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Photo by Jack Devlin



John Maddock

A past member, taken in 2010,
passed away in November.
Your coal smoke will be missed

Next Meeting:
December 4, 2017
7PM
Poddle Dog, Fife

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Happy Birthdays to

November Birthdays –

Greg Slobodzian (November 12th),
Teresa Tinner (November 19th),
Josh Kaivo (November 22nd),
Doug Wilkinson (November 23rd)

December Birthdays –

Joy Slobodzian (December 15th),
Ryan Handel (December 27th),
Conrad Watne (December 28th),
Larry Harper (December 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.

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

What a fantastic summer we had. Record ridership, startup of the track extension, increase in depot sales, and an ADA accessible riding car. None of this could be accomplished without good teamwork, and hours of your time. The success of the Ghost train is a direct result of your labors. We transported 1,700 passengers in 4 hours can't get better than that.

Our displays in Puyallup and Tacoma are next on the list. What a great time to show off your engine and brag about K.L.S. and the live steam hobby. We always have good membership participation at these events it's fun talking to the public about K.L.S. and live steam railroading.

The 2017 Annual Meeting is scheduled to start at 10 AM January 13th. The meeting will be held at the Poodle Dog Restaurant in Fife. A coffee and Danish reception is planned for the hour before and lunch ordered off the menu after the meeting. There are a few very important funding issues to vote on that will influence K.L.S. for a long time, also the nominations for President, Secretary, and Director position #1. Although it's not required in the by-laws it would be appreciated if the member being nominated was at the meeting to accept it.

Thank you, for all that you do for K.L.S.

Tom Huffman

Name Tags

by Carole Moss



The name tags ordered in the future will have our KLS logo emblem shown here. It will continue to be blue with the white logo and lettering. These are provided with a pin back. A magnetic attachment is available for an additional \$4. If you wish to have a new name pin, with the logo, they are \$10 until the end of the year.

One name tag is provided free for a new Individual Membership, and two are provided with a Family Membership. Replacements or additional name tags for family members can be ordered for \$10.00 each for now. Please contact Carole at withane65423@gmail.com or 253-566-3843 for replacements or additions.

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Ghost Train October 28, 2017 Post Run Report

From: The Ghost Master

This years Ghost Train run was a huge success. We had 9 locomotives on the line and pulled 1,704 passengers in less than four hours. We began taking steam locomotives off the line thirty minutes before ending. We ceased passenger operations fifteen minutes before 9 pm, the planned shut down time.

The train crews were superb in starting on time, leaving the station on time and keeping their speed and spacing. There were four derailments during the event. The same steam engine derailed three times in the same location. After close inspection of the derailment site nothing was found out of order. A change of engineers was affected and the derailments ceased. It was later determined that the cause of the derailment was engineer induced due to the engineers placing too much of his weight on the foot pegs which were at the rear of the locomotive. This additional weight on the rear of the locomotive caused the pilot wheels to be too light which led to the derails. Once the problem was determined we had no further derailments with that locomotive. The fourth derailment was attributed to a rock on the concrete against a rail in the depot which derailed the front truck of the engineer's car.

Keeping the flow of both rail and passenger traffic moving. Kathy Huffman gave her specially tailored and suitably spooky passenger safety briefing the entire time of the event while in a beautiful full blown Halloween costume. Brittany Morrell and Pat Rogers kept the loading area full of passengers ready to load and did a fantastic job of making sure the passengers were loaded and ready to leave the depot on schedule. Tom Caparella and Ed Olsten deftly handled the exit gate. Bob Knoecker took charge of switching operations for trains entering the depot to ensure there was no confusion and that trains were on the proper track for the most efficient loading and unloading of passengers.

The Crash Crew led by Richard Hoffman and along with Jesse Thompson, Bob Brown, David Hoefler and Caden Powell was absolutely superb. I was hoping that it would be a fairly boring night for the Crash Crew, but that was not to be. They handled derailments and unruly Halloween actors along with any other situation that came up with aplomb. They were ready to go on a moments notice and any and all incidents were handled instantly. The Crash Crew was a big part of our success on that night.

The Ghost Train is the major fundraiser of the year for the Kitsap Foster Care Association. This is the money they use to buy school supplies, backpacks, clothing, field trips and a host of other needs for the foster kids in our community. We should commend the Kitsap Foster Care Association and all the organizations and people who put this event together. The Ghost Train would not be the successful event it is without the help of all these people in partnership with the KLS volunteers who come out, at their own expense of time and money, and apply their energy and talent in making this event happen. I really appreciate that we have KLS volunteers who come out and give of themselves in this way as without them the Ghost Train simply would not happen.

