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

AUGUST PUBLIC DAY

We had another good weather day for the August Run Day – it was dry and clear, but hot without any breeze. The line started out fairly long and lasted until 1:15 or so when everyone went for lunch and most did not come back, perhaps due to the heat. We were not so slow as in recent months in getting trains operating. We had a number of different trains running throughout the day but there were a number of substitutions. Also there was a new operating mode which made use of much of the completed outside track. The inside track was kept on the far station track and sent into the yard, similar to the short loop we used last year. However, trains running the full loop were switched to the outside track between Hamilton Station and the entrance crossing. They continued on the outside up to the station where they crossed over to the near track of the inside loop. It works on paper but there were some difficulties in action. There were times when the short loop was obstructed for protracted times and the trains running on that loop had to be switched around through the station thus creating blockage of the full loop. Maybe it can be worked better in the future. Harry Horney’s dual Santa Fe diesels were pulling the coaches with Tim Allen conducting. Bill Kinzer and Ned Treat ran the Chessie diesel. Those two trains were running on the full loop. The rest of the trains were on the short loop. Lou and Alex Koehler shared operation of the Western Maryland diesel. John Frederick worked his Shay; Norm Warfield had his Consolidated; and Bill Beattie ran a different boxcab from the one he had last month. Herb Schroeder with help from Mike Schroeder ran his Mogul steamer for the first time at the Park. Unfortunately the loco lost its brake generation.



IN MEMORIAM

Leo H. Chism



Leo died on Friday, August 7, after a long fight with the complications of a stroke and diabetes. He was 86.

He was a much loved, long time member of CALS and Society President when the Park facilities were dedicated with Baltimore Mayor Donald Schaefer. While Leo suffered terribly in his last years, that was not the Leo Chism of earlier times.

Leo was in the U. S. Navy during World War II and retired from Westinghouse at BWI Airport as the General Manager of Manufacturing. He was a devoted family man but found time and much joy in retirement constructing a beautifully detailed pacific locomotive in 1:8 scale. His railroad, the Maryland and Missouri, was named after his birth state, and its logo was "Route of the Mule", prominently displayed on the green locomotive's tender. Leo put in much time working in Leakin Park on the construction of the original track, the steaming bay facilities, and our first structure, the cinder block "pump house". When the city government recognized CALS by supporting construction of "Headquarters Building", Leo helped in the design and construction of the storage racks and elevator system.

Leo leaves his wife, Eilene and children Brad, Deneice, and Denele, and eight grandchildren. Interment was in Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens in Timonium, MD. Contributions in Leo's name to the American Diabetes Association will be appreciated.

Submitted by Bill Kinzer and Craig Close



OWOSSO STEAM FEST HAPPENINGS

Owosso, MI is a small city with a large interest in railroading. It is the home of the Steam Railroading Institute which developed in 1969 from a University of Michigan enthusiast group who were restoring a NKP Berkshire (#765) to operation. This locomotive was displayed at the festival. This locomotive and eight others were in steam for the 2009 Steam Fest in late July. CALS members Steve Zuiderveen, Jim Grieshaber, Tony Kopecni and "Doc" Kinzer attended.

The Chessie System diesel "Sparky" and three CALS gondolas also attended, brought in a van by Doc and Steve to share in giving rides to the expected crowd using a brand new 1/3 mile track laid in the past five months. At least eight other 7-1/2" trains also participated. All gauges from HO to full scale were represented in tents, outdoors, and on the tracks of the former Ann Arbor RR. On display and in steam was America's newest steam loco, Dave Kloke's 'Leviathan,' built from plans for one of the engines touching pilots in 1869 at Promontory, Utah. This beautiful locomotive was just completed this year, complying with all regulations.

Accommodations were short--no reservations were available within fifty miles of Owosso. Steve and Doc had to commute from Lansing. Vendors catering to rail enthusiasts of every stripe were everywhere, mostly in two huge tents--fortunate because of an intense downpour on the first day of the event. A highlight was the 16 coach daily 75 mile excursion pulled by the SP Daylight 4-8-4 (#4449) or the Pere Marquette Berkshire #1225. All four trips were sold out. Grade crossings were crowded with spectators and photographers, and a helicopter followed the whole journey. Shorter hourly trips were headed by a tiny 4-6-2, the smallest of its type ever built.

On leaving, we heard there had been 30,000 paid admissions, and we're pretty sure everyone had as much fun as we did.

Account provided by Bill Kinzer



Track Looks Pretty Good



EEEEK! Don't Run Under the Monster!

Photos by Tony Kopecni and Steve Zuiderveen

NIGHT RUN

Saturday the 26th will be our annual night run starting around 5 o'clock. There were hamburgers and hot dogs with chips, plus whatever you folks bring to share. Don't forget lights if you plan to operate a locomotive. There is no rain date.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Greenberg Shows at Timonium on December 5 – 6.

The Western Maryland Chapter of NRHS in Cumberland on September 25 – 27.

