



THE STEAM WHISTLE

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

ANNUAL MEETING WITH ELECTION

There will probably be conjecture forever about the CALS Annual Meeting being held the first Sunday in July, but that is when it is done every year, with the bi-annual election as the added attraction this July 4. The normal picnic procedures will be in effect at noon. Please try to attend – especially Full Members who will be the voters in the **election**. There are eight candidates for seven board positions: Jim Carpenter, Craig Close, Bill Derr, Bill Kinzer, Glenn Sharpe, Mike Schroeder, Bob Schwoerer, and Norm Warfield.

JUNE RUN DAY

We had both north and south station switches operational and were able to use all four tracks through the station for the first time in over four years. It seemed like olden days were back – almost. Unfortunately, our weather luck may have turned into a streak of less pleasant days than we had last year. Can you recite the weather forecaster’s mantra of “Hazy, Hot, and Humid”? Maybe not exactly hazy, but certainly the other two applied. The crowd was fairly good sized and they stayed all day – hardly any break for lunch. Matt Berkebile was running his Li'l Gasser on the inside track and Bill Beattie made a few runs with one of his boxcabs. The passenger hauler of note was ‘Sparky’ pulling the B&O coaches and crewed by Bill Kinzer, Ned Treat, Bob Schwoerer and maybe others. She had started on the outside, but switched over to allow the Schroeder/Koehler Blue Atlantic to run on the outside with Alex Koehler helping Mike and Lou. Jim Grieshaber also relieved on a few trips. Also on the outside was Norm Warfield’s Consolidation; Robert Slenbaker was conductor. Following Norm for a couple runs was John Frederick with his Shay. Then John cut in behind the 2-8-0 and there was a double-headed passenger train for the rest of the day.

TCA CONVENTION

Wednesday, June 23, was a red letter day in the history of CALS. The national convention of the Train Collectors Association brought two busloads of conventioners to Leakin Park. The first bus arrived at 10:45 with 36 visitors. We ran several trains to entertain them and let them see Hamilton Station and some of the work we do there. The second bus with about 35 came shortly after noon and everyone ate box lunches provided by TCA. The first bus departed after lunch and the second group stayed until 2:15. There was an impressive turnout of CALS members for a good show. Mike Schroeder brought out his Adams pacific with Herb Schroeder, John Tokar, and Tim Allen helping. Bob Schwoerer ran Harry Horney's twin FAs with Harry and Zach Austin conducting. Norm Warfield and John Frederick had their narrow gauge locos double-headed. Mike Looney drove the electrics with Gil Lehman as conductor. Mike Tabor and Glenn Sharpe operated a Reading freight using a collection of cars from Glenn and Bob Schwoerer. John Simms brought his diesels and never got an opportunity to run them. THANKS to those and all others who came out to help. Pictures next month.

UPCOMING

- A concert by Groove Mammals (New Orleans and Latin flavors and more) after the July Public Run at 7 PM by the Mansion.
- Picnic on August 22 with S-gauge club. Details later.
- A night run on September 25.

1" TRACK PROPOSAL

Discussion of an appropriate means to get the 1" track operational has been put to a subcommittee.

DISA 'N' DATA

Putting away after a run:

Several trips by the coaches on June's Run Day were made with less than a full load because seats were missing. Repeating the plea from last month: Please do not put cars away with incorrect seats in them and put all seats into the cars. Thanks in advance.

FOR SALE ITEMS

1 ½" scale Pacific Locomotive plus two Coaches	\$32,500
7 ½" gauge by Little Engines	Coal fired
Southern Railway green	Roll-around Stands for engine and tender
Current Maryland boiler certificate	
2 Heavy-weight coaches	
All beautifully constructed by excellent machinist	
Very good condition	

Contact Brad Chism at 610-751-5218.

SUGGESTIONS? COMMENTS?

A group of members are looking for ideas to enhance CALS as a whole. They are looking to the future of the Society and want to include all members. Contact John Frederick, Glenn Sharpe, Norm Warfield, Mike Taber, Bob Schwoerer, or Larry Law with your ideas, concerns, thoughts, and suggestions.

