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LAST RUN REPORT

12th Annual Ghost Run *a frightening success!*

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From Ghost Master, Don Rogers

This years Ghost Train run was again a huge success. We started off with a wonderful pre-run meal prepared by Pat Rogers. Eight locomotives on the line pulled 1,894 passengers in a little over four hours. Steam locomotives went off the line thirty minutes before ending with passenger operations at ending at 9:15pm.

The evening weather was on the chilly side but otherwise almost perfect. The train crews were superb in departing the station on time and keeping their speed and spacing.

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ADA passenger car available



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Ghost Run Report Continued...



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, fund field trips and a host of other needs for the foster kids in our community. We should commend the Kitsap Foster Care Association (KFCA) and all the organizations and people who helped put this event together including the scary displays by the kids in the woods, and community businesses who set up booths and give out prizes and candy. 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.



From page one The track ran extremely well; the only two derailments were isolated incidents as no direct cause could be found.

Depot staff did an outstanding job keeping the flow of both rail and passenger traffic moving. Kathy Huffman was in a beautiful full blown bumble bee costume.



Pat Rogers and Brittany Morrell 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 Noecker and Dan Simmons 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 Crash Crew led by Michael Heinsbergen and Chuck Frame were ever at the ready to respond when and where needed.

I extend my personal commendation and thanks to all the KLS Ghost Train 2019 participants for your dedication and steadfast support.



Everybody hung in there and got the job done. A big round of applause from our organization.

I would give them a medal if I could. Great Job!

8 locomotives pulled 1,894 passengers in a little over 4 hours!

2019 Ghost Train KLS Volunteers

Kathy Huffman
Tom Huffman
Cierra Alsop
Steve Tinner
Carly Kaivo
Ken Kaivo
Autumn Schamp
Dave White
Andrew Frame
Chuck Frame
Ted Karanson
Bob Noecker
Jeff Mills
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Don Morrell
Carole Moss
Eric Meehan
John Lee
Susan Lee
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Don Rogers
Pat Rogers
Dan Simmons
Lynn Peterson
Greg Slobodzian
Joy Slobodzian
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Mark Wright
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Francisco
Omelanchuk
Robert (Jim)
Sigman
Leigh Hartley
Michael
Heinsbergen
Tracy Flood
Suzanne Cairns
(Photos)

AUTUMN

Safety Update

By Don Morrell, Vice President

First, I wanted to say a huge thank you to everybody who made the Ghost Train such a successful and safe event. I can happily say we did not have any major safety incidences and the weather was fantastic!

However, the weather is changing, and along with this change brings slippery surfaces and walking paths. During the fall season, please keep an eye out for leaves on the rails as well as on the



walking areas in and around the KLS facilities.

Bridge decks can be extremely hazardous — please practice extreme caution.

Also with the shorter days you will notice that it is getting darker sooner. If you plan to be at the track in the later hours, please bring a means of lighting with you such as a flashlight.

Let's continue to be safe out there!



A Sampling of Ghost Run Comments from Our Facebook Page



Gayle Hayden
Thank You for all of your hard work... The Ghost Train was awesome Again ❤️❤️❤️

15h Like Reply Message 1



Anya Samawicz
Thank you-We loved this & hope it continues!!

2h Like Reply Message 1



Cheryl Rux
What a fantastic day!

11h Like Reply Message 1



Heidi Bigelow
Such a great event. Thank you!

3h Like Reply Message 1



Kathy Westphal ▶ Kitsap Live Steamers ...
Yesterday at 5:46 PM · 🌐

A huge thank you to all the volunteers! You made this years ghost train experience special!!

1 1 Comment



Jessica Kay Bivens
Thank you so much for tonight! It was amazing! 🍊👻

15h Like Reply Message 1



Mary A Vickers
Did this years ago when my kids where young..... It is a definite must do for Halloween!

19h Like Reply Message 2



Lauren Otto
Thank you so much! We just moved here and have found so many great events. This one in particular was super unique and we enjoyed it so much. We appreciate all the time, efforts, and resources put into it. Have a happy Halloween everyone 🍊

12h Like Reply Message 1



Sandy Button
We missed the train ride this year, but we will certainly ride with you next year! 🚂

20h Like Reply Message 1



November to January 2019-20 CALENDAR

For full schedule go to:
www.kitsaplivesteamers.org

MONTHLY MEETINGS CONTINUE YEAR ROUND

See top band - page one

Usually 1st Mondays at 7pm / Poodle Dog Restaurant in Fife



THIRD ANNUAL Holiday Potluck

End of season party

Saturday, December 14th, noon
until whenever at Ted and Carole's
place. Email updates to come.

