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

SEPTEMBER PUBLIC DAY

Jiminy golly! After several days of rather October-like weather, we had yet another nice day (super nice!) for the September run. And we had what might have been the longest line of the year. And that is a comparison to the long lines we started with for the preceding two months. Also as with those earlier months, the line pretty much dissipated around 1:15; but it was not because of the heat or any other weather-related reason. Our customers probably just wanted to get lunch. We were again slow to get trains operating. The Washington was making a trial run by the time the diesel operators got their acts together. We ran the same operating mode we set up last month for the first time, and it worked much better this time. The B&O P-7 Pacific Washington was running on the full loop operated by Mike Schroeder, Jim Carpenter, and Jim Grieshaber with Tim Allen and Gil Lehmann conducting. Of course, this locomotive pulled the heavyweight coaches. Harry Horney's back-to-back Santa Fe FAs were pulling some gondolas with Larry Law as conductor. Mike Taber was running his Reading SD-40s and Glenn Sharpe rode in a hopper as conductor. Norm Warfield and John Frederick double-headed their Consolidation and Shay on the inner loop while Robert Slenbaker conducted. The =WM= diesel and the Chessie also ran on the inside with Ned Treat/Toyam Cox and Bob Schwoerer/Fritz Dahlin operating the trains. Bill Beattie ran one of his Virginian electrics pushing a couple of gons. As the crowd starting to lessen, Chessie moved to the full loop and the Washington and others gradually were put into the yard.

NIGHT RUN

The Night Run on Saturday the 26th was a good deal less than successful due to the rain which began as folks began to assemble. Mike Taber had his Reading units sitting on the main, under cover, but there were no rides. There were burgers and dogs with chips, plus a few items brought to share. Approximately 20 hearty souls attended and they put a dent into the supply of hamburgers. There were discussions about designing a passenger loading track at Hamilton Station and a transfer table lift for the containers. Certainly no decisions made. The evening was over by 7:30.

TELEPHONE TREE

There was no established rain date for the Night Run, primarily because the date was already pretty late in the year. There wasn't much that could be done about cancelling or re-scheduling because there is no effective means established for communicating schedule changes. An old-timey but effective method to accomplish communication of changes is a telephone tree. Each board member can be assigned a share of the members to call. However, it is not worthwhile to split the entire membership list because quite a few are too far away to attend events anyway. So, if you want to be on the calling tree, send your name to Craig Close (e-mail in masthead and address in Whistle return address) asking to be included. Be sure we have a good phone number in the directory and indicate which to use if you have home and cell phones.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Greenberg Shows at Timonium on December 5 – 6. Because the October Great Scale Train Show is being held the second weekend and conflicts with run day, we will be trying the Greenberg Show a couple of months later. The show will be in the Cow Palace during the hours of 10 to 4 both days.

OFFICIAL EXTRA DUTY CONFIRMED

It has been officially confirmed that The Train Collectors Association will be visiting CALS next year when they hold their annual convention in Baltimore. One of the tours they will provide is a visit to Leakin Park where they will provide the food for lunch. We have to provide trains – all day – on a Wednesday. Before you make other plans for 2010, put June 23 down for helping CALS provide a fun time for TCA convention attendees. The schedule is for them to have one or two busloads come in the morning and stay through lunch. The busses will bring another group for lunch. The morning folks will then leave after lunch and the lunchtime arrivals will stay during the afternoon. That is a FULL weekday. Please make plans to help on Wednesday, June 23, 2010.

RANT

At the end of a Run day everyone is tired and really wants to get home. Please do not let that desire be a reason for cutting corners. Case in point: cars do have to be put in the racks in correct order. At the beginning of the day some unwanted cars, generally on the top rack, are in front of cars/coaches which are needed. The unneeded cars are put on lower racks while the coaches are brought down. That's OK. At the end of the day, however, the cars put on the lower racks cannot simply be pushed to the back of those racks. Invariably, something doesn't fit and it takes two people at least a half-hour on Wednesday to rearrange ALL the cars properly. Please do it correctly at the end of Run Day.

