



THE STEAM WHISTLE

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

SEPTEMBER RUN DAY

The streak is dead! Sorta like ‘the Wicked Witch is dead’ except that it was the Good King who died. What’s this blather, you ask? Well, the Run Day paragraph usually begins with a description of the weather, and for more than a year that description has been almost tediously ‘good’. No more. Mark down September 2010 as our first rainout in several years. All the forecasts differed a bit, but the drizzle was supposed to stop by 11. It did not. A few souls hoped to run and a few wanted to ride. All probably made a mistake. Mike Schroeder got out Wendy with the help of Ned Treat and Gil Lehman. They found riders for two trips before gaining hold of their senses and quitting. Bill Kinzer took out ‘Sparky’ and got her wet. You can see vehicles in the background of photo (a); so there were club members there to support the event. But half had the good sense to stay indoors.



(a) Ugh!



(b) See! Doc Says ‘Tain’t Rainin’

Photos with CALS camera

IN MEMORIAM

Herb Schroeder succumbed on September 7 to a cancer which ravaged him over a short-term illness at home in Biglerville, PA. Born Feb. 7, 1938 in Flushing, NY, he was a too-young 72.



In this typical photograph of Herb, he is driving Leo Chism's Southern Railway Pacific a few years ago.

He owned and operated Schroeder's Sheet Metal in Biglerville for over 20 years. Herb was a member of several organizations; including the South Mountain Antique Engine Association as well as CALS, and was also a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served from 1959 to 1962.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Dorothy E. (Dreyer) Schroeder; daughter, Karen A. Decker of Tipp City, OH; sister, Elinor Houston and her husband of Hummelstown, PA; and five nieces and nephews. His son Gary had died in a 1991 traffic accident.

Interment was private, and a memorial service was held on Saturday, September 18, at Herb's church in Biglerville. The family received friends, including several members of CALS, at the church preceding the service. Memorial contributions can be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church, PO Box 325, Biglerville, PA 17307 or to AseraCare Hospice, 44 Bowman Road, York, PA 17408.

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Herb is the first active member in a long time to leave our group, and the work crew, in particular, have missed his presence. He was--at the least--the purveyor of jokes, the disposer of old wooden ties, a hard worker, and a good buddy. His wife Dottie said that just a few days before he passed Herb had thanked her for permitting him to indulge in his train hobby, and she continued to say that she was glad she had. And so are we at CALS. Herb is missed.



ANNUAL NIGHT RUN

Warm was the night; the moon was bright ... The hope your Board of Directors had for a September Night Run was that the weather would still be pleasant, but there was no consideration for a full moon. It was warm and possibly a good thing that an overcast sky was developing; otherwise the 30-plus attendees may have incurred a moonburn. There were about a half-dozen locos brought in: John O'Dea's Mogul; Mike Taber's twin Reading diesels; Kap Pullen's diesels with caboose, flatcar, and flaming hot metal car; Bill Beattie's Virginian boxcab electric (one of them); Fritz Dahlin's electric switcher with flatcar; plus the club's electrics and Wendy. The grill was hot, too, with a selection of really 'terrible' side dishes. The tables were spread with chips, salads, a hot pot of onions and bratwurst, and a mysterious "stink-bug" casserole (the principle ingredient appeared to be beans). There will be few critiques of the sides because your editor ate so much of the 'nasty' stuff. The waste management system (not one for food items, folks) was tested almost to overflowing by a short-circuited lift pump. Glenn Sharpe ambled to the rescue, electrically isolated the pump, and saved CALS from flooding, any degree of said flooding would have been MUCH nastier than the aforementioned food. Repair will soon be a project for Mike Schroeder! Steve Zuiderveen and Craig Close finally closed the gate around 11:30 PM with 'Thanks' to the Barron family for hanging around to the end.

Go to your local bike shop to buy your FRED for next year—there was a scarcity of the devices.

Your president and the editor wish to thank everyone who turned out Saturday morning (you know who you are, you single soul) to sweep up, put away all the detritus that accumulates when a bunch of guys work, and set up the food tables.

