



THE STEAM WHISTLE

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Deadline for submittals to *The Steam Whistle* is the last Sunday of the month.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

May the new year bring better than we have seen recently. May we have the ability to fulfill our goals.

SHOWS ARE NOW

**CABIN
FEVER** **Consignment Auction: Friday, January 16th, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**
Show: Saturday, January 17th, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Show: Sunday, January 18th, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Toyota Arena, York Fairgrounds & Expo Center
334 Carlisle Avenue
York, Pennsylvania 17404

The Admission Price for the Show and/or Auction is \$10, Which is Good for All 3 Days

In order to lessen traffic conflicts, see <http://www.cabinfeverexpo.com/directions.html> for specific directions for driving from various locations. This is a big-time show covering many different aspects of Model Engineering. Contact Mike Schroeder or Jim Carpenter if you want to display anything at the Society table.

GSMTS **Maryland State Fairgrounds, Timonium MD**
Saturday, January 31, 9 - 4 Sunday, February 1, 10 - 4
Admission \$9, under 15 FREE, Family \$18 -- Good for both days!

Contact Bob Schwoerer if you want to help with the Society display, whether you have something to display or you wish to help. This show provides a means for people to become aware of CALS and become a member.

IN MEMORIAM

John Brace of Cherryfield, Maine, Honorary Member of CALS, on the day after Christmas 2008.

The November 1971 issue of *Live Steam* magazine contained the following item: "On Sunday November 21 all interested live steamers are invited to the home of John W. Brace to discuss formation of a live steam club for the Baltimore and national capital area." That was to be the first meeting of the Chesapeake and Allegheny Live Steamers. John Brace, aged 82, initiator if not founder of our Society, died December 26, 2008.

John was a graduate of Swarthmore College and held Masters and Doctorate degrees in mathematics from Cornell University. He was professor of mathematics at University of Maryland and was a Don of Kings College, Cambridge University. He lived in Beltsville, MD most of his professional life. But his great interest was focused on railroads, particularly the live steam hobby. The yard of his home was much less than one acre, yet he had worked into it a 7-1/2" layout of about 500 feet with a loop at each end connected by a 2-1/2% grade. Like railroads themselves, John got the foundation of his hobby in England. During one of his several trips there he purchased the wonderful 0-6-0t Basset-Lowke engine (pictured below) which he kept well-tuned to the delight of his many friends and guests. He also built his American #7 in the '60s.

When CALS was started, the earliest members met at each others' homes in Virginia, Maryland, Delaware and Pennsylvania. John's encyclopedic knowledge and reasoned advice were freely given to members new to the hobby and needing to develop their skills. For more than ten years, there was no club track as such. Then, in 1982, Baltimore's Mayor, W. Donald Schaefer, helped the club lease the part of Leakin Park where our track is now located. With Clarence "Buck" Slayton, John conceived the original track plan, surveyed it and set the stakes for the permanent way. That ROW was graded and limestone crush tamped in. They supervised the laying of the track and construction of the twenty-seven turnouts (a complicated matter, as the curvature of the turnouts was designed to match the 100' radius of most of the curves -- this resulted in the #11-1/2 self-guarded frogs milled from solid steel which are still in use). John was involved with other outdoor railroad projects, designing the system at Tradewinds Park in Coconut Creek, FL, and consulting for the Disney Corporation in the building of the rail system at Disney World.

When John retired from the University of Maryland in the late 1980s, he moved to his family home on Campbell Hill in Cherryfield, ME, which was originally constructed about the time of the American Revolution. With friends a small outdoor railroad club was formed, and an elegant layout constructed on the hillside in his larger backyard. The track winds through multiple loops and climbs a grade of 21 feet. John loved forcing his locomotive drivers to "work" their trains -- those without such skills soon acquired them. Ever the professor,

John lived to share what he knew with all who would listen. None who knew him will forget his permanent smile and the oil-cloth cap, a British railroader's tradition, always worn while delivering a continuous litany of rail history, traditions and the technology of his favorite pastime.

We are grateful for his monumental contributions to CALS and forever glad to have become his disciples.

Pat, John's lovely and devoted wife, passed away in 2002. He is survived by his five children, James Brace, George Brace, Ann Malin, Nancy Brace Thompson, Catherine Messmer, and numerous grand- and great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to the John W. Brace Scholarship Fund, P. O. Box 177, Cherryfield, ME 04622

Submitted by Bill Kinzer with edits



The Washington County Railroad was constructed on John's property in Cherryfield, Maine, and there is much information about it on the web site (www.wcrr.org).



