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Left Don Deffley checking a problem



Right Top Carole Moss hauling passengers on her logging and plantation narrow-gauge steamer



Right left Long time KLS member Bob Noecker



Lower Right Ken Olsen, troubleshooting the firebox on his Great Northern steamer. Behind him, Richard Hoffman and Don Deffley

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NEXT MEETING

August 7, 2018 Poodle Dog Restaurant, Fife - 7pm

2018 GENERAL RUN SCHEDULE

2nd and 4th Saturdays
April 14th through
October 27th
10am to 4pm
WEATHER PERMITTING

SPECIAL HOLIDAY RUNS

Friends & Family / See back panel!
Sat, Aug 18th, 1:30pm

Labor Day Mon, Sept 3rd

Sun, Sept 30th

Sat, Oct 27th
Halloween Ghost Train
10am to 1pm /shortened run time



Minimal training required. Sign up first to shadow a superintendent on a run day to learn the responsibilities. Once you feel comfortable - you're all set.

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Thanks to all who have signed up to date.

YARD AND BUILDINGS WORK REPORT / JULY

Projects Are Picking Up Steam

By Don Rogers

Tasks completed last month:

- Built a second 10 foot park bench between the depot and the rail-wheel bench. We now have 2 benches.
- Installed a pencil sharpener in the Thomson building.
- Investigating building permits and plans for the tractor storage shed.
- Fixed horns on the BNSF.
- Repaired the hydraulic lift w/ Tom Huffman. Motor Start capacitors are getting old and will require replacement. The in ground junction box was full of water causing a ground fault. The wires were re-spliced and elevated above ground level to keep them dry but may require more attention in the future.
- Installed new front tires on the KLS tractor.
- Freed and refurbished a frozen guide roller on the hydraulic lift.
- Applied graphics to the 600 series passenger cars.
- Pinned the wooden end buffer block in the car barn with rebar stakes to prevent movement.
- Cleaned the Steel Bridge.
- Built replacement rail panels for the Steel Bridge.
- Applied clear coat to the graphics on the 600 series passenger cars.
- Repaired a major dip in the steel bridge and switch on the North end.
- Prepped and painted the new derail ramp causeway extension section (green).
- Cut back weeds on the mainline right of way.
- Investigated vacuum loss on the BNSF Dash 9.
- Reinforced and stiffened the track transition from the North end steel bridge buttress to the bridge switch. (Tom Huffman, Bill Hartung).
- Laid gravel in front of the Thomson bldg. roll up doors.
- Met with Kitsap County Building Permits office to discuss permits for the new tractor storage shed and the carport type maintenance shelters.

Upcoming Plans:

- Build a Wye turn around system at the west side of the middle (short) loop.
- Replace aluminum frogs with steel frogs as they become available.
- Upgrade kick switch mechanisms to the new George Hoke design.
- Construct a maintenance/storage building in the KLS yard compound.



If you use the hydraulic lift please return it to the full down position, turn it off and lock the switch when done.

It will last much, much longer if we take care of it.

If you make a mess, please clean it up.

Return tools to where you got them from.



Many thanks to our stalwart weekday yard and track gang. Tom Huffman, Greg Slobodzian, Dan Simmons, Ted Svendsen along with Bill Hartung, and all the other members who come out to donate their valuable time and efforts working on the KLS Railroad.

"On Track"

By Bill Hartung Track Committee Chairman

In my report last month I mentioned that we might have the rebuilt switch installed on the middle loop, as the lead into the new wye. Turns out there's a little more still to be done, but we are getting really close. I know many KLS members are anxious to see the beginning of laying new track, starting with the wye. I'm as excited as everyone else to see us get this project moving into putting new track on the ground. And even as the final touches are going into the first switch, we've started fabrication of parts for the second switch, which will be at the north end of the new wye.

Meanwhile, the track crew learned of a developing problem at the north end of the steel bridge, where the abutment apparently has been settling. The drop in the level of the rail at the end of the bridge had become so severe that everyone could feel it when rolling over that spot on the main line. So Tom Huffman, Don Rogers and I spent a couple of hours in late June raising the end of the bridge and re-trimming the track that leads to it. This is a classic case of how Mother Nature never lets us forget that maintaining railroad track, whatever the gauge, is a constant job. And I am always on the lookout for rough spots and kinks that detract from trains having a smooth ride on our track. Please let me know of anything on the track that you feel, or hear of, that needs attention.



Tom Huffman and Don Rogers raising the end of the bridge

August Sunshine

Please encourage our members that we miss. Send a card, email, call or drop an encouraging card. It's always nice to know someone is thinking about you! Remember the caretakers if appropriate.

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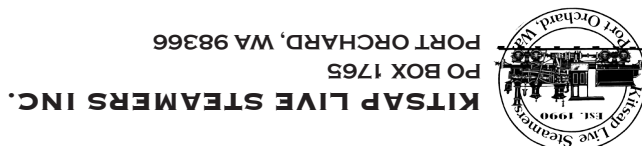
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You're invited to the 28th Annual
Friends & Family Picnic

Saturday, August 18th • Come early / lunch at 1:30pm
Spend the day riding trains, eating & relaxing

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Soft Drinks provided

Bring something to share
A-H Salads, I-R Hot Dish, S-Z Dessert

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BIRTHDAYS

August

Peter Moure 8th
Bruce Allen 12th
Shirley Wilkinson 21st
Dennis Weaver 18th
Barry Dupler 19th
Dan Simmons 22nd
Marie Weaver 28th
Andy Breeding 29th
Tom Huffman 30th

September

Joe Myall 1st
Ken Klakowich 3rd
Mike Feely 12th
Ted Karanson 15th
David Graham 23rd
Brittany Bowie-Morrell 30th
Samuel Huey 30th