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Photos of the Easter Run
Taken by Bill Hartung

President's Message

by Erik M. Meehan

Setbacks, Learning and Success

As I write this my right thumb and my left arm are aching. A week ago, my thumb was bitten by one of my cats as he was having a medical issue of his own. In spite of getting prompt medical attention and antibiotics, my situation got worse over the week. (Although I'm not medically trained, when the doctors started using terms like "hospitalization" and "amputation" on Wednesday, I knew that couldn't be good.) So...in addition



Next Meeting:
May 4, 2015 7:00pm
Poodle Dog, Fife

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Happy March Birthdays to

*George Hoke (04/03),
Al VonRueden (04/04),
Allyson Frame (04/13),
Don Deffley (04/14),
Pat Rogers (04/23),
Bob Brown (04/24),
Russ Noe (04/30)*

IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Check the website for your application for renewal.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

President's Message

Continued

to the throbbing thumb, I now have an intravenous PICC line in my left arm where I've been receiving stronger antibiotics. (Although it is nice to not have to shave for work, or to wear a tie to church, I think it'll be nicer to have my full mobility and dexterity back.)

Last month, Kitsap Live Steamers was dealt a bit of a blow when we were told by Kitsap County to stop work on the expansion. Whether we were properly served that stop work notice can be debated, but the message itself was loud and clear. Not wanting to make a bad situation even worse, I agreed to the stop work order until we receive permission to proceed from Kitsap County. We are working on trying to resolve the impasse quickly and in our favor.

Even though working on the

expansion is currently not on the list of things to do, there are still plenty of things to do around the railroad. Motive power, rolling stock, track and grounds all have lists of things to do. I cannot encourage the Members enough to come out and help wherever, whenever and however they can...please.

In previous messages I've mentioned that January marked the 25th anniversary of the founding of Kitsap Live Steamers. Even though the times have changed, the Membership roster has changed, and the name of the park has changed, we have never moved. In spite of the temporary setback on the expansion, it's important that we continue to make Kitsap Live Steamers—our railroad, YOUR railroad—an attractive attraction in the park, and the best railroad it can be. Please help.

Station Master Duties

The Station Master is an individual who takes the lead at the Depot. They are to collaborate with the superintendent on duty, Station Agents and other KLS members to ensure that our riders have a safe and fun experience at KLS.

AM Station Master: 9:00 to 1:00
PM Station Master: 1:00 to 5:00

AM station Master is the lead in setting up the Depot and the PM Station master is the lead taking down the Depot each asking for assistance from members.

Work with Depot staff in loading trains. Making sure that a safety briefing is done for each train load and that the trains are loaded per safety regulations.

Take the lead in sales at the Depot—keeping track of each item as they sell on the sales log.

Using the counter, keeping track of each rider as they are seated on the train.

Station Agent Duties:

Sign up for hourly shifts at the Depot. They are to be there to assist the Station Master with the loading of trains, doing the safety briefing, sales at the Depot and if there is not a person at the exit gate, to be there when trains are unloading. They are there as an extra set of eyes at the Depot to make sure that our riders are having a safe and fun experience at the Depot.

A Perfect Fit

By *Barbara Lanchester*

Have you ever tried to find the “perfect place”; the “perfect fit”; the “ideal place”? Have you ever found a place where you felt “like you really belong”; like “it was made just for you”; that it “fits like a glove”?

We have the “perfect place” for you. It will “fit you to a tee”; it will be “just what you have been looking for”. You will think that “we made it just for you”.

At the train depot we have so many opportunities. If you are interested in seeing people smile and laugh. This is the place. You can tell stories, you can listen to stories and jokes, you can watch what people do while they are waiting. It is often times very funny.

Are you interested in teaching? This is the place. You do not need a license to do so at the train depot. You can teach about the operation of the steam engines, by the “poster” we have on display. You can tell people why we have a gate (to keep them safe); you can share encouragement and positive information to help each person.

Did you ever want to be an “airline stewardess”? This is your opportunity. When the passengers exit the gate after riding the train, you can say things like, “thank you for riding with us”; “we are so thankful that you were able to ride with us”; “we hope you will come and ride again.

Do you like assisting the elderly? This is the place. When the elderly come to ride, a lot of times they have canes, walkers, sometimes even a wheelchair. This is the perfect opportunity to assist them in getting on the train, getting off the train, and sometimes, being the rider with them to assist during the ride. The oldest rider we have had was 106 years old.

