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

SAFETY MEETING

THE ANNUAL MANDATORY SAFETY MEETING

The Safety Meeting for CALS will be on March 14 at 11 am. MAKE NOTE THAT DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS THAT DAY. Be sure to set your clocks ahead. There were a number of modified rules last year, and they have to be reiterated this year so that they can be properly applied. However, there are more changes this year. It is one of those backwards situations in life where in order to help you have to suffer the dreaded safety meeting. So, if you will be helping on Run Days or operating at any time, you need to be at Hamilton Station at the appointed hour. Whether engineering, conducting, or helping out at the station, you need to know the rules. Come to the meeting for the read-through and sign the attendance sheet. If you miss the meeting you have to sit with a Board member to go through the rules.

WATERLESS AND WATERMORE

Hamilton Station remains without water. At least that made it easier to protect against freezing in case the snow storms resulted in loss of power and heat, but the snow makes it very difficult for the City even to consider getting into the leaf dump area to fix the broken water pipe. On the other hand, on the other side of the Park, the City was dumping snow which had been collected off the streets of the city. They had a front-end loader piling up the snow dumped from trucks. Piling up the snow and breaking the fire hydrant beside the pile. Understand that while CALS had no water on the west side, there was water on the east side, serving the mansion and Outward Bound and the hydrant. But Outward Bound was hosting a national meeting and needed water. So, the hydrant flowed for 10 days before it could be fixed. The amount of damage to the Park is not known yet.

SNOW PHOTOS



View from Windsor Mill Entrance



And from Inside Our Gate



Driver's Cap on Brace Junction



Yes, There Is a Fuel Tank behind HS

Photos by Mike Schroeder

TCA STILL COMING IN JUNE

June is just around the corner. Unfortunately, the corner is still covered with snow! There is a lot to do before the June 23 visit by the national convention of the Train Collectors Association. Again, note that the date is a WEDNESDAY. Whenever the snow clears and the ground dries a bit, we need to finish the track to and through the station. It seems out of the question now to get anything done in the yard – but we can try. Please be planning to help out with the Wednesday and Saturday work sessions if you live in the Baltimore region. Whether you help beforehand or not, PLEASE think about helping on June 23rd.

MORE SNOW EVIDENCE



Crew Parking – Outside the Gate



Mike Tries His Snow Blower



Bob Plowing at Brace – He Didn't Start There



Almost to the Gate – Snow Blower Work Seen

Photos by CALS

PUBLICITY FOR CALS

The Friends of Gwynns Falls and Leakin Parks has an article in its upcoming newsletter about CALS. There is a possibility that each issue can have an article or at least a reminder about our Second Sunday operations. Also, the Hunting Ridge community newsletter will have an article this spring. We should be happy about such notoriety, and if anyone has ideas for subjects to include in such newsletters or other avenues for publicity, please help out or tell a board member.

PHOTO CONTEST

Now officially: The Friends of Gwynns Falls and Leakin Parks is sponsoring a photo contest now. The photographs must be from the year preceding May 15 and must have been taken in a Baltimore City Park, such as our Leakin Park. Entries can be made by adults or youths (under 18) in any of four categories: Wildlife, Plants, Landscapes and structures, and People. Hope to have the registration form on calslivesteam.org.

UPDATED CALS APPLICATION FORM

The board has been discussing an updated application form for several months. It has now been approved and should be available on the Society website and at Hamilton station. The form now uses both sides of the sheet in order to provide more room for information and for additional questions. Much of the information can be provided on an optional basis as specified on the form.

100 YEARS OF RAILS IN PETERSBURG, WV

See Prestige Rail Marketing at <http://wvrails2010.com/index.php>

West Virginia Rails 2010 celebrates 100 years of the railroad built by the B&O Railroad from the Potomac to Petersburg in WEST Virginia (on the way to Cass for many of you). During the Friday to Saturday weekend of June 25-27, The Potomac Eagle Scenic Railroad will be offering a rare steam railroading experience along the South Branch of the Potomac, including use of Western Maryland Scenic's #748 Consolidation. Steam and diesel locomotives from around the country will be on display. Huge model train layouts will be set up. Railroad vendors from around the globe will have items for purchase (Your editor will be there with the B&O Historical Society Store.). All day excursion or shorter one-hour train rides behind various vintage locomotives will be available. You will even be able to pull the throttle and blow the whistle on one of these steam locomotives. Scale miniature trains, gauge unknown at this time, will be hauling passengers around the grounds of the event as well.

