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NEXT MEETING

Sept 10, 2018 Poodle Dog Restaurant, Fife - 7pm

2018 GENERAL RUN SCHEDULE

10am to 4pm
2nd and 4th Saturdays
April 14th through
October 27th (see times below)
WEATHER PERMITTING

SPECIAL HOLIDAY RUNS

Labor Day Mon, Sept 3rd

Sun, Sept 30th

Sat, Oct 27th / Two Events
Regular Run 10am to 1pm
(shortened run time)
plus
The Halloween
Ghost Train
5 to 9pm
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August Fun at the Track

Just Lettin' off Some Steam









Full Steam Ahead!

By Don Rogers

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.

If you have a Tuesday or Thursday free, come on out and give us a hand.



Steps at the bridge near switch D1



As a reminder and courtesy to all members, if you make a mess, please clean it up.

Return tools to where you got them from. If you use the hydraulic lift please return it to the fully lowered position, turn it off and lock the switch when done.

Our equipment will last much, much longer if we take care of it!

Here are some of the tasks we completed last month:

- Painted, marked and installed two additional "H" posts at blind curves on the mainline. Heads up Engineers!
- Covered the Passenger Car maintenance stretcher boards with carpet.
- Replaced the Milwaukee SW1500 throttle cable.
- Adjusted Switch Y2 and M2.
- Procured and painted replacement 4x4 bridge and trestle gates.
- Labeled 600 series car A and B ends.
- Inspected Milwaukee SW1500 locomotive trucks for wear and damage. Inspection results were normal.
- Added visibility highlight red top markings to all whistle posts.
- Installed new bridge and trestle gates with new keep out signs.
 - Adjusted the points at switch Y1.
 - Installed steps at the bridge near switch D1
 - Reset two of the bridge gates support posts using concrete.
 - Adjusted the points at switch M1.
 - Cleaned the switch mechanism box at switch M2.
 - Installed 3 new track panels on the bridge to replace ones with rotting wood.

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.
- Setup a third full scale switch stand display near the rail wheel bench.

Minimal training required!

First, sign up to shadow a superintendent on a run day to learn the responsibilites.

Once you feel comfortable - you're all set. If interested, contact Ken Olsen at: ken@ivycourtapts.com or 206-718-9401

Thanks to all who have signed up to date.



One of two "H"

posts installed



Progress continues, and our track is in really good condition, thanks to the efforts of the 'track crew' who never let a problem go unresolved. Don Rogers, Tom Huffman, Dan Simmons, Greg Slobodzian and Ted Svendsen have been diligently working to keep the KLS track in top shape. Please take a moment and say thanks when you see them at the park.



Tom Huffman working on the installation of the first switch for the wye

New steel frogs, built by Ken Olsen, are being installed to replace the worn out cast aluminum frogs that are over 20 years old. The two switches entering the depot from the steel bridge now

have the new frogs.



Regarding the steel bridge, Don Rogers has installed guard rails, something that has been overlooked since the bridge was built. Take a look on your next visit.

Completed Guard Rails

The first wye switch,

the subject of the rebuild effort I described in my last two reports, has now been installed on the short loop. It got its first use during our annual Friends and Family picnic, and I encourage members to walk out to the short loop and

see how it looks.

The track leading from this switch onto the wye will be laid once the second wye switch is completed and installed. Parts for the second wye switch are currently under construction. Once it's assembled, this switch will be installed on the mainline end of the wye. And once that is completed, we can proceed to lay the track between these two switches, and finally have our wye operational.

Stay tuned for messages about when we'll be laying the track, something that everyone can help to accomplish.



Don Rogers installing guard rails on the steel bridge

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11TH ANNUAL GHOST TRAIN

Get ready for a Scary Good Time

Planning is underway for the 2018 Ghost Train run scheduled for October

27th. All proceeds benefit the Kitsap Foster Care Association. Last year's run brought in \$8,000 for the kids!

Our regular run day starts at 10am ending at 1pm that day allowing train crews time to eat, check equipment and relax before the Ghost Run begins. It also allows time for the Kitsap Foster Care Association to decorate the depot and get the line fencing and vignettes set up and in position.