TRACK WORK DAYS Watch
your email for updates - winter
work schedule as weather permits.
See pages 4 & 5 for the scoop!

24TH ANNUAL MODEL TRAIN FESTIVAL

December 20, 2019 to
January 1, 2020 at the Washington
State History Museum, Tacoma
See page 6 for details

PUYALLUP GREAT TRAIN SHOW

January 18th & 19th at the
Washington State Fair Grounds
in Puyallup.

Details on page 7

Welcome New Members

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TRACK EXPANSION REPORT

On Track

Go to:
www.kitsaplivesteamers.org
to see the full track
map online

By Bill Hartung

Track Committee Chairman

We made great progress at the September 7th special track work day, and I want to thank all of you who came out to participate. Thanks particularly to Patricia Rogers, for bringing us lunch at the work site.

The right-of-way north of the Hoffman Junction diamond crossing got a final grading and the first of the track panels heading north from there were laid. We also did a 'lite' trim of much of the new South Loop track, getting it in shape to support work trains. I say 'lite' because I know we'll be trimming it again to make it ready for passenger trains at the start of the 2020 season. After the coming 'wet' Winter season, newly laid track always settles a bit and needs re-trimming, so we must plan for that.

One member of our KLS team often gets overlooked, but she's always out there applying her special magic to the park. I'm only joking a wee bit when I give credit to Mother Nature, who helps to settle the ground and get the newly graded right-of-way ready for fresh track. In one sense we are really very lucky to be at that location in South Kitsap Regional Park. All the ground there is extremely sandy, which makes it easy for us to sculpt the dirt into smooth, level paths for our track. The sand is equally beneficial because all that rain water that Mother Nature provides quickly gets absorbed, with very little standing water and almost no 'run off'.

Years ago I was a member of the live steam group that maintained and operated a private track in Woodinville. At that site there were issues with water collecting near the track, washing away the ballast and eventually undermining the track. We don't have that problem at our location, thanks to all that sand.

Looking ahead to the remainder of this year, I'd like to have two more all-hands track laying days. The scheduling of those days will depend greatly on weather (thanks again, Mother Nature), so there may be a very short time between those dates and when we can get the word out.

Please watch your email for the announcement of the work days, that's the best way we can get the word out to the most members.

See you at the Park!





SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER YARD & BUILDINGS WORK REPORT

Full Steam Ahead!

By Don Rogers

This past month we have been building track and building framing for the metal storage building.

Here is a sampling of the work we completed in September and October.

- Completed Framing and Sheeting of the Yard Metal Storage Building. (Tom Huffman, Steve Tinner and Ted Svensen).
- Replaced 40 feet of worn aluminum rail with steel rail.
- Replaced buffer on one of the dead end sidings in the yard.
- Painted the new metal buildings wood garage door framing pieces.
- Replaced 120 feet of worn aluminum rail with steel rail. (Jim Wright and Bill Dumbaugh)
- Continued installation of the electrical system in the new metal building. (Greg Slobodzian, Greg Bright)
- Installed garage doors in the new metal building. (Kitsap Garage Door)
- Installed gutters in the new metal building. (Novak Gutters)
- Continued junk removal from the Thomson Building.

Upcoming Plans:

- Continue to replace aluminum frogs with steel frogs as they become available.
- Construct the maintenance/storage building in the KLS yard compound.
- Install new locking table support hinges on the four depot tables.
- Refurbish picnic table near the loading area.
- Raise the grade on the track section near the wye on the west side.
- Build new track.

PLEASE NOTE:

1.

Don't forget to sign in when you visit the track .

2.

Be safe!



3.

Please, return borrowed tools where you got them from.
Some tools are missing!
If you find tools, please return them.

4.

Lower the hydraulic lift completely and turn off the power after use.



Watch your email for workday updates.

Dates and times will vary as the weather changes.



Thanks to all the members who donate their valuable time and efforts to the KLS railroad!

