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NEXT MEETINGS DECEMBER 7TH / JANUARY 9TH AGM



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ORDERBOARD

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Elections! Awards! Plans for 2021! and Food too!

**Don't miss the Annual
General Meeting
January 9th, 12pm**

**Arrive early for lunch
around 11:30. Location
this year is at the track
yard in the new building!**

2020 CALENDAR COMES TO A CLOSE

**FINAL MONTHLY MONDAY MEETING IN PERSON
& VIA ZOOM — watch email for zoom link**

**Dec 7th, 7pm / Location: That One Place Restaurant
1397 Olney Ave SE, Port Orchard, WA 98366
Join us for dinner at 6pm**

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IN THE DAYS OF COVID

From the President

Our regular run season has drawn to a close. Had this been a regular run season I may be telling you about the number of riders we had this year, how the Ghost Train went, etc. but as we all know this year was anything but regular.

The last few months have seen some incredible work at and around the track. Read all about it in this issue. The track signaling system is more wired than a college grad after a quad mocha! The track gang did a great job preparing the last leg for the NW expansion. The wiring crew spent an exhausting day setting all the cabling. So many people are involved in every aspect of this project it's impossible to name them all.

This last month was not all hard work. We had some sorrow as well. Three members of our family left us. Louise Deffley, Doug Wilkinson and George Hoke will be missed at the track and our hearts. The plan is to have the memorial board updated in time for the Annual General Meeting on Jan 9th. See written memorials on pages 4 and 5.

I planted the seed to the Board of Directors to think about the real possibility of running in April and to start thinking of how we want to accomplish this. The coming months will dictate if and when we can start gathering crowds, I'm sure our efforts will be focused on how to accomplish social distancing to keep everyone safe yet run as many people on our trains as possible. Challenging times ahead to be sure.

**Until next year, stay safe and well,
Steve Tinner, KLS President**

**Happy Thanksgiving and
Holiday Season to you and your families!**



Facilities & Track Work Continues

By Don Rogers

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The cold weather is settling in and winter preparations have been completed. The water supply to the steaming bays and depot have been shut down and drained as a precaution against a water line freezing and bursting.

Track Work in October 2020:

- Adjusted slots in new loop rail to allow for better joint expansion. (Greg Slobodzian, Steve Tinner, Russell Bates)
- Added additional cross bars and corrected the points to gap on the N Wye switch. (Dan Simmons)
- Replaced a vandalized lock on the parking lot entry gate.
- Cleaned tree debris from the loading area roof.
- Installed a shiny new kick switch at the cannibalized switch location in the North section of the yard.
- Installed over 100 new style track re-bar hold down stakes.
- Replaced hollow joint ties with solid ties on the Middle Loop.
- Graded the NW leg of the new loop track and pulled six stumps in preparation for track installation. **Special thanks** to Tracy Flood for the tractor work and Cortney Jones for arranging the excavator. Also Tom Huffman, Dan Simmons, Lynn Peterson, Drew Brown, Jim Sigman, and Pat Rogers)
- Shut off and drained water supply to the steaming racks and depot. (Pat Rogers)
- Placed dehumidifiers in the bathroom and kitchen sink cabinets
- Stained the plywood sheeting and painted the trim in the new building. (Pat Rogers)

Upcoming Plans in 2021 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.



Top: Pulling stumps on the northwest leg.

Above: Greg Slobodzian hooking up cables at one of the new signal posts.

Below left: Pat Rogers painting trim in the new building.

Below right: Townley Slack and Asher Stevens helping out for the day.





**Done for
the Year**

**Check
January's
newsletter for
2021's work
schedule.**

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

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Top left:
*Tom Huffman
brush busting
on the
Northwest leg.*

Middle left:
*Grading of the
Northwest leg
progresses.*

Below left:
*Don Rogers
operating the
trencher.*

Right:
*Yard switch
replacement.*



TRACK EXPANSION DETAILS!

On Track

**By Tom Huffman
Track Committee Chairman**

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Track work on the NW Leg is progressing. We have switches built and ready for each end and exploratory work has been done in the brushy area at the NW end near the concrete crossing. The proposed route is looking good.

Even though we did not have our regular public runs, new track has continued to be laid. We should be in good shape come next run season!

**Thanks to everyone who has
helped with track construction and
maintenance in 2020.**



My Friend, Louise Deffley

by Marie Woods-Weaver

Louise Deffley was a member of KLS since spring 1992. She and her husband Don were extremely active up until Louise could no longer manage being out of her home. Louise suffered from Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, but she did not let this stop her from donating her ideas and her abilities.

In the early years, she helped lay out the flowers and plants along with Charlene Nedrow. They put in the Rhododendrons and other bushy plants at the compound entrance. Louise also brought plants from her own yard to enhance the look of KLS.

In those early years, KLS was trying to find funds to lay track and other things that were needed to make KLS the leader in the hobby that it is today. She was the woman behind the man, so to speak, when Don was president. She helped set up the Promo Train, helped the many static displays and even set a display up in her own community center in Black Diamond.

Louise had retired from Puget Power, after working herself

into a management role. When KLS needed lighting in the compound area she worked her connections to get Puget

Power to donate a light with pole and install the unit.

Over the years, she wrote articles for the Orderboard. She was an accomplished author in her own right, having published a book about her childhood. Louise also helped Cheryl McInnes refurbish the riding cars. They painted, numbered and reupholstered the cars; the project took all winter.

Louise was a gracious hostess. She held many KLS potlucks at her home in Black Diamond and organized several of the extra outings KLS participated in. You could see her riding the Mikado with Don as they hauled passengers.

