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*Don Deffley teaching
Hannah Montgomery to
run the Mike.
(Dennis and Marie Weaver's
great grand daughter)*

Next Meeting:
August 1, 2016, 7pm
Poodle Dog, Fife

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Happy Birthdays to

July Birthdays –

*Yvonne Harper (July 1st),
Nelson Lanchester (July 2nd),
Brennyn Spencer (July 2nd)
Pennie Frame (July 22nd),
Emma Jones (July 23rd),
Russell Ritchey (July 26th),
Carly Kaivo-Houlton
(July 29th)*

August Birthdays –

*Peter Mourer (August 5th),
Barbara Lanchester
(August 6th),
Dennis Weaver (August 18th),
Shirley Wilkinson
(August 21st),
Dan Simmons (August 22nd),
Andy Breeding (August 29th),
Tom Huffman (August 30th)*

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.

Kitsap County Parks Advisory Board

2016 Meeting Schedule
Meeting Time – 6:00 PM

August 17, 2016
Long Lake Community
5448 Long Lake Rd S
Port Orchard, WA

September 21, 2016
Eagle's Nest
1195 NW Fairgrounds Rd
Bremerton, WA

President's Message

by Tom Huffman



We are half way through the season now and our railroad is running like a fine tuned Alco R-S. It's a little smoky at times and gets the job done.

The Family and Friends event was a success I would like to thank Cheryl for organizing the picnic and Ian for grilling the family's recipe chicken. It was nice to see all the members and friends enjoying the hobby and visiting with each other.

A moment of silence was held for Curt Young on his passing.

Last run day we had some issues with the track and switches. The track crew's quick response kept the trains rolling and was quite a show for our passengers, with our track gang at work. The Depot was busy as usual.

Barb has decided to step back from the depot sales and safety brief, she will be missed by our passengers and train crews. Her enjoyment for the hobby and meeting the passengers was a pleasure to see. Barb was the first interaction with our passengers. She always kept the spirit of K.L.S. alive and well.

See you at the track, Tom Huffman

Superintendents

Looking for Superintendents for run-days. Please contact Ken Olsen at 206-718-9401.

This is a extremely important function that helps maintain KLS's position in the park. Not sure what to do? Just ask Ken.



**Next Months issue will have pictures of
Friends and Family**

KLS Family

This July will be 26 years since our first train rolled out of what was then a track on dirt with chemically treated ties. We always went clockwise because we did not have a way to turn the trains around. I wore my conductors outfit each time we ran, in the hopes it would bring people out to the track. Back then, if we got \$25 in the donation caboose, the one on the donation box, we were excited. Those first couple of years it was tough to have enough money to get gravel, rail, and chemicals to soak the ties (that was very expensive). Members made up the shortfalls out of their own pockets. We built as we had funding. We did not have reserves, that came about because of the community park struggling to stay afloat themselves, visionaries within the KLS at that time made sure that monies were put in savings, as the organization had it. But most of the time it was how much do we need and how much do we have. Buy this and let that go for now. (Sounds like a family budget). However, given time and the fact that I am not afraid to ask anyone for something, and let me say, I spent a great deal of time on the phone, asking; we managed to get the infrastructure in place for a dream that still remains close to my heart.

One of the things I always say is that "Live Steam is a family affair". This is true of mine. We now have 4 generations playing within the club. I have continually preached 'RESPECT' to them, towards each other and members within the organization. Recently I heard of a couple, who I will not name, who were called names, i.e. stupid, bully etc. and told they could no longer help with the chores they had been doing for years. Not always perfect but their efforts showed when you were at the track. FOLKS, if this is true, we need to re-evaluate the way we look at each other. RESPECT is one of the keys to success for any organization. Back in the early 1990's there was a club in Oregon who due to the leadership disrespecting the membership just about closed the club down. There were over 100 members when Dennis and I went to investigate how they did things, but within a year there were only 25. I told KLS members back then if I treated anyone like the women at that club, treated me, to make sure they kicked me in the proper place and let me have it verbally. Just know that I am in hopes this article will put a proper kick on whoever made the comments at the KLS couple. NAME CALLING HAS NO PLACE IN A FAMILY MOVITVATED ORGANIZATON PERIOD!. Please take the time to see the efforts that all our members put in for the betterment of the club and us all. I know we are living under a different set of rules within the country than we did back in the day, but the right-of-way still needs to be cleared and the growth keep at bay, the Thompson Building, (by the way, another donation) has to be kept clean and organized, and the track needs to be kept in running order, along with the trains. This is work but it can be done in a friendly way, laughing and loving each other.

