

# ORDERBOARD

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Friends and Family 2017

Photos taken by Carole Moss and Bill Hartung





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Poddle Dog, Fife

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## Happy Birthdays to

September Birthdays – Andrew Frame (September 13<sup>th</sup>), Ted Karanson (September 15<sup>th</sup>), Brittany Bowie-Morell (September 30<sup>th</sup>)

October Birthdays –
Jesse Thompson (October 4<sup>th</sup>),
Alice Brown (October 13<sup>th</sup>),
Riot Fricke (October 18<sup>th</sup>),
Chuck Frame (October 20<sup>th</sup>),
Brian Tinner (October 21<sup>st</sup>)

KLS Board Members have approved a new membership category giving active duty military a 50% discount from regular membership dues. Updated applications are available at the depot and on-line under "Become a Member" or the "Membership Renewal" tab on the home page menu.

## **Printable Roster**

A complete printable Membership Roster is now available. From the Home Page follow the green menu strip to Membership Directory. Two options are available; the first is a quick search providing phone number and if the member has email, a link. The second option will provide a comprehensive roster member's including mailing address, phone and email. Click on the first line, titled "KLS Membership Roster (date)," and it will automatically load. This can be printed for your future reference, however, you will need a pdf program such as Adobe.

If you would like to have a printed copy sent to you, or there is an error in a listing, please let me know, 253-566-3843 or withane65423@gmail.com.

## President's Message

by Tom Huffman



We are coming to the end of our public run season, 2017 is a record breaking year. Ridership, donations, and membership is increasing. News about our great hobby, and railroading is spreading. We can thank social media, it spreads the great news about K.L.S..

As we move forward with the track extension, and increasing our storage space. I think of our founding members, members that have passed, and long-term members still with us. K.L.S. wouldn't be where we are now without their labors, and knowledge of live steaming. The foundation of K.L.S. was built strong and without them we wouldn't be where we are today. Thank you for all that you have done and still continue to add to K.L.S. success.

# Remembering Past Members.... By Marie Woods-Weaver

#### **Phil Stone**

Most of the current membership will not know that there were 3 original founders of KLS. Dennis, Phil and I were the idea people behind KLS. Phil worked for IBM in Renton when we started putting the plans together for the railroad. Phil was the catalyst that gave Dennis the push to move forward. I encouraged Dennis but Phil made it happen when he opened the bank account, set up space at the Boeing Swap Meet, and secured space at the Seattle Center Christmas Train Show. It was Dennis' half put together Shay, along with Phil's cars, that we exhibited at each of these functions that set the example of what we were trying to pull together.



Phil and Marie on the first day of steam at KLS

Phil did not have an engine, just a caboose and a gondola, so Dennis built Phil an engine in our garage. Phil left the club in 1994 to pursue other passions but the locomotive that Dennis built for him, is currently owned by Ken Olson. It is strange to me how so many of the early pieces of equip-

ment have found their way back to KLS. Phil's where about's today are unknown to me, but I can say that he was definitely the catalyst that Dennis needed at the time.



Bernie Swenson (left) and Phil Stone (right) on the first day of steam at KLS

#### **Last Years Ghost Run**

Photos by Alan Halfhil

















## Puyallup Great Train Show 2017

By Jeff Mills

This year's Great Train Show Puyallup 2017 is scheduled for November 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> and will be open to the public 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Set up will start on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM and be completed on the 12<sup>th</sup> between 7:00 am and 10:00 am

We will have an area of 800 square feet or 20'x40' and we can accommodate 10 pieces of equipment. All equipment will be required to be on stands. Please contact me at your earliest convenience so I can make sure we have enough room to display equipment. Equipment under construction is interesting to the Public. Ken Olson has a few stands available and will make them available on a first come basis. Please coordinate with Ken on these stands.

This is a great opportunity for KLS as this event introduces potential new members and keeps our public ridership knowledgeable our run days and times. Last year we handed out many of our KLS fliers and several membership applications.

We will also need volunteers to help man our display for Saturday and Sunday. Passes are handed out at the setup day so they cannot be distributed until we are set up. If you come to the gate and show your KLS badge they will usually let you in. If they will not let you in please call me on my cell phone 253-740-6013 and I will meet you at the gate with a pass. Please feel free to contact me at jhmills51@hotmail.com

## Calling all KLS Members, Its Ghost Train Time Again



Planning is underway for the 2017 "Ghost Train" run which is scheduled for 28 October 2017. There will be a mandatory all member briefing at 1600 (4pm), the run will commence at 1700 (5pm) with plans to end at 2100. This is a high profile run with lots of publicity for KLS and routinely draws an extremely big crowd of riders. In addition, it is the only night run that KLS operates. With ticket sales fixed at 1300 riders for the four hour period of the run, the pace will be intense and will require a lot of help. I would like to have key positions assigned so that we can better prepare and plan for the event.