The following is a list of KLS participants for the 2017 Ghost Train Run in alphabetical order: Bob Brown, Nick Buell, Tom Caparella, Roger Gay, David Graham, Alan Halfhill, David Hoefler, Richard Hoffman, Sam Huey, Kathy Huffman, Tom Huffman, Carly Kaivo, Ken Kaivo, Ted Karanson, Bob Knoecker, Jeff Mills, Brittany Bowie Morrell, Don Morrell, Carole Moss, Ken Olsen, Ed Olsten, Caden Powell, Don Rogers, Pat Rogers, Dan Simmons, Greg Slobodzian, Joy Slobodzian, John Thomas, Jesse Thompson, Steve Tinner, Doug Wilkinson, Garrett Zimmerman

I extend my heartfelt thanks to all KLS Ghost Train participants for your dedication and steadfast support. Great Job!



Thank You for a Scary Good Time!

Now that all the Ghost Train supplies are packed away and we've had a few moments to think, we want to thank each and every one of you for your support for this event. Whether you helped decorate, take tickets, entertain kids, scare train riders, drop off light towers, run trains, clean up, run a booth for trick or treaters, hand out candy, entertain people while in line....WE APPRECIATE YOU!

Ghost Train 2017 was a massive success and we couldn't have done it without you! We sold over 1,600 tickets, had well-over 2,000 people at the event, and raised over \$8000 to support Kitsap Foster Kids. The trick-or-treating booths were super fun and everyone was so impressed by the creativity of the vignettes along the train route. YOU ROCK!

As a friendly reminder, if you ran a community booth and haven't paid yet, please do so at your earliest convenience so that we may close out our books. The fee of \$25 is payable through One Call for All here: <https://donations.onecallforall.org/donate/164> Please indicate that your donation is for Ghost Train.

We truly hope you'll be back to join us for Ghost Train 2018. If you have any feedback from the event that you'd like to share, please respond to this email and let us know. We would absolutely love to hear how your about your experience!

With tons of gratitude!
Kitsap Foster Care Association
Board of Directors

GATS Ken Olsen

First thanks to all of you that displayed equipment and volunteered to be at the Great American Train Show in Puyallup last weekend. We always attract a lot of attention and I am aware of two attendees that joined.

The next event will be at the Washington State History Museum between Friday December 21st and ending on New Years day. The show will not be open on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

We will need many of you to be in attendance to greet the many visitors that will attend between the hours of 10 am and ending at 5 pm each day the event will be open. We will need at least two members through out the time the event is open. Below is a schedule that you can use to let me know when you can volunteer. If you have questions, please let me know by return email and or a call.

WASHINGTON STATE HISTORY MUSEUM

2017-2018

Volunteer list

We will need coverage that spans the lunch hour, so take that into consideration. Note the hours that you can volunteer such as 10 am to 2 pm or if no hours noted, indicates that you will be there from 10 am to 5 pm.

**Friday December 22nd - Monday
January 1st 10am to 5pm**



Bulletin Board

“On Track”

by Bill Hartung

I was happy to see that the annual Ghost Train ran with minimal disruption from derailments, although there might have been an issue with the points on switch M6, the clockwise entrance to the yard. We will have a look at the points, the springs and the control mechanism of that one, as well as do general maintenance on all the switches before we resume running next April.

As I reported last month, we are looking seriously at having new switch frogs laser cut in steel, and Ken Olsen has produced a fantastic mockup of a frog using his 3D printer. Ken will shortly finalize the CAD file he has created and it will go to the laser cutter in Klamath Falls for a quote on the price per frog.

It's amazing to me when I stop to think about it, that we have over 30 switches in place at the park. And the new mainline track extension will require at least four more, possibly six. The reason we are pursuing this conversion to steel is the overall deterioration of the existing frogs, most of which are aluminum castings. I strongly believe that our best move going forward is to convert the frogs and eventually all of the track to steel rail.

Earlier this year we purchased 70 ten foot pieces of steel rail from RMI in California. I originally estimated that this would be the minimum amount of steel we should use for the outside rail of the major curves on the new extension. What I didn't take into account was the significant wear that we are seeing on much of the aluminum rail on the existing track. We had some steel rail already on hand, and our dedicated 'track crew' has been vigorously replacing the worn out rail with steel. What we have found is that so much of the track, at least the outside rail on the curves, is so badly worn out that we have started consuming the new steel pieces just to keep the existing

track viable. Hence, at the annual meeting in January, I am going to ask for an additional allocation for more steel rail, to backfill the supply for the new track and to enable us to continue upgrading the existing track. Another benefit of using steel rail is how it reduces the shifting and the need for constant 'trimming' of the aluminum track. The exact amount of KLS funds that I would like to dedicate to this upgrade is still TBD, something I will work out with the board as we balance the budgets of several upcoming projects and the regular operating expenses to start the new year. Stay tuned.

Rolling Stock

by Tom Caparella

The October Report

We have been having some very good Run Days. The only issue I remember is that the derailment we had was customer related. The car went through the same place without any problem. The (5) new straddle cars still need to be painted then we can add them to our train rides. The new axles have arrived and the wheels will be installed soon. We need to thank all those who come here during the week and fix all the problems that come up during the run day.

