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Happy Birthdays to

January Birthdays –

Jeff Mills (January 1st),
Richard Mairs (January 6th),
Robert Noecker (January 10th),
Bill Hartung (January 20th),
Sylvia Hartung (January 28th),
Tom Caparella (January 30th),
Jeanie Springer (January 31st)

February Birthdays –

Donna Olsen (February 19th),
Tom Huffman (February 19th)

Printable Roster

A complete printable Membership Roster is now available. From the Home Page follow the green menu strip to Membership Directory. Two options are available; the first is a quick search providing phone number and if the member has email, a link. The second option will provide a comprehensive roster including member's mailing address, phone and email. Click on the first line, titled "KLS Membership Roster (date)," and it will automatically load. This can be printed for your future reference, however, you will need a pdf program such as Adobe.

If you would like to have a printed copy sent to you, or there is an error in a listing, please let me know, 253-566-3843 or withane65423@gmail.com.

President's Message

by Tom Huffman

We had a great AGM this year some very important decisions were approved. This next year K.L.S. will be very busy with the track extension and shed build. The Rainier room was a bit small we will look for a larger venue next year. Thank you to all that attended it's nice to see so many members at the AGM.

There is so much to do in our area of responsibility if you have the time, please don't be shy about asking for a project. Don't be afraid to ask our board members for a project, everything helps there is no project too small or large that we can't complete with your help.

The 2018 operating season is around the bend; we always need members to sign up for superintendent and train crews. We do have a new Superintendent binder that will help with the management of the Crews.

Thank you for a very good 2017 I'm looking forward to this next year. It will be fun watching K.L.S expand and spread the news about Live Steaming.

President

Tom Huffman

Special Additional Track Report January 2018 Edition

by Bill Hartung
Track Committee Chairman

"Next Steps For the New Track"

Something special regarding the new track is coming up. Greg Slobodzian has developed a method of assembling curved track panels on the new jig that uses the pre-molded plastic ties. Greg will provide instruction on how to use the jig at the first February work day, Saturday Feb. 10th. This is very timely, as it's time to get started on building the panels for the new extension. Please carve out a spot on your calendars to come to the park on Feb. 10th to hear and see how the new track panels will go together.

With the vagaries of our Winter weather, and numerous scheduling conflicts, we are moving the final grading work for the new track to sometime in February. Once a new date is set, there will be an announcement sent to all KLS via email.



Scheduled Run Days

- Second and Fourth Saturday's April 14th thru Oct 27th.
 - Easter run March 31st (Easter April 1st), Ghost train October 27th (4th Sat of month) shorten run day to 1:00 P.M.
 - Holiday special run: April 8th, May 28th, Sept 3rd, July 4th
 - Sunday special run, May 20th, Sept 30th
 - Fun Run: July 21st, Friends and Family Aug 18th
 - Winter work days Jan 27th, Feb. 10th & 24th, Mar. 10th & 24th
 - Annual boiler inspection and engineer training April 13th and 14th
- Note: Train Mountain events (work week and tri annual) from June 16th thru July 1st .

Kitsap Work Week 2018

The Kitsap Work Week will be April 7th Through April 13th this year. We will be working on various projects in anticipation of the 2018 Triennial. Jerry Crane will be the Volunteer Coordinator for this work week and we will hold the usual morning volunteer meetings to assign volunteers to various tasks.

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

You do not have to be a KLS member to participate in this work week, all volunteers are welcomed. This is a great time to come to Train Mountain and volunteer **without** having to **pay a 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 be there!

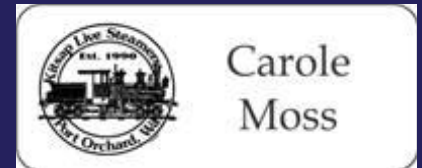
Derail Grade Crossing

By Don Rogers

The Derail Grade Crossing is ready for concrete. Today Tom, Dan and I set up and double checked the forms and rebar in preparation for receiving the concrete truck. The concrete will be delivered at ~10:30am on Monday 22 January. We expect to have a little concrete left over so we also built forms to expand the concrete pad at the depot by 2 feet in width and for a pad by the picnic tables to mount a railroad switch that was donated to us by Jesse Thompson. So, Monday Tom, Dan and I will meet up at the park around 7:30am to put the forms and rebar in place and do one final check before the truck arrives, then we will be massaging the concrete



Logo sweatshirts, hoodies, polos or tee shirts are available. The logo is large and centered (see example). You can choose color or style of the shirt you desire. We need to have a minimum order of 12 units, mix and match. If you would like to have one, please let Carole know, withane65423@gmail.com, so we can compile an order.



