

NEWSLETTER OF KITSAP LIVE STEAMERS INC.

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## 2020 CALENDAR at-a-glance

For full schedule go to: www.kitsaplivesteamers.org

## MONTHLY MEETINGS CONTINUE YEAR ROUND

Usually 1st Mondays at 7pm Poodle Dog Restaurant in Fife. Recent meetings on top band

#### **2020 RUN SCHEDULE**

Weather Permitting
2nd & 4th Saturdays 10am to 4pm
April 11th through October 24th
Some Sundays and most holidays

#### **SPECIAL HOLIDAY RUNS**

Saturday before Easter; April 11th Memorial Day; May 25th, 4th of July & Labor Day; Sept 7th

**FUN RUN DAY April 18th** 

**GHOST TRAIN** October 24th

## CONDUCTOR/ENGINEER TRAINING March 28th

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TRAIN MOUNTAIN, OREGON WORK WEEK April 12 - 16th Details page 4

KLS BOILER SAFETY
VERIFICATION May 16th

FRIENDS & FAMILY Aug 15th

**2021 ANNUAL MEETING** January 9th, 2021

#### **GREETINGS EVERYONE**

1st Run Day

of 2020

April 11th

#### From Our New President

As many of you know, I graciously accepted the nomination for President at this year's Annual Meeting. It was a tough campaign — I ran unopposed. Taking over where Tom Huffman left off, I have some big shoes to fill.

With Tom moving on to Track Chairman, I know we'll get our expansion finished. I'm fortunate to have an excellent group of dedicated volunteers to finish our current projects and move us full steam ahead with new ideas.

I've been with KLS since July 2018. I'm a conductor, engineer, and have often times served as superintendent on run days. I've worked on the track and cars; I've had my hands on many parts of the organization.

In addition to the track expansion, Greg Slobodzian is working feverishly on installing the signaling system and Don Rogers has all but

finished the new building. There are so many members doing things to better our organization it's overwhelming.

In the coming year I'm planning a new, more permanent storage building for the tractor, a 30th KLS birthday celebration, a golden spike ceremony, and other such ideas and dreams yet to be thought up.

Join me in celebrating our marvelous association whenever you get a chance to come to the park. Stay tuned as events arise all the time. 2020 is going to be a great year for us.



Keep on steamin', Steve Tinner

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#### TRACK EXPANSION REPORT

## On Track

#### By Tom Huffman / Track Committee Chairman

See the full track map at www.kitsaplivesteamers.org

Northeast main line extension completed! Not quite the fanfare of the golden spike, we just screwed down the last rail, stood around, checked our handy work, grabbed the tools and called it a day.

This has been quite a project and I want to thank everyone that has helped over the last couple years. Bill Hartung has been the driving force behind our labors. He has been there from the start of this project directed the clearing of the right of way, switch construction, ordering hardware the list go's on. Some big shoes to fill I'll give it a shot and see if I can.

There is much more to do before we can have the public ride with us. The train control installation is the next big project. Greg Slobdzian has designed and built the components ranging from the circuit boards, to the control cabinet and signaling posts. Ken Olsen was our machinist he worked with Greg making the components for the signal posts. Now It's time to start burying the cable, positioning and concreting the control cabinet and posts.

We have 6 months for all the pieces of this puzzle to come together, and to have it completed by the *Friends and Family* special run day in August.

Thanks to all our gandy dancers and kitchen crew without your help and labors none of this would be possible.

#### **Tom Huffman**

# Planting Native Species Continues!

We are continuing to replant the forest with native plants. There is much work left to do 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.

Planting workdays — same as track workdays.







Courtney Jones machining parts for the new switch stands

#### JAN/FEB YARD & BUILDINGS WORK REPORT

## Full Steam Ahead!

#### **By Don Rogers**

Our KLS week day yard and track crews have been working hard getting the new South Loop track into ready to run condition and we are getting very close.

Thanks Tom Huffman, Jim Sigman, Greg Slobodzian, Dan Simmons, Steve Tinner, Bill Hartung, Bill Dumbaugh, Drew Brown and all others who come out to donate their time and hard work on our railroad.