Do you like working with little children and babies? This is the place. It is always an opportunity to assist in getting the children seated properly (safely). You can share with the parent that only babies in a sling or front pouch can ride the train. Most of them do not know this strategic piece of information. It is also an opportunity to help calm the child until the ride begins. The youngest child we have given a ride to was 1 week old.

Do you like working in sales? This is definitely your place. We sell multiple items, we collect money, make change, etc. All with a smile. This is also a position that allows you to interact with others, and we ALWAYS need assistance.

Do you ever get discouraged because people just “don’t seem to know the right thing”? This is your place. Every time we load the train, we have a list of Rules and Regulations that we verbally give to our riders. These are actually basic things that make the riders safe. The Rules and Regulations are typed out and enclosed in plastic, so you would know what to say, every single time. Did you ever want to be a speaker? This is your place. We have a microphone, and an audience available for you.

Do you like to tell stories about places? This is your place. We offer “tours” to the public. This is an opportunity to lead a group of people (no more than 6 at a time); make sure they have “tour badges” on, then lead them from the train depot, to the yard, where you can show them what we do, and answer questions. Most people do not know more than you do. Each time you do a tour, you learn more about KLS, to share with others.

Do you like to be “in charge”? This is your place. We have a position called “Station Master”. It would be ideal. A Station Master would assume that position for mornings from 8:30-12:30, or for afternoons from 12:30-4:30, or for the entire day from 8:30-4:30. This position as Station Master has a printed list of duties, it always has lots of assistants. This is a position similar to Superintendent, except it is just for the train station. It is mainly someone to oversee and make sure things are accomplished.

Have you ever wanted to be a gardener or landscaper? This is the place. We have several gardens and flower beds. We also have a picnic area that can always use strategic input to keep it a very “inviting” place. We are currently in the process of opening up a new area to add to, and improve the picnic area. It is a wonderful opportunity to grow things you have always dreamed of.

Do you like working with dogs? This is definitely your place. Our riders are unable

to take pets on the train, therefore, the need is for someone willing to watch and care for the pet while the owner is riding the train. It is not difficult, and only takes 10-15 minutes at a time. Sometimes it is just holding the leash which is attached to the pet, and other times it might be to hold the dog. Either way, there is a need for your assistance.

Sometimes we do not know what we are looking for, until we find it. To work at the train depot, you can do so for 1 hour at a time, or for a complete day, or maybe just while the worker goes to lunch. This would be an opportune time to try on a position, and see what “fits you to a tee!”

There will always be someone available to answer your questions or concerns. You would not be operating the train depot all by yourself, but your assistance would be greatly appreciated. So, come on down to the depot.



For Sale: Many of you remember the late Walt McGowen. The SF F7 electric engine was his and KLS purchased it from Walt prior to his death. He was with us from the start of KLS and if you read Marie Weaver’s account of the early years of KLS history his name is frequently mentioned. The family wants to sell his metal lathe. They are asking \$1200 or best offer, based upon one we saw sold on craigslist. The contact for the listing is Janet Osness and Gary Osness. (253) 941-4256.



The early Years of KLS... (1990-94) Part 7

By Marie Weaver

In July 1994 there were several coupon bonds that had been issued to buy the track and equipment from Waldo Thomas, still outstanding. Dave Thomason and other members pledged to donate funds in order to retire them. The funding for the organization was still an issue and several members guarded what little funds there were in order to maintain a positive balance in the checking account. Over the course of several months to follow all the coupon bonds were redeemed or turned in as a donation to the organization.

Up until July 1994 the business meetings were being held the morning of a run day, this caused several issues. Time was a problem when there were issues to be discussed that took a lot of time. Also, it caused problems with set up at the depot. It was decided to move the business meeting way from the park at another location once a month in the evenings.

In August 1994 Don Deffley presented the organization with the identification sign of the riveted boiler at the front gate with Dennis and my names on it as founders. I attempted to plant rhododendrons behind it but people kept parking on top of them, thus killing them. I also tried to plant grass in the picnic area but due to the trees and again people parking in the area the grass would not grow.

