

NEWSLETTER OF KITSAP LIVE STEAMERS INC.

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### 2020 CALENDAR at-a-glance

For updated schedule go to: www.kitsaplivesteamers.org

#### **MONTHLY MEETINGS**

Usually 1st Mondays at 7pm Poodle Dog Restaurant in Fife. Check online for meeting cancelations & reschedules

### **2020 RUN SCHEDULE**

**Weather and Virus Permitting** 

#### **RUN DAYS TO BE ANNOUNCED**

2nd & 4th Saturdays 10am to 4pm Some Sundays and most holidays

### **SPECIAL HOLIDAY RUNS**

Easter Run Day; ApriCANCELLED Memorial Day; May 25th, 4th of July & Labor Day; Sept 7th

FUN RUN DAY April ANGELLED

**GHOST TRAIN** October 24th

#### **CONDUCTOR/ENGINEER**

TRAINING to be rescheduled Details page 5

TRAIN MOUNTAIN, OREGON **KITSAP WORK WEEK Cancelled** Details page 4

**KLS BOILER SAFETY VERIFICATION** May 16th

FRIENDS & FAMILY Aug 15th

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

### GREETINGS EVERYONE

All April 2020

Run Days

Cancelled!

# We'll be back on Track Soon



Another month is upon us, we should have been in full swing as our anticipated opening day loomed but alas it is moved to at least May 9th. During our non run months, there was much work done around the track. Our expansion is on track (sorry). The north east leg is connected but requires a lot of "trimming" to make it smooth. The north west leg will probably begin later this year or next. The track

> crew has laid several yards of ballast along the main line to fill in areas that have washed away over the last few years. The new building is 98% done. Just a few finishing touches then we can start building the new rack system for more loco storage. Our signaling project is also stuck at a "red signal" but Greg Slobodzian has it well under control.

Our grounds are looking good, the main line survived the winter with few if any issues, everyone is anxious to get back out there as soon as COVID-19 releases it's grip on the world. During this time of global crisis, we are not doing much unless really needed. We did have some vandalism March and our repair crew was right on it. Thank you Don Rogers, Tom Hoffman, & Dan Simmons. I can always count on you guys to be there for us. Hope I didn't forget anyone.

It looks like April is going to be "more of the same" as we ride out our solitude at home. Please, everyone, be safe and just stay home. The park is closed, not just the playground. Lets all think ahead to May 9th and hope this date comes to fruition.

Take care and I'll see you all at park very soon. Steve Tinner

President, Kitsap Live Steamers

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### **PLEASE TAKE NOTE**

1.

Some of our members bring in Borax powder to use as hand cleaner. Please note that powdered Borax has been found to be a respiratory and digestive irritant by the FDA. It has been banned for use in the European Union and Canada

I will make sure that we have plenty of safe and effective non Borax hand cleaners available at the track for our members to use. It is okay for individual members to bring Borax powder in for personal use, but please take it with you when you leave..

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 found, return them.

4.

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

#### TRACK EXPANSION REPORT

# On Track

By Tom Huffman / Track Committee Chairman

See the full track map at www.kitsaplivesteamers.org

Stay safe! we'll back working on the railroad as soon as the pandemic has passed by.

# We will be back on track soon!





# Track Work Days

When the quarantine has passed, plan to join us on a Tuesday or Thursday.

The fun starts at 9 am weather permitting.



# 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.

#### **MARCH YARD & BUILDINGS WORK REPORT**

# Full Steam Ahead!

### **By Don Rogers**

Our KLS week day yard and track crews were working up until the County Park was closed due to the corona virus pandemic on March 26, 2020. Thanks Tom Huffman, Jim Sigman, Greg Slobodzian, Dan Simmons, Steve Tinner, Bill Hartung, Bill Dumbaugh, and all others who come out to donate their time and hard work on our railroad.

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

- Ballasted and re-aligned 800 feet of track and removed several dips.
- Leveled track at the NE Mainline Switch.
- Installed 2 outlet boxes on the steaming rack next to the new building.
- Cleaned pine cones, leaves etc. from the depot and yard.

- Replaced aluminum frog and corrected the guard rail gaps at the hydraulic lift ramp switch.
- Repaired vandalism damage to the chain link fence behind the containers and the barbed wire over the double gates at the yard entry ramp. The tractor was parked next to the personnel door of the new building to prevent entry.
- Repairs will be made when the park reopens and we can get in with tools and materials.

#### **Upcoming plans as the situation allows:**

- Continue to replace aluminum frogs with steel frogs as they become available.
- Coat the new building floor with epoxy paint.
- Raise the grade on the track section near the Wye on the west side.
- Continue working on new track.

