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Happy Birthdays to

November Birthdays –

Greg Slobodzian Nov. 12th
Doug Wilkinson Nov. 23rd

December Birthdays –

Joy Slobodzian Dec. 15th
Conrad Watne Dec. 28th
Larry Harper Dec. 31th

January 2017 Birthdays –

Jeff Mills January 1st
Richard Mairs January 6th
Robert Noecker January 10th
Bill Hartung January 14th
Sylvia Hartung January 28th
Tom Caparrella January 30th
Jeanie Springer January 31st

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

November 16, 2016
Long Lake Community Center
5448 Long Lake Rd SE
Port Orchard, WA

No Regular December Meeting

President's Message

by Tom Huffman



What a great summer. Our run season is over for this year and winter maintenance is scheduled. I would like to thank everyone for their hard work. The Ghost Train was a perfect example of our Railroad and how it serves the community and highlights our hobby.

Our newly proposed track inspection equipment

We have a big project (track extension) coming up next year, and some additional improvements this winter. The main line requires some ballasting and bulkhead construction to stop erosion and to stabilize the roadbed. We are also improving the lighted grade crossing so it will be more reliable. In the Thompson building we will redo the restroom floor.

See ya at the train shows

Tom Huffman

Please Welcome Our New Members

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Congratulations to the Ritchey family and their new grandson, Riot Gray Fricke.

Washington State History Museum Train Show

Saturday, December 17th - Sunday, January 1st
10:00am - 5pm daily Closed Decemeber 24-25th.

Ken needs help everyday except 18th and the 26th.
All other days, he need 1-2 people to manage the display.

For more information contact Ken Olsen at
kenolsen@kitsaplivesteamers.org or 206-718-9401

Setup on December 16th from 10am-2pm.
For any further instructions please contact Ken

Ghost Train Post Run Report

from the Ghost Master Don Rogers

Hi all,

First off, I have been getting a lot of personal congratulations for the Ghost Train run on October 29th and I would like to thank everyone for that. I really do appreciate the attention, but I have to remind myself that if it was not for all the fantastic support and help I had from the club it would have been a pretty lonely and sad event. So I think we as a club should pat ourselves on the back and give ourselves a big round of applause for the great job we all did supporting the Ghost Train run of 2016. We hauled 1,475 people in a three and a half hour period. We finished a half hour early. Other than a derailment or two in the yard due to sticky switch points we had no derailments, mechanical break downs, accidents or incidents.

Here is a partial list of KLS participants. There are probably more whose names I did not get written down and I apologize for that.

Tom Huffman, Dan Simmons, Greg Slobodzian, Bill Hartung, Ken Olsen, Carole Moss, Ted Karanson, Caden Powell, Joy Slobodzian, Kathy Huffman, Pat Rogers, Doug Wilkinson, David Hoefer, Richard Hoffman, Marie Weaver, Hannah Montgomery, Georgene Lenon, Ken Kaivo, David White, Don Morrell, Brittany Morrell, Bob Knoecker, John Thomas, Nick Buell, Zac Lenon, Bill Moorhead, Jeff Mills, Jesse Thompson, Alan Halfhill, Roger Gay, Kirk Hoefer, Aaron Hance (Ken Olsen's Grandson)

We should also give a round of applause to all those kids who sat back in the woods and tried their best to scare the heck out of the passengers. They all did a great job this year.

Here is the recipe for how we all made it work so smoothly.

1. Our track crew worked for more than three months prior to the Ghost Train to make sure the track was leveled and trimmed to ensure as much as possible that we would not have any derailment issues on the route. We also ran test trains to get the timing we would need to run passengers at 300 people per hour and also ensure the integrity of the track on the short loop. That work really paid off.
2. We had 9 trains pulling passengers at all times. If a train crew took a break, a reserve train came on the line to fill in for them.
3. We were able to get the safety brief heard deep into the line so that when people came through our depot gate, we knew they had the brief and were ready to load. That was a big time saver over years past.
4. We briefed our train crews on the spacing we needed them to maintain in order to run 1200 people in four hours while at the same time giving enough time for the actors to reset their displays and hopefully give the passengers a good scary show. We have some excellent Engineers and Conductors and all the train crews did a magnificent job in executing our plan to perfection.
5. Our depot staff was very proficient in getting passengers ready to load in the depot while at the same time keeping them safe and the way clear for trains entering and leaving the station. They also did a super job getting passenger to the exits smoothly. In addition we had a person manning the switch at the steel bridge to direct trains in the depot. Super job depot staff!
6. We started staffing our positions for the Ghost Train months in advance of the event and got regular briefings out so that everyone knew their position and responsibilities well in advance.
7. We had a Crash Crew standing by to handle any mishaps on the track and while they, thankfully, were not employed it was a great relief to know that they were there, ready and willing to help in case they were needed. This was the group I was counting on to save our bacon should problems arise.
8. We had some really good food available to warm us and keep our energy levels up.
9. We got really lucky with the weather. Our prayers were answered.

Again, great job everybody and my heartfelt thanks for stepping up and getting it done. It was a ton of fun.

Ghost Train

Photos by Cheryl McInnes



Bulletin Board

"On Track"

by Bill Hartung

The season has come to an end, with the Ghost Train the final event. I'm proud to say that there were no track related issues during that very busy night. In fact, it was probably the smoothest and best organized ghost train we've ever had. Kudos to all who helped prepare the track for the night of running through the spooky woods.

With all the rotten wood ties now replaced, the efforts of the track team are focused on replacing the most severely worn out rail. Since some of the KLS track was old (second hand) when we originally started laying the track in the park, there is some really badly worn rail there. Where it makes the most sense we will be using some of the steel rail that's already on hand for these repairs. Anyone who would like to help out with this work, please let me know.