Replanting native plants continues

There is much work left to do including removing big patches of invasive species such as ivy, holly, spurge laurel, thistles and shiny geranium. The trees planted last year are doing well and wildlife seems to be returning to the area.

Watch for emails announcing yard work days — Usually Tuesdays and Thursdays starting at 9am.

TACOMA'S WASHINGTON
STATE HISTORY MUSEUM

24th Annual Model Train Festival

December 20th thru January 1st

Open Daily 10am to 5pm / Closed December 24th & 25th / Open January 1st



KLS: On Thursday morning at 10am, December 19th, all of us that will be displaying our engines, etc. are scheduled to bring them to the museum. We will also set up the display once we have unloaded.

Those that can't bring their item(s) on the 19th can make arrangements with the museum to bring them that week starting on Monday.

If you plan to show your engine, contact Ken Olsen at kenolsen@kitsaplivesteamers.org or at 206-718-9401

Come see this showcase of the most spectacular and detailed model railroad scenes in the Pacific Northwest! Train clubs from throughout Western Washington will set up their amazing layouts throughout the museum. You can also see the largest permanent public model train layout in Washington, and drive the freight train simulator.

Parents and guardians take a break in the South Sound Activity Room, where kids can get hands-on with toy trains, Lincoln Logs and Legos while you rest your feet and peruse a magazine on the sidelines.

Santa will be on hand for free photos from 11am to 3pm on the 21st, 22nd, and 23rd.

Details at ModelTrainFestival.org.

November Sunshine

Please encourage our members. Send a card, email, call or drop an encouraging card. Remember the caretakers if appropriate.

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COMING JANUARY 2020

Great Train Show Puyallup

By Jeff Mills

January 18th & 19th / Open to the Public 10am to 4pm

Set up will start on January 17th at 1pm and be completed on the 18th between 7am and 10am.

We will have an area of 800 square feet or 20'x 40' that can accommodate ten pieces of equipment. Stands are required for all equipment.

Please contact me at your earliest convenience so I can make sure we have enough room to display your equipment. Equipment under construction is interesting to the Public.

This is a great opportunity for KLS as this event introduces potential new members and keeps our public ridership knowledgeable of our run days and times. Last year we handed out many of our KLS fliers and several membership applications.

We will also need volunteers to help man our display for Saturday and Sunday. Passes are handed out at the set up day so they cannot be distributed until we are set up. If you come to the gate and show your KLS badge they will usually let you in. If they will not let you in, please call me on my cell phone 253-740-6013 and I will meet you at the gate with a pass.

Contact Jeff at oldcatd399@hotmail.com or 253-740-6013

Happy Birthday!

NOVEMBER

Brad Boquist 3rd

Greg Slobodzian 12th

Josh Kaivo 22nd

Doug Wilkinson 23rd

Doris Simmons 24th

DECEMBER

John Lee 1st

Joy Slobodzian 15th

Sierra Buell 19th

John Caldwell 23rd

Robert Sigman 24th

Ryan Handel 27th

Conrad Watne 28th

Larry Harper 31st

Congratulations

to member Nate Radeke for attaining an Eagle Scout rank! Only 4% of Scouts ever earn this achievement after a lengthy review process. To be considered for Eagle, one must earn 21 merit badges.

Nate headed up a group this summer that removed pick-up loads, of ivy, holly and other invasive weeds in the KLS footprint! Then returned to plant new trees and herbs. Thanks for your hard work, Nate on behalf of KLS

...and to the Drew Brown Family who welcomed little Norma Renee on Sunday night at 9:43pm weighing in at 8lbs 2oz. Baby and Becky are well. Daddy Drew got a baby girl for a birthday present (something that will not be repeated next year) and is also recovering nicely. Brother Karl is thrilled and holds her frequently giving lots of "tisses".

Follow the family on this link to see a few more pictures.
<https://www.flickr.com/gp/lukewarm-cotang/pvYBf8>

Printable Membership Rosters Available Online

From the KLS Home Page: www.kitsaplivesteamers.org then follow the green menu strip to Membership Directory.

Two options available; the first provides phone number and email if available.

The second option is a comprehensive roster including member's name, mailing address, phone and email. Click on the Button, titled "KLS Membership Roster (date)," and it will automatically load. This can be printed. (PDF program such as Adobe is needed).



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