The list below is what I have so far: If your name is not listed please contact me and let me know what position you would like to work as soon as possible so I can get you added on. Also, If your name is listed but should not be please let me know. If you are volunteering to help KLS with this event please I will assume you are staying until the end unless you have planned otherwise with me. I can't wait. This is going to be fun.

Ghost Master (Superintendent): Don Rogers (cworogers@hotmail.com)

Locomotive	Engineer	<u>Conductor</u>
1. Santa Fe F7	Tom Huffman	?
2. BNSF Dash 9	Ken Kaivo	Doug Wilkinson
3. CP SW1500	Dan Simmons	David Graham
4. UP SW7	Greg Slobodzian	Joy Slobodzian
5. UP Pacific ***	Bill Hartung	?
6. GN Pacific w/Riding Cars ***	Ken Olsen	Don Morrell
7. UP Pacific	Nick Buell???	Zac/Georgene Lenon
8. ?	?	?
9. Tasha (Single Passenger Car)	Carole Moss	Ted Karanson
Relief / Reserve Crew -	Santa Fe F7 and Crew	
Milwaukee SW1500 – (Held in Reserve)		
(*** = confirmed) (? Your help is needed, I	let Don know your desire!)	

#### **Depot Staff:**

Station Master – Pat Rogers

Briefer - Kathy Huffman

Entry Gate - Brittany Bowie Morrell

Exit Gate - Tom Caparella

Train Dispatch Control:

Depot Switch Operator: Bob Knoecker

Station Extra – Doug Wilkinson

Station Extra – Alan Halfhill?

Crash Crew: (Wheelbarrow with Engine Lift,

Lights, First Aid Kit. Ready Engine in

case we need to Tow, etc.).

Team Leader - Richard Hoffman

Member #2 – Jesse Thompson

Member #3 -

Member #4 -

Member #5 - Caden Powell

#### Logistics:

1. Crowd Control:



#### **Bulletin Board**

## **Rolling Stock**

by Tom Caparrella

We have been having some very good Run Days. We have added five (5) new straddle cars. They are 601 to 605. We have found that on two of the trucks one of the axles had been gauged wrong. Instead of 7 1/2 "it had been gauged at 7 1/4 ". The manufacturer has been contacted and they are sending the right wheel sets with the right gauge. There were a few other items that were found to not be right. These have been corrected and are working okay. This past Saturday one of the riders told me that they very much appreciated all the work we do to keep everything running great. They mentioned how great it was that we provided an activity for the entire family and that they wanted us to keep it up. We need to thank all those people that come to the track and keep the track, the rolling stock, motive power and the facility in top notch condition. All this makes a major difference in our Run Days. Just look back a few years and notice how we are having very few if any derailments or other problems.

## Name Tags

by Carole Moss

KLS will provide one name tag for an Individual Membership, and two are provided with a Family Membership. Additional or replacement name tags can be ordered for \$10.00 Please contact Carole at each. withane65423@gmail.com or 253-566-3843 for replacements or additions. Please notify us if you have a change of your contact The Membership/ information. Renewal application form is also downloadable from our website www. kitsaplivesteamers.org.

#### "On Track"

by Bill Hartung

The grading for the new track has been completed and looks really good. The operator of the dozer was a magician with that machine, leaving us very little extra work to do to make the route ready to start laying track. We will wait a while, to let the ground settle a bit, relying on Mother Nature and the rains of Fall to cut down on the dust. In the meantime we can begin to assemble track panels, including those intending for curves with steel rail on the outside. Our order of steel rail has arrived, along with 500 more rail joiners, and we have a healthy supply of molded ties and track screws. Also, the rolling gravel spreader has been rebuilt and is ready to apply the base layer of ballast. So if you want to get involved in preparing for the upcoming track expansion, let me know.

Maintenance of the existing track continues. The photo included with my report shows Tom Huffman and Don Rogers adjusting the radius of the curve at the north end of the KLS route, right where the loggers brought in their heavy machines earlier this year. The path they cut for themselves is still visible to the right in this view.