It is said I am the club historian. Well, folks, my memories are not as clear as they used to be. Given that, along with Dennis and I taking 3 years to build our home in SW Port Orchard in 2000 to 2004, I do not have the capacity to give you those years. So, please those of you around then will pick up the gauntlet and write about those years.

I am one of the founders, my love for this organization goes very deep, and my commitment is without question. As long as I am able I will continue to try and make KLS a premier, fun and REPECTFUL organization.

Marie

TO THE MEMBERSHIP

We are fortunate to have recently welcomed several new members. This has given me thought that perhaps not all of our new or long time members are aware the following:

When you become a member of Kitsap Live Steamers, Inc. you also become a co-owner, and share the responsibility, of the facility at Port Orchard, the rolling stock, and the motive power.

You also become a part of the Safety Committee. Our Vice-President is chairman of this committee. However, for safety to work, all of our members have to be a part of it. Safety is extremely important to all railroads.

Enjoy all of it and the 7-1/2 gauge hobby Kitsap Live Steamers, Inc is a part of.

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Deffley

At the Track



Clean up of downed trees



*We have a new cover over the transfer table.
Thanks to those who did a great job.*



*Ted and Carole have been working very hard to
clean up and paint the conex boxes.*



Our Newest Member of Motive Power



Our new engine at Friends and Family

Engineers and Conductors:

By Ken Olsen

As one of the responsibilities of the Vice President, I am responsible for bringing up safety issues at the track. I understand that an engineer on a recent run day started his train in motion prior to the the safety message being completed.

Engineers must wait until the train's passengers are safely loaded and the safety message has been announced. The conductor can be of help by notifying the engineer that it is ok to proceed. This is usually given by a blast on the conductors whistle and or a verbal message to you that it is ok to start the train into motion. However, it is your responsibility as the trains engineer. to make sure that the train is properly loaded and ready to be put into motion.

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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“On Track”

by Bill Hartung

I will be away most of July, but I know that the track team has things under control; they have put in countless hours maintaining the track. As I write this I understand that Jerry Crane has spare switch frogs, one of which is needed to repair the broken switch at the west end of the short loop. That should enable the team to make a quick repair and keep the trains rolling.

Regarding the mainline extension, I have built a new track panel assembly jig which is specifically designed to use the new pre-molded plastic ties that we will be using for the new track. It is currently stored on the new raised storage track inside the car barn, along with multiple boxes of the new ties. If anyone would like to try their hand at making new track panels, feel free to bring out the assembly jig. The appropriate screws are also stored in the car barn. I put four screws on each rail on only the tie at the center of the track panel, and use just two screws per rail on all the others. These screws take either a Philips head screwdriver or a 5/16 hex nut driver (which I find easier to use). And please don't quote me on the hex size, I'm relying on my sometimes suspect memory.

One thing that is not yet built into this new jig are stops that control the rail offset. I will get that done when I get to the track in August, but building track panels with a 17 inch offset is not difficult to do using a ruler or tape measure. So like I said, feel free if you want to try making new panels. We won't need them for the new extension until next year, but it's smart to get a head start and stockpile panels for when we are ready to lay the new mainline.

Building & Yard Equipment

By Don Rogers

Please give a hand to Dan Simmons, Greg Slobodzian, Tom Huffman, Bill Hartung, Barb and Nelson Lanchester, Ted Karanson, Carole Moss and a host of others for all the hard work on the Yard and Track. Here is a sample of what we were able to accomplish in the yard this past month:

- Installed LED Lighting on the Covered Loading Area roof. Thanks Greg Bright.