Louise loved KLS. She always stood up for what she believed to be right and was ready to praise those who she believed were doing the right thing. She believed in making sure safety was paramount.

Louise was my friend, as dear a person as I have ever known. I will miss her greatly. Keep smiling dear friend and standing up for what you believe to be right.



Call for Back Orderboard Newsletters, Old Photos, Articles, and Musings

Don Rogers is putting together an archive for our Orderboard newsletters and is missing issues for years 2002 to 2007. Contact Don at cworogers@hotmail.com if you have any or all of these issues.

Ginnie Hance, our current Orderboard graphic artist, would like to include a column with vintage KLS photos, articles or musings from past publications. Someone who has been around the track for a long time would be a great partner for this effort. If you are interested, contact Ginnie at: orderboard@kitsaplivesteamers.org

ORDERBOARD



Hobby Boiler Safety Check Notice

KLS requires all hobby steam engines to have a current annual boiler safety check certification before running on the track.

Steamers with new owners must obtain an initial certificate from the state inspector.

To make an appointment or for more information, contact Ken Olsen at 206-718-9401 or via email at: kenolsen@kitsaplivesteamers.org

Remembering George Hoke

By Kirk Divine

George Hoke was a trained mechanical engineer by schooling and through more than thirty years of work at Boeing. George was also an engineer at home, always designing and building things. He drafted plans for and built everything from fine furniture to irrigated tomato beds to multiple steam engines and a locomotive.

He was always a train enthusiast. Below is a photo of



George as a child standing by the fence in the yard watching a train. The caption states the cost of that house was worth the rent so George could

watch the trains. George's children remember many hikes following old railroad right of ways. Some vacations involved travel on trains. However, George was most proud of the steam locomotive he built over a period of five years.

Even at 93 years of age he was still interested in his train and was working to repair problems and make improvements.

He logged over 3,000 hours of labor building his Fitchburg Northern locomotive from Allen Models, completed in 2003. In addition to running at Kitsap, he took his train to several tracks in the Pacific Northwest including Burnaby and Victoria. Train Mountain became a favorite place to run his locomotive. His locomotive was first at Train Mountain for the 2003 Triennial meet and was there nearly every year after. Several times his Fitchburg Northern was seen at Hope Circle, the farthest point of track at Train Mountain, and was seen hauling cars during many of the Operations Meets.

Part of what George enjoyed about his involvement at Kitsap and Train Mountain was the many good friends he made. Particularly after his wife Betsey died in 2003 his train friends saved the day.

Throughout his life, George volunteered for civic and professional organizations, and he was proud and happy to be able to contribute to the development and running of KLS.



Doug Wilkinson, Friend & Mentor

by Bill Hartung



Doug was the first member of KLS that I met, although that was at Boeing several years before KLS began. I knew Doug at the Renton Division, where he served as a manufacturing engineer for the 727, 737 and 757

programs. I was involved in coordination of how the factory handled the many last minute changes to the airplanes, and Doug was one of my mentors in this often high stress work. I noticed from the outset the photos of his live steam projects that he had sitting on his desk, something he eagerly talked about.

When I joined the informal group at the private 7.5 inch gauge railroad in Woodinville, Doug was there trying out his new Clishay. He

knew I was a fan of live steam and often encouraged me to come see what KLS was all about.

Once I joined, my first experience operating a steam locomotive was Doug's three inch scale 0-4-0. He was very generous and also very patient with me when I let it run out of steam half way around the old KLS mainline.

When I acquired my vintage 4-4-0 in 1997 Doug stepped right up to help me prep the boiler for some needed steam leak repairs. When I eventually assembled it and presented it to the state inspector, and got it certified, Doug came right over to give me a hearty congratulations. I think he was as anxious about it passing as I was.

He was a constant presence at the park, helping with track construction and maintenance, and running trains for the public.

I know that KLS meant a lot to Doug and he was really proud of his work and his membership.

Doug was a great member of KLS and a great friend. He will be missed by all.



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November/December 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!*

DON DEFFLEY & FAMILY – SYMPATHY / GEORGE HOKE FAMILY - SYMPATHY
SHIRLEY WILKINSON & FAMILY – SYMPATHY

DONNA OLSEN – GET WELL / STAN THOMPSON – GET WELL

NICK BUELL – GET WELL / MARIE & DENNIS WEAVER - GET WELL

NELSON LANCHESTER - GET WELL / JERRY BARTLOW FAMILY - SYMPATHY

Click on "Member Info" on the KLS website: 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

NOVEMBER

Brad Boquist 3rd
Charles Givens 12th
Gregory Slobodzian 12th
Josh Kaivo 22nd
Doris Simmons 24th

DECEMBER

John Lee 1st
Cortney 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
Frank Zink October 12th

Happy Birthday!



JANUARY

Jeff Mills 1st
Richard Mairs 6th
Robert Noecker 10th
Francisco Omelanchuk 11th
William Hartung 14th
Russell Flood 15th
Kathy Huffman 20th
Mary Wightman 22nd
Ed Johanson 23rd
Sylvia Hartung 28th
Ginnie Hance 29th

Welcome New Members

JAMES HUNTINGTON
NATHAN, KANDI, STANLEY & SYDNEY SCHUBERT

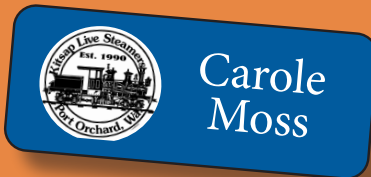
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These are provided with a pin back. If you would like a magnetic attachment, it is available for \$16.00.

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.

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

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