Can't wait to get back to working at the track. Don Rogers

# Vandalism at the Park

In late March, our fenced yard was breeched. As far as we can tell nothing was stolen although the attempt was made. Barbed wire and one section of fence were cut and entry was made. The side door to the new building was

also violated but

since we didn't have much in there, we suffered only vandalism.



We made repairs to the barbed wire and fence. Repairs to the personnel door will have to wait until we can get vehicles into the area as it will require tools and some building materials. The park itself is closed and the entry gate is locked.

A police report has been filed.





2020 WORK WEEK CANCELLED

Due to Cov-19 Pandemic Train Mountain Museum and Park are closed for an indefinite period. It has been determined the Kitsap Work Week for 2020 is canceled. It was scheduled for April 12th through 18th.

Refer to the Train Mountain website trainmtn.org for their closure statement and future updates. We at Train Mountain are very disappointed because some of our best volunteers were looking forward to this annual event. Be safe and see you wheneverything opens up again.

Call or email Jeff Mills at 253-740-6013 oldcatd399@hotmail.com for questions.

Train Mountain contact is Joyce: 541-783-3030.

### Welcome New Members

**JAMES NYSTROM & PATRICIA GUNDLACH** 

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### 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

# Happy Birthday!

### MAY

Michael Heinsbergen 3rd
Nick Buell 5th
Erik Meehan 8th
Dave Stevens 14th
Greg Bright 16th
Caden Powell 21st
Jerry Crane 23rd

# **April Sunshine**

Please encourage our members. Send a card, email, call or drop an encouraging card. Especially during this time of requested isolation. Don't hesitate to keep in touch just to say "Hi, we're thinking of you." Please-STAY WELL! Remember the caretakers if appropriate.

### **CONRAD WATNE - GET WELL**

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KLS Engineer and Conductor training was scheduled to be held on March 28th, but unfortunately South Kitsap Park has been shut down due to the Corona virus outbreak and we will not be able to meet. Training will be held at some point in the future, I am just not sure when. Watch for future emails and Facebook announcements for more news.

Prospective Conductors and Engineers are asked to go ahead and fill out the Conductor and/or Engineer Qualification Exams as applicable and bring their COMPLETED exams with them to the training. Also bring a copy of the Conductor and/or Engineer Operating Exams but do not fill these out as they will be completed during the "hands on" part of the training.

The Conductor/Engineer Qualification exams are found in the KLS Conduct of Operations (CofO), on pages 41 and 47 respectively and should be completed "open book" at home. The Conduct of Operations document may be downloaded from the KLS website:

- Log on to the KLS website, then click on the "Members Only" tab, then select "Be a Conductor/Engineer,
- 2. Then, click the KLS Conduct of Operations 2-6-17 highlighted area and view and/or download the document. All the answers to the exam questions can be found in the CofO.

This is an OPEN BOOK exam! The purpose of completing the qualification exam before hand is to get our prospective Engineers and Conductors familiar with the KLS CofO, which is the primary guideline under which KLS operates the trains and equipment. Persons who have tried to complete the training in the past without first becoming familiar with the CofO have been unsuccessful.

Training session will be for both new members and also those wishing to refresh their knowledge.

Thanks, Don Rogers

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



# During this Crisis Stay Safe, Stay Healthy

Follow the Governor's and the CDC guidelines to stay healthy and safe Let's all get back to the track!

### **Helpful websites:**

Washington State Department of Health: www.doh.wa.gov/Washington State Department of Health: https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/NovelCoronavirusOutbreak2020CO-VID19/FrequentlyA

### Take everyday preventive actions:

- **1.** Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing, or having been in a public place.
- **2.** If soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- **3.** To the extent possible, avoid touching high-touch surfaces in public places elevator buttons, door handles, handrails, handshaking with people, etc. Use a tissue or your sleeve to cover your hand or finger if you must touch something.

- **4.** Wash your hands after touching surfaces in public places, espeically grocery stores, banks, and drug stores.
- **5.** Avoid touching your face, nose, eyes, etc.
- **6.** Clean and disinfect your home to remove germs: practice routine cleaning of frequently touched surfaces (for example: tables, doorknobs, light switches, handles, desks, toilets, faucets, sinks & amp; cell phones)
- **7.** Avoid crowds, especially in poorly ventilated spaces. Your risk of exposure to respiratory viruses like COVID-19 may increase in crowded, closed-in settings with little air circulation if there are people in the crowd who are sick.
- **8.** Avoid all non-essential travel including plane trips, and especially avoid embarking on cruise ships.

# Remember when you shop on Amazon Smile choose Kitsap

Live Steamers as your charity and Amazon will donate a percentage of your qualifying purchases to us! It doesn't cost anything and is so simple!

If you need help, contact
Brittany Bowie at
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Once this crisis passes we'll be back up and running full steam ahead!

# 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

### 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.

# 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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