Up until September 1994 all members had the right to vote on all issues that came before the board. The by-laws set the organization up as a Board run organization. This was pointed out that the organization was not being run as the by-laws outlined. The ultimate decision of those present at that meeting was to have the Board be the authority that ran the organization, with input from the floor at business meetings. Once the discussion was over the board, that is the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and the three

directors would vote on the issue for it to be adopted or not. This was voted on and passed at the September 1994 business meeting. Part of this decision for the board to run the day-to-day operations was to have an agenda presented to the members at large so there could be discussion on each subject. This decision followed the by-laws that were adopted in March 1990.

December 1994 was the first business meeting held at the Poodle Dog Café. Over the years KLS has tried using various libraries and other locations but has returned to this location for the business meeting, 7pm to 8:30 is what has come to be the usual. Also all of the coupon bonds that had been so helpful funding the track purchase from Waldo Thomas were finally paid off.

With each passing year of the organization has been part of my life I continue to be amazed by how well the trains have been accepted in the community. The phone calls I have received over the years are usually the same, "Are you running today, what time and how much!" The first five years have been the hardest to organize, find funding and people wishing to share my dream and passion for the hobby. This is just the beginning of this history and I hope to follow with the rest, at a later date. It as twenty-five years in January 2015.



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 \$7.00 each. Please contact Carole at: membership@kitsaplivesteamers.org or 253-566-3843 for replacements or additions.

Please notify us if you have a change of your contact information. The Membership/renewal form is also downloadable from our website www.kitsaplivesteamers.org. Remember Family membership is only \$60 and we now have the option of payment by credit card.

Welcome to our newest members

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Boiler Inspection

17 Boilers check and passed for 2015. 4 more to be checked on May 9th.



Bulletin Board

Building and Grounds

By Tom Caparella

Nelson and Barbara continue to keep the parking lot, steaming bay area, yard, and mainline cleared of debris. They will be at the track on Thursdays for raking and clearing, from 10 AM to 2 PM. They welcome anyone that could come and help out with this task. Nelson and Bill Hartung picked up the remaining branches in the parking lot and disposed of them. Jim Davenport raked the debris along the mainline across from the Thomson Building.

The address post will have to be relocated because the park is going to widen the road coming into the park.

Saturday the 14th Dick Peterson and Dennis Weaver were able to install the down spout on the Northwest corner of the depot.

Nelson was able to get the power back on the cross bucks at the entrance to the compound and to all the steaming bays. Ken Olsen's grandson, Dustin, checked all the electrical work and found it was okay.

The toilet stopped working and we thought we would have to replace it but it was discovered that due to some fluke the water had been turned off. The problem was resolved and the water was turned on and the toilet is working again.

On the 28th the station was pressure washed, and the roof was cleared of debris and picked up. Cottage stones were placed alongside the fence by the bridge. The right-of-way has been cleared of debris up to the concrete cross buck crossing. The driveway has been "blown" clean about half way. The things that were laying around in the Thomson Building have been removed and will be sorted through. Thank you to all the people who showed up to help get all this maintenance completed..

On The Track

By Bill Hartung

Our recently concluded Winter was mild, even by Puget Sound standards, no doubt a big reason why our track was in such good shape as we started prepping for our 2015 season. But we still had ample work to do and I want to express my gratitude to all the KLS members who have assisted in getting the track ready. Trimming the mainline went quickly, so that the most significant work has been repairing damage from a few fallen trees plus replacing rotted ties in the yard. That work will continue throughout the Summer, as we seem to have many ties that exist now in name only.

Looking into the future, we have a large supply of aluminum rail for the upcoming expansion, plus enough steel rail to place on the outside of the largest curve of the new track. As we go forward I will be exploring increasing our use of steel rail, to make our track more stable. If it makes sense economically, using steel will definitely reduce the time we need to spend taking out the dips and kinks that we get from using aluminum rail.

Sation Report

By Barbara Lanchester

The Run Season started on Saturday, April 4th, with the Easter Egg Hunt.

The weather was beautiful and sunny, but very cold. We had a total of 529 riders, and operated the trains between 10 AM and 2 PM.

Our riders are very glad we are back and ready to run. We will continue on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays, through October.

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 membership@kitsaplivesteamers.org or 253-566-3843

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For Sale: Bob's Two Trains 7 1/2 inch gauge, 1 1/2 inch per foot.



Pacific 4-6-2 Locomotive complete and running with prints. Passed all tests for 10 years. Steel boiler and tubes.



