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Caden Powell replacing old ties in the KLS Yard. Photo by Bill Hartung

Next Meeting:
April 4, 2016, 7pm
Poodle Dog, Fife

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Happy March and April Birthdays to

March Birthdays –
Don Rogers (March 10th) and
Louise Deffley (March 14th)

April Birthdays-

George Hoke (April 3rd),
Al VonRueden (April 4th),
Allyson Frame (April 13th),
Don Deffley (April 14th),
Pat Rogers (April 23rd),
Bob Brown (April 24th),
Ed Wright (April 28th),
Russ Noe (April 30th)

Thank you to those early renewals and an extra special thank you for the donations. They will be put to good use. It's your railroad and your continued support always makes it better!

Kitsap County Parks Advisory
Board
2016 Meeting Schedule
Meeting Time – 6:00 PM

April 20, 2016
Greater Hansville
6778 Buck Lake Rd NE
Community Center
Hansville, WA

President's Message

by Tom Huffman

Greetings from the President

This is the letter that I attached to our annual report to Jim Dunwiddle of the Kitsap Advisory Board.

March 15 2016

Mr. James Dunwiddle

It's my pleasure to introduce myself to you as the new president of Kitsap Live Steamers. As required by the new draft agreement. The attachments include our Insurance contract naming KCPS as named insured, 2016 events calendar, and the 2015 year end Treasurer's report. Budgeting for 2016 is still in the planning stage and is balanced on the approval of the track and building expansion. Kitsap Live Steamers has been planning on expanding our track by 2000 feet and starting this project as soon as our proposal is completed and approved by the Parks Board. The only other large capital project is an addition to our storage building. We are currently using two trailer conex boxes. These boxes just don't fit in with the appearance of well-kept park and rail road maintenance facility. Startup date on that project is relative to our cash available. Projections of a start date could possibly be as early as 2018.

Kitsap Live Steamers has been located in the South Kitsap Park for 20 years providing free train rides to the public. We also provide a special train while events are held at the park. Most notably is the Easter Egg run, and the Halloween Ghost Train. I have also discussed the possibility of providing rides for the special needs students with South Kitsap School District. The train route is a 1 mile, 10-minute ride that transports the public through the forest, show cases it's beauty, and the hobby of large scale model rail roads. The trees, animals, and forest floor growth are an amazement to the passengers who haven't experienced a forest in its natural settings. Kitsap Live Steamers recognizes the seriousness of our responsibility, and stewardship of South Kitsap Park. In order to keep our commitment to this natural resource, and our track right of way for a safe trip we have decided to reorganize our director positions, and have implemented a new select director as our Grounds person. This new position chaired by a Board Member will work personally with park representatives, supervise and train our members on the proper safety procedures, and land stewardship practices. We want the public to continue this experience, enjoy the natural beauty of the park, educational example of proper stewardship, and the hobby of live steaming miniature rail roads.

Thomas R. Huffman President Kitsap Live Steamers

Steamers

**Boiler Testing will start at 9am
Friday, April 8th & Saturday April 9th.
All Boilers will be required to be ready
for testing by 1pm**

At The Track



Members

"For safety and access, please do not block the three entrances to the main yard. Two in the lift area and one at the main entrance near the Handicapped Parking.

We need to keep those lanes open for loading, unloading, handicapped access and Emergency Vehicles. In addition, please leave the trailer backup lanes open for those who need to access them. Thank you for your help."

Ted Karanson
Director 3



Photos by Bill Hartung

At The Track



Straddle Car Update



Doug Wilkinson working on the new 6' straddle cars.



Doug Wilkinson and George Hoke building the elevated storage track for the new straddle cars.

Bulletin Board

Building and Yard Equipment

By Don Rogers

The Buildings and Grounds Committee has been divided with Ted Karanson taking on the Grounds responsibilities and myself working on the Buildings and Yard Equipment. The workday of 27 Feb saw pretty good attendance and quite a bit of progress with continued cleanup around the yard as well as;

- Work on storage for the new riding cars progressing in the car barn headed up by George Hoke.
- Repairs to the rail wheel bench by Eric Meehan and myself.
- New bottom seals to all three roll up doors in the Thomson Building.
- Procured a spiffy new trash can in the loading bay area.
- Powered, non-powered and electric transfer tables inspected and lubricated.
- Working on estimates for replacement of the loading/unloading area roof replacement.

Unfortunately there is still much to do such as;

- Replace the loading/unloading area roof.
- Replace lights in the loading/unloading area.
- Clean Thomson Bldg Roof and Gutters.
- Clean Depot Roof and Gutters.
- Pour Concrete step for Thomson Bldg Entry Door.
- Clean and Paint steaming bay station rails and other various yard equipment.

As a major concern of mine, there are only two people besides myself signed up for the Buildings and Grounds Committee. Please consider signing up to help out in one or more of the areas our committees cover as without help, sadly, it makes it very hard to maintain the KLS infrastructure in a manner that we can be proud of. It truly takes a lot of work to run a railroad if we want a nice place to play. If one of the tasks I have listed above interests you or you have an idea or challenge for an additional task, then please just let me know. We honestly need all the help we can get.

On The Track

By Bill Hartung

We have just the two March work days left to go before we start running trains for the public again. The main line track is in remarkably good shape, after a few repairs of damage caused by falling trees. This is due to the many hours of work provided by members who have already come to the park, both on the scheduled work days and also on week days when they could spare the time. We owe a great big 'Thank You' to all who have been helping to get the track ready. The damaged ramp leading from the compound to the yard, that I described in my February report, has been repaired by Jeff

Mills and Conrad Watne, so thanks to them we're good to go there.

Our final March work day coincides with the park's annual Easter Egg Hunt, so we'll be working around some trains running at the same time we're doing final preparation for the season. And please remember that track maintenance isn't just a Winter activity. Mother nature and running trains through our regular season cause the track to wear and to shift, so please keep an eye out and fix any little issues you see before they become major headaches. Please contact me if you have questions.

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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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 withane65423@gmail.com.

Membership

By Carole Moss

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.

Please welcome our new member –

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Kitsap Live Steamers Calendar

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| March | 26 | Work Day in the Park Easter Egg Run 10am - 2pm - TBD |
| April | 4 | Board Meeting - Poodle Dog 7pm |
| | 8-9 | Boiler Testing - Don Deffley |
| | 9 | Run Day in the Park- AM Nelson Lanchester - PM Caden Powell |
| | 23 | Run Day in the Park- AM Bill Hartung - PM Don Rogers |
| May | 2 | Board Meeting - Poodle Dog 7pm |
| | 14 | Run Day in the Park- TBD |
| | 28 | Run Day in the Park - TBD |
| June | 6 | Board Meeting - Poodle Dog 7pm |
| | 11 | Run Day in the Park- TBD |
| | 25 | Run Day in the Park - TBD |