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NEXT MEETINGS

Nov 5th & Dec 3rd , 7pm
Poodle Dog Restaurant, Fife

OPEN HOUSE HOLIDAY POTLUCK bring something to share • Sat, Dec 8th, 12pm

Ted Karanson & Carole Moss' home
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Watch for email updates with
directions.

WASHINGTON HISTORY MUSEUM EXHIBIT

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President's Message

I'm writing this the Friday morning before our final operating day of the 2018 season. Looking back over the past year we broke ridership, donations, and store sales records.



The Ghost Train will be a big success tomorrow due to track improvements, reliability of the equipment, and the well trained crews. All of this isn't done by one member it's everyone working for a common cause.

The smiling faces on the kids and adults are our wages. Showing off our loved personal locomotives and rolling stock just adds to mix of fun and helping the community by providing free rides, and spreading the word about the best hobby there is "Live Steaming".

There are some large projects on the table starting this winter (storage shed and covered work area) add the ongoing track extension, switch construction, train control for the middle loop, and landscaping. It can seem overwhelming at times but when we all pull together and work as a team we can and will get it done. Read through "Yard & Building Report" and "On Track" articles for details on these and other 2019 projects.

I can't say "Thank You" enough for all that you do and a pat on the back. I hope to see you tomorrow for the Ghost train it's our final day of the year to show off, the perfect end of the season. See pages 2 & 3 for the update.

Tom Huffman, KLS President

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Ghost Run 2018

A Wild, Soggy Success!



Over 1,500 riders
Look at that line-up!



This years Ghost Train run was again a huge success. We had 8 locomotives on the line and pulled 1,541 passengers in less than three hours and fifteen minutes. Because of heavy rain, we began taking steam locomotives off the line forty-five minutes before our scheduled 9pm scheduled finish time.

Despite the grueling conditions, the train crews were superb in leaving the station on time and maintaining their speed and spacing. The track held up extremely well; the only derailments occurring being attributed to passengers leaning and throwing the cars off balance.

The depot staff did an outstanding job keeping the flow of both rail and passenger traffic moving. Kathy Huffman was again in a beautiful full blown Halloween costume. Pat Rogers, helped by Brittany Morrell and Luva Kaivo did a fantastic job of making sure the passengers were loaded and ready to leave the depot on schedule. John and Susan Lee deftly handled the exit gate. Bob Knoecker took charge of switching operations for trains entering the depot to ensure that trains were on the proper track for the most efficient loading and unloading of passengers. The switch operator push rod at switch D-1 broke mid event and Bob Noecker switched to a wrench to operate the switch for the rest of the night.

The Crash Crew led by Jeff Mills along with Brad Boquist, Doug Wilkinson and Caden Powell responded to several callouts and performed flawlessly. 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 successful evening.

Don Rogers, Ghost Master 2018

The Ghost Train is the major fundraiser of the year for the Kitsap Foster Care Association. They use the money to buy school supplies, backpacks, clothing, field trips and a host of other needs for the foster kids in our community. We commend the Kitsap Foster Care Association and all the organizations and people who helped put this event together.



The Ghost Train would not be a success without the help of all these people in partnership with the KLS volunteers who come out, at their own expense of time and money applying their energy and talent to making this event happen.

2018 KLS Ghost Train Participants

Kathy Huffman
Tom Huffman
Carly Kaivo
Ken Kaivo
Bill Hartung
Dave White
Luva Kaivo
Ted Karanson
Bob Noecker
Jeff Mills
Brittany Bowie Morrell
Don Morrell
Carole Moss
Brian Stanley
Brad Boquist
John Lee
Susan Lee
Ken Olsen
Caden Powell
Don Rogers
Pat Rogers
Dan Simmons
Greg Slobodzian
Joy Slobodzian
Mark Wright
Tracy Flood
Steve Tinner
Doug Wilkinson
Garrett Zimmerman

I extend my heartfelt thanks and commendation to all the KLS Ghost Train 2018 participants for your dedication and steadfast support. The weather was absolutely horrible, but everyone hung in there and got the job done. A big round of applause from our organization. I would give them all a medal if I could. Great Job!

Don Rogers,
Ghost Master 2018

November 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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Happy Birthday!

NOVEMBER

Brad Boquist 3rd
Greg Slobodzian 12th
Charles Givens 12th
Josh Kaivo 22nd
Doug Wilkinson 23rd
Doris Simmons 24th

DECEMBER

John Lee 1st
Courtney Jones 12th
Joy Slobodzian 15th
Sierra Buell 19th
Ryan Handel 27th
Conrad Watne 28th
Larry Harper 31st

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Full Steam Ahead! By Don Rogers

Many thanks again to our stalwart weekday yard, building and track gang.