Mountain 4-8-4 Locomotive chassis. All wheels turned and mounted on frame. Some rods completed.

Tender truck wheels turned and mounted on shafts. Several castings for engine and tender plus prints.

Craftsman Lathe Model 101.28970, approximately 1962. 12 by 36 inches in excellent condition. Thread cutting and many tools.

Jet Mill Drill Model JMD-15 plus tooling.

Jet Band Saw/Cut off Saw.

Lots of nuts, bolts and stuff for trains.

Engine Hoist

Interested Call Bob Fuchs at 253-631-8377



For Sale

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AMERICAN MODEL ENGINEERING SUPPLY inc. Nuts & Bolts (25 ea.)

HEX NUTS	KLS Donations
4-40 \$6.21	\$4.00
6-32 \$6.15	\$4.00
8-32 \$6.21	\$4.00
10-32 \$6.86	\$4.00
HEX BOLTS	
4-40 x 1/2 \$7.35	\$5.00
4-40 x 3/4 \$10.31	\$6.00
4-40 x 1.0 \$11.06	\$7.00
6-32 x 1/2 \$9.18	\$6.00
6-32 x 3/4 \$12.02	\$8.00
6-32 x 1.0 \$16.74	\$10.00
6-32 x 1 1/4 \$xxxx	\$12.00

HEX BOLTS	KLS Donations
8-32 x 1/2 \$9.48	\$6.00
8-32 x 3/4 \$13.37	\$8.00
8-32 x 1.0 \$15.92	\$9.00
8-32 x 1 1/4 \$xxxx	\$11.00
10-32 x 1/2 \$10.59	\$7.00
10-32 x 3/4 \$14.83	\$9.00
10-32 x 1.0 \$18.79	\$11.00
10.32 x 1 1/4 \$xxxx	\$12.00

Contact Don Deffley
253-880-9713 for more Info

For Sale: Marie Estelle Engine. I am moving to New Zealand and can not ship her. I think pictures do the talking so I am attaching pictures. I am selling the engine, tender and fuel car. The caboose is not for sale. Asking \$8000. Jason Albers - Details and contact information on the <http://www.kitsaplivesteamers.org>



Couplers Bronze \$25.00 a pair some holes to be drilled and 3 Aluminum. Contact Don Deffley 253-880-9713 for more Info.



Special Sale of KLS Shirts

"Get them while they last! Adult KLS Shirts on sale \$5.00 each. The larger sizes listed in the past for as much as \$26.00! There are a few grey t-shirts left and lots of polo shirts in blue with and with out pockets,"

Contact Jana or Barbara Lanchester to make a purchase. Limited to stock on hand!

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Library Report

By Barbara Lanchester

The library is doing very well. We have had a donation from Jerry Springer, the son of Howard and Jeanie Springer. Jerry brought 75 books for the library. The titles are amazing. I am currently in the process of alphabetizing and numbering the books, so they will be available to check out and read.

We have also received four (4) videos from Shirley May. These will be available within the month.

We are very thankful for the donations made to the library. The library has books, CD's, DVD's, magazines, videos, and puzzles. It also has pamphlets, and has the history of Kitsap Live Steamers in notebooks.

Our members are able to check out any items and return them when they are finished.

Thank you Shirley May and Jerry Springer for the generous donations.

FOR SALE: Caboose that needs tender loving care and rework \$500.00 donation to KLS. Contact Don Deffley 253-880-9713 for more Info.



KLS Family Picnics

Fun Day - June 6

Friends and Family -
July 18

Fun Day - August 15

Put it on your calendar.

Kitsap Live Steamers
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Kitsap Live Steamers Calendar

April	25	Run Day in the Park AM - Nelson Lancherster/PM - Don Deffley
May	4	Board Meeting - Poodle Dog 7pm
	9	Run Day in the Park AM - Bill Hartung/PM - Dennis Weaver
	23	Run Day in the Park AM - TBD/PM - Erik Meehan
June	1	Board Meeting - Poodle Dog 7pm
	6	KLS Fun Day in the Park-KLS Board
	13	Run Day in the Park AM - Nelson Lanchester/PM - Tom Huffman
	27	Run Day in the Park AM - TBD/PM - Tom Huffman
July	6	Board Meeting - Poodle Dog 7pm
	11	Run Day in the Park AM - Nick Buell/PM - TBD
	18	Friends and Family