

During Covid,
Meetings
Via Zoom

NEXT MEETINGS AUG 3RD, SEPT 7TH & OCT 5TH



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2020 CALENDAR at-a-glance

For updated schedule go to:
www.kitsaplivesteamers.org

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Usually 1st Mondays at 7pm
*During Covid, board meetings
will be held via Zoom. Watch
your email for meeting links.*

2020 RUN SCHEDULE

Watch for KLS emails on how
the state's re-opening phases
impact the track.

WHEN RUN DAYS DO BEGIN:

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

SPECIAL HOLIDAY RUNS

Labor Day, Sept 7th

All public
runs
pending

GHOST TRAIN October 24th

CONDUCTOR/ENGINEER

TRAINING See page 4 for
details. Watch for notices of
rescheduling after the pandemic
restrictions end.

New
Plans

FRIENDS & FAMILY
Saturday, Aug 15th

Come on out and run
your train! No food provided.
Social distancing rules apply.

IN THE DAYS OF COVID

From the President's Desk

August brings us little change around the track. Maintenance work continues, occasionally members run their trains, squirrels leave pine cones on the track for us to remove, you know, the usual pandemic era stuff.

As the end of the season looms in the near future, I don't see us running any public days. I've been in contact with the Kitsap Foster Parents Association president and we both feel that there probably won't be a ghost train this year. That shouldn't come as a shock to anyone.

I sent an email to the covid gods begging for light at the end of this tunnel in the hopes that we can run in April 2021. Only time will tell.

As you will see in other reports in this issue, only the northwest section of the new track remains to be installed. Track trimming is ongoing. Everyone and anyone is free to come out anytime, grab the track mirror and a tamping iron and



walk the track, gandydancing as you go. If you don't know how just ask any member of the track crew how to do it.

In a few short days I'll be on site with the Nevada Southern Live Steamers in Boulder City, Nevada. They've invited me to come see their layout and museum. Should be a nice 110°! For obvious reason they only do track work in the morning. That's fine by me because by noon I'll be comfortably back in the pool at my brother's place with an ice cold something in my hand.

**Until next month, stay safe,
Steve Tinner, President**

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Work Slowly Returns

By Don Rogers

July's yard and buildings work continued to be mainly on the track. Thanks Tom Huffman, Jim Sigman, Greg Slobodzian, Dan Simmons, Steve Tinner, Bill Dumbaugh, and all the others who come out to donate their time and hard work.

Here is what was accomplish in July:

- Trimmed and graveled approximately 1,200 feet of track on the new loop and mainline.
- Corrected the radius on 2 sharp curves on the NW section of the new loop to an approximate 75 foot radius.
- Attached high visibility tape to all eight signal head units in the wye area.
- Painted wye signals control box railroad silver.
- Placed several logs on the new loop for erosion control.
- Cleaned and prepped the floor in the new metal building for epoxy coating.
- Applied epoxy color coat and clear coat to the new metal building floor.
- Ran continuity checks on the wye signals system to check for issues — thanks Greg Slobodzian.

Upcoming projects include:

- Install in ground wiring for the wye rail traffic signals system.
- Continue to replace aluminum frogs with steel frogs as they become available.
- Continue working on trimming and grading the new track.



Left: Applying epoxy color and clear coats to the new metal building floor.

Below: Checking electrical resistance at a signal system sensor location.



THINGS TO REMEMBER IF YOU MAKE IT TO THE TRACK

1.

Don't forget to sign in every time you visit the track and be safe.

2.

Our work groups spend a lot of time looking for missing equipment. Please return tools and equipment to where you got them from. If you have tools belonging to KLS — please return them!

3.

After our Fun Run day the SW1500 ignition switch was left in the on position and killed the battery. This can be avoided by simply paying attention when shutting the locomotive down.

Please help us keep our equipment in good shape and avoid unnecessary expenditures.

4.

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





TRACK EXPANSION UPDATE!

On Track

By Tom Huffman / Track Committee Chairman



We've continued to work on trimming the new extension and the main line. The entire track is ready for any one who wants to use it. Please remember, if there are two or more trains on the main line, a specific route has to be selected for safe operations. Train speed is 3mph while transitioning the crossing and "Y" areas for safety.

The foliage is thick in some areas so weeds are trimmed through the curves for a 75ft view ahead of the train. I've been trimming on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Thanks to everyone who comes out and helps with track maintenance.

Track signaling is the next big project to complete. It's going to require a lot of trenching and cable laying. We have plenty of shovels on hand for anyone who wants to help. The concrete grade crossing in the middle loop will be removed for the installation of the signaling system (electrical grounding issues) so we will realign the curve for a smoother arc.

Thanks to everyone for all the help with track maintenance.

August Sunshine



Please encourage our members that we miss; email, call or drop an encouraging card. Especially during this time of requested isolation, please don't hesitate to keep in touch with each other to just say "Hi, we're thinking of you." It's always nice to know someone is thinking about you! Also, please remember caretakers if appropriate. *Please stay well!*

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needs encouragement, call
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Join us on a Tuesday or Thursday.

The fun starts at 9am
weather permitting.

See the full track map at
www.kitsaplivesteamers.org

Happy Birthday!

AUGUST

Michael Corrigan 7th
Bruce Allen 12th
Dennis Weaver 18th
Barry Dupler 19th
Shirley Wilkinson 21st
Dan Simmons 22nd
Glenn Brooks 23rd
Marie Weaver 28th
Andy Breeding 29th
Tom Huffman 30th

SEPTEMBER

Joe Myall 1st
Ken Klakowich 3rd
Gayla Olsen 4th
Steve Young 5th
Mike Feeley 12th
Andy Frame 15th
Kimberly McCullough 15th
Teddy Karanson 15th
Patricia Gundlach 20th
David Graham 23rd
Mike Skripeck 26th
James Nystrom 28th
Brittany Bowie-Morrell 30th



Conductor and Engineer Training

ANNOUNCEMENT

KLS Engineer and Conductor Training will be held at some point after the pandemic restrictions end. Watch for future emails and Facebook announcements for more news.

Now is a great time however, to download and study the KLS Conduct of Operations. Prospective Conductors and Engineers can go ahead and fill out the Conductor and/or Engineer Qualification Exams as applicable and bring their COMPLETED exams with them when we finally do 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 (C of O) 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:
www.kitsaplivesteamers.org

1. 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 C of O.

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 C of O have been unsuccessful.

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

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

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Name Tags

One name tag is provided free for a new Individual Membership, and two are provided for a Family Membership. Replacements or additional name tags for members can be ordered for \$14.00 each.

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.

MEMBERSHIPS KEEP KLS MOVING AND GROWING!

Don't let your membership 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.

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