Volunteer for the Night Run Committee so that there will be a run next year—the fairy godfathers are tired.

Also, as the end of the event approached, the thought occurred that future Saturday Night Runs should cancel the next day's Member Run. Thoughts?

TIMONIUM

The Howard Zane Great Scale Train show will be held at Timonium Fairgrounds on Halloween weekend this year. CALS has the usual permission to set up an exhibit. Please contact Mike Looney or Bob Schwoerer if you want to participate.

A STREET ADDRESS FOR CALS?

No, not yet. But the Board is working on it. After the break-in back in April, the Board looked into installation of a security system of some sort. Nothing much happened because the Society has no formal street address in Leakin Park. Actually, an address for the security system may be small potatoes when one considers the City's potential response to a fire or personal injury emergency. Previous responses to various calls have been quite slow because the City could not find us. So, a letter was written by President Bill Kinzer to the Parks Planning Department specifying our need for an address. Craig Close accompanied Jo Orser, who is President of the Friends of Gwynns Falls and Leakin Parks, and others to a meeting with the department head who later replied that an application for a name for the driveway off Windsor Mill Road would require approval of the Parks Advisory Board. So, a missive was sent to the secretary of that board and she placed the item on the agenda for the September meeting. Craig attended that meeting, accompanied by Jo. He stated the reasons for needing an address and the Board was receptive. Chris Delaporte moved that our driveway be named Slomin Drive to memorialize Mr Slomin, who was a City Council member and was responsible for construction of many of the City's athletic fields. There was an amendment to make the road a "Lane". And so we should in the "near" future have a real address on Slomin Lane—if we keep up a gentle nagging campaign to make it happen.

LEAKIN NAMED 'BEST PARK' IN BALTIMORE

BALTIMORE'S CITY PAPER, BEST OF 2010 - BEST PARK (TA DAH!):

GWYNNS FALLS/LEAKIN PARK (<http://friendsofgwynnsfallsleakinpark.org/index.php>)

Quote:"Stretching from near the harbor all the way out to the west side of the beltway, Gwynns Falls is huge, underused, underdeveloped, and full of actual dirt trails and real-life woods (as opposed to the shoehorned nature found in many urban parks). And it's right here in the city. It boggles the mind how many people have no idea what's down there. A ginormous part of a city's livability is the availability of places like this—where you can feel like you're not in a city—and Gwynns is one of the best urban escapes on the East Coast, though the city has all but completely slashed its funding. Write a letter."

Seems they don't know – or care? – about us ... And they listed the full name and then forgot Leakin!

But, you can still write a letter about funding, if you like.

LIARLINESS - DIFFERENT FROM TRUTHINESS

Photo (3) last month indicated that the City had taken away the tree trimmings accumulated during the year. Nay. The piles of limbs were simply pushed back off the pavement of the cul-de-sac. Your editor apologizes for the erroneous information.

UPCOMING

- Delaware Train Show on October 23, 9am to 2pm. Nur Shrine Temple in New Castle, DE.
- **Great Scale Train Show on October 30-31, 9am to 4pm. Timonium Fairgrounds, MD.**

'S' GAUGERS PICNIC LAST MONTH



(1) Gathering for Munchies



(2) Munching and Gabbing



(3) Bunches More Gathered



(4) Some Riding Behind the Blue Atlantic



(5) And More Riding with Mike Taber's Units



(6) Plus Some Learning

Photos by Bob Schwoerer

ACTIVITY NOTES

Nice weather but anything other than track work done. A bit more of the fence on the east side was painted. Switches around the track were cleaned and adjusted. More curves had a slight super-elevation set. A truck load of old ties was carried off to the golf course dumpster.

The Society has purchased a scissors lift to provide access to the racks in container 2 and others in the future. It was obtained in Delaware and transported to Leakin Park where it was man-handled with pipes as rollers into Hamilton Station. A committee has been appointed to design the assembly (non-standard) and installation in front of the containers.

Tony Kopecni and Bill Derr continued work on the 1” elevated track.

Mowing and tree trimming continued. Container roofs were cleaned and the 3 in the field were sloped with silver sealant. Also, the gutters of Hamilton Station were cleaned out—front and back.

The magical fairy godfathers cleaned up the building for the Night Run.

WORK RECORD

<u>DATE</u>	<u>WORKERS</u>	<u>WORK ACCOMPLISHED</u>
09/01	Carpenter, Bob Schwoerer, M Schroeder, Allen, Close, Kopecni, Kinzer, Derr	Prep Whistle; Paint fence; Prep rail; Work on elevated track; Dispose ties
09/03	Bob Schwoerer, M Schroeder, Close	Obtain and receive scissors lift
09/04	Close, Bob & Bill Schwoerer	Mow; Start work on lift
09/08	M Schroeder, Close, Lehman, Carpenter, Kinzer, Slenbaker	Mow; Level curve
09/11	Close, Kinzer, Slenbaker	Seal container roofs; Trim trees; Adjust switches; Level curve
09/15	Bob Schwoerer, Slenbaker, Warfield, Close, Frederick, Kinzer	Clean container roof; Clean gutters; Design lift; Estimator measured for container doors
09/18	Memorial Service for Herb Schroeder	
09/22	Close, Derr, Lehman, Kinzer	Mow; Level curve
09/25	Close, Kinzer, Slenbaker, Warfield	Clean up for Night Run

ELECTRONIC RECEIPT OF THE WHISTLE

You can sign up to receive your copy of *The Steam Whistle* electronically by sending an e-mail with your name and e-mail address to the Editor at the address in the masthead. Color photos and saves mailing expense.

For now this is a voluntary decision on your part, but there may be greater force to the ‘request’ in the future. Many “Thanks” to the more than one-third of our members who have signed up already.

E-MAIL CORRESPONDENCE

It would be helpful to all if there were a rapid method of communicating so that the Board could notify the membership of news, events, and changes. In this age that means is generally e-mail. The Society has an e-mail list for the Whistle, but that list is not yet comprehensive (see above). It is desirable to have a much fuller list for general e-mail. Your address does not have to be published in the Directory. When you send a message to the Editor (listed in the masthead) with your address, you can request that it not be published; otherwise it will.

DUES ARE DUE

If you have not yet fully paid your annual dues, you should be writing that check soon. Please get it to treasurer, Jim Carpenter, at 9617 Hillridge Drive, Kensington, MD 20895. You can call him: 703-402-7813.

2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
<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	Noon	Annual Meeting w/ Election	Hamilton Sta
Wed 7	7:00 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	Hamilton Sta
Sun 11	11:00 – 3:30	Public Run	Track site
Sun 25	11:00 – 3:30	Member Run w/ WMRHS guests	Track site
<u>AUGUST</u>			
Wed 4	7:00 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	Hamilton Sta
Sun 8	11:00 – 3:30	Public Run	Hamilton Sta
Sun 22	11:00 – 3:30	Member Run & S-gauger Picnic	Track site
<u>SEPTEMBER</u>			
Wed 8	7:00 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	Hamilton Sta
Sun 12	11:00	Public Run	Hamilton Sta
Sat 25	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 (NOTE time)	7:00 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	Hamilton Sta
Sun 10	11:00	Public Run	Hamilton Sta
Sun 24	11:00 – 3:30	Member Run	Track site
Sat 30	9:00 - 4:00	Great Scale Train Show	Timonium
Sun 31	10:00 - 4:00	Great Scale Train Show	Timonium
<u>NOVEMBER</u>			
Wed 10	7:00 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	Hamilton Sta
Sun 14	11:00	Public Run	Hamilton Sta
<u>DECEMBER</u>			
Wed 8	7:00 PM	BOD & Member Meeting	Hamilton Sta
<u>TRACK WORK SESSIONS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR</u>			
Wed	9:00 AM	Whatever	Wherever
Sat	9:00 AM	Whatever	Wherever

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