If you have a Tuesday or Thursday free, come on out and join us. The fun starts at 9 am weather permitting.

#### Here is a sampling of the work we completed in February:

- Built and mounted a 4 cubby storage locker on East wall of the Thomson Bldg.
- Installed 180 feet of track on the new South Loop to

NE Mainline 20200208.

- Installed 120 feet of track on the new South Loop to NE Mainline 20200211.
- Installed 110 feet of track on the new South Loop to NE Mainline 20200218.
- Ballasted and trimmed over 1200 feet of new South Loop track.

#### **Upcoming Plans:**

- Continue to replace aluminum frogs with steel frogs as they become available.
- Install new locking table support hinges on the four depot tables.
- Raise the grade on the track section near the Wye on the west side.
- Continue working on new track.

#### Here's hoping we all have a great year in 2020. Don Rogers







## IMPORTANT NOTES

- 1. The space heaters in the buildings now have a thermostat control and the heaters will turn on and off intermittently. It is very important to physically check that the electrical breakers to the heaters are switched "off" when you are locking up to leave even if you don't hear the heater running. This will ensure the heaters are actually off and not left to cycle back on when no one is present, causing our electrical bill to increase considerably.
- 2. Don't forget to sign in each time you visit the track.
- 3. Return borrowed tools to where you got them from. Some are missing. If you find them, please return them.
- 4. Lower the hydraulic lift completely, turn off the power and lock the switch after use.
- 5. The Lock setup on the parking lot gate has changed to allow the Parks Dept access to the parking lot and their building. Please make sure the locks are closed with the Fire Departments red lock in the center to allow everyone access without having to cut a lock.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH, 9AM** 

# Conductor and Engineer Training



Mark your calendars for
Conductor and Engineer training
March 28th starting at 9am. Training
takes a few hours so prospective
Conductors and Engineers are

asked to bring their COMPLETED Qualification Exams with them to save time.

Go to the KLS website, click on "Member's Only", then "Be a Conductor/Engineer", then click on "KLS Conduct of Operations" for the manual.

The Conductor and Engineer Qualification Exams are on the same page as the "KLS Conduct of Operations". The exams may be completed "open book".

This training session is for new members and also current members wishing to refresh their knowledge.

Contact Don Rogers if you have questions at 360-649-7463 (leave a message if no answer) or email: drogers@kitsaplivesteamers.org



KLS Work
Week at Train
Mountain

We will be working on various projects in anticipation of the 2021 Triennial. Train Mountain's Jerry Crane will be the volunteer coordinator during the week. Every morning we'll gather to receive assignments for the daily tasks.

You do not have to be a KLS member to participate. All volunteers are welcome. This is a great time to come to Train Mountain without paying the meet fee.

If your group wishes to create their own work week, please contact the Train Mountain Office with 3 of the 4 "W"s; who, what and when. We know the "where", so come on down!

The local residents of Klamath Falls Oregon look forward to this work week as it is a sure sign winter is over and they can recover from cabin fever.

Lodgings provided on a first come basis.

Call or email Jeff Mills at 253-740-6013 / oldcatd399@hot-mail.com for questions. Train Mountain contact is Joyce: 541-783-3030.

We've Been Working on the

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





# Safety Review



he forest

## By Don Morrell, Vice President and head of Safety and Training

correct order of operation

We're finally through the hardest part of winter, it won't be long until the flowers start popping up and we will be setting up for our first run day of 2020.

It's been a while, I thought it would be wise to catch up on a few operational basics here at KLS. For the next few months, I will be including some snippets from our Conduct of Operations for you to refresh in time for the upcoming season.

One major concern we have run into in the past is crews not corresponding to the correct order of operation for when they are in the Depot.

#### **Section 7.13: Station Departure**

Once the passengers have received the safety briefing, the Station Master or staff will notify the Conductor.

Frequently this is done by the person reading the briefing to end with a call of "ALL ABOARD". The Conductor will observe that all passengers are properly seated and the train is safely ready for departure. The Conductor will notify the Engineer either verbally or by two (2) toots of their whistle that the train is ready for departure. The Engineer must always wait for the Conductors signal prior to moving the train. The train may then depart at the Engineer's discretion.