JUNE ACTIVITY AND RUN



(1) Carpenter & Close Lose a Battle w/ Root



(2) And We Mean It – We Hope

Photos by Bob Schwoerer



(3) Track Suspended for Concrete Base



(4) Rails Inside & Out Provide Vehicle Crossing

Photos by Craig Close



(5) J Frederick & N Warfield Double Head



(6) Alex & Lou Koehler Start the Blue Atlantic

Photos by Mike Schroeder

ACTIVITY NOTES

There was a lot of track work done this past month. Mike Schroeder adjusted the south station switch so that all four station tracks could finally be used. A switch was installed in the yard and work was begun on another to the extent that the sections are bolted together and lying in the ground. Several sections of track along the midway straight and into the curve at Brace were leveled.

A major accomplishment was the complete replacement of the yard lead crossing of the driveway. The inside rail was just floating! Mike Schroeder made some smaller ties which were built into two track sections. After the old crossing was removed, those sections were suspended in the trench and ready-mix squished under them to provide support. The next day Bill Kinzer and Craig Close tamped in ballast and made a vehicle crossing by laying old rail between the rails and along the outside of them. The crossing was completed by Mike and Craig using pieces of plastic tie material which had been ripped and routed by Mike. Looks very good.

Bob Schwoerer brought out a contractor who sealed the driveway and the newly-laid entrance area. Then the contractor painted a large “No Parking” message on the area outside the gate. Maybe that will keep other park users from blocking CALS workers inside the gate. A large root which was raising the driveway has been partially removed. More work is needed on that big boy.

Tony Kopecni with help from Bill Derr continued work on the 1” elevated track.

Mowing and trimming continued in earnest.

Mike came out by himself before the TCA visit to clean the restroom floors. Mike really deserves a special “Thanks” for that special effort.

WORK RECORD

DATE	WORKERS	WORK ACCOMPLISHED
06/02	Kinzer, Ry Nace, Close, Kopecni, Derr, Carpenter, M Schroeder, Allen	Leveled track; Mowed; Sprayed; Work elevated track
06/05	Bob & Bill Schwoerer, Close, Kinzer, Zuiderveen	Installed switch
06/07	Close	Made a visit
06/09	Carpenter, Bob Schwoerer, Close, Kinzer, Lehman, M Schroeder, Allen, guest	Trim trees; Build track for crossing; Start replacement of crossing; Dig root; Fix south station switch
06/10	Bob Schwoerer, Close, Slenbaker, Kinzer, Lehman, Law	Lay crossing in concrete
06/12	Close, Kinzer	Finish crossing and protect rails; Level curve
06/16	Bob Schwoerer, Close, Slenbaker, Warfield, Carpenter, Kinzer, Derr, M Schroeder, Allen, Kopecni, Tabor	Remove switch; Mow
06/19	Close, Kinzer, Booher, Grieshaber, Zuiderveen	Lay switch in ground; Mow
06/20	Bob Schwoerer	Sealed driveway; Painted No Park’g
06/21	M Schroeder; Close	Mow; Finish crossing; Get gas
06/22	M Schroeder	Janitorial for TCA

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2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT	PLACE
<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
Sun 23	11:00 – 3:30	Member Run	Track site
Sat 29	10:00 – 4:00	Herb Festival	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
Wed 23	9:00 – 4:00	TCA National Convention Run	Track site
Sun 27	11:00 – 3:30	Member Run	Track site
<u>JULY</u>			
Sun 4 (NOTE!)	Noon	Annual Meeting w/ Election	Hamilton Sta
Wed 7 (probably WILL)	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	Hamilton Sta
Sun 11	11:00 – 3:30	Public Run	Track site
Sun 25 (NOTE)	11:00 – 3:30	Member Run w/ WMRHS guests	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
<u>SEPTEMBER</u>			
Wed 8	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	Hamilton Sta
Sun 12	11:00	Public Run	Hamilton Sta
Sat 25 (NOTE)	5:00 PM ‘til	Picnic and Night Run	Hamilton Sta
Sun 26	11:00 – 3:30	Member Run	Track site
<u>OCTOBER</u>			
Wed 6	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	Hamilton Sta
Sun 10	11:00	Public Run	Hamilton Sta
Sun 24	11:00 – 3:30	Member Run	Track site
<u>NOVEMBER</u>			
Wed 10	7:30 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	Hamilton Sta
Sun 14	11:00	Public Run	Hamilton Sta
Sun 28	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	Yard

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