We continue to wait for the county parks people to take care of the diseased trees in our area of the forest, so there is not yet anything new happening for the planned mainline extension. Stay tuned.

SHOW YOUR KLS SUPPORT

Due to an error in ordering the sweatshirts and hoodies, we have ended up with one more of each available. One crew neck sized Large (\$25.00) and one hoodie sized Extra Large (\$35.00) Add \$6.45 to the cost and I can ship it USPS to you. They are Athletic Gray with a large, three color KLS logo on the front. First come, first serve! Call, text or email – Carole 253-566-3843 or withane65423@gmail.com

AmazonSmile Site

Kitsap Live Steamers is now set up so that when you place an order with Amazon, Amazon will donate 0.5% of your Product purchase to KLS. In order to make this happen, type in this link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/91-1472937> to access the AmazonSmile site and then place your order. Note that for an item to qualify the agreement reads: "A Product" is any item sold on the AmazonSmile Site and which is marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on the relevant item detail page. Obviously if you return the item purchased, the donation will not occur as well as recurring Subscribe-and-Save purchases and subscription renewals.

For more information download and read the "AmazonSmile Participation Agreement". The link is: AmazonSmile Participation Agreement.

Thanks to our Treasurer Ken Kavio for setting this up,

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.

For Sale:

My name is Jan Sanderson, and my husband, Jim Sanderson was a member of the Kitsap Live Steamers until his death in July 2010. I am writing to you as I have some books and Jim's collection of professionally bound magazines that he collected over the years. I am wondering if any of your members might be interested in any of these as they are quite beautiful. They are as follows:

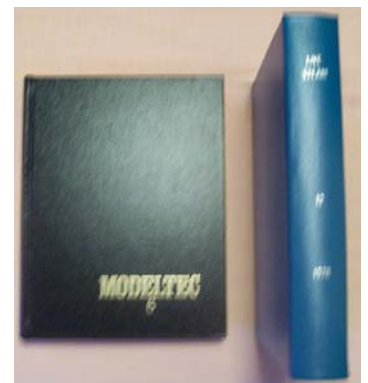
Modeltec Volume 6 (May 1989 - April 1990) through Volume 17 (May 200 - April 2001) - a total of 12 volumes

Live Steam Volume 13 (1979) through Volume 43 (2009) - a total of 32 volumes

Grand Scales Quarterly Volume No. 1-12 (July 1997 - July 2000) and Volume No. 13-24 (October 2000 - 2003)

The Steam Locomotive Study Course - Volumes 1-4

I have checked with Powell's Bookstore and they said that each volume would be worth about \$20.00 each, but I would be happy to sell them for \$10.00 a volume if anyone is interested. Would it be possible if I offered these through your *OrderBoard* newsletter? I am attaching a few photos. Please contact Jan Sanderson at 360-574-2390



Bulletin Board

Rolling Stock

By Tom Caparella

We have had good Run Days this past month. On the Ghost Train Event, we had no problems with our straddle cars. This is the first time we have used the new FRED's on the cars. With the Velcro, this was so much easier than what we had to do in the past. The people that take their time out to come to the track and work on the grounds, motive power, and rolling stock make all the possible without any problems. Between now and April we need to pull the cars out and get them put back in the proper sequence, clean them up and inspect each car to make sure they are ready of our opening Run Day.

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.

Buildings and Yard Equipment

By Don Rogers

- Logs placed, staked and graveled along East short loop for erosion control.
 - Staged additional logs for erosion control use.
 - Installed hose hangers at steaming bay stations.
 - Installed 4000 watt heater in Thomson Bldg (Thanks Greg Bright!).
 - Trimmed Track at short Loop.
 - Set up MOW car to haul Wig Wag signal.
 - Removed and cut up downed tree from track on East side S turns.
 - Cleaned track of post wind storm debris.
 - Installed new overhead light in Thomson Bldg. bathroom.
- (Thanks Richard Hoffman).
- Installed new electric powered lift cord reel.

A reminder: Please do not drop off or leave anything including things such as magazines, memorabilia, wood or building materials, paint etc. at KLS before talking to the Buildings and Yard committee chair (Don Rogers). If this is disregarded, chances are the dropped off items will be removed for disposal (i.e. thrown out) in accordance with written KLS policies. We are fighting for space and we simply do not have the room to keep peoples unwanted items.

Also, we have a mouse problem so please remove any food items from the Thomson Building except those that are in the refrigerator.

Thanks to Greg Slobodzian, Tom Huffman, Bill Hartung, Ted Karanson, Carole Moss, John Thomson, Dan Simmons, Jessie Thompson and all the others for all the hard work on the KLS Railroad.



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Sunshine

By Carole Moss

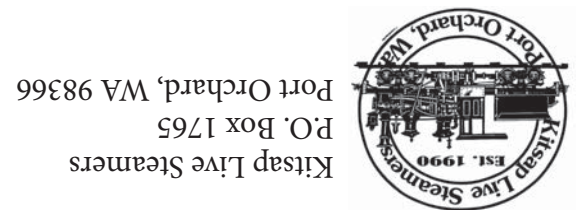
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Kitsap Live Steamers Calendar

December	5	Board Meeting - Poodle Dog 7pm
	10	Work day in the Park
	17 - Jan. 1st	Washington State History Museum - 10-5 Ken Olsen
January	14	Work day in the Park
	21	AGM- Auburn Public Library 10:00am
	28	Work day in the Park
February	6	Board Meeting - Poodle Dog 7pm
	11	Work day in the Park
	25	Work day in the Park
March	6	Board Meeting - Poodle Dog 7pm
	11	Work day in the Park
	25	Work day in the Park