat	9:00 AM	Install track	Outside loop

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