



# THE STEAM WHISTLE

A Monthly Bulletin of the

## Chesapeake and Allegheny Steam Preservation Society, Inc.

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<b>James L. Carpenter – Treasurer</b>	3.5”	<b>Glenn Sharpe – Switch Department</b>

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

### CALS AT TIMONIUM

CALS had a large display area at the winter Great Scale Train Show at Timonium this year. Some new equipment was displayed – new as never displayed before because the members had just taken delivery. Glenn Sharpe had his newly-delivered boiler and a hopper he is building. Mike Taber had his FINALLY-delivered diesel locos, one powered with a second dummy. Other repeat displays were John Frederick’s Shay, Harry Horney’s FA, and Herb Schroeder’s switcher and steamer. Members helping to communicate with the show attendees were Mike Schroeder, Tim Allen, Bob Schwoerer, Larry Law with grand-daughter Jasmine, Lou Krapp, Norm Warfield and Steve Zuiderveen.

The usual supply of posters was offered for donations as at preceding shows and a number of videos were played. Tim Allen with his friendly smile and hand shake introduced many visitors to the world of CALS and was great in receiving donations for the club from the poster drive. Jasmine Law helped.

It seems that there were a lot more people on Saturday than in the previous two or three years. This could be a good thing because that means more exposure to our hobby at the show. A TV news reporter from channel 11, Rob Roblin, was interviewing another club. Perhaps TV exposure would be a good thing for CALS, too. The Society will be at the train show again on April 3rd and 4th. We hope that show will be our biggest and best ever! If anyone is interested in joining-in, please call Robert Schwoerer anytime on 410-979-0000.

The following photos are by Mike Schroeder.



**Tim Allen Is Offering Posters**



**Lou Krapp Is just Looking at the Posters;  
Jasmine Law Has her Back to the Camera**



**One of Harry Horney's FAs and A Video on the TV**



**Herb Schroeder's Equipment**



1. **Glenn Sharpe with New Boiler from Marty Knox**



**Glenn's Hopper and Mike Taber's New Diesel**





**Norm Warfield and Bob Schwoerer Pose with Mike Taber and his New Diesel Locos**



**John Frederick's Battery-Powered Shay**

### **SAFETY MEETING**

The annual Safety Meeting will be held on Sunday, March 8, starting at 11 AM. Everyone who expects to run a train or conduct or help at the station must attend or have a special [wasteful] private session with a board member. The purpose of the meeting is to read through the Safety Rules so that all participants in our operations are fully aware of the required procedures.

### **CALS AT CASS**

You may have received the information bulletin for this year's excursion trips at Cass, WV on May 1 through 3. There are all-day trips behind the Cass Shays on Saturday and Sunday with lots of run-bys for the photographers. Special events are available on Friday, too. There are a limited number of participants on these events held by CALS so that there is no crowding and everyone can get a spot to take pictures. Contact Poul Pederson at [CalsAtCass@yahoo.com](mailto:CalsAtCass@yahoo.com).

### **WHERE ARE WE?**

That question is regarding the street address of CALS at Leakin Park. Be assured that there are no markings and no one knows where the Slocum Athletic Fields are located. The question applies for the location for fuel oil deliveries or DLLR or the police. From checking a number of mapping programs, it seems that the entrance from Windsor Mill Road is in the 5100 block of Windsor Mill Road. There is a cross street which can be used to get close: Crimea Road [Seems that should be a 'River'; "Cry me a road" doesn't sound very lyrical.], which is on the other side of Windsor Mill going back to the school. It's sufficient to get someone close enough to meet them and point them to the proper entrance drive. Note that the train station can be located on a GPS by using 1920 Eagle Drive, 21207. Exact addresses are dependant upon the GPS program used.

### **DOG-NOT-GONE IT**

Your editor showed up at the Park on Valentine's Day morning hoping to get some kind of work done. As the only one there, not much was going to happen, but he couldn't get in the door anyway because a boxer-like dog was zealously guarding a child's shoe which was lying by the door. Unsure whether the nasty snarling, growling, and barking were due to rabies or fear, he called 311 for Animal Control and later 911 for the Police, in case the shoe was the result of something truly nefarious. Eventually a policewoman found the place and directed Animal Control to the location. The female dog was caught with a loop stick and taken away with her shoe. This activity entailed many phone calls and a trip across Windsor Mill Road to determine the name of the street over there, and thus was engendered the paragraph above describing CALS' address.

### **INSPECTIONS**

Boiler inspections will be provided at Leakin Park on Friday and Saturday, the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of April. The State Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation will write certificates as in past years. You need to have a boiler certificate to run at Leakin Park. The normal suggestion is for retired folks to come out on Friday and those who have to work or travel can have time on Saturday.

DLLR also has to inspect all the passenger cars we will run during the year. If you will be running your own car to carry passengers, you will have to bring it to the inspection session. A work day in March will be dedicated to our pre-inspection so that we can repair any problems, such as brake rigging or wobbly trucks. We have asked for the inspection to be held on Wednesday March 25 or April 1. Contact Craig Close for the actual date for the car inspection.