The name tags ordered in the future will have our KLS logo emblem shown here. It will continue to be blue with the white logo and lettering. These are provided with a pin back. A magnetic attachment is available for an additional \$4. If you wish to have a new name pin, with the logo, they are \$10 until the end of the year.

One name tag is provided free for a new Individual Membership, and two are provided with a Family Membership. Replacements or additional name tags for family members can be ordered for \$10.00 each for now. Please contact Carole at withane65423@gmail.com or 253-566-3843 for replacements or additions.

WASHINGTON STATE HISTORY MUSEUM



Cinder Ella. 12" gauge coal fired
Owned by Glenn Brooks



Bulletin Board

“On Track”

by Bill Hartung

Here we are at the beginning of a new year, with lots of challenges, old and new, waiting for us at the park. When the weather permits, we will be doing final grading on the new right-of-way and then Jerry Crane will bring out his transit to get us an accurate survey of the planned route. Meanwhile, Greg Slobodzian has been working on an upgrade to the new track panel jig, to enable us to fab both straight and curved panels on that same jig. We have an ample supply of ties, screws and rail, so we can get started right away building panels for the new track.

I do want to let the ground settle for a few weeks before we start putting down the ballast and laying track. Douglas van Veelen recommends in his book Civil Engineering for Outdoor Railroads to let the ground settle for a while after it's graded. I expect our usual Winter rains will serve to accomplish this, so by the time the weather improves in Port Orchard, the new right-of-way will be ready for the real effort of laying ballast and the new track.

Aside from preparing for the new track, now is the time to begin tuning up the existing track to ensure it's in its best form for the start of the new season. As weather permits, the usual focus will be on the dips and kinks that mother nature applied to the track since the Halloween ghost train run. What sounds like a lot of work is actually fun to do and not very demanding physically, so I encourage everyone, especially new members, to come to the park on one of the posted work days (look at the calendar on the website). Please contact me if you have questions or suggestions.

Rolling Stock

by Tom Caparella

This past year has been a very good one. We have had very few derailments, and those we had were mostly due to our riders leaning too much. This past year we have added five (5) new straddle cars to our inventory. They still need to be painted. We also took all our straddle cars and split them up in pairs. Between the pairs we installed draw bars and safety chains that can't be removed and left the couplers on each end. This makes it easier and quicker to use them in pairs. This makes the Ghost Train runs faster to set up. It also makes it easier if you only want to use two cars instead of four. With all the work and preventive maintenance done during the week as well as any repair work on the straddle cars this has made our run days far and away more trouble free. We don't have to take time out during the Run Day for repairs, leaving us short on cars for the public runs. Thank you to all the people that come up to the track during the week to keep up all the work and repairs needed. I would like to add this. When you are driving the train and have a derailment please take a few seconds and do a brief inspection to see if the brake shoes are loose or hanging down and see if there has been any damage to the brake cylinders or any other damage. If there is please let the superintendent know so we can take that car and do a more in depth inspection and perform any repairs or adjustments before returning the car to service.

Sunshine

By Carole Moss

Please encourage our members that we miss. You can send a card, email, call or drop an encouraging card. It's just nice to know someone is thinking about you! Also, please remember the caretakers, if appropriate. If you know of someone who needs encouragement, please contact Carole at withane65423@gmail.com or 253-566-3843

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Bulletin Board

Buildings and Yard Equipment

By Don Rogers

Here's what's been happening around the track:

- Procured 6 ft. tool chest and placed in the Thomson building. (Please put things back where you got them from)
- Installed two wire shelving units and removed the old wooden shelving units.
- Measured and planned material for an 8 ft wide grade crossing at the derail switch.
- Measured and planned material for a 4 ft wide sidewalk from the depot to the Thomson building.
- Built semi permanent Dividing/Partition Wall in the Thomson building to separate the general area from the storage racks.

Upcoming Plans:

- Continue replacing worn out aluminum rail sections with steel rail.
- Paint and apply graphics to the 600 series passenger cars.
- Procure a 6 ft rolling tool chest and consolidate tools and material on Thomson bldg. bookshelves.
- Construct an 8 foot wide concrete crossing area across tracks adjacent to the derail foot pedal switch to facilitate moving rock and material for the new track road bed. (January)
- Construct a 4 ft. wide sidewalk from the depot to the Thomson building to enhance safe movement for disabled persons. (February)

We have approximately 10 puzzles, several VHS Train movies, miscellaneous magazines including a set of live steam magazine and various periodicals in the Thomson building. The magazines include Model Tec, Kadee Calendars, Model Railroader, Australian Models etc. The truth is we are finding it hard to find space to run a library and museum along with a working railroad. We also have several duplicate copies of railroad themed books. We really need someone to step up and take custody of these items. The Live Steam magazines go for 95 cents each on eBay with eBay keeping 10 percent. I personally do not have the time to catalog sell and ship all this stuff. If we cannot find a home for this stuff, I will need to find another way to dispose of these surplus items.

Winter is here and we are hard at work on our list of projects and improvements. The projects that are in the works are really ambitious and may seem overwhelming but will get done if we just tackle them one by one. Big changes are starting to happen and I would encourage all our able members to find ways to get active and involved in making KLS a better place. You have to go a long way to find a better railroad and it sure won't build itself.

Much thanks to our stalwart weekday yard and track crew; Tom Huffman, Greg Slobodzian, Dan Simmons, Bill Hartung, and also Carole Moss, Ted Karanson and the other regulars who come out and donate their valuable time and effort to work on the KLS Railroad. Thanks also to the many KLS members working behind the scenes such as Richard Hoffman, Ken Olsen Brittany / Don Morrell and Don Deffley, to name a few. Their hard work really makes a difference and they are much appreciated.

Happy Rails, Don Rogers



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For Sale

I have some re-railing plates manufactured by Klamath and Western Railroad, they have made them as a fund raiser. If you are interested in purchasing one of these let me know. Contact Jeff Mills at 253-740-6013. They are \$30.00 each.



For Sale

2.5 in Scale 7.5 in Gauge, Roll Model Legend Series 0-6-0 Electric Switcher w/charger, 6' Flat car, 6' Gondola, 6' Roll Model Work Caboose, 2006 7X12 Dual Axle Pace trailer w/electric brakes. Asking \$20,000.00. Contact Larry Harper at 619-507-4137



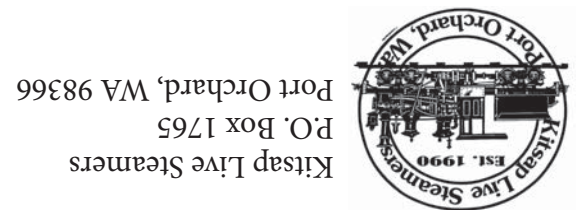
For Sale

Narrow gauge rail truck chassis, 54" long, with 6" RMI steel wheels. Powered by two 24 wheel chair motors. \$500 for all the parts in the photos including a 80 amp PWM controller with a reversing relay. It is located in Yakima. Kenneth Roeh, (509)248-4449, skid-roeh@msn.com.



For Sale

Speedglas high end self darkening welding helmet. See www.speedglas.com for description. New condition with new lithium batteries. Contact at Doug_wilkinson@msn.com



Kitsap Live Steamers Calendar

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| January | 27 | Work day in the Park |
| February | 5 | Board Meeting, Poodle Dog, Fife 7:00pm |
| | 10 | Work day in the Park |
| | 24 | Work day in the Park |
| March | 5 | Board Meeting, Poodle Dog, Fife 7:00pm |
| | 10 | Work day in the Park |
| | 24 | Work day in the Park |
| | 31 | Easter Run |
| April | 2 | Board Meeting, Poodle Dog, Fife 7:00pm |
| | 8 | Special Run Day in the Park |
| | 14-15 | Boiler Testing and Run Day in the Park |