

# ORDERBOARD

#### The Publication of the Kitsap Live Steamers



Photo by Bill Hartung

# Don Rogers, KLS Member of the Year

# President's Message

by Erik M. Meehan

#### Famous Last Words

Two years ago this month, I took keyboard in hand, and started off my first President's message by asking for the Membership's patience while I tried to figure out how to be an effective President of Kitsap Live Steamers. As I now write what I believe will be my last President's

message (for now at least), I hope that your faith in me, and your patience with me was justified.

I want to thank everybody who stepped up over the last two years, and took ownership of their railroad-YOUR railroad--and got things done. Whether it was taking care of all the recent storm damage, figuring out

how to set up a temporary track in Olympia (and then trying to figure how to stay dry and/or not sink into the grass-turned-quicksand), the shows, or helping out on the regular run and work days, the Membership stepped up. Although I may get credit for it, the credit belongs with the Members.

Did everything that I wanted

Next Meeting: February 8, 2016, 7pm Poodle Dog, Fife

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# Happy January Birthdays to

Jeff Mills (Jan 1<sup>st</sup>), Richard Mairs (Jan 6<sup>th</sup>), Bob Noecker (Jan 10<sup>th</sup>), Bill Hartung (Jan 14<sup>th</sup>) Sylvia Hartung (Jan 28<sup>th</sup>), Tom Caparrella (Jan 30<sup>th</sup>) Jeanie Springer (Jan 31<sup>st</sup>)

February Birthdays – Shirley May (Feb 9<sup>th</sup>), Donna Olsen (Feb 19<sup>th</sup>) Tom Huffman (Feb 19<sup>th</sup>)

# President's Message Continued

accomplished get done? No, but I'm okay with that. Being President reinforced the idea that I needed to be flexible, especially with the changes and unforeseen challenges that arose. (As KLS Member Russell Dunn told me, locomotives were made by blacksmiths, not watchmakers for a reason.)

I would encourage all Members to

be like our locomotives, and have some degree of flexibility. I don't know precisely what the future has in store for KLS, but I do know there will be changes. Not all change is good, but neither is all change bad. The best thing to do is accept that change is inevitable, and do what you can to maximize the benefit from the changes.

Remember...this is YOUR railroad.

#### Clean-up at the Park in January











Photos by Bill Hartung

#### **Renew Your KLS Membership**

It's time to think about renewing your KLS membership. As a non-profit, your dues help support and sustain your railroad. Your dues allow us to maintain, grow and to improve KLS so members and the public can continue to enjoy and share our hobby.

Renewal Options (online or by mail)

If you decide to use the on-line option, log on with your membership information. Starting in March, after you login, there will be a red "Renewal" next to your name. Click on "Renewal" and start the process by following the prompts. Also, starting in March you will begin to receive automated notices if you have not renewed. Renew now and avoid the dreaded red "Renewal" button! Renewals are due the last day of the renewal month (month your membership expires).

If you wish to mail in your renewal, choose "Membership Renewal" on the green menu bar. To print the application, click the link: " KLS Membership for 1-2015," print, complete and mail to the address on

the form.

Family Membership - \$60.00 (two adults at same address, all children and grandchildren under 18 years of age)

Individual Membership - \$40.00 (One individual 18 years or older)

Associate Membership – \$20.00 (Anyone living 100 miles away from KLS and 18 years or older)

Student Membership – \$10.00 (Any one 14 through 17 years old, requires the sponsorship of a voting member.)

We are committed to your privacy and do not sell or share information with any third parties.

Participation in KLS activities is a great way of spending the day at a special park in the great Northwest outdoors, making people smile, sharing your love for railroading with fellow hobbyists, and having lots of fun while doing it.

Don't wait, renew now

# **Election Time**

President elect: Tom Huffman

Secretary elect Pat Rogers

Position 3 Ted Karanson or Nelson Lanchester

Votes must be in the hands of the board prior to the next board meeting which will be held at 7 pm on February 8<sup>th</sup>. Ken Olsen will be the one to mail and or email your ballot to you. If you are voting by mail, please return your ballot to:

Ken Olsen 6518 44<sup>th</sup> Ave SW Unit A, Seattle, WA 98136. You can also email their vote to ken@ ivycourtapts.com.

#### Halloween Run

Photos taken by Hinton Thomas









#### **Building a Home Track, Radius Gauge and Turnouts**

by Curt Young

I have written 3 articles based on building my 2000 foot home track, building out the Skykomish track and helping on Train Mountain and Kitsap tracks. These articles may be of interest to you for either building your own track or helping out with others.

Below is the summary of each article. If you want to read the full article go to <a href="mailto:gnc:anitway.com">gncrailway.com</a> and look under Articles. This is the web site for the Great Northern and Cascade Railway at Skykomish, Washington.

#### Articles:

1 How to Build a Home Track. The article is 7 pages long, with pictures. Discusses site selection considerations, optimal radius and grade rec-

ommendations, surveying track layout techniques, pros and cons of rail types, construction techniques, building vehicle crossings and other construction details that might be useful.