DUES ARE DUE

For those who have not yet paid their annual dues in full, you must pay before year end or you will be dropped from membership. Send your check to Jim Carpenter, the Treasurer:
9617 Hillridge Dr, Kensington, MD 20895.

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.

FESTIVITIES AT MOOSE CABOOSE

The Moose Caboose train store in Winfield, MD, held a customer appreciation day on September 19 and a couple CALS members brought gear for folks to see. Fritz Dahlin had his switcher running on a short section of temporary track and Glenn Sharpe had one of Mike Taber's SD-40 diesels on a stand at the back of the van.



Fritz Dahlin's Electric Switcher



Mike Taber's SD-40

Photos by Fritz Dahlin

FOR SALE

4 3/4" Maintenance Stand constructed of wood and steel
Ask about various other model train equipment, too.
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ACTIVITY NOTES

Not so much this month of the preparatory work for building track as so much was done in August. This month was directed to building and laying track. All of last month's materials were used up; so help can still be used on both work days so that both track building and installation can be done simultaneously. The weather is fairly good for laying track, but we need another blitz to get more tack put together. We have new track climbing the grade to the southeast horseshoe but still have about 30 pieces of curved track to build, plus about 20-30 straights in order to finish. Also, Tony Kopecni has continued his effort to rehab the small track out of the transfer area, but he spent much of the month in Europe. Bill Kinzer had time off, too, in Alaska.

This month's track maintenance was not related to Mother nature's tree roots. Instead we had to fix a section of track on the wye leg which runs west out of the yard on the long curve to the inside loop. There was an event in the infield on Saturday afternoon, the 5th. The City set up a stage and the supervisor directed the truck through our main gate and over our track to get to the area. Bob Schwoerer was in the area, but the City folks did not ask him how to get inside ... The damage to the 7 1/2" track was minimal; we removed the roll somewhat and then moved the rail to re-establish the gauge. However, if your family name begins with "W", we have two aluminum logos for you. One panel of the 1" rail took that shape under the weight of the truck. Larry Law reconnected the electric switch south of the station now that the switch has been installed.

There was the normal grass cutting, and Herb Schroeder twice hauled a trailer down to carry away the old ties. Mike Schroeder had some maintenance to perform on mowers and ballast tampers. He also had additional work on the sump pump in Hamilton Station. A final fix to the leak was to make a repair on the toilet in the ladies restroom.

WORK RECORD

<u>DATE</u>	<u>WORKERS</u>	<u>WORK ACCOMPLISHED</u>
09/02	R Schwoerer, Carpenter, Derr, Close, Kopecni, M Schroeder, Allen, Cox	Mail Whistle; Lay track (5); Cut grass; Maint electric; Fix tamper
09/05	B&B Schwoerer, Close, Kopecni, Warfield, Slenbaker Frederick, Beattie	Fix damaged track; Lay track
09/09	R Schwoerer, Carpenter, Derr, Close, Koehler, Law M Schroeder, H Schroeder	Remove old rail joiners; Prep rail; Build track; Maint Wendy; Connect electric switch at station; Fix toilet
09/12	Close	Check gauge after damage; Move tie stock; Check batteries
09/16	R Schwoerer, Close, Kinzer, Derr, Ryan Nace, Cox, M Schroeder, Allen, H Schroeder, Carpenter	Build track; Lay track; Prep rail; Fix gon; Fix lawn tractor; Cut grass
09/19	B&B Schwoerer, Close, Kinzer, Warfield, Slenbaker, Koehler, Grieshaber	Lay track (9) Install track; Work 1"
09/23	Kopecni, R Schwoerer, Kinzer, Derr, H Schroeder, Koehler, Close, Cox	Lay track; Prep rail; Build track; Work 1"; Haul away ties
09/24	M Schroeder	Maint on Wendy
09/26	Close, R Schwoerer, Koehler, Kinzer, Warfield, Slenbaker,	Prep rail; Build track; Cut grass; Clean for Night Run; Haul away ties

2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
<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>			
Sat-Sun 05-06	10:00 – 4:00	Greenberg Train Show	Timonium
Wed 9	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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