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In Person  
& Via  
Zoom!

NEXT MEETINGS: OCT 5TH, NOV 2ND & DEC 7TH



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## IN THE DAYS OF COVID

### From the President

It seems that just last month we had several unseasonably hot days and now Autumn is upon us like a, well, like a worldwide viral contagion. Maybe not worldwide, just the Northern hemisphere. 'Cause tis the dawn of Spring down under. I'm feeling inspired for a little haiku,

*Springtime at the park,  
My train doesn't derail anymore,  
Oops, I spoke too soon!*

But I digress...

Non-rainy day work continues at the park. Track tweaking here and there, new track everywhere. Please plan on joining us for the upcoming Annual

General Meeting in January. Exact time, date and location forthcoming. Awards, announcements, food . . . and good friends. New officers will be voted in and welcomed. If you've thought of a position to help our cause, become a board member. Help to shape the future of our hobby. No pay but you get FREE rides whenever you want! Upcoming open seats are Vice President, Treasurer, and a directors chair. Questions? Any board member, present or past, will be glad to help you.

We are still hopeful for an April 2021 Opening for public runs. Between now and then, the board will hammer out the details for keeping us and the public safe from all the nasty bugs that besiege us in the winter months.

Until we meet again,  
**Steve Tinner, KLS President**



## 2020 CALENDAR comes to a close

**FINAL MONTHLY MONDAY MEETINGS IN PERSON & VIA ZOOM — watch email for link Oct 5th, Nov 2nd & Dec 7th at 7pm / Location:**

**That One Place Restaurant  
1397 Olney Ave SE  
Port Orchard, WA 98366  
Join us for dinner at 6pm**

**TRACK WORK DAYS  
TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS  
UNTIL EARLY NOVEMBER  
See page 2 and 3**

**2021 ANNUAL MEETING  
January, 2021 / exact date and location TBD.**



Becky Brown painted the depot while Drew was out playing with trains.

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# Facilities & Track Work Continues

By Don Rogers

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We experienced some vandalism at the park with our perimeter fence being breached in two places. Thankfully, the buildings were not entered and did not sustain damage. I filed a report with the Sheriffs' Department. The county parks building on site did receive damage to the dead bolt lock on their entry door. Dan Simmons, Greg Slobodzian and I were able to piece a repair together using material we already had on site, but this is the third time this year. The break-in threat is of growing concern and I am going to look into ways we can upgrade our security at the park to try and cut down on these attempts.

## Here is what we worked on at the track in September 2020

- Constructed a new left hand remote operated switch for the new loop continuation project. (Dan Simmons)
- Constructed a new right hand kick switch to replace the one cannibalized from the north yard siding. (Dan Simmons)
- Inventoried rail, ties and other track building material. (Tom Huffman)
- Constructed a bunch of track panels to get ready for the NW extension. (Greg Slobodzian, Steve Tinner)
- Repaired cut fence vandalism in 2 spots.
- Cleared brush and debris from the 30 yards of proposed right of way on the NW Leg of the inner loop. (Tom Huffman, Bill Hartung and Dan Simmons)
- Cut slots in track on the NW leg to relieve heat kinking. (Greg Slobodzian and Jim Sigman)

## Upcoming plans as conditions allow:

- Install "in ground" wiring for the wye signals system.
- Continue to replace aluminum frogs with steel frogs as they become available.
- Install new track panel hold down pins.



*Vandalism above — repair below.*



## Yikes!

On September 27th or 28th some folks visited the track and left the hydraulic lift raised with the power still on and not locked and left the air compressor on and not locked.

Be sure to sign in when visiting the track, so we can contact you if issues arise — **thank you!**



## If You Make It To The Track Remember:

1. Sign in **every time** you visit and **follow safety protocols**.
2. Return borrowed tools to where you got them from.  
We are missing some tools. If you find you have tools engraved or marked as belonging to KLS, please return them.
3. Lower the hydraulic lift completely, turn off the power and lock the switch after use.
4. Make sure the heater / lights are off, alarm system is on and all doors and gates are locked when leaving the track.



## Track Work Days

Join us on a  
Tuesday or  
Thursday until  
early November.

The fun starts  
at 9am weather  
permitting.

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As this  
work season  
comes to a close,  
I would like to  
thank everyone  
that has helped  
with the track.

There are more  
exciting things  
on the horizon.  
Among them,  
completing the  
train control and  
finishing the  
north end  
connection.

Thank you for  
your labors  
during these  
trying times.

Tom Huffman,  
Track  
Committee  
Chair

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*Another stump that does not want to come out!*



*Yard kicks switch finished and ready for install.*



*Brush busting complete for the day.*



*Above NW leg brush busting.*

*Below L & R remote switches ready for install.*



See the full track  
map at  
[www.kitsaplivesteamers.org](http://www.kitsaplivesteamers.org)



# Check out KLS on Facebook

Facilitated by Brittany Bowie-Morrell

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*Take a virtual train ride during  
Covid! Lots of videos to enjoy!*



*Find up-to-date  
announcements  
and  
links to related  
sites including  
Train Mountain  
in Oregon*



*Right:  
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## Conductor and Engineer Training

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.

Refer to August 2020 newsletter for more details.

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## October 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!*

LOUISE DEFFLEY / GEORGE HOKE / NICK BUELL  
DONNA OLSEN / STAN THOMPSON

Click on "Member Info" on the KLS website: [www.kitsaplivesteamers.com](http://www.kitsaplivesteamers.com) for member contact information.

If you know of someone who needs encouragement, call Carole at 253-566-3843 or email her at: [withane65423@gmail.com](mailto:withane65423@gmail.com)



## Happy Birthday!

### OCTOBER

Nathaniel Wagner 1st  
Dallas Thomson 2nd  
Brian Stanley 3rd  
Jesse Thompson 4th  
Alice Brown 13th  
Michael Parker 15th  
Chuck Frame 20th  
James Graverholt 28th  
Mary Deviny 30th

### NOVEMBER

Brad Boquist 3rd  
Charles Givens 12th  
Gregory Slobodzian 12th  
Josh Kaivo 22nd  
Doug Wilkinson 23rd

### DECEMBER

John Lee 1st  
Courtney Jones 12th  
Joy Slobodzian 15th  
Sierra Buell 19th  
John Caldwell 23rd  
Jim Sigman 24th  
Ryan Handel 27th  
Conrad Watne 28th  
Nathan Shedd 28th  
Larry Harper 31st

Happy Belated Birthday  
Asher Stevens September 19th

## Welcome New Members

BRIAN, DALLAS, AND CONNER THOMSON

Click on "Member Info" on the KLS website:  
[www.kitsaplivesteamers.com](http://www.kitsaplivesteamers.com) for contact info.

## 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.

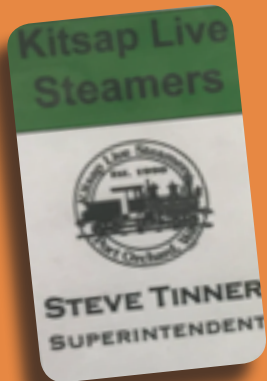
Contact Carole at [withane65423@gmail.com](mailto:withane65423@gmail.com) or 253-566-3843 for replacements or additions.



*If you would like a personalized ID badge shown at left, call Steve Tinner at 360-990-2577 or email: [cat.scan@yahoo.com](mailto: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](http://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](http://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.

**NOW AVAILABLE**

### Logo Flexfit Ball Cap

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



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