



# THE STEAM WHISTLE

A Monthly Bulletin of the  
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| Charles W. Kinzer – President         | GAUGES | Craig E. Close – Editor/ Stationmaster |
| Michael E. Schroeder – Vice President | 7.5”   | Robert Schwoerer – Maintenance of Way  |
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| James L. Carpenter – Treasurer        | 3.5”   |  |

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

## SUBMITTAL DEADLINE

If you want to have something published in *The Steam Whistle*, you need to provide all pertinent data no later than the last Sunday of the month. The newsletter is published to be available before the Board meeting of the upcoming month. This deadline schedule is shown directly above this paragraph and will be shown there every issue hereafter. Text information is preferred as an electronic file. Your cheapskate (and Luddite) Editor does NOT have Word 2007, tho. Hard copy text can be scanned, but that process is not preferred. Photographic prints are acceptable for scanning. Generally, e-mail with attachments is the most easily accepted method for delivery. The information must be sent to the Editor (listed in the Directory):

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## OPEN HOUSE AT JOHN SIMMS' TRACK - FOR CALS MEMBERS

John Simms has issued an invitation to CALS members to visit his recently-completed 7 1/2” gauge track in Drayden, MD, which is far down in southern St Mary’s County. Given that the location is a long way for all attendees, it is strongly suggested that members arrange car pools for the visit. Those taking their locomotive might be able to carry an extra passenger, too. John will provide lunch; so, **RSVP is REQUIRED**. Full information was provided on the flyer enclosed with last month’s newsletter. There are phone numbers (301-994-1255 & 800-339-1206), an e-mail address (john@simms-ins.com), and a street address (47030 Christianna Lane, Drayden, MD 20630). You should be able to get your **RSVP** to John. Visit, eat, ride trains over the trestle and maybe through the tunnel, and have end of season fun. Don’t forget your **RSVP**.

### **SEPTEMBER RUN DAY**

Another Run Day with temperatures forecast to be in the 90s. It was warm, but probably somewhat shy of 90 degrees. There were a couple of parties going on and they kept the line fairly consistent. Overall, though, another disappointing crowd. The main attraction was The Washington which was brought out by Mike Schroeder and cohorts. Bob Schwoerer had his CSX diesel with Mike Taber doing much of the driving. Mike Russo brought out his NYC Hudson and Ned Treat helped with the engineering. Unfortunately, there was a slip up in the station and the switch was changed under the locomotive causing a scary derail. It is hoped that there was no serious damage, but Mike did not continue the run. Again, Norm Warfield double-headed his electric steamer with John Frederick's electric Shay as they did last month.

### **SEPTEMBER NIGHT RUN**

Almost no one showed, so YOU almost surely missed a great time!

Yeah, right. The un-named storm of 2008 paid its visit on top of Baltimore on Saturday, September 27. Whatever misting and showers occurred on the preceding Thursday and Friday were just prelude to the several inches (possible amount – it's just an estimate) which poured down Saturday afternoon. At one point the outside track coming out of the horseshoe across from Hamilton Station was completely under water. That is a means to visualize the amount of water in front of HS. Amazingly, the work crew, even though having started late in order not to have too long a wait before the partying, was able to complete the installation of another switch just before the deluge. The event was officially cancelled at 5 o'clock when only four members other than the work crew had shown up. Perhaps the rain had actually stopped for good at the Park by that time, but the parking area within the horseshoe was a lake and the rest of the grounds were still swampy.

### **OCTOBER NIGHT RUN**

Whereas there was no rain date specified for the Night Run, there were a number of members who were at the Member Run Day and wanted to try to have the event anyway. Therefore, Saturday, October 18, at 5 PM, will be Night Run 2008 Make-up – hopefully without the rain or significantly cold weather. Same basic description. Remember to have lights for your train.

### **KIDS DAY ON MEMBER RUN DAY**

Mike Russo plans to bring a group of kids with physical disabilities to the October Member Run. If you had any question about bringing your locomotive, please decide to do so. The kids will be happier.

**WISH LIST**

The following items have been inserted onto the formal President's Wish List. Anyone having experience relevant to any item or knowing appropriate contacts should notify President Kinzer to convey that information.

The initial list is as follows:

1. Repaint bays (ideas: needle scaler, twisted wire brushes for grinder, zinc chromate primer)
2. Finish wood fence construction (DONE)
3. Paint wood fence
4. Pave entrance and bay area
5. Paint container exteriors
6. Clean "office" desk
7. Install lights in two newest containers
8. Install large conduit between HS/Midway/containers
9. Install a gutter at entry crossing
10. Install wireless phone system
11. Construct steps in front of HS
12. Construct a bridge and tunnel (these will be future projects)

**ELECTRONIC RECEIPT OF THE WHISTLE**

We are hereby making the offer to send you the monthly issue of *The Steam Whistle* by e-mail. Some of you may prefer electronic delivery and that method would save a bit of copying expense, stuffing effort, and postage. An advantage would be that the photographs would be in wonderful color. If you are interested in receiving an electronic copy rather than paper, send your name and e-mail address to the Editor (bigsteam@comcast.net).

Note that there is a basic lack of full color images in most issues of our newsletter. Submittals of interesting photos are very welcome always, but in order to make an electronic version truly interesting, there must be photos to publish. That's a hint to send color photographs to the Editor.

