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

JULY PUBLIC DAY

The July Run Day was totally beautiful – it was dry, clear, and warm. Perhaps the Second Sunday advertising by The Friends of Gwynns Falls/Leakin Park has an effect or possibly it is still resulting from the April newspaper article. As in June the line stretched well beyond our ropes parallel to Eagle Drive and remained for most of the session. The extended customer line was perhaps the longest in the past 15 years. We were slow in sending out trains again. If you come out on Run Day, please try to help get the trains running.. Only four locomotives were running for the day. Bill Kinzer operated the Chessie diesel pulling the coaches with Alex Koehler conducting. Those two later switched jobs. They were relieved by Bob Schwoerer and Robert Slenbaker. A crew got Wendy steamed up and she was engineered by Ryan Nace with Gil Lehmann. Norm Warfield's 2-8-0 added color running through the Station until Robert Slenbaker helped him as conductor. John Frederick's Shay push a couple of cars. The line lasted all day. As engines were pulled from service, the line moved more slowly. Ultimately, one extra run was made at the end of the day to accommodate the last riders.

It is hot and we have had looong lines of customers. Please get to the Park early to be ready to run at 11.

ANNUAL MEETING

On the Sunday of July 4th weekend we held our annual meeting and picnic. There is no election this year; so the turnout was not particularly large. As usual, there were hamburgers and hot dogs with chips, plus Mike Looney supplied ribs. Folks brought other items to share. At the end of the meeting, the new signs for Brace Junction were unveiled and Glenn Sharpe said a few words of his old friend. Afterward, Harry Horney entertained with some jokes and magic tricks.



Waiting for the Meeting To Start



Lazin' About During the Day



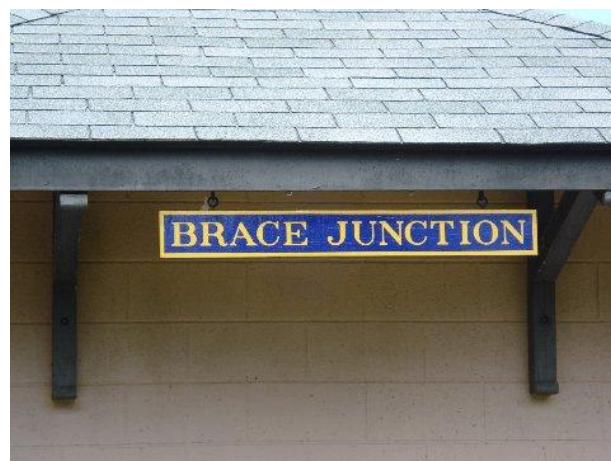
Pres. Bill Kinzer Addresses the Members



Harry Horney Entertains in Clown Face



Steve Zuiderveen Unveils Sign



The Sign in Memory of a Founding Member
Photos by Bob Schwoerer and Mike Schroeder

WE'RE OVER HALF WAY!

The outside track has progressed slowly, mainly because it is necessary to stop laying track and produce the rail and ties needed to build sections. Installation toward the station along Windsor Mill Road stopped at the station because it was deemed appropriate to wait for the switch at the south approach. We continued installation at the lead to Hamilton Station where there was a really rough section of old track left in the ground for use in maneuvering cars from the racks to operations. Having made up a supply of ties and prepping a number of sections of rail, we built 75' radius track to get around that southwest horseshoe. The track is now part way through the straight to Brace Junction, and that point is a bit over halfway around the loop.

WORKIN' ON THE (SMALL) RAILROAD

Tony Kopecni has been coming to Leakin Park regularly every week to work on the ¾" and 1" combination track from the transfer table. He is getting some help from one of our student members, Gil Lehmann. Here is yet another opportunity for members to provide help to the club. Those who have the smaller scales have not been able to run for quite a long time even though they have paid their Full Member dues for many years. It is not written in stone that only members with small scale equipment should work on the smaller tracks. Old Man Lou Krapp continues to build 1" track at his home and someone occasionally goes there to pick it up for storage in a container.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Greenberg Shows at Timonium on December 5 – 6.

The Western Maryland Chapter of NRHS in Cumberland on September 25 – 27. If you can run 1" equipment at this event, please contact Bill Kinzer.

DIRECTORY

New member directories will be produced fairly soon. Treasurer Jim Carpenter has to gather all the changes provided with the annual payments, and they have to be included into the formal membership list. More information is being collected in this age of personal computers and e-mail. If you would like to have your cell phone and/or e-mail listed in the Directory, please supply the information to Craig Close at bigsteam@comcast.net or 15 Benway Ct, Baltimore, MD 21228. An updated membership application is now available. It has provisions for entering a cell phone number and e-mail address, plus selection for not publishing the e-mail address and for receiving the Whistle by e-mail. Also, it is more clear about the meaning of the membership levels.

