



Order Board

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"Assuming innocence, delegating and taking responsibility--2015 Elections"

Erik M. Meehan

I am completely remiss in not having thanked David Jones for serving as Director, as well as expressing my heartfelt gratitude towards Don Deffley and Jerry Crane for their diligence over the last term. I also want to express my thanks towards ALL Members--past and present--who have helped the railroad become a reality, and continue to improve.

Over the last 10 years, I have worked in numerous customer service centers. Though I've worked for different companies and in different industries, a common thread has been talking on the telephone to people that have concerns, some of who aren't very happy. As you can imagine, a person could become cynical. However, I have found that it is in my best interest to assume innocence--take what people say

at face value--for not only callers, but for friends, family, and everybody I deal with.

We at Kitsap Live Steamers are very fortunate: we have only had to deal with a handful of people that have not had the best interest of the railroad at heart. Although there may occasionally be a commotion or fracas of some sort, it doesn't take

long for those people to leave, and to let the rest of us get back to business after the dust settles.

Although I may have differing opinions than other Members, I have found that I can have a better dialogue with them if I keep in mind that they also have the best interest of the railroad at heart. I would encourage all



Washington State History Museum

Photo by Don Deffley

Next Meeting:
March 2, 2015 7:00pm
Poodle Dog, Fife

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Happy Birthday

Shirley May (02/09) and Donna Olsen (02/19)

DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP – WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

BY-LAW of KLS PURPOSE

The purpose of KLS is to promote the hobby of outdoor miniature railroading by offering scheduled train rides and guided tours of the KLS facility and providing the sights and sounds of railroading for the enjoyment of the membership and visiting public at South Kitsap Regional Park in Port Orchard, Washington and, to provide the public and KLS members with resources of knowledge and experiences that can be passed on to future generations.

President's Message

by Erik M. Meehan

Members to keep that in mind when a difference of opinion arises.

Over the last 25 years KLS has grown in every way imaginable. It has now gotten to the point where the Board Members cannot do everything by themselves. (Try to imagine seven people trying to handle everything--including hauling 1,000 riders--on a typical Run Day.) As such, it has been necessary--and proper--to delegate some of the duties to Members who have volunteered their time and talents to help out the railroad.

Occasionally with delegation, things are overlooked, and mistakes are made; even without delegation, mistakes are made, because we aren't perfect. As President, I'm willing to take ownership of those mishaps, and try to prevent those same mistakes from happening again.

I mention this because there were some mistakes made in regard to the most recent election. While we may not have adhered to the letter of the By-laws by allowing voting through the KLS website, it is my contention that the spirit of the By-laws was adhered to, as each ballot cast did send an e-mail directly to me. Also, the deadline for voting was listed as being the 4th, which was two days after the February Monthly Meeting. At that meeting, I asked if the Members present were willing to abide by the results, and to a person, they agreed. The results of the election will be announced at the March Monthly Meeting.

As we are quickly coming upon the next Run Season, it is my fervent hope that I get to see you--ALL of you--out at the track at one time or another. We are making some changes, and trying to grow. Any help you can provide is greatly appreciated; this is YOUR railroad.



Ken Olsen and his grandson changing the wheels on the ballast hopper.



At the Track

Photos by Don Deffley



Track Work and Clean-up



Removing old ties and putting new ones in.



Special Notice to the Membership

At the March meeting the membership will vote to approve \$7000.00 to purchase the parts and materials to make 5 straddle cars. Please attend to make your voice count.

HELP WANTED

We need Station Masters to run the depot. Morning shift and afternoon shift.

We also need Station agents which are hourly shifts. The station agent helps load and unload trains, Assists with depot sales and helps give the safety briefing.

See Jana Meehan or Barb Lanchester to sign up.

Instructions are available to set up, run the depot and take it down on a run day.

Train Show

Photos by Don Deffley



Carole and Teds Tasha



Don Deffley, BillHartung, Carole andTeds engines



Ken Olsen' s straddle car



Ken Olsen' engine



Jason Albers' cars



The early Years of KLS... (1990-94) Part 5

By Marie Weaver

The fencing dynamotor was just what was needed. Crest Builders provided the fencing for our compound. Teams again went to Tacoma with cutting torches and trailers; bring back a commercial grade fence that was erected in the compound area. The track was removed from the Weaver's back yard to the park so that the work of laying the track could be started as soon as possible.

In August 1991 track laying commenced with two groups setting the first abutment for the trestle while one of the groups laid approximately seventy feet of track. The first loop of the track was to be 1300 feet through what is now the yard area. The station was setup more to the North than it is now. All efforts eventually came together just north of the trestle and crossing.

Also, in July the concerns for the South Kitsap Community Park Districts lack of funds brought to raise the subject of county taking over the park. An amendment to the original agreement with the Community Park District was done. This amendment provided KLS with a perpetual renewal of the agreement with the Park every five years as long as the organization maintains the ride schedule that is advertised to the community.

