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*Nick Buell and Jeff Mills
getting ready for the Ghost Train*

Next Meeting:
April 3, 2017
7PM
Poddle Dog, Fife

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Happy Birthdays to

March Birthdays –

Ethan Heston (March 4th),
Don Rogers (March 10th),
Louise Deffley (March 14th),
Russ Dunn (March 23rd)

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),
Russ Noe (April 30th)

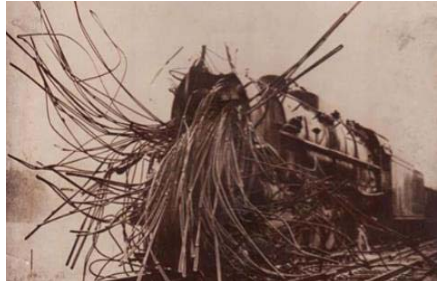
Printable Roster

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.

President's Message

by Tom Huffman



Boiler inspections April 7 & 8

Our run season is quickly approaching, and we finally have a start date for tree removal and our track expansion. Some other exciting projects under construction and more planned for this year.

At times I have to remember that all of us have the same hope and desire for our Railroad to grow and continue to be an enjoyment for our K.L.S. family and the riding public. K.L.S. is a growing expanding railroad. We are on a strong footing and moving into the future as solid as ever.

President K.L.S.

Thomas Huffman

Superintendents for the Upcoming Runday

The following is the first couple of months for the 2017 rundays. There are going to be some extra run days and some of the upcoming holidays.

April 8th	9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Nelson Lanchester
April 8th	1:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Caden Powell
April 15th	10:00 AM to 2 PM	Easter Egg Run - Board
April 22nd	9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Nelson Lanchester
April 22nd	1:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Don Rogers
May 13th	9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Nick Buell
May 13th	1:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Don Rogers
May 27th	9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Nelson Lanchester
May 27th	1:00 PM to 5:00 PM	Tom Huffman

Attention All Steamers BOILER TEST

Friday, April 7th and Saturday, 8th at 9am

All boilers need to be steamed up and ready for inspector by 1pm.

KLS and the Washington State Boiler Inspector would like to have as many boilers inspected on Friday April 7th as they can.

Saturday, April 8th is Opening Day

Bernie Swenson

by Marie Woods-Weaver

Editor Note: In the coming months, I will be publishing stories about the people (members) of KLS's past. These members helped to create what we have today. Thank you to Marie Weaver for writing the stories. It has always been a team effort to keep the dream of our railroad alive. Thank you to all that have contributed to the effort of KLS.

Bernie was a charter member of KLS. He was a "go to" individual who when the club needed a co-signer for a loan, he stepped up to the plate, coming over from Seattle by ferry to Port Orchard, signed his name to the clubs first and only loan that has ever be done. The loan was to pay for the track and equipment that was purchased from Waldo Thomas, who was the founder of the Index and Galena Railroad in Monroe. The 1500 feet of track along with the unloading device that we currently use, cost KLS \$7500. KLS members at the time raised all but \$1800 of it, and Bernie's good name stood for the rest of it. Bernie was my friend. He was someone that I admired and loved. He was hard working even though he had cancer. He helped cut the brush and stood watch over the bonfires, in the rain, that were needed to dispose of the stumps and brush. He built 2 locomotives that fortunately have remind in KLS. Bernie sold his mogul to Phil Stone in 1992 and then Greg Bright bought it from Phil when he left the club back in 1994. We do not see much of Greg so we do not see much of the little mogul either. I ask Greg about that the last time I saw him; he only stated that the locomotive was in his basement and he would get to it someday. The other locomotive that Bernie build was the Mikado 2424. We are again fortunate that upon Bernie's death his widow sold the 2424 Mike to Don Deffley. That engine is

a sweetheart; it runs so smoothly that even someone like me can have a turn at the throttle. Bernie had a wonderful sense of humor. The story goes like this. Dennis, I and Bernie were at Dave Skaggins' house. Bernie had run the Mike for most of the morning and then gave it to Dennis to run during lunch. Dennis ran it around the track a couple of times, and then gave it back to Bernie. Bernie asked if I would like a turn at the throttle. I said "sure if you come with me". Bernie than asked me if I knew how to stop the Mike. With as straight of face as I could muster I said "Yes, jump off." Bernie got the wildest expression on his face. I could not keep a straight expression, and Bernie got the idea I had been joking, he started laughing.

Bernie loved boats and he built many sailing ship models. Along with water pumps and other mechanic types of equipment that would go on both trains and boats. He belonged to the Rhododendron Society of Seattle. He developed new colors of the flower with stronger varieties: There are a few planted in the South Kitsap Regional Park. He had 2 daughters who became members and still attend Friends and Family. The cerebra-tion of his life was the beginning of what KLS calls "Friends and Family". In my view he was a mountain of a man, a leader among leaders, I miss him even today. His wide smile, his off color jokes and his willingness to share with anyone.



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KLS 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.

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Thanks to our Treasurer Ken Kavio for setting this up,

At the Track Over the Last Year



Bulletin Board

Rolling Stock

By Tom Caparella

This past work day we pulled out eight of the twelve straddle cars and started our inspections. We had some issues with the trucks and were able to resolve them. In the next several work days we need to check the brakes and do any adjustments as necessary. Following that all the cars need to be cleaned up and made ready for our run days.



“On Track”

by Bill Hartung

We have just one month before the 2017 season opens, and we have a big challenge ahead.

The long anticipated plan by the county to cut down all the diseased trees in the park is now scheduled to start in mid-March. We have been asked by the county's tree cutting company to take out some of our mainline track (at least they're sensitive to not damaging it) so they can bring in their large equipment. I've identified three locations where, at each spot, we will pull up three track panels. What this may mean is a last minute scramble to replace the track so we can run trains for the public starting on April 8th. If so, I'll ask our web master to send out a special email to all members, announcing the special work session.

If the tree cutting is not done by then, we may have to pull up some or all of the track again, and then re-lay it for the Easter Egg run on April 15th.

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

Your friends at KLS have been missing you at the track. Our thoughts and prayers are with you we hope you will soon be back!

by Barb Lanchester

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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 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.



Bulletin Board

Buildings and Yard Equipment

By Don Rogers

February 2017 Yard and Buildings Work Report.

- Replaced hold down clamps on all remote type switch stands.
- Replacing old switch point bearing strips with stainless steel.
- Organized and cleaned the filing cabinet.
- Cleaned dirt and debris out of remote switch linkage boxes.

Upcoming Projects:

- Provide Support for Park Tree Cutting Operations.
- Elevated Car Storage Ramp.
- Install Stainless Bearing Strips for Switch Points.
- Repair Hole in Fence and Straighten Wire.
- Bend and Install Steel Rail on Curves Where Needed.
- Install Limit Switch on Electric Transfer Table.
- Repair concrete sill at bottom of rollup doors, Thomson Bldg.

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 me, 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 do not have the room to keep peoples unwanted items. We don't want to make KLS the middle man for Goodwill or the dump.

Also, as we get nearer to the run season members will be bringing in their train equipment to run and/or store. Please remember to cleanup after yourself and properly secure equipment after use. If the trash cans are full, or a new roll of toilet paper is needed, feel free to take appropriate action. Contact me if you have any questions.

I want to again thank our new Member of the Year co-recipients Greg Slobodzian and Dan Simmons, as well as Tom Huffman, Bill Hartung, Ted Karanson, Carole Moss, John Thomas, Jessie Thompson and all the others for all the hard work on the KLS Railroad.

Happy Rails,

Don Rogers



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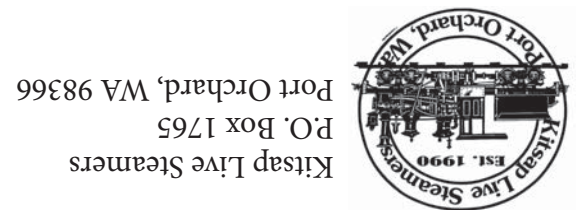
Complete Train - 7 ½ in gauge 2 ½ in scale electric RMI 0-6-0 switcher, flat car, gondola and work caboose. Upgraded Parvalux (EMD) 24 volt electric motors and gearbox and 4QD 300 amp controller. Battery charger, 5' and 8' maintenance stands and miscellaneous parts. Asking \$20,000.00 Contact Larry Harper at 619-507-4137 lharperinwa@gmail.com



For Sale:

8' staddle car with vacuum brakes, 3 boat seats for long distance comfort and regular long bench seat (same as KLS). \$1000.00 or OBO. Will deliver to the track. For more information contact Ian McInnes at 253-279-4011 or email klorderboard@gmail.com.





Kitsap Live Steamers Calendar

March	11	Work day in the Park
	25	Work day in the Park
April	3	Board Meeting - Poodle Dog 7pm
	7-8	Boiler Testing - Don Deffley 9-1. Steamers if you can please come on Friday
	8	Run day in the Park AM - Nelson Lanchester PM - Caden Powell
	15	Easter Run Board 10am - 2pm
	22	Run day in the Park AM - Nelson Lanchester PM - Don Rogers
May	1	Board Meeting - Poodle Dog 7pm
	13	Run day in the Park AM - Nick Buell PM - Don Rogers
	27	Run day in the Park AM - Nelson Lanchester PM - Tom Huffman