**FOR SALE**

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\$3000 (without the 'rain drops')

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**ACTIVITY NOTES**

The President’s Wish List was initiated at the monthly board meeting, and one of the items was attacked immediately as a Wednesday work crew finished construction of the wood fence facing Windsor Mill Road. It still needs to be painted, another item on that list. Given the rainstorm at the end of the month it is fortunate that another Wednesday crew cleaned out the gutters on Hamilton Station. Other mid-week activities included replacement of the points of a switch in the yard. The next week the points were “adjusted” so that they actually worked. The center crossing inserts at the driveway entrance were finally replaced. Work on brake replacement on the electrics was started. Mechanic Mike Schroeder manufactured a modified assembly for the brake shoe rigging, but the master cylinder – and perhaps something else – appears to be bad. No one knows what “model” master cylinder is used; so it will have to be removed and matched at a parts store in order to be replaced. And of course there was grass to cut and trees to trim (Don’t those dudes ever stop sprouting limbs downward?). The Saturday crew had a couple of successful track-laying sessions and have now reached the crossing out in the field. Unfortunately, there are only a few more panels available to be laid. There is some action toward finding a supplier for additional plastic tie stock, but the sticks still have to be milled so that they can be cut. At the end of the month the yard switch contiguous with the one replaced last month (at the lead to the bays) was replaced, too.

Thanks go to the additional guys showing up on Saturdays.

**WORK RECORD**

| <b><u>DATE</u></b> | <b><u>WORKERS</u></b>   | <b><u>WORK ACCOMPLISHED</u></b>   |
|--------------------|---|---|
| 09/03              | Carpenter, M Schroeder, Allen, Close, Koehler, Krapp          | Cut grass; Trim hedges; Spray weeds; Clean gutters; Replace switch points |
| 09/06              | B&B Schwoerer, Kinzer, Warfield, Law, Close, Taber, Frederick | Install track (9); Trim trees   |
| 09/10              | Carpenter, M Schroeder, Allen, Close, Koehler, Krapp, Kinzer  | Cut grass; Trim trees; Fix switch points; Re-install crossing inserts     |
| 09/13              | Schwoerer, Close, Koehler                                     | Build track panel; Trim trees   |
| 09/17              | Carpenter, M Schroeder, Allen, Close                          | Finish wood fence construction  |
| 09/20              | B&B Schwoerer, Warfield, Taber, Close, Grieshaber, The Engers | Lay track (to field crossing)   |
| 09/24              | Close, M Schroeder, Allen, Koehler, Krapp                     | Cut grass; Trim trees; Maintain electrics                                 |
| 09/27              | B&B Schwoerer, Warfield, Law, Close, Taber, Sharpe, Beattie   | Install switch beyond bay lead; Trim trees                                |

**2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

| <b><u>DATE</u></b>                           | <b><u>TIME</u></b> | <b><u>EVENT</u></b>             | <b><u>PLACE</u></b> |
|--|--------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b><u>JULY</u></b>                           |                    |                                 |                     |
| Sun 6  | 12:00 Noon         | Annual Meeting & Election       | Hamilton St         |
| Wed 9 Tentative                              | 7:30 PM            | BOD & Member Meeting            | Hamilton St         |
| Sun 13                                       | 11:00- 3:30        | Public Run                      | Track site          |
| Sun 27                                       | 11:00- 3:30        | Member Run                      | Track site          |
| <b><u>AUGUST</u></b>                         |                    |                                 |                     |
| Wed 6  | 7:30 PM            | BOD & Member Meeting            | Hamilton St         |
| Sun 10                                       | 11:00- 3:30        | Public Run                      | Track site          |
| Sun 24                                       | 11:00- 3:30        | Member Run                      | Track site          |
| <b><u>SEPTEMBER</u></b>                      |                    |                                 |                     |
| Wed 10                                       | 7:30 PM            | BOD & Member Meeting            | Hamilton St         |
| Sun 14                                       | 11:00- 3:30        | Public Run                      | Track site          |
| Sat 27 (rained out)                          | 5:00- 10 PM        | Night Run and Picnic            | Hamilton St         |
| Sun 28                                       | 11:00- 3:30        | Member Run                      | Track site          |
| <b><u>OCTOBER</u></b>                        |                    |                                 |                     |
| Wed 8  | 7:30 PM            | BOD & Member Meeting            | Hamilton St         |
| Sun 12                                       | 11:00- 3:30        | Public Run                      | Track site          |
| Sat 18                                       | 5:00- 10 PM        | Night Run and Picnic            | Hamilton St         |
| Sat 25                                       | 10:00 – 3:00       | Open House at John Simms' track | Drayden, MD         |
| Sun 26                                       | 11:00- 3:30        | Member Run and Kids Day         | Track site          |
| <b><u>NOVEMBER</u></b>                       |                    |                                 |                     |
| Wed 5  | 7:30 PM            | BOD & Member Meeting            | Hamilton St         |
| Sun 9  | 11:00- 3:30        | Public Run                      | Track site          |
| Sun 23                                       | 11:00- 3:30        | Member Run                      | Track site          |
| <b><u>DECEMBER</u></b>                       |                    |                                 |                     |
| Wed 10                                       | 7:30 PM            | BOD & Member Meeting            | Hamilton St         |
| <b><u>JANUARY 2009</u></b>                   |                    |                                 |                     |
| Wed 7  | 7:30 PM            | BOD & Member Meeting            | Hamilton St         |
| <b><u>TRACK WORK SESSIONS EVERY YEAR</u></b> |                    |                                 |                     |
| Wed  | 9:00 AM            | Cut grass; General maintenance  | Track site          |
| Sat  | 9:00 AM            | Install track                   | Outside loop        |

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