- Cleaned Depot Roof Gutters and re-cleaned the roof.

- Pressure washed the Orange Storage Container in preparation for painting

- Installed side seals on first rollup door on Thomson Building.

- Cleaned and removed debris from the Yard storage buildings area including old wood, peat moss bags and various junk.

- Cleaned up and weed whacked the KLS parking area.

- Lubed Thomson building rollup doors and Storage Container Doors.

- Installed 9 whistle posts for CCW running.

- Re-graveled approximately 600 feet of washed out sections of track.

- Replaced all walkie-talkie batteries with new 2800mah cells.

- Wood to plastic tie replacement is complete for all through lines in the yard. Work is in progress on the sidings.

- Continued efforts to check and repair track and switches to eliminate derailments.

- Replaced Thomson Bldg. kitchen sink handle.

I would like to give a very special thanks to Jessie Thompson for the great new picnic table. Very Nice!!!

We also procured a new BBQ grill:

It seems like every time we complete an item on our work list, we add one or two more. Here is what we have:

- Paint Electric Lift Connection Box.

- Replace All Wood Rail Ties in the Yard With Plastic.

- Replace Wood 2x6 Between The Rails At Road Crossing.

- Install Steaming Bay Rain Shelters.

- Clean and Paint Steaming Bay Stands. In Progress

- Riding Car Storage Elevated Track.

- Ballast track washout areas. Ongoing.

- Paint Train Storage Box.

- Electrical: Hook up Loading Area Lights Thurs.

- Electrical: Clean Up Thomson Building.

- Clean and Dispose of Thomson Bldg Junk.

- Paint rim of Loading Area Roof, add KLS logos and lettering.

- Install Seals on all Thomson Bldg. Doors.

- Trim, Paint and Dress Up Thomson Bldg entry door.

- Fabricate new exterior sill for Thomson Bldg rollup doors.

- Setup MOW car with lockable storage box.

We could use help in the ongoing effort of maintaining the KLS infrastructure in a manner that we can be proud of. 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.

As a final note, space at KLS is at a premium and that basically means there is none! We had an incident last month where a member badly wanted to donate some items but we had to turn them away because we just don't have anywhere to store the type of materials he was offering. Here is the thing, **PLEASE DO NOT BRING IN, DROP OFF, LEAVE OR PLAN TO LEAVE ANYTHING AT KLS UNLESS YOU HAVE CHECKED WITH ME FIRST AND I HAVE CLEARED IT.** This does not apply to locomotive and car storage which is handled by Don Deffley. 6

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Rolling Stock

By Tom Caparella

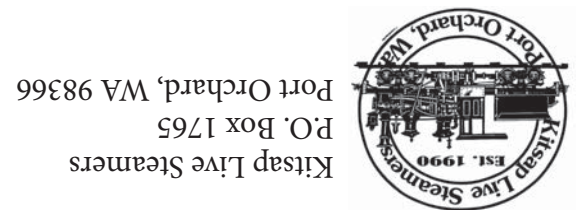
We have had a good month with our train rides. We were able to get the parts necessary to get a couple straddle cars back in service. At the end of the last Run Day we found out that car 403 was giving a few problems with derailing on one of the curves. As long as it was taken around the curve slowly there wasn't any problem. We are going to look this car over to determine what the problem is and get it resolved. All the other cars seem to be working fine with no other problems.

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Kitsap Live Steamers Calendar

July	23	Run Day in the Park - TBD
August	1	Board Meeting - Poodle Dog 7pm
	13	Run Day in the Park- TBD
	27	Run Day in the Park - TBD
September	12	Board Meeting - Poodle Dog 7pm
	10	Run Day in the Park- TBD
	24	Run Day in the Park - TBD
October	3	Board Meeting - Poodle Dog 7pm
	8	Run Day in the Park- TBD
	22	Run Day in the Park - TBD