Mark your calendar
Holiday Party December 9<sup>th</sup>
Details to follow

#### Sunshine

By Carole Moss

Please encourage our members that we miss. You can send a card, email, call or drop an encouraging card. It's just nice to know someone is thinking about you! Also, please remember the caretakers, if appropriate. If you know of someone who needs encouragement, please contact Carole at withane65423@gmail.com or 253-566-3843

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## **Bulletin Board**

## **Buildings and Yard Equipment**

By Don Rogers

August 2017 Yard and Buildings Work Report.

Here's what's been happening around our neck of the track:

- Fixed sticking lock bar in the parking lot entry gate.
- Rebuilt switch at the Steel Bridge using steel rail.
- Trimmed bushes around the depot.
- Poured another 2 x 4 ft. wheelchair loading concrete pad at the depot.
- Installed Stainless Steel back splash above Thomson Bldg. kitchen sink and stove.
- Pressure washed Depot roof and gutters.
- Pressure washed Depot concrete and railings.
- Trimmed tree limbs overhanging the depot.
- Fixed vacuum leak on brakes of the BNSF Dash 9.
- Trouble shoot and fixed sticking trucks on the F7 engineers car.
- Fixed broken brake unit on the A end of passenger car 403.
- Cut down a maple tree partially blocking the new track route.
- Installed couplers and safety chains on our new passenger cars 601, 602, 603, 604 and 605. Also inspected and adjusted the trucks and couplers. (2 trucks failed, out of gauge)
- Installed seat cushion centering blocks on all new passenger cars.
- Installed lock washers and lock-tite on new passenger car eyebolts.
- Trouble shooting non working ammeter on the Santa Fe F7. (Greg Slobodzian)
- Replaced 70 feet of worn aluminum rail with steel rail near the NW rail crossing.

#### **Upcoming Plans:**

- Continue replacing worn out rail sections with steel rail.
- Install couplers in centers of all KLS astride passenger cars.
- Install Graphics on the loading area roof edge.
- Semi Permanent dividing wall between storage racks and general area.

The tools in the Thomson building are generally available for member use but we do ask that they be returned to where you got them from.

While moving equipment or working at KLS please be safe. Do not allow yourself to get distracted, use common sense and pay attention to what you are doing! I am glad to help if needed or answer any questions. Remember also, You Break It, You Fix It!

Thanks to Tom Huffman, Greg Slobodzian, Dan Simmons, Carole Moss, Ted Karanson and others who come out and donate their valuable time to work on the KLS Railroad. Their efforts really show and are much appreciated.

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#### For Sale:

Miller 275 Amp AC Welder, 220 Volt AC, 30 amp cord, Includes cart. \$100 George Hoke GENGH@aol.com 425-641-5026

#### For Sale

7.5 inch gauge, American type 4-4-0 engine and tender. Coal fired but could be easily converted to oil or propane. The boiler was built by Ed Perry. The tubes are 1/2" type K copper silver soldered into the tube sheets. Boiler hydro in 2016 up to 180psi. The locomotive has only run

once. \$10,000. Buyer pays for crating & shipping costs Located in Blaine Washington. Contact Ryan Handel,



slwhistler2004@yahoo.com

#### For Sale

I have some re-railing plates manufactured by Klamath and



Western Railroad, they have made them as a fund raiser. If you are interested in purchasing one of these let me know. Contact Jeff Mills at 253-740-6013. They are \$30.00 each.

#### For Sale

Speedglas high end self darkening welding helmet. See www. speedglas.com for description. New condition with new lithium batteries. Contact at Doug\_wilkinson@msn. com

#### For Sale

Narrow gauge rail truck chassis, 54" long, with 6" RMI steel wheels. Powered by two 24 wheel chair motors. \$500 for all the parts in the photos including a 80 amp PWM controller with a reversing relay. It is located in Yakima. Kenneth Roeh, (509)248-4449, skid-roe@msn.com.







## Kitsap Live Steamers Calendar

September	23	Run day in the Park AM/PM - TBD
October	2	Board Meeting, Poodle Dog, Fife 7:00pm
	14	Run day in the Park AM/PM - TBD
	15	Sunday Run Day in the Park AM/PM - TBD
	28	Run day in the Park AM/PM - TBD
	28	Ghost Train - Don Rogers
November	6	Board Meeting, Poodle Dog, Fife 7:00pm
	11	Work day in the Park
December	4	Board Meeting, Poodle Dog, Fife 7:00pm
	9	Work day in the Park