While CALS does not expect to have an official contingent there, members can contact the promoters. But remember that TCA will have been at our track site on Wednesday and we need your participation and help for that event.

EARLY YEARS OF CALS – STEAMING BAYS



Left:
Working on lead from yard to lift. Air compressor used before Midway was built.

Right:
Had a tractor back then, too.



Left:
Now have first bay track installed.

Right:
Dick Johnson taking a break. Do you recognize the locos? (Probably possible only if you receive the Whistle by e-mail.)



Left:
Bill Bell is painting the lift.

Right:
Still looks as though things are unfinished.

Photos courtesy of
Jim Carpenter

ACTIVITY NOTES

More snow – record amount in Baltimore for a storm, the month, and the year. And temperatures which were not severely cold but just never got above freezing for a couple of weeks. Thus the snow remains ...

The result was no access to our facilities until the City used a front-end loader to clear a narrow path in the roadway from Windsor Mill Road. Then there was the slow process of digging out. Bob Schwoerer started up the Massey-Ferguson and used the front bucket to start plowing a path from the container to the gate. A Wednesday crew was able to shovel a couple of pathways for access to Hamilton Station. One path also provided access for Carroll Fuel to fill the heating oil tank as we were on their ‘low fuel, no access’ list. The path was 175 feet long as measured by the full length of hose dragged from the fuel truck to the tank – inches to spare.

Inside HS there was a good supply of ties and rails, plus a new supply of washers; so track building continued. A decision still has to be made whether to buy just new batteries for the drills or to buy new drill/battery packages. Track sections are filling container #4 to the brim because track-laying appears to be many weeks off.

Mike Schroeder worked on the mower currently in Hamilton Station and Tim Allen helped.

Still no water at Hamilton Station.

WORK RECORD

<u>DATE</u>	<u>WORKERS</u>	<u>WORK ACCOMPLISHED</u>
02/early	Snowed out	
02/10	M Schroeder	Drain water in HS/antifreeze
02/13	Bob Schwoerer	Start plowing snow
02/17	Bob Schwoerer, Carpenter, Derr, Close, H Schroeder, M Schroeder, Allen	Dig out; Plow snow; Clear path for fuel oil delivery
02/20	Bob & Bill Schwoerer, Close	Prep rail; Build track
02/24	Bob Schwoerer, Close, M Schroeder, Kopecni, Derr, Carpenter	Shovel snow; Build track; Move track to container; Maint mower
02/27	Bob & Bill Schwoerer, Close	Prep rail; Build track

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2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
<u>JANUARY</u>			
Wed 6	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	Hamilton Sta
Sat-Sun 16-17	09:00 – 5:00/4:00	Cabin Fever Expo	York Fair
<u>FEBRUARY</u>			
Sat-Sun 6-7	09:00/10:00 –4:00	Great Scale Train Show	Timonium
Wed 10	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	Hamilton Sta
<u>MARCH</u>			
Wed 10	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	Hamilton Sta
Sun 14	11:00	Mandatory Annual Safety Meeting	Hamilton Sta
Wed 24 (tentative)	9:00	Car inspection by MD DLLR	Hamilton Sta
<u>APRIL</u>			
Wed 7	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	Hamilton Sta
Sun 11	11:00 – 3:30	Opening Public Run	Track site
Fri-Sat 16-17 (tentative)	09:00 – 2:00	Boiler Inspection by MD DLLR	Track site
Sun 25	11:00 – 3:30	Member Run	Track site
<u>MAY</u>			
Fri-Sat 1-2 plus 4/30	09:00 – 2:00	CASS	Cass, WV
Wed 5	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	Hamilton Sta
Sun 9	11:00 – 3:30	Public Run	Track site
Sat 22	10:00 – 4:00	Herb Festival	Track site
Sun 23	11:00 – 3:30	Member Run	Track site
<u>JUNE</u>			
Wed 9	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	Hamilton Sta
Sun 13	11:00 – 3:30	Public Run	Hamilton Sta
Sun 20	11:00 – 3:30	Member Run	Track site
Wed 23	9:00 – 4:00	TCA National Convention Run	Track site
<u>JULY</u>			
Sun 11	12:00 – ?	Annual Meeting w/ Election & BOD	Hamilton Sta
Wed 7 (probably NOT)	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	Hamilton Sta
Sun 11	11:00 – 3:30	Public Run	Track site
Sun 25	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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