### **ACTIVITY NOTES**

Mike Schroeder with help from Tim Allen worked several more hours prepping the lawn tractor fleet for the spring and summer chores. Mike pulled the decks off the tractors; then he sharpened the blades while Tim cleaned and painted the undersides. Mike also changed the oil and made sure the tractors would start. We're now ready to cut the grass. Lou Krapp is working at home building rail sections for the 1" track. He was ready for some curved sections, so some time was used to bend a number of pieces of rail for him. Raked up the leaves lying around since the fall. The wooden step ladder finally snapped in a couple of places. Jim Carpenter visited a "home store" to buy a 10" fiberglass replacement as well as a couple of grass rakes. There was an incident with a dog (see above) and Craig Close whiled away the time picking up most of the small branches which had fallen during the winter's several sessions of high wind. The old answering machine has been replaced – finally with a new, corrected announcement. Tim and Craig placed washers on screws for future track construction.

**TIP O' DE HAT**

Thanks go out to Dave Dalton for pointing out that the PDF version of the electronic Steam Whistle was not showing the proper title in the title bar (should be the actual filename). That problem has been fixed. Also, Dave got your editor off his duff to change the naming convention for the file. Henceforth the filename for the eWhistle will be "calsYYYYMMe.pdf", e.g., "cals200903e.pdf" for this March edition.

**MEMBER DIRECTORY**

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

**NEW MEMBER**

Welcome the following new member and note the information in your 2008-2009 Directory:

PETERSAM, PHIL	ASSOCIATE
9119 SANTA RITA RD	
NOTTINGHAM, MD 21236	(H) (443) 277-1392

**WANTED**

The Society is looking for a used, but not abused, 10 HP snow blower. We do work during the winter and occasionally need to clear the driveway, parking area, and a path to the door. Contact Mike Schroeder.

**ELECTRONIC RECEIPT OF THE WHISTLE**

If you are interested in receiving your copy of *The Steam Whistle* electronically rather than by postal delivery, send your name and e-mail address to the Editor at the address in the masthead. Your e-mail address will be published in the Directory unless you specify otherwise. The Board encourages you to sign up for e-mail delivery. The e-version will have full color photos and will save copying and postage expense.

Note that the eWhistle will be provided in PDF format. The Adobe Reader is available for free download at <http://get.adobe.com/reader/otherversions/>. If you would like a PDF version of the previous electronic issues, just send your request to the e-mail address in the above paragraph.

**EVERYBODY LIKES TO SEE PHOTOS**

If you see something interesting going on and have your camera ready, whether at Leakin Park, home, show, or elsewhere, take the picture(s) and send them in to be published in *The Steam Whistle*. Now that we are publishing the eWhistle with full-color photos, we are looking for a steady supply of photographs.

**WHAT INTERESTING THING ARE YOU DOING?**

If you are doing something interesting in the world of 1" or 1 ½" or similar scale railroading, the other members of CALS might enjoy reading about it in *The Steam Whistle*. Write up a description and e-mail it to the Editor at the address in the masthead or mail it to the return address shown on the last page of this issue. Include color photographs in TIF, PNG, or JPG format, if possible. Your writing doesn't have to be polished, at all. Your editor will be so happy to have something to publish that editing will be FREE.

**INTERESTING TRACK DESIGN**

If you look closely at the photo below you will see that this track (it is actually on a rolling rack) uses special hold-downs rather than the simple washers used by CALS. Enlarged, the screws appear to be allen-head. Oh, yeah, that is a 1 ½” scale, propane-fired, live steam, C&O H-8 Allegheny. It will be running at the C&O Historical Society in Clifton Forge, VA. The loco is on long-term loan to COHS by The Kansas City Union Station Museum. It might be impressive!



**WORK RECORD**

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>WORKERS</u></b>	<b><u>WORK ACCOMPLISHED</u></b>
01/29	M Schroeder	Maintenance work on lawn tractors
02/04	M Schroeder, Carpenter, Kinzer, Close	Rehabilitated a wheel for lawn tractor
02/11	O'Dea, Law, Carpenter, Close	Bend rail for Lou Krapp; Rake leaves; Paint add'l conductor seats; Buy new ladder and grass rakes
02/14	Close	Unhappy dog story; Picked up sticks
02/18	Close, Carpenter, Kinzer, Derr, M Schroeder, Allen	Installed new answering machine; Moved tools to container; Moved old rail outside
02/21	Close	Put washers on screws; Disposed of old rail

**2009 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>FEBRUARY</u></b>			
Wed 4	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	Hamilton St
<b><u>MARCH</u></b>			
Wed 4	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	Hamilton St
Sun 8	11:00 – Noon	Annual Safety meeting	Hamilton St
Wed 25 (or Apr 1)	9:00 – 2:00	Passenger Car Inspection	Hamilton St
<b><u>APRIL</u></b>			
Wed 8	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	Hamilton St
Sun 12	11:00 – 3:30	FIRST Public Run of 2009	Track site
Fri 17	09:00 – 2:00	Boiler Inspection (retirees)	Track site
Sat 18	09:00 – 2:00	Boiler Inspection	Track site
Sun 26	11:00 – 3:30	Member Run	Track site
<b><u>MAY</u></b>			
Fri 1 – Sun 3	Fri at 9:30	CALS at Cass	Cass, WV
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>JUNE</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 Day	Track site
<b><u>JULY</u></b>			
Sun 5	12:00 Noon	Annual Meeting	Hamilton St
Wed 8	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	Hamilton St
Sun 12	11:00 – 3:30	Public Run	Track site
Sun 26	11:00 – 3:30	Member Run	Track site
<b><u>AUGUST</u></b>			
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
<b><u>TRACK WORK SESSIONS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR</u></b>			
Wed	9:00 AM	Cut grass; Build track; Maintenance	Track site
Sat	9:00 AM	Install track	Outside loop

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