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*Kitsap Sun*  
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## Boiler Testing

Photo by Carole Moss and Bill Hartung



Next Meeting:  
May 1, 2017  
7PM  
Poddle Dog, Fife

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## Happy Birthdays to

### April Birthdays –

George Hoke (April 3<sup>rd</sup>),  
 Al VonRueden (April 4<sup>th</sup>),  
 Allyson Frame (April 13<sup>th</sup>),  
 Don Deffley (April 14<sup>th</sup>),  
 Pat Rogers (April 23<sup>rd</sup>),  
 Bob Brown (April 24<sup>th</sup>),  
 Russ Noe (April 30<sup>th</sup>)

### May Birthdays –

Nick Buell (May 5<sup>th</sup>),  
 Andy Orford (May 15<sup>th</sup>),  
 Caden Powell (May 21<sup>st</sup>),  
 Jerry Crane (May 23<sup>rd</sup>)

## 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

Jim Dunwiddie  
 Kitsap County Parks  
 614 Division ST. MS-1  
 P.O. Box 1765  
 Port Orchard, WA. 98366

April 06, 2017

Reference: Concession Agreement May 2016  
 Paragraph 1.10, concession responsibilities of the Kitsap Live Steamer

1. Kitsap Live Steamers 2016 year was a very successful year, we our increased ridership, and membership. We added two holidays to the schedule (July 4<sup>th</sup> and Labor Day) for a trial period. They were very successful and have added them to our 2017 calendar as scheduled operating days, we also hosted some special needs service for South Kitsap Schools, plans are to expand this service for this year is to include Central and North Kitsap school Districts This year we have included a few Sunday runs as a trial if they are as successful as our holiday runs last year we will add them as a scheduled event for 2018.
2. A new Locomotive was purchased February 2016 and placed it into service. As indicated on our 2016 yearly financial statement Locomotives are very expensive. Include our track expansion at about \$100.00 per 10 feet it's sure to keep our treasurers pencil sharp.
3. We are addressing our ADA responsibilities and are constructing a ADA (wheelchair) riding car. Some hand railing adjustment will be made to our tressel for the extra width the car requires. A set aside loading area next to our steaming bays will allow for easy safe loading of our mobility challenged members and guests.
4. The items below are our planned improvements over the next 10 years.
  1. Construct a covered work (steel carport style area over three of our steaming racks. We have a very limited covered area now. The new covering will allow us to maintain our equipment sheltered from the rain. Spring of 2017
  2. Complete the track extension section A. (a turnaround "Y") spring 2018.
  3. Complete section B. of the expansion, a young members track (isolated from the main line for safety), and new K.L.S. picnic area the fall 2018.
  4. Late fall 2017 or Spring 2018 our new Hudson locomotive will be placed into service. The Hudson is a steam powered locomotive with new riding cars. We will then have four passenger trains available for service.
  5. Finalize the storage building construction plans early 2018. Secure funding for project.

## President's Message continued

by Tom Huffman

6. Start construction of new storage building the summer of 2018 complete by spring 2019
  7. Extend a new track expansion North of our current set aside area 2021
  8. Extend the main line to the skate park/ batting cage parking lot with a new station. Providing passenger train service between both ends of the park. 2023
  9. Rebuild or replace our two aging locomotives. These engines are close to twenty years old and will need major rework or replacement within the next 5 to 10 years. 2024-2027.
5. K.L.S. would like to thank the Park Board and Department employees for your support and enjoyable working relationship. We at K.L.S. wish to work with the Parks Department and integrate our 10-year plan with the Parks projected improvements. Our long range plan is to be able to transport passengers between our current depot location, future planned parking areas, the ball fields, and skate park.

President Kitsap Live Steamers, Thomas R. Huffman

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## Don L. Bellis 1934 - 2017

Don went to be with the Lord, February 18th, at the age of 83 after a long battle with Parkinson. He was a wonderful husband and loving father, He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Leona Bellis and their three children Barbara, David



and Christy. His sister Marie Taylor is still living. Don was born, raised, and lived in San Diego for most of his life. He retired to Bremerton, WA, but returned to California to be closer to his family. Don served his country for several years in the Army. He was best known by his family as the "Mail Man" for work and "Train Man" for his hobby. He worked in the mailroom of Wycliff Bible Translators located in Long Beach and for the San Diego Unified School District. He ended his working years as a custodian for the school district. He volunteered his time at the Pacific Southwest Railroad Museum located in Campo, CA and Kitsap Live Steamers in Port Orchard, WA. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends. No services will be held

## AmazonSmile Site

KLS is now set up so that when you place an order with Amazon. Amazon will donate 0.5% of your Product purchase to KLS. In order to make this happen, type in this link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/91-1472937> to access the AmazonSmile site and then place your order. Note that for an item to qualify the agreement reads: "A Product" is any item sold on the AmazonSmile Site and which is marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on the relevant item detail page. Obviously if you return the item purchased, the donation will not occur as well as recurring Subscribe-and-Save purchases and subscription renewals.

For more information download and read the "AmazonSmile Participation Agreement". The link is: [AmazonSmile Participation Agreement](#).

Thanks to our Treasurer Ken Kavio for setting this up,

## TRAIN RUN AT SKAGEN'S IN SHELTON – June 17<sup>th</sup>

Dave and Cherie Skagen are opening up their own personal track for a Fun Run Day on June 17<sup>th</sup>. Those of you who have run your train there know what a fun, sweet track it is. And, the hospitality is great, too! They have replaced a lot of track this winter and the weather should be wonderful by then. You do not want to miss this opportunity. Cherie says they will offer a smoked sausage lunch and beverages for a small fee. A \$5 donation is requested to cover on-site port-a-potty cost.

Mark your calendar now for June 17<sup>th</sup>, 9am to 4pm.

**Please RSVP to Cherie at 360-426-6280 and PLEASE BRING YOUR TRAIN!**

## Our FaceBook Page



## IT'S TIME TO RENEW

Those of you who joined before 2012-13 have already received renewal notices. If you have not, your renewal date is other than April 30<sup>th</sup> and you will be notified 45 days before your current membership expires.

KLS membership is a great opportunity that gives you an chance to participate in member activities, get to know fellow members, a place to learn something new and mentor a new person who wants to learn. Plus, the enjoyment of railroad fellowship and camaraderie. And, it is just plain fun to share our love of trains and railroading with one another and the public.

Your efforts, membership and contributions, either monetary or working at the track, allow us to sustain what has been achieved and adds to our future growth. If you are unable to join in a work party, please come and share your knowledge and expertise. Kitsap Live Steamers is a group effort; it is how we all learn and grow!

## From the Old Cannery Furniture Store

Hi, our store is looking for a steam loco working or not that is for sale. We enjoy promoting local railroading of all sizes and a large model loco would be a super addition to our train displays.

Thanks  
George  
[253-241-7140](tel:253-241-7140)

## DUES HAVE NOT CHANGED

There are several options to consider in renewing and they are all easy! You can logon to the website to renew and pay dues with your credit card. Simply click on the red button beside your name, then follow the prompts. Or if you wish to pay by check, you can logon, update your information, and mail in the payment after printing your invoice. The third option is to print an application, fill it out, sign and mail with your payment. If you need an application, you can find one under the "Membership Renewal Tab" on our home page. Or scroll down on the home page to the yellow smiley ☺ face and see "Membership Info." If none of that works for you, call me at 253-566-3843, I will see you get one!

Family membership is still only \$60! (2 adults, 18 years old at same address, plus kids/grandkids through 17 years of age)

Individual - \$40 (anyone over 18)

Military – Active duty Military – 50% discount on above categories

Associate - \$20 (18 years old and outside 100 mile radius of KLS)

Student - \$10 (someone 14 to 17 years old, requires a KLS sponsor)

Don't wait any longer. Renew your membership today!

If you already have - THANK YOU!!!

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Carole Moss

[membership@kitsaplivesteamers.org](mailto:membership@kitsaplivesteamers.org)

253-566-3843

## Bulletin Board

### Rolling Stock

By Tom Caparella

This past work day we pulled out all the straddle cars and inspected the trucks and made any necessary repairs, then we did the brake checks and adjusted them accordingly. All the straddle cars are now ready for the run season. One of our cars still needs to have one of the trucks replaced. This coming Friday we should be getting the repaired truck and get it installed on the car. A couple of women went through and washed and cleaned all the straddle cars. This is no little task and I want to Thank them for doing this. I want to thank everyone that helped get the cars inspected and the brakes adjusted. I also wish to thank Don Defley for all the work he has done on the straddle cars. This has made a tremendous difference. There have been many people helping out here and I don't remember all the names of the people helping so I would feel bad if I left anyone out.

### Membership

By Carole Moss

KLS will provide one name tag for an Individual Membership, and two are provided with a Family Membership. Additional or replacement name tags can be ordered for \$10.00 each. Please contact Carole at [withane65423@gmail.com](mailto:withane65423@gmail.com) or 253-566-3843 for replacements or additions. Please notify us if you have a change of your contact information. The Membership/Renewal application form is also downloadable from our website [www.kitsaplivesteamers.org](http://www.kitsaplivesteamers.org).

### "On Track"

by Bill Hartung

*Track Report for KLS Order Board, April 2017* As we approach the beginning of our 2017 season, only the short loop is open for travel. The north loop is closed; track panels have been taken out in two locations to provide access for the contractor hired by the county to remove the diseased trees. The latest information from the county forester indicates that the cutting will begin on Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, following our opening weekend. That could still change – it has slid several times already. At least the contractor understands our need to have some portion of our main line open for trains on our scheduled weekends, so he has promised to do his best to work with us.

We will be removing three track panels on the short loop at the end of opening day, again to enable the contractor to bring in his heavy tracked machine that takes down the trees without damaging our track. He plans to work first in the area inside our short loop, then he'll move north and west of the short loop. We will be re-laying the three panels of the short track early on the day of the Easter Egg run. I won't know if we must take it out again until late in the week preceding the Easter Egg weekend; that depends on how many trees the county forester tells the contractor to cut down. And, there is no estimate available yet regarding when the removal of all the diseased trees in the area of our railroad will be completed. We will remain flexible and work with the parks department, the forester and the tree cutting contractor.

Ultimately, the removal of the dead trees will be a benefit to KLS. It should simplify work on our planned mainline extension, and it will significantly reduce the chance of dead trees falling onto and damaging our track.

Please contact me if you have questions.

### 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](mailto:withane65423@gmail.com) or 253-566-3843

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253-853-0493

### Sunday Special Run Days

April 30<sup>th</sup>, June 4<sup>th</sup>, July 30<sup>th</sup>,  
and Oct 15<sup>th</sup>

### Holiday Run days

Memorial Day: May 29<sup>th</sup>,  
4<sup>th</sup> of July: July 4<sup>th</sup> and  
Labor Day: Sept 4<sup>th</sup>

## Bulletin Board

### Buildings and Yard Equipment

By Don Rogers

#### March 2017 Yard and Buildings Work Report.

- Cleaned up garden areas by the loading area gate.
- Cleaned track and yard of branches and other debris
- Built gravel drain at switch Y-2 to correct a standing water problem.
- Installed Stainless bearing strips on remote operated switches.
- In progress changing kick switches to George Hokes' improved mechanism.
- Completed BNSF Dash 9 Oil Change and Lube job.
- Completed Milwaukee SW1500 Oil Change and Lube job.
- Completed service on brakes and trucks of all riding cars.
- Washed and cleaned all riding cars.
- Installed LED lights on the Milwaukee SW1500 (Tom Huffman).
- Supporting tree cutting operations with track section removal/replacement.

I note that the KLS Train Mountain work week starts on Friday, April 14, 2017. I wholly support train mountain and the super opportunities it provides for us to enjoy our hobby. Another option to consider if you want to work on a railroad and at the same time save yourself the trouble and expense of an 8 hour or more drive, your expertise and talents would be appreciated while working to support the KLS railroad. There is plenty of work that needs to be done such as:

- Clean and Paint yard lifts and depot railings.
- Ballast track washout areas.
- Repair and straighten yard area barbed wire and chain link fence.
- Bend and place steel rail on outside of all mainline curves.
- Install limit switch on electric transfer table.
- Fix leaking container van roofs.

And the list goes on and on.

As we near our regular run season members will be bringing in their train equipment to run and/or store. Please remember to cleanup after yourself, lock up and properly secure equipment after use. If the trash cans are full, or a new roll of toilet paper is needed, feel free to take appropriate action. Contact me if you have any questions.

I want to again thank our new Member of the Year co-recipients Greg Slobodzian and Dan Simmons, as well as Tom Huffman, Bill Hartung, Ted Karanson, Carole Moss, John Thomas, Jessie Thompson and the many others who come out and donate all their hard work on the KLS Railroad.

Happy Rails, Don Rogers

Don't forget to attend this upcoming event.

Work Week At Train Mountain.

Train Mountain Railroad  
36941 South Chiloquin Road  
Chiloquin, OR 97624

The annual Kitsap Work Week event will be held this year the week of April 14th through April 24th. For more details click on "details"

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Don't forget to attend this upcoming event.

Easter Egg Hunt And Train Rides  
Saturday, April 15, 2017

South Kitsap Regional Park  
3101 SE Marbeth LN  
Port Orchard, WA 98366

Train rides start at 10 am and end at 2 pm weather permitting. See details for more information

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Don't forget to attend this upcoming event.

Fun Run and conductor and engineer training  
Saturday, May 20, 2017 at 9:00 AM

South Kitsap Regional Park  
3101 SE Marbeth LN  
Port Orchard, WA 98366

Come and enjoy your engines and we will also be providing instructions on how to run our KLS engines. Learn to be a conductor and an engineer.

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### For Sale

Complete Train - 7 ½ in gauge 2 ½ in scale electric RMI 0-6-0 switcher, flat car, gondola and work caboose. Upgraded Parvalux (EMD) 24 volt electric motors and gearbox and 4QD 300 amp controller. Battery charger, 5' and 8' maintenance stands and miscellaneous parts. Asking \$20,000.00 Contact Larry Harper at 619-507-4137 lharperinwa@gmail.com




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### For Sale:

Miller 275 Amp AC Welder  
220 Volt AC, 30 amp cord  
Includes cart. \$200  
George Hoke  
GENGH@aol.com 425-641-5026

Kitsap Live Steamers  
 P.O. Box 1765  
 Port Orchard, WA 98366



## Kitsap Live Steamers Calendar

April	14-24	Kitsap work week at Train Mountain
	15	Easter Run Board 10am - 2pm
	22	Run day in the Park AM - Nelson Lanchester PM - Don Rogers
	30	Sunday Run Day in the Park
May	1	Board Meeting - Poodle Dog 7pm
	13	Run day in the Park AM - Nick Buell PM - Don Rogers
	20	Fun Run and conductor and engineer training
	27	Run day in the Park AM - Nelson Lanchester PM - Tom Huffman
	29	Memorial Day Run Day in the Park - TBD
June	4	Sunday Run Day in the Park TBD
	5	Board Meeting - Poodle Dog 7pm
	10	Run day in the Park AM - TBD PM - TBD