If you have a Tuesday or Thursday free, come on out and give us a hand - fun starts at 9am!

September/October tasks completed:

- Installed a concrete block gravel retaining buttress at the bridge switch.
- Adjusted switch M-1 to correct for sticky movement.
- Installed an overhead water hose at the depot to facilitate steam engines taking on water from the mainline track for the Ghost Train run.
- Added 80 feet of log retaining barriers to extend and improved the Wye North leg retaining wall. This will allow reduction of the ramp grade and improved retention of gravel on the ramp.
- Made improvements to all the remote switch covers by adding cover spacers to make the switch mechanism easier to service.
- Extended and improved the grade on the North leg of the Wye.
- Replaced a bent rail and adjusted the points on switch M-6.
- Replaced toilet drain flapper and fill valves.
- Repaired broken King Pin on the front truck of the BNSF.
- Disposed of 2 old and dilapidated wheelbarrows.
- Installed 14 new Hoke designed kick switch mechanisms. All KLS kick switches now have the Hoke designed locking mechanism.

- Replaced all kick switch springs with new stainless steel springs.
- Completed various tasks for Ghost Train preparations.
- Modified chains on the 500 series cars to the standard KLS coupler chain setup.
- Replaced worn out aluminum frog at the kick switch next to the gravel hopper with a new steel frog.
- Replaced wood filler board at the parking lot entrance grade crossing.



Upcoming Plans:

- Continue building a Wye turn around system at the West side of the Middle (Short) Loop.
- Replace aluminum frogs with steel frogs as they become available.
- Construct a Maintenance/Storage Building in the KLS Yard Compound.
- Construct a rain shelter covered maintenance area in the Yard Compound.
- Drywall the Thompson building meeting area East and West Walls.
- Install two riser style water hydrants at the depot.



If you
make a
mess,
please
clean it up.

Return
tools where
you got
them from.

Return
the
hydraulic
lift to the
fully
lowered
position,
turn it off
and lock
the switch
when done.

Equipment
will last
much
longer if
we take
care of it!





“On Track” By Bill Hartung Track Committee Chairman

Progress continues on the new Wye; in recent weeks the retaining wall has been constructed using logs left behind by the diseased tree cleanup from last year. During this work, the track team determined that we would have a much easier grade into the Wye if we moved the switch leading to it farther north on the mainline. So the most recent grading has been focused on implementing that change. But it means, because of the alignment of the existing mainline, the connection of the Wye to the mainline will need a right hand switch instead of the new left hand that is almost completed. So Greg Slobodzian and I, with assistance of Nick Buell, will be building another switch over the remainder of October and November. It is still my goal to have the Wye open for use when we start the 2019 run season.

The diamond crossing being built at Hobart Car and Foundry (Courtney Jones’s home shop), is well underway. Once it is ready we’ll install it so we can begin the real track laying for the mainline extension. As I’ve mentioned in recent reports, we can then get serious about laying the new track once the diamond crossing is in place. I foresee a busy Winter with lots to do as we move into the 2019 season.

Meanwhile, I have been advised that the ‘kick switch’ controls that are in place on most of the yard switches are being damaged as a result of regular use. Maybe the term ‘kick switch’ has contributed to this issue, because ‘kicking’ the points from one direction to the other occasionally results in damage to the spring and the locking mechanism. The accompanying photo shows what I would like everyone to bear in mind: don’t kick the points near the locking pieces, but rather ‘nudge’ the points a few inches back from the lock. This photo happens to be of the earlier configuration of the locking mechanism.

The track crew is diligently converting to a newer, more robust locking design provided by George Hoke. Please treat that version in the same way, nudge the points with your toe a few inches behind the lock.

If you have questions about this or any project, please contact me, Bill Hartung 206-498-1503 / hartungbc@comcast.net See you at the park!

Puyallup Great Train Show January 18th and 19th, 2019

KLS has a history of a good participation from our members with this show. It is wonderful opportunity to meet and greet our riders, recruit new riders and we usually sign a new member or two.

Additional articles to come with further details as show time approaches.

If you wish to display your equipment, please contact Jeff Mills via email: jhmills51@hotmail.com or by cell: 253-740-6013



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.

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23rd Annual Model Train Festival

Friday, Dec 21, 2018 through Tuesday, Jan 1, 2019 Closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

History and holiday magic unite at the Washington State History Museum during the Annual Model Train Festival in December.

This is another high exposure annual event for KLS.

We'll need volunteers - two shift options: 10am to 2pm or 1 to 5pm or stay for the day from 10am to 5pm with lunch break.

There will be a WSHM member's only event on Friday the 21st from 5:30 to 8:30pm. We'll need volunteers for that time also.

Contact Ken Olsen if you want to display your train and/or when you can volunteer: ken@ivycourtaps.com / 206-718-9401