RUN DAY DUTIES

A continuing reminder: a list of things to do is posted on the bulletin board. Eventually everything gets done as preparation for the day's operation. However, at the end of day, invariably someone tries to help without knowing just what has to be done. Ahem, those actions done at the beginning of the day have to be reversed. If the person who set up does not take down, the person at the end of the day has to read the list to know what to do. As an example, the list says to put up the flags and the crossbuck at the yard lead. Normally, someone takes down the flags but leaves the crossbuck standing. A look at the list would clue them in that there is something else to do. Please help, but in a knowledgeable manner.

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.

ACTIVITY NOTES

Much cutting, milling, and drilling of ties this month as a fair amount of track was installed and track had to be constructed to keep apace of the installation. Whereas the rail preparation step is pretty much a one-man operation, transforming the 12' plastic 2" x 4" sticks into individual ties which are ready for use is definitely a multi-person dance of chaos. It takes two to cut the individual ties. One supplies the sticks to the sawyer and takes away the cut piece and stacks it by the routing table. The router operator has to stack 10 pieces on the table and close up the holder. Then the ties are very carefully pulled past the twin routers to cut the slots for the tie plates. When the milled ties are released from the holder, someone has to carry them to a stack from which those drilling the four pilot holes will take them. There are two jigs for that drilling and both need to be used in order to have any hope of keeping up with preceding operations. After the holes are drilled, someone else has to stack the completed ties so that they can be drawn on to set up the track-making jig. Those steps require at least five people, but six or seven would all have work to do without building a single piece of track. Speaking of: Track building addressed the continued need for 75' radius curves so that the southwest horseshoe could be completed. Even while ties were needed it was necessary to interrupt to clean up Hamilton Station for the Annual Meeting. Most of the old rail taken up is re-useable; so another job was prepping the rails for the type of track needed. The first step is using the air chisel to knock off the old rail joiners. The rusted steel comes off quite nicely, but newer stainless steel bolts require sockets and screwdrivers. The basic problem with prepping rail is that the job cannot be done at the same time ties are being cut. Oh, yes. track building continued at a furious pace to keep up with the installation. Help can still be used on both work days so that both track building and installation can be done simultaneously. After all, we are **only** half way.

Other maintenance efforts were required. A couple of switches in the yard were in desperate need of work as well as some other stabilization work. The grass was mowed and some trees trimmed. Multiple sessions have been used to spray weeds. In typical real-life fashion, the unveiled sign at Brace Junction was not complete. The hooks were cinched down and the sign on the other side of the building was installed.

John Frederick had some help with re-establishing the signal connections for the lights at the entrance crossing. Also, there was at least an attempt to make up a hydraulic motor to power the auger which may be used on the Massey-Ferguson tractor for trenching the right-of-way.

WORK RECORD

<u>DATE</u>	<u>WORKERS</u>	<u>WORK ACCOMPLISHED</u>
07/01	R Schwoerer, Close, Carpenter, Derr, Kinzer, M Schroeder, Allen, Kopecni, Lehmann	Cut, mill, drill ties; Clean HS; Repair switch; Work 1"
07/04	R Schwoerer, Close, Kinzer, Law, Zuiderveen	Clean HS; Set up new work car; Maint yard; Prep hydraulic motor for auger; Install Brace Jct sign
07/08	Close, Carpenter, Derr, Koehler, M Schroeder, Allen	Install track; Cut grass; Trim trees; Work 1"
07/11	B&B Schwoerer, Close, Kinzer, Warfield, Slenbaker, Frederick, Kopecni	Install track; Work on signals; Prep rail, Work 1"
07/15	Close, R Schwoerer, Warfield, Slenbaker, Carpenter, Kinzer, Derr, Frederick, M Schroeder, Allen, Kopecni	Install track; Work on signals; Prep rail; Work 1"; Spray weeds
07/18	B&B Schwoerer, Close, Kinzer, Warfield, Slenbaker, Kopecni	Build track; Install track; Work 1"
07/21	Kopecni, Lehmann, Carpenter, Derr, M Schroeder, Allen, Koehler, R Schwoerer, Law, Warfield, Simms	Build track; Install track (6); Work 1"; Spray weeds
07/25	R Schwoerer, Close, Warfield, Slenbaker	Install track (5)

2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
<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 Sta
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 Sta
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 Sta
Wed 8	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	Hamilton Sta
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 Sta
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 Sta
Sun 13	11:00 – Noon	Public Run	Track site
Sat 26	12:00 Noon	Picnic & Night Run	Hamilton Sta
Sun 27	11:00 – 3:30	Member Run	Track site
<u>OCTOBER</u>			
Wed 7	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	Hamilton Sta
Sun 11	11:00 – Noon	Public Run	Track site
Sun 25	11:00 – 3:30	Member Run	Track site
<u>NOVEMBER</u>			
Wed 4	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	Hamilton Sta
Sun 8	11:00 – Noon	Public Run	Track site
Sun 22	11:00 – 3:30	Member Run	Track site
<u>TRACK WORK SESSIONS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR</u>			
Wed	9:00 AM	Cut grass; Build track; Maintenance	Track site
Sat	9:00 AM	Lay track	Outside loop

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