2. Building a Radius Guide. This is a 2 page article that provides web sites for calculators to obtain numbers to cut a radius guide or gauge out of a board for a rr track, or a violin frame. I find a radius gauge is almost indispensable for laying track. It shows you if you are following your selected radius, where you have wows in your track you need to correct, and if you are holding radius at the joints. This is particularly useful in home track where a tight radius is essential to

making it fit. The radius guide is also needed if you build your own turnouts.

3. Building a Turnout (switch). This 21 page illustrated document goes into a step by step description of how to build a turnout from start to finish. The article covers building a #7 (60 foot radius) and a #9 (102 foot radius) turnout. Various types of frogs are covered, how to build the points, machine recesses in track, and various jigs and gauges I used. Written with enough details even a beginner can follow, but hopefully useful for all levels of expertise. While the construction is with scale aluminum rail, there is also a section on differences and turnout construction using steel strap iron as rail.

## Model Train Festival - Washington State Museum





Photos by Don Deffley





## **Building and Grounds**

By Tom Caparrella

I am writing my last report for the 2015 Year. This past year Nelson has done a superb job in keeping the mainline right-of-way cleared of brush. Several other Club members have worked to keep the debris picked up on the mainline, yard, and parking lot cleared of debris and have disposed of it the way the Park personnel have instructed us to. This is very important so the public and Park Personnel can see that we are taking very good care of the property. This past year Ted and Carol donated a new sign for the Depot. The garden has been well maintained as well as a stone wall being added and a short fence was installed. Several members have done a very good job of clearing the Thomson Building roof and the Depot roofs cleared of debris. Don and Pat Young have been doing a whole lot to help keeping our site well maintained. Pat and Barbara have been doing great job keeping the Thomson Building cleaned and well presentable. This past work day the train yard and parking lot was cleared of all the debris and properly disposed of. The transfer table roof was swept off as well. Don Rogers has fixed the mainline rails that had been damaged by the last big winds at the park.

## **Bulletin Board**

#### On The Track

By Bill Hartung

#### 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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#### Membership

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 each. Please contact Carole at withane65423@gmail.com or 253-566-3843 for replacements or Please notify us if you additions. have a change of your contact information. The Membership/ Renewal application form is also downloadable from our website www.kitsaplivesteamers.org.



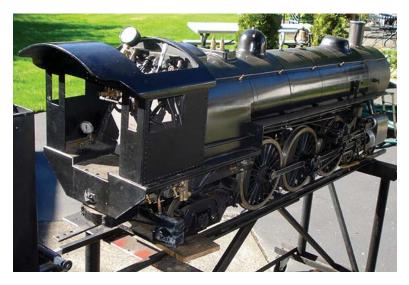
Please welcome our new member Jesse Thompson 11119 122<sup>nd</sup> Street East Puyallup, WA 98374-2809 253-255-8511 jesse.thompson@calbag.co

## For Sale

For Sale: Custom Vinyl Lettering

Have you been looking for that special custom railroad font or other specialty work for your engine or cars? Well we have it in white, black, gold colors. Additional colors might be available. Contact Dennis Weaver (360) 871-6414

**For Sale:** Bob's Two Trains 7 ½ inch gauge, 1 ½ inch per foot.



Pacific 4-6-2 Locomotive complete and running with prints. Passed all tests for 10 years. Steel boiler and tubes.



Mountain 4-8-4 Locomotive chassis. All wheels turned and mounted on frame. Some rods completed.



Tender truck wheels turned and mounted on shafts. Several castings for engine and tender plus prints.



Jet Mill Drill Model JMD-15 plus tooling. Jet Band Saw/ Cut off Saw.Lots of nuts, bolts and stuff for trains.Engine Hoist

Interested Call Bob Fuchs at 253-631-8377.

Any offer will be considered.

Thanks to all of you that have provided me with photos or articles for the Order Board.
Please keep it up.

#### **Kitsap Live Steamers**

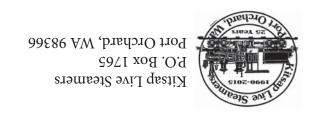
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#### **Printable Roster**

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 including member's 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 <a href="withane65423@gmail.com">withane65423@gmail.com</a>.



**Kitsap Live Steamers Calendar** 

| January  | 30  | Work Day in the Park           |
|----------|-----|--------------------------------|
| February | 8   | Board Meeting - Poodle Dog 7pm |
|          | 13  | Work Day in the Park           |
| A .v     | 27  | Work Day in the Park           |
| March    | 7   | Board Meeting - Poodle Dog 7pm |
|          | 12  | Work Day in the Park           |
| Line,    | 26  | Easter Egg Run 10am - 2pm      |
| April    | 4   | Board Meeting - Poodle Dog 7pm |
|          | 8-9 | Boiler Testing - Don Deffley   |
|          | 9 7 | Run Day in the Park            |
|          | 23  | Run Day in the Park            |
|          | No. |                                |