The mandatory Ghost Train Crew briefing will start at 4pm with trains firing up at 5, running until 9pm.
This is a high profile run with lots of publicity for KLS and routinely draws an extremely big crowd. Ticket sales will be fixed at 1,500 riders for the four



hour run. The pace will be intense and will require a lot of help.

Key positions will be assigned. Our goal is 8 locomotives on the line with each pulling 2 astride cars. We'll need engineers and conductors for each locomotive. If you are planning on running your personal locomotive please contact me, Don Rogers. I also need to know if you have a conductor, and if you will be bringing your own astride cars. One locomotive with assigned crew needs to be in reserve.

We have two volunteers for the depot, but can always use more. We will also employ a Crash Crew of 4 people who will be on standby with equipment pre-staged to handle derailments, mechanical problems and other issues that may arise. Again, let me know if you are interested in being a member of this very important group.

This is a super fun event. Not only is it our only night run of the year, it is a great opportunity for KLS to work with and have



a positive impact on the community.

Let's make the 2018

Ghost Run the greatest ever!

Thanks, Don Rogers 360-649-7463 cworogers@hotmail.com

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For Sale - Make an offer Bronze Cast Trucks



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See more on KLS website

Home for Sale with 1/8th scale RR track

Airy, open 2,100sf home with 3 car garage overlooking the property's 5 acres and the pastoral Snohomish River valley. Finished daylight basement with gas fireplace.

The property location has quick access to SR522 connecting with I405. The railroad has about 2,000ft of 7-1/2 in track with 14 switches, 1 grade crossing and two cross over loops giving 8 routes through pretty meadow and trees. Fun features include a 100 ft curved tunnel and a 100ft trestle over a pond. Well planned elements are a ground level entry train shelter with 2 elevated 40 ft tracks for easy storage of 70 feet of rolling stock and a concrete pad at the loading dock with two steaming bays.

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KLS MURS Radio Channel Information

We Use Channel 1 and Sub-Channel 35 - Set as Follows:

- 1. Changing Channels: Select the proper channel by pressing the up or down key. However, if the lock icon(key) is showing in the display window, unlock it as instructed in #2 below.
- 2. Lock: The lock Icon will indicate that the unit is locked and the channel, sub-channel and tone will not be able to be changed. To lock the unit, press and hold the MODE button for 2 seconds.

 To Unlock the unit, press and hold the MODE button for 2 seconds.
- **3. Sub-channel:** to select the proper sub-channel, press the mode button once. This will cause the CTCSS display to flash. You can then select the proper sub-channel by pressing the up or down key (this assumes the device is not locked).
- **4.** After doing the above, follow #2 to re-lock the device so that it is not accidentally changed. Always do a radio check before leaving the yard to make sure the radio is working properly and you have contacts.

Happy Birthday!

September

Joe Myall 1st

Ken Klakowich 3rd

Mike Feely 12th

Ted Karanson 15th

David Graham 23rd

Brittany Bowie-Morrell 30th

Samuel Huey 30th

October

Jesse Thompson 4th

Alice Brown 13th

Chuck Frame 20th

Welcome New Members

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September 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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Order KLS logo hoodies, sweatshirts, polos or t-shirts today

Choose color or style - white and gray show off the logo best. Minimum order of 12 required - mix and match. Contact Carole via email: withane65423@gmail.com or call 253-566-3843.

Membership Name Tags

One name tag is provided free for each new *Individual Membership*; two for a *Family Membership*.

Membership/Renewal application form is download able on the website: www. kitsaplivesteamers.org.

Replacements or additional name tags for members can be ordered for \$12 each with a pin back or \$14 for magnetic attachment.

For replacements or additions, please contact Carole via email: withane 65423@gmail.com or call 253-566-3843



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Printable Rosters Available

From the home page at www.kitsap-livesteamers.org, go to "Member Login" and follow the green menu to "Membership Directory." There are two choices, "Membership Directory" and "Printable Roster." Click "Membership Roster" for a printable document.

Update Your Info or Search for a Member

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