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Jeff Mills prepping his new steamer for its first boiler test. Photo by Bill Hartung

Next Meeting:
May 2, 2016, 7pm
Poodle Dog, Fife

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Happy April and May Birthdays to

Happy 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)

May Birthdays –
Erik Meehan (May 8th),
Caden Powell (May 21st),
Jerry Crane (May 23rd)

*If the plan doesn't work
change the plan but
never the goal.*

author unknown

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

May 18, 2016
County Commissioner
Chambers
614 Division Street
Port Orchard, WA

President's Message

by Tom Huffman



The 2016 summer run season is here. Our first revenue train leaves the station at 10:00 A.M. April 9th and we are ready to go. The track is in the best shape ever, locomotives, and rolling stock have been inspected, tested, and lubed. The shelves have been stocked in our company store. It sure does take team work to keep this Rail Road moving. We will continue to deliver that enjoyable, and educational train ride our mission statement calls for, and to the highest of standards that our founders would expect.

We did purchase a new SW1500 it's on hand now, and awaiting it's final painting. It will be in the Milwaukee Road scheme so it will match the straddle cars. The old SW1500 has been sold and will be shipped to its new owner.

The Parks agreement has been sent

to their lawyers for its last review. I we will get it signed soon and then we can finally get started on the track expansion and building addition. Our plans are to work side by side with the Parks Department while constructing the track expansion from start to finish. Some good scheduling and planning should help reduce any issues that are bound to arise.

This rail road requires continuous preventative maintenance, and improvements to stay safe and reliable. There will be some very large projects added to our work list soon. I find it's easier to keep track of all this work, and costs if it's funneled to the respective Director and their committees. Then your idea can be evaluated, designed, and scheduled, if you have an idea or better way of doing something get with the director and talk it out. Then It can then be submitted to the board for approval, funding and added to the work list.

Our season is here, it's memory making time. Let's have some fun providing our top notch service to the public.

Safety First, Tom Huffman

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At The Track

Boiler Testing was on April 8th and 9th and the weather was great. It was the first time we had 70 plus temperature in a long time. 15 Locomotives passed the Washington State Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspection.

On Friday some members of the Department of Labor and Industries came to KLS to check out the handling of our Boiler testing and talk to members on how we made and maintain our Boilers. I am sure that the Dept. of Labor and Industries was impressed by the way that KLS is handling our Boiler Testing and how our members are operating their locomotives.

The Bremerton Sun newspaper and Chanel 4 news were there also to see our boiler testing and talk to some of the engineers about their locomotives. Check out the article in the Bremerton Sun's (kitsaptsun.com).

Don

Photos by Bill Hartung



Bob Noecker and Don Deffley helping Ken Olsen.



Jim Danvenport getting his Sweet Creek ready



Stephen Ramaley shooting video of Jim's Sweet Creek.

A Note from a Fellow Member

Dear Fellow Live Steamers-

Ten years ago when I as doing part-time work with the Indian Health Service, I found myself in Neah Bay for a few weeks. A weekend off let me visit KLS, and I was treated like royalty from faraway. I was taken to a private track in the southern part of your peninsula and generally had a wonderful time, and have warm memories of your Port Orchard track and the many members I met there, and have enjoyed an associate membership ever since.

Most sincerely,
Bill Kinzer

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.

Most memberships will be expiring at the end of April, so now is the time to renew. It's easy to do online by credit card. Use the Red Button by your name and follow the prompts. If you prefer, print and complete the application then mail it in with your payment.

Thank you to those that have already renewed and thank you for the donations.



New 50 Watt LED's have been installed.

At The Track



Easter Run and Opening Day
Photos by Larry Harper



“On Track”

by Bill Hartung

Stating the obvious, April is here and the weather for opening day, two days away as I write this, looks very promising. The KLS track is ready for the start of our new season, thanks mostly to the great efforts of the members who have been spending so much time in the park. We ran trains for several hours during the recent Easter egg hunt hosted by the park, and the main line was in great shape. Work is continuing to replace the old rotten ties in the yard, using the new recycled tie material we received last month.

There will still be work to do throughout the season, as running trains and Mother Nature both cause the track to shift. The biggest culprit is the roots of the largest trees that are close to the track. I'm asking everyone who runs trains, whether their own or KLS equipment, to keep an eye out for sudden bulges and humps and let me know of anything that needs immediate attention.

New President Tom Huffman has advised the park commissioner that we can get started on the mainline expansion as soon as the new operating agreement is signed. We will need to take specific steps to ensure that we have the blessing of the park and county authorities before we start to do any work. Once that happens, I plan to bring in a commercial grader to do the major clearing of the new right-of-way. One professional dozer operator with the right equipment can do in a day what we would spend weeks to accomplish by hand. Then we'll let the cleared ground sit through the remainder of this year, so it can settle, while we do the detailed survey and start building the new track panels. If all goes as planned (emphasis on the 'if'), we can start spreading the new ballast and laying track next Spring, and have the extension completed by the end of 2017.

I'm always eager to work with any members, new or old, who want to learn how to lay and maintain track on a miniature railroad. Don't hesitate to contact me if you would like to get involved.

Grounds Crew

by Ted Karanson

“The Great KLS Tree of Doom” that threatened the middle of the main yard has been removed! The 120' fir tree that had been leaning against its neighbor was taken down by a company hired by Kitsap County Parks. Work continues to remove plant and tree debris left after considerable cutting beyond the boundary of our right-of-way on the west side main line as well as the entire short loop. The grounds crew is working with the Parks Department to be allowed to use a chipper to move the clean-up work along smoothly.

The grounds committee continues to work towards stronger cooperation with Kitsap County Parks to develop practices that are in line with Kitsap County Parks Forest Management goals. Volunteers are always welcome for short and long term projects throughout the year.

Station Report

By Barbara Lanchester

On Saturday, March 26, 2016, we had the Easter Run Day. What a great turn out. We gave rides to 524 people. We had 6 trains running.

Our riders were so excited that we were once again running the trains. When we stopped for the Easter Egg Hunt, one rider told me she was going to continue to stand in line because she had already waited 40 minutes for a ride. The line for our riders stretched all the way across the park to the playground, continually.

Thank you for all of your help and assistance. We could not have done it without you.

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

In addition to the buildings and yard equipment, myself and some of the other gandy dancers in the club have been working on replacing wooden rail ties in the yard with new plastic ones. Most of the old wooden ties are completely rotten and are the source of the many derailments in the yard area. The east side switch run and many of the sidings in the yard are completed. The west side has 3 more switches to be changed out, and then the few sidings that are left should be completed fairly soon after.

The roof covering the loading/unloading area is rusting through and in urgent need of replacement. I have received board approval for funding of materials and plan to have that completed by mid summer.

Replaced 2 remaining rollup doors bottom seal rubber.

- Obtained estimate of \$1800 for 18 gauge loading area roof replacement and received Board of Directors for approval.
- Poured concrete pad at entry door of the Thomson Bldg.
- Cleaned Loading Area Roof.
- Cleaned Rat/Mouse Nest from under sink cabinet.
- Rebuilt Vacuum Brake Actuator Valve on BNSF 2000.
- Replaced spring in first switch off the metal bridge.
- Personally put in over 26 hours in two weeks replacing wooden ties in the yard. West Side switches are approx 25 percent complete. 3 more switches to go. Received 460 additional Tie Plates.
- Cleared mainline of debris. (Tom, Dan and Don).
- Dumped Trash multiple times. (Please, if it is full, take the time to empty it.)
- Repaired rail wheel bench in the yard.

Unfortunately there is still much to do such as;

- Replace the loading/unloading area roof. (Big job here)
- Replace lights in the loading/unloading area.
- Clean Thomson Bldg Roof and Gutters.
- Clean Depot Roof and Gutters.
- Clean and Paint steaming bay station rails and other various yard equip.
- Repair Damage to one picnic table and repair the second one.

Other work completed of note includes:

-Thanks to Dan Simmons, Greg Slobodzian, Tom Huffman, Bill Hartung, Ted Karanson, Carole Moss and a host of others for all the hard work on the Yard and Track. Please consider helping out in one or more of the areas our committees cover as without help 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 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 and input we can get.

Happy Rails To You, (Sung in the style of Roy Rogers)

Rolling Stock

By Tom Caparella

This past month the straddle cars were cleaned and washed. We started to inspect each car. A couple cars checked out okay. We found some problems with the brakes and bearings. These have been mostly resolved. Don Deffley is making the bearings we need for one of the cars. This past week Dan was able, with the help of others, to get the straddle cars arranged in numeral order.

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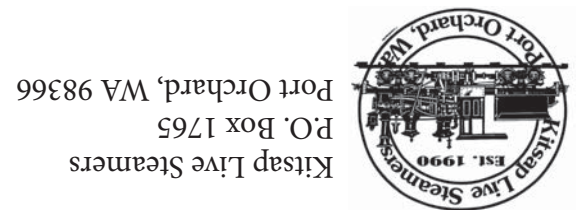
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If you would like to have a printed copy sent to you, or there is an error in a listing, please let me know, 253-566-3843 or withane65423@gmail.com.

Membership

By Carole Moss

KLS 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 additions. Please notify us if you have a change of your contact information. The Membership/Renewal application form is also downloadable from our website www.kitsaplivesteamers.org.



Kitsap Live Steamers Calendar

April	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- AM TBD - PM Caden Powell
	28	Run Day in the Park- AM Hinton Thomas - PM Greg Slobodzian
June	6	Board Meeting - Poodle Dog 7pm
	11	Run Day in the Park- TBD
	25	Run Day in the Park - TBD
July	11	Board Meeting - Poodle Dog 7pm
	9	Run Day in the Park- TBD
	16	Friends and Family
	23	Run Day in the Park - TBD