The November Report

We have had some very good Run Days this past month. I haven't heard of any problems with the straddle cars. We have taken the straddle cars and broken them up in pairs with draw bars installed between them with safety chains installed that can't be removed. We left the couplers on each end. This makes it faster to separate them for the Ghost Train or for any other engineer who wants to only use two cars. This saves a lot of time and trouble. The new straddle cars still need to be painted.

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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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

October 2017 Yard and Buildings Work Report.

Here's what's been happening around our neck of the track:

- Installed post and chain to hold main swing gate open.
- Built Walkway path across the garden on the North side of the yard compound.
- Painted and placed new KLS logo on the Thomson bldg. man door.
- Performed rail inspection of the entire main line.
- Leveled mainline and depot track on North end of the depot.
- Reset several rail tie hold down pins north of the Wig Wag crossing.
- Inspected switch M-2 and M-4. Corrected rail Gauge at switch M-2 which was gauged too narrow.
- Installed 100 feet of steel rail north of the NW concrete crossing.
- Pulled large stump next to the new track bed near the turntable.
- Drained outside water lines in preparation for winter.

Upcoming Plans:

- Continue replacing worn out rail sections with steel rail.
- Paint and apply graphics to the 600 series passenger cars.
- Semi Permanent dividing wall between storage racks and general area in the Thomson Building.

I would like to recognize the people who we don't see out at the track working during the week, but are making very valuable contributions to KLS none the less. Ken Olsen who is working on fabricating a new design of steel frog to use as replacements for the aging worn out aluminum frogs we have now and for use on the new track we will be laying in the near future. Then there is Doug Wilkinson and George Hoke who along with Ken Olsen built our five new passenger cars. Recognize Don Deffley for his work repairing and updating our passenger car trucks. I thank Brittany Morrell who was the impetus for our great looking Facebook page, ability to now accept credit cards and our new full color brochures. There are many more talented KLS members actively working behind the scenes making major contributions to KLS.

Fall about over, the Ghost Train is behind us, and we are looking at projects and improvements that we can get done between now and when we start getting our equipment ready to run for the next season. I would encourage all our able members to find ways to get active and become involved in making KLS a better place. You have to go a long way to find a better railroad and it didn't build itself.

Much thanks to our stalwart weekday yard and track crew; Tom Huffman, Greg Slobodzian, Dan Simmons, Bill Hartung, Carole Moss, Ted Karanson and the other regulars who come out and donate their valuable time and effort to work on the KLS Railroad. Their hard work really makes a difference and they are much appreciated.

Happy Rails, Don Rogers

Join us for an Open House Potluck December 9th at noon

Ted Karanson and Carole Moss
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From I5 north or south take Hwy 16 to Fircrest/
Center Street Exit and turn right at the stop

Turn left onto Orchard Street (traffic light).

Turn right onto 40th/Emerson (2nd traffic light)

Turn right onto Alameda (first traffic light)

Turn left onto Claremont/37th (watch for street sign
on left)

Go to the top of the hill and turn right onto 64th
Avenue West. 3623 is in the middle of the block on
the right hand side

From East bound Highway 16, take Jackson street
exit (first exit off bridge) and turn right onto Jackson/
Bridgeport.

Go to 35th Street West (Whole Foods on corner) and
turn left. At second traffic light turn right onto 67th.

Go to 37th/Claremont and turn left

Turn left onto 64th Avenue West. 3623 is in the
middle on the block on right hand side

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For Sale

7.5 inch gauge, American type 4-4-0 engine and tender. Coal fired but could be easily converted to oil or propane. The boiler was built by Ed Perry. The tubes are 1/2" type K copper silver soldered into the tube sheets. Boiler hydro in 2016 up to 180psi. The locomotive has only run once.

\$10,000.

Buyer pays for crating & shipping costs. Located in Blaine Washington. Contact Ryan Handel, slwhistler2004@yahoo.com



For Sale

I have some re-railing plates manufactured by Klamath and Western Railroad, they have made them as a fund raiser. If you are interested in purchasing one of these let me know. Contact Jeff Mills at 253-740-6013. They are \$30.00 each.



For Sale

Speedglas high end self darkening welding helmet. See www.speedglas.com for description. New condition with new lithium batteries. Contact at Doug_wilkinson@msn.com

For Sale

Narrow gauge rail truck chassis, 54" long, with 6" RMI steel wheels. Powered by two 24 wheel chair motors. \$500 for all the parts in the photos including a 80 amp PWM controller with a reversing relay. It is located in Yakima. Kenneth Roeh, (509)248-4449, skid-roeh@msn.com.



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Kitsap Live Steamers Calendar

November	11	Work day in the Park
December	4	Board Meeting, Poodle Dog, Fife 7:00pm
	9	Work day in the Park
January	13	AGM 10am - Poodle Dog, Fife
	27	Work day in the Park
February	5	Board Meeting, Poodle Dog, Fife 7:00pm
	10	Work day in the Park
	24	Work day in the Park
March	5	Board Meeting, Poodle Dog, Fife 7:00pm
	10	Work day in the Park