In the fall and winter on 1991 and early spring of 1992, all efforts were targeted on laying rail with the exception of the running of the Promo Train in Western Washington Community Festivals; to keep the funds available. Work crews were set up with the county juvenile courts; with the high school for community service projects and any other entity that could be encouraged to help. The compound area had conduit laid however, the area still did not have water or power only the piping and wiring laid in the conduit. The Organization worked with the Park Board to obtain electricity and water. The lines for both were laid down KLS's access

road and then disbursed out to the rest of the park. Other resources that were needed were obtained by donations were very helpful. The Kitsap County business community responded wonderfully with whatever was needed. Port Orchard Gravel provided the ballast, along with Kitsap Quarry, Morrison Sand and Gravel hauled the ballast to the park, Tacoma Screw provided screws, McLendon Hardware provided wood and other items and the Organization continued to use what was obtained from Waldo.

In the first part of June the track was connected at the crossing with Dennis Weaver, Don Deffley and I putting the last section in place. On June, 27, 1992 the Kitsap Live Steamers provided the first run with two gas powered diesel type locatives and the member's cars. The trains were provided by Bob Bylsma and Walt McGowan. Pole fencing had been set to keep the public from walking out on the track at the station. A barbecue and potluck was done so the membership and their families could run their locomotives' (including steam as the organization did not have permission to run steam in the public venue yet) and have fun on what they had worked so hard to build.

Once again setup continued to be tedious but the word spread in the community that we were up and running. Donations were small but coming, the Promo Train continued to bringing in most of the funding for operations. Even though KLS could not yet use steam to haul the public Bernie's Mikado became eye candy to the public so they would see what was to come. Throughout 1992 the organization continued to have private barbecues to allow those members who had locomotives, especially steam to run. KLS could not haul the public but members had fun with what equipment was available, profiting from all the hard work!

In August 1992 the organization was approached by Bremerton's community theatre to film a segment to be used in one of their coming performances, Nunsenes. Bernie Swenson with his "I am ready to run" attitude volunteered to bring his Mikado out to the park for them to use. On August 15 1992, the theatre Group showed up with five women and a three foot long dummies dressed as a Nun to be used it a video. They set up a scene of the Great Train Robbery and then used it as if the Nuns were at the Movies in their performance of Nunsence. This play was hilarious and hysterical, held in mid-November, this production provided more PR for the organization and upped our ridership the follow spring.

During the winter of 1992 a decision was made to add track on the backside of the compound, across the organization's assess road, and additional track in the loading area. This provided more room for locomotive and trains in the yard as the mainline was shifted out of the yard area to the track alongside of the compound. This extension added 800 feet of rail to the mainline.

I started working on getting the Organization set up as a 501 c 3. Many different drafts were sent in to the IRS but they came back unapproved. One afternoon the phone rang and it was a man from the IRS who had another draft in front of him. His name was Mr. Gonzales; he wanted to know what was being attempted with this application for nonprofit status. I explained the concept and amazingly he understood because he was a member of The Los Angeles Live Steamers. Mr. Gonzales corrected the application and sent it back for me to rewrite it according to his correction and to be sent back to him. This was done and the Organization obtained its 501c 3 status. That was retroactive to February 1990.

Will be continued in March Order Board

Bulletin Board

Building and Grounds

By Tom Caparrella

The parking lot, steaming bay area, yard, and mainline are in good condition. The deceased member plaque has been rehung. Both Nelson and Barbara will be up at the track on Thursdays for raking and clearing the parking lot, yard, and mainline of leaves and branches. There are many piles of leaves to be disposed of. This past work day the mainline track was raked clear of leaves and many wheel barrow loads were disposed of. The branches on the track were picked up and hauled away as well. Nelson found graffiti down at the depot and has painted over it. The tables at the depot have been repainted as well as the handrails. I want to thank all those who spent the long hours of work getting the leaves and branches removed and disposed of. A tree has fallen down across the track and has damaged the track. The tree has been removed and the damaged section has been marked so we know where the damage is. There are still several trees that need to be cut down for the safe operation of our trains. Work is being done to fix the electrical problem on the steaming bays next to the Thomson Building. Ken's grandson worked on the electrical outlet down at the depot and has relocated it to the top. The electrical problem has been resolved and we now have power at the depot. They found out that a lot of circuit breakers in the panel have been miss labeled. They relabeled a few of them but the rest need to be labeled properly. The right circuit breaker was found and turned on. Several screws were missing from the power panel and have been replaced. Several cross buck sign cover boxes have been repainted. The modified cross buck signal box on the west side of the road coming in has been water proofed.

On The Track

By Bill Hartung

The KLS track is in good shape and excepting recent damage from fallen trees will be ready for the 2015 season. Tree damage repairs have already been partially completed and will be all done by opening day in April.

An ongoing update of the oldest turnouts continues. We are pulling up original turnouts one at a time, rebuilding them with recycled plastic ties and then reinstalling them. This will continue until all the turnouts built on now rotting ties are rebuilt.

The new track extension, which is roughly measured to be about 2100 feet long, has been rough cleared, by hand, thanks to the efforts of many dedicated members. I have walked the new route with Ken Morrison, our gravel supplier since KLS started in the park. Ken is developing an estimate for us on the cost of having the new route fully graded by a professional dozer. Once Ken provides his estimate I will have a better idea of the overall cost of this project. I have learned that the supplier of the new molded plastic ties that we will be using has an ample supply on hand.

I want to express my appreciation to all the KLS members who have devoted their time and energy to help maintain our existing track and start the preparation of the new track extension. Without your dedication we wouldn't be running trains in the park.

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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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.

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KLