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

MAY DAY

The May Run Day, on Mothers Day as usual, was a bright, pleasant day with perhaps just a bit more breeze than desirable but with a good showing of CALS members. Some key personnel were unable to be present, which left specialty jobs, such as setting up the station, to amateurs. A large crowd appeared about the time church let out, and by that time we had six trains running consisting of The Washington 4-6-2, Norm Warfield's 2-8-0, John Frederick's Shay, John O'Dea's 2-6-0, Fritz Dahlin's steeple cab, and the Chessie Diesel ('Sparky'). Much auxiliary rolling stock was pressed into service to fill these trains. There were no real glitches, and the only inconveniences were a blown brake fuse on 'Sparky' (thus no brakes) and a split-switch derailment when putting away the cars. 'Sparky' was replaced with the WM Diesel, which performed fine but ran out of gas when being run up the lead to Hamilton Station to be put away after the passenger hauling part of the day had ended. So, if that was all the trouble, it was a pretty good day. We were happy to see Paul Seyfrit turn up again after a long job-induced absence.

[Provided by Bill Kinzer with minor edits by your editor.]

HERB FESTIVAL

When there is an Herb Festival in Leakin Park, CALS will be running to support the activity. Such was the case this year on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend – May 23. We were there, eventually in great numbers. However, the customers were substantially fewer than the number of seats available. Still, it is very gratifying that so many members came out to support the event. Several years ago, before the unfortunate festival hiatus,

the crowds were huge; if those days recur we will need all the help. Fritz Dahlin was first out with his electric switcher and Joe Barron conducting. John Frederick and Norm Warfield had their electric Shay and Consolidation, respectively. John eventually pushed a couple of gons. It seems that electric locomotives have become the early operators. Bill Kinzer got the Chessie diesel running with Miles Jones as conductor. Larry Law and Bill Derr served as reliefs. Mike Tabor brought out his new pair of SD40-2's, all painted up in Reading green and yellow, for their inaugural passenger run. Glenn Sharpe was conductor, riding in one of his good-looking hopper cars. Harry Horney drove his pair of FA's with Bob Schwoerer relieving; Robert Slenbaker was conductor. Finally, Mike Schroeder had Wendy steamed up with Tim Allen as conductor. Jim Grieshaber was relief engineer for Mike. The weather was beautiful and there were many festival attendees, but they were more interested in herbs than rides. Perhaps next year we can serve as a passenger/freight carrier to transport the people, their wagons, and their purchases back and forth across the span of our layout – for a fee, of course.

PRESIDENT WASHINGTON ON MOTHER'S DAY



These pictures are from the May Run Day when the President Washington was running per the good graces of owner Sparky Hamilton. Mike Schroeder, Jim Carpenter, Herb Schroeder, and Jim Grieshaber brought 5300 to the Park and took her back after operating. In the photograph at left, Herb Schroeder starts to take the gorgeous Pacific out of the station hauling the green coaches. Note (in the e-version only) the field of bright buttercups in the background.



Bob Schwoerer Driving Harry Horney's FAs



Bill Kinzer and Bill Derr with 'Sparky'



Mike Tabor in His Engineer's Hopper Car



Reading SD-40s Ready for Maiden Passenger Run

All photos by Mike Schroeder

UPCOMING EVENTS

On Sunday July 5, we will have our annual meeting and picnic. There is no election this year; so come out for the food and folks. As usual, there will be hamburgers and hot dogs with chips. Please bring something to share.

In September we will have the annual night run on Saturday evening, the 26th. Same picnic arrangement as for the annual meeting; it's just in the evening rather than afternoon.

MEMBER CORRECTION

Robert's phone number was listed incorrectly last month. Note the information in your Directory:

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ACTIVITY NOTES

These notes are somewhat incomplete because a certain taskmaster was not present on the first weekend to ensure that an entry was made on the Work Record for a description of the work done. Perhaps no work? Fortunately there was another communication which indicated that a small crew installed track.

Cutting, milling, and drilling of ties continued during this month, much like the past month. A lot of straight track panels were constructed, using the ties essentially as quickly as they were available. There were a couple of sessions when the weather actually permitted laying track. The result of that work was that the track is now within ten feet of the switch at the north end of the station. Work will end there until a new switch is available for installation. Attention now turns to the southwest horseshoe where the curve is a 75 foot radius. There were no such panels; so in addition to working on ties, it was necessary to add preparation of rails for the smaller radius. The panels built during the past few work days have been these sharper curves, but none have been laid because of the rainy weather. There was also a bit of work performed on the 1” track over by the station. Help can be used. We need more manpower so that both track building and installation can be done simultaneously.

A fairly major track maintenance effort was put in at the center of the southwestern horseshoe where the track had been raised out of the ground by a tree root. A crew dug a bit, cut a lot, and probably said a few bad words. The slip joiners being used in the new track allowed one panel to be lifted out easily for the excavation to be done, and then the panel was just laid back in and the joiners slipped back into place.

Having spoken of rain: Spring has sprung! And the grass is risen! That means that mowing has begun. And the hedges have been trimmed for the first time this season. Let’s count how many times they have to be cut back this year – there were three trimmings in 2008.

Mike Schroeder had some maintenance to complete on Wendy as well as fiddling with the diesels. He also finished season-preparation work on the riding mowers.

WORK RECORD

<u>DATE</u>	<u>WORKERS</u>	<u>WORK ACCOMPLISHED</u>
05/06	Koehler, Derr, Kinzer, Law	Build track; Mow grass
05/09	Koehler, Warfield, R Schwoerer, Kinzer	Lay track (per other source)
05/10	Krapp	
05/13	Close, Kinzer, Derr, H Schroeder, R Schwoerer, Carpenter, M Schroeder, Allen, Law, Krapp	Removed root & replace track panel; Install track (4)
05/16	Close, B&B Schwoerer, Law, Koehler, Jones	Cut, mill, drill ties; Prep rail; Repaired 1” track
05/20	R Schwoerer, Close, Carpenter, Kinzer, Derr, O’Dea, M Schroeder, Allen	Mow grass; Trim hedges; Repair mower deck; Build track
05/23	Herb Festival Run	
05/27	Carpenter, M Schroeder, Allen, Law, R Schwoerer, Close, Derr, H Schroeder, O’Dea	Cut, mill, drill ties; Prep rail; Build track; Install fan in WM
05/30	Warfield, Slenbaker, Kinzer, Close, Koehler, Jones	Install speed markers; Stack used ties; Trim trees

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2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
<u>APRIL</u>			
Sat 4	9:00 – 4:00	Timonium Great Scale Train Show	Fairgrounds
Sun 5	10:00 – 4:00	Timonium Great Scale Train Show	Fairgrounds
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
<u>MAY</u>			
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
Sat 23	10:00 – 4:00	Herb Festival	Track site
Sun 24	11:00 – 3:30	Member Run	Track site
<u>JUNE</u>			
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
<u>JULY</u>			
Sun 5	12:00 Noon	Picnic & 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
<u>AUGUST</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>SEPTEMBER</u>			
Wed 9	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	Hamilton St
Sun 13	11:00 – Noon	Public Run	Track site
Sat 26	12:00 Noon	Picnic & Night Run	Hamilton St
Sun 27	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	Lay track	Outside loop

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