



THE STEAM WHISTLE

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

SAFETY MEETING

There were 48 attendees at the annual Safety Meeting on March 14. It appears that everyone made note that daylight saving time began that day. There were a number of modified rules, but there was little discussion about them. Whether engineering, conducting, or helping out at the station, you need to know the rules. If you missed the meeting you have to sit with a Board member to go through the document.

INSPECTIONS

Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (DLLR) inspected all operating passenger cars on Wednesday, March 24. All cars passed the brake inspection and the track passed, too.

DLLR is scheduled to come to Leakin Park on Friday, April 16 and Saturday, April 17 to inspect all steam engines to ensure that the boilers are truly ready and safe for the 2010 operating season. The normal schedule is for retired owners to come by on Friday so that those still working can have their inspections on Saturday.

HERB FESTIVAL

Some assumption involved, but there should be the Herb Festival on Saturday, May 22. The hours are longer than our normal public run and the crowds could be large if the weather is good. Please plan to help.

INJURY NOTE

Lou Krapp fell and injured his hip to the extent that he needed a replacement. He is recuperating at Stella Maris north of Baltimore. He is in Room 140 in St Elizabeth's Hall and his phone is 410-560-9640. Let's contact him to wish him a speedy and full recovery.

TCA COMING IN JUNE

The corner to June is ever closer. The WEDNESDAY, June 23 visit by the national convention of the Train Collectors Association is still on the calendar. We really want to finish the track to and through the station, but we need to finish at least the switches in the yard. 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 WEDNESDAY, June 23rd.

OTHER CONTINUING AND UPCOMING

- Photography contest continues until May 15. See the registration form on calslivesteam.org.
- See Prestige Rail Marketing at <http://wvrails2010.com/index.php> for info on "West Virginia Rails 2010" celebration of 100 years of railroading in Petersburg, WEST Virginia. Remember, tho, that TCA will have been at our track site on Wednesday and we need your participation and help for that event.
- Picnic on August 22 with S-gauge club. Details later.

WATERLESS NEVERMORE

City Parks Department hired a contractor to repair the water line which services Hamilton Station. The line was broken back in December. Your editor was called to go to the Park Monday morning, March 22, to be sure that Hamilton Station did not flood when the water was turned on. He was there; the valve was turned; the valve turned and turned ... No water that day as the City had to replace the valve. We finally had water on the 24th, after three months without. We can only hope that the contractor did the job correctly and the recurring breaks will be eliminated.

CROSSING GATE UPDATE

Bob Slenbaker and Norm Warfield went to the track site to try out the new crossing gate on the foundation and found that the base needs to be reworked a bit for a good fit, but the gate looks good sitting there. The crossbucks wouldn't fit into the van; so what is seen in photos below is missing the crossbucks, the middle light on the gate, and the base cover. All of these missing things are ready for the final fit up. The gate itself is designed to attract the attention of anyone approaching the track crossing. The standard lights and bell should very well do that. If perchance someone should pull up too close, the gate will contact the vehicle and immediately raise and stay in a raised position with the lights and bell continuing to operate. The signal will continue to operate as normal except the gate will not come down again until the "red toggle switch" on the gate relay box is flipped up to reset. The computer programs are coded and the control system on the gate is complete, and our engineers hope to have it in operation for opening day.

John Frederick is Engineer of Animation, control and wiring design, and electronics.
Norm' Warfield, Sr is Engineer of Construction and mechanical design.

Thanks to Norm Warfield for the update

THE ENTRANCE CROSSING



(1) Working Parts Are Missing or Hanging Out



(2) The Arm That a Driver Will See



(3) Condition of the Outside Track Is Poor



(4) Now a Clean Crossing Is a Good Crossing



(5) 'Blow Down' of the Tree Kind



(6) New Switch – Connector Does Wriggle

Photos 1 - 3 by Norm Warfield; photo 4 by Craig Close; photos 5 – 6 by Bob Schwoerer

1” TRACK PROPOSAL

In case no one has noticed, we ain’t got a 1” track. A method that has been used elsewhere to provide a one-inch track is by dual-gauging 7 1/2 inch track. The obvious route for CALS would be to use the inside track of the ‘northern division’ and through the yard. Compared to a separate right-of-way, it would use considerably less material and manpower to build and would add little maintenance to the host track. Quite a few details are lacking now. Comments to the Board are welcomed.

ACTIVITY NOTES

No more snow fell but there were still piles of it – especially in the parking lot over by the station. Will it be gone by Run Day??? We remained without water and had to prepare a pressurized system for the Safety Meeting. Then there was rain. Besides having to clear the outside drains and trench a drain, a cedar fell across the tracks entering the southwest horseshoe and that had to be cleared. The new gas-powered chain saw worked much better than the tiny electric one. The temperature broke into the 60s and some track was installed for the first time since fall. One switch in the yard has been installed, too. However, all the weather problems put car inspection way behind. The appointment for DLLR as delayed until the 24th and we still were not ready. The inspector watched us inspect some of our cars.

Mike Schroeder worked on the mower currently in Hamilton Station and Tim Allen helped. Mike also fixed the brakes on the electric again. AND Finally! There is water at Hamilton Station.

WORK RECORD

<u>DATE</u>	<u>WORKERS</u>	<u>WORK ACCOMPLISHED</u>
03/03	Bob & Bill Schwoerer, Carpenter, Derr, H Schroeder, Kopecni, M Schroeder, Allen, Close, Roberts	Prep Whistle; Prep rail; Build track; Set up emerg’y water for meeting; Reset outdoor light timer
03/06	Close	Check water
03/10	Bob & Bill Schwoerer, Carpenter, Derr, Close, Kinzer, M Schroeder, Allen	Clear fallen tree; Buy gas saw; Pressurize emerg’y water; Maint lawn tractor
03/13	Bob & Bill Schwoerer, Close, Law	Clear outside drains; Set up for Safety Mtg
03/17	Bob Schwoerer, Kinzer, Carpenter, Derr, Tomecek, Warfield, Slenbaker, M Schroeder, Allen	Inspect cars; Install track
03/20	Bob & Bill Schwoerer, Close, Warfield, Slenbaker, Frederick	Install yard switch; Clean entry crossing
03/22	Close	Contractor attempt to turn on water
03/24	Bob & Bill Schwoerer, Close, Kinzer, Carpenter, Derr, Kinzer, Warfield, Slenbaker, M Schroeder, Allen, Kopecni, Cetel, Law, Frederick	Inspect cars with DLLR; Install track; Roll turf
03/27	Bob & Bill Schwoerer, Kopecni, Kinzer, Warfield, Rob’t & Zach Slenbaker, Dahlin (may be incomplete)	Install track; Replace frog with rail in yard witch
03/28	M Schroeder Sharpe, Tabor, Bob Schwoerer Close	Fix electric’s brakes Build switch at Glenn’s Pick up Work Sheet

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2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
<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	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	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 (NOTE!)	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 (NOTE!)	9:00 – 4:00	TCA National Convention Run	Track site
<u>JULY</u>			
Sun 4 (NOTE!)	Noon	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>AUGUST</u>			
Wed 4	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	Hamilton Sta
Sun 8	11:00 – 3:30	Public Run	Hamilton Sta
Sun 22 (NOTE!)	11:00 – 3:30	Member Run & S-gauger Picnic	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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