#### The chain is;

- **1.** A depot staff member will turn control of the train over to the conductor when all safety requirements have been met.
- **2.** The conductor will do a visual check and when safe turn control over to the engineer.
- **3.** The engineer is free to depart the station when safe.

The train crews' failure to follow this procedure can quickly cause an unsafe condition for pedestrians, passengers and other trains in the depot area.

Read and follow the conduct of operations.

Working in the forest or moving about in the trails of the KLS Footprint does have a few hazards, including, but not limited to, partially exposed tree roots, thorns, brambles, shrub and tree branches of all sizes. There may be a few "window makers" hanging above on branches. This may be the situation especially after a windy period. One should be aware that the ground cover may be hiding rocks and depressions so step carefully when leaving any track or trail.

The following are some recommendations for Safety Gear when working in KLS Footprint:

**Safety Glasses:** Moving through brush, collecting and removing debris can pose a risk of injury to your eyes.

**Gloves:** Leather Gloves (flexible and comfortable) can reduce the chance of damage from blackberry thorns and other sharp objects.

**Protective Head Gear:** A hard hat or helmet may prevent injury from falling debris or when moving about in brush areas.

High Top Boots or other sturdy footwear that will protect your ankles: Invasive Himalayan Blackberry and low growing Native Pacific Blackberry can result in some painful encounters.

**Work in groups:** A "Buddy System" is recommended as well as some way to communicate by radio or cell phone.

First Aid: Know where the
First Aid Kit is located in the
Thompson Building. Consider
enrolling in a First Aid/CPR course in
your area. Contact your local Fire
Department and/or the Red Cross. Cost
varies from free to about \$60.



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Memberships keep KLS moving and growing!

## Don't get Derailed

Watch for emailed

Membership Renewal

Notice forty-five days before expiration!

Renew and pay by Mail: Go to www.kitsaplivesteamers.org, click "Become a Member" on the green header, or log on and see "Membership Renewal." You can print an application and mail with your payment. Be sure to verify your information.

#### **Renew and pay by Online:** Click

the red renewal button appearing beside your name in "Profile." You will have the opportunity to review and verify information before clicking "Finish and Proceed to Payment." Your credit card billing statement will show as CKB#KLSteamers. Print your receipt and you're done for another year!

#### Fees remain the same:

Family membership \$60; Individual membership \$40; Associate Membership (50 mile radius) \$20.

## March Sunshine

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

#### **DAVE WHITE - GET WELL**

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If you know someone in need of encouragement, contact Carole Moss: 253-566-3843 or

### Welcome New Members

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## Name Tags

One name tag is provided free for a new Individual Membership, and two are provided for a Family Mem-

bership. Replacements or additional name tags for members can be ordered for \$14.00 each.



Carole Moss

These are provided with a pin back. If you would like a magnetic attachment, it is available for \$16.00.

Please contact Carole at withane65423@gmail.com or 253-566-3843 for replacements or additions.



If you would like a personalized
ID badge shown at left, call Steve
Tinner at 360-990-2577 or email:
cat.scan@yahoo.com
Each badge is double sided and
comes in a water resistant pouch
with a clip. They are \$5 each
paid directly to Steve.

Notify Carole (info above) if you have changes to your contact information.

The Membership/Renewal application form is also downloadable from our website www.kitsaplivesteamers.org.

#### NOW AVAILABLE

## Logo Flexfit Ball Cap

Black with embroidery KLS logo, one size fits most. No minimum required.



Contact Carole - email: withane65423@gmail.com or call: 253-566-3843

## Happy Birthday!

#### MARCH

Don Rogers 10th Louise Deffley 14th Russ Dunn 23rd Garrett Zimmerman 29th John Kvasnosky 30th

#### APRIL

George Hoke 3rd
Paul Wieck 11th
Dustin Dailey 12th
Morgan VonRueden 12th
Allyson Frame 13th
Don Deffley 15th
Russ Noe 19th
Ken Kaivo 23rd
Pat Rogers 23rd
Steve Hughes 24th
John Ringos 28th

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If you need help, contact Brittany Bowie at Brittany.bowie@hotmail.com

### 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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