John Instructs Operation of his 0-6-0t

Washington County Railroad web site



John Brace at Leakin Park in 1987

Photo by Alan Maples



At His Home in Cherryfield, ME

Washington County Railroad web site

ACTIVITY NOTES

If you look at the Work Record list on the next page, you will see a number references to “Prep rail”. You will also note the small number of names associated with that activity. Obviously there is a lot of work needed to prepare the old rail we are re-using for the new track. And the next job is to prepare the curved track, which includes even more work steps. Obviously more help could be used ... A couple of work sessions included taking up the remaining outside track. Those old panels were carefully loosened out of the ground and then lifted to flat cars behind the electrics which pulled them where they could be stacked behind the containers. There were then a couple of sessions used for disassembly of the old track panels to obtain the rails for re-use. Read it again from last month: “Lots of work. Do not be afraid to come out to help.”

Work continued further on replacing the brakes on the electrics, but the outside temperatures dropped too low for Mike Schroeder to complete the job. Mike then turned his attention to winterizing the mowers and preparing them for Spring. Bob Schwoerer and Mike Taber are constructing an auger for use as an attachment behind the Massey-Ferguson for lifting dirt and old ballast out of the rail bed when preparing to re-lay track. The desired lifting actually takes place, but now some means to direct the detritus to the side needs to be applied. They are working on that.

The annual inspection of the furnace in the Hamilton Station building was moved to pre-winter this year on the morning of the monthly Board of Directors meeting. No problem was found, but before the Board Meeting it was noted that the reset was tripping. A further check a couple days later showed that it was a real problem, and Craig Close called for service and met with the representative later in the day for the repair. After a couple of very cold December days, the building was checked again and all was well.

MEMBER DIRECTORY

If you have any changes to make in the 2008-09 Directory, contact Craig Close (see masthead).

DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

The following members were inadvertently omitted from the 2008-2009 Directory:

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SAFETY RULES

The March Safety Meeting will be here before we are prepared – as usual. As a prompt, this is a notice to everyone that if there are any changes you think should be made (add, delete, or change), please submit your suggestions to Steve Zuiderveen or Craig Close. It is not necessary that you have exact wording at this moment; get your basic idea on the table so that it can be addressed. You may be contacted later to obtain specifics.

DUES ARE PAST DUE

If you have not yet paid your full dues for the 2008-2009 year, you are subject to being removed from the mailing list for the Whistle. Thanks.

WORK RECORD

<u>DATE</u>	<u>WORKERS</u>	<u>WORK ACCOMPLISHED</u>
12/03	Carpenter, M Schroeder, Allen, Close, Krapp, Cox	Service furnace; Prep rail; Maintain mowers; Work on brakes on electrics; Take up track
12/06	B&B Schwoerer, Taber, Close Take up track; Disassemble track	Clear container roof; Work on auger;
12/10	Carpenter, M Schroeder, Allen, Close, Kinzer Bob Schwoerer, Taber	Prep rail; Cover outside rail stock; Maintain mowers; Test auger
12/12	Close (twice)	Check furnace; Call for service; Meet service man
12/13	Kinzer	Prep rail
12/14	Close	Check furnace
12/15	B&B Schwoerer	Disassemble track
12/17	Close, Kinzer, Carpenter	Prep rail
12/20	B&B Schwoerer, Taber, Close	Prep rail
12/26	M Schroeder	Check HS
12/27	B&B Schwoerer, Close, Kinzer	Prep rail

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2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
<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 (rained out)	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 18	5:00 – 10 PM	Night Run and Picnic	Hamilton St
Sat 25	10:00 – 3:00	Open House at John Simms' track	Drayden, MD
Sun 26	11:00 – 3:30	Member Run and Kids Day	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

2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>JANUARY</u>			
Wed 7	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	Hamilton St
<u>FEBRUARY</u>			
Wed 4	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	Hamilton St
<u>MARCH</u>			
Wed 4	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	Hamilton St
Sun 8	11:00 – Noon	Annual Safety meeting	Hamilton St
<u>APRIL</u>			
Wed 8	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	Hamilton St
Sun 12	11:00 – 3:30	FIRST Public Run of 2009	Track site
Sun 26	11:00 – 3:30	Member Run	Track site

TRACK WORK SESSIONS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Wed	9:00 AM	Cut grass; Build track; Maintenance	Track site
Sat	9:00 AM	Install track	Outside loop

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