NEW SERVICE

Vintage Restorations Limited of Union Bridge, MD is now performing outdoor model railroad services including sheet metal fabrication and welding on rolling stock and engines, including engine component/body restoration with a specialty in refinishing. We work on diesel/electric and live steam locomotives and rolling stock in 3/4", 1", 1 1/2" and 3 3/4" per foot scales. We can color match the road color of your choice, or duplicate a color using factory paint codes. Finishes can be applied in flat, satin or gloss. We use high quality, catalyzed acrylic enamel or acrylic urethane paint systems. These paints result in a long lasting, durable finish that is far superior to paint applied using non-catalyzed aerosol spray cans.

Please contact John Tokar at 410-775-0500 for more information about this service, including prices and scheduling. See www.vintagerestorationsltd.com to see work done recently.

DIRECTORY

A new edition of the member directory will be produced later in the year. 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. A new membership application is available.

ELECTRONIC RECEIPT OF THE WHISTLE

If you are interested in receiving your copy of *The Steam Whistle* electronically rather than by postal delivery, e-mail 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 not only will have full color photos and but also will save copying and postage expense.

VISIT TO TRAIN MOUNTAIN



Proof that Mike Schroeder and Jim Carpenter did actually make it to Train Mountain this year.

ACTIVITY NOTES

Much more of the this month: cutting, milling, and drilling of ties; preparing rail; putting washers on screws; building track; laying track; and more. Help can still be used on both work days so that both track building and installation can be done simultaneously. After all, we still have 50 pieces of curved track to build, plus about 20 straights in order to finish. Also, Tony Kopecni has continued his effort to rehab the small track out of the transfer area.

Around the track, we found a second root raising track in the southwest horseshoe. The root was an ugly beast, but its removal seemed to go more easily than for the first one. While there in that area, a couple of stretches of track were leveled. We received more stone – that’s 30 tons in a month or so. There was the normal yard work of cutting grass and Jim Carpenter spraying for weeds. Mike Schroeder had some maintenance to perform on mowers and the sump pump in Hamilton Station.

John Frederick worked some more on the crossing signal with help from Norm Warfield to make a cross-arm.

WORK RECORD

<u>DATE</u>	<u>WORKERS</u>	<u>WORK ACCOMPLISHED</u>
07/25	Sharpe, Taber	Build switch
07/28	R Schwoerer, Kinzer, Carpenter, Derr, Close, Kopecni, M Schroeder, Allen, Lehmann, Frederick, Warfield, Slenbaker	Build track; Cut, mill, drill ties; Prep screws; Maintain mower; Maintain crossing signal; Work 1”
08/01	Kopecni, Close	Build track; Cut, mill, drill ties; Work 1”
08/05	Close, Kinzer, Koehler, Derr, M Schroeder, Allen	Cut grass; Move track; Prep rail; Cut, mill, drill ties; Build track; Prep screws; Spray weeds
08/08	R Schwoerer, Warfield, Slenbaker, Beattie, Kinzer, Kopecni, Koehler	Build track; Work 1”
08/12	R Schwoerer, Close, Kinzer, Slenbaker, Carpenter, Derr, Kopecni, O’Dea, M Schroeder, Allen, Ryan Nace	Cut, mill, drill ties; Build track; Install track; Work 1”
08/15	Kopecni, B&B Schwoerer, Kinzer, Warfield, Slenbaker, Beattie, A&D Lalli, Close	Remove root; Level track; Prep rail; Cut, mill, drill ties; Build track; Work 1”
08/16	M Schroeder, Koehler	Fix sump pump
08/19	Close, R Schwoerer, Koehler, Kinzer, Derr, Kopecni, M Schroeder, Allen, Law	Drill ties; Prep screws; Build track; Cut grass; Work 1”; Spray weeds; Receive stone
08/21	Law	Transport switch to Baltimore
08/22	B&B Schwoerer, Kinzer, Close, Warfield, Slenbaker, Law, Zuiderveen, A&D Lalli, S Gauge Crew	Install track (19); Install switch
08/26	R Schwoerer, Close, Carpenter, Derr, Kopecni, Koehler, M Schroeder, Allen, Slenbaker, Lehmann, Law	Change last track section; Install track (1); Build track; Cut grass; Spray weeds; Clean Wendy; Work 1”
08/29	B&B Schwoerer, Kopecni, Close	Disassem old switch; Scrap rail; Prep rail; Fiddle with invention

“S” GAUGERS HELP

On Saturday, August 22, several members of the local “S” Gauge club came out to Leakin Park to help lay track. They were quick learners and helped CALS lay a one-day record 19 sections of track around the curve at Brace Junction. Some also helped extend that record by helping to replace the electrically controlled switch south of the station. Those coming out were Barry Berson, Sharon Russell, Kyle Russell, Greg Klein, Milo Rodriques and son Jack, and Walt Westerfield.



Working on the Curve



Another at Brace Junction



Helping To Install the South Station Switch

Photos by Steve Zuiderveen

SMALL SCALE UPGRADE



Tony Kopecni got a portion of the elevated access track placed in service in time to run his three-quarter inch scale 0-6-0 last month. This was the first small scale engine to run at CALS in a couple of years.

Photo by Bob Slenbaker.

2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
<u>MAY</u>			
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>DECEMBER</u>			
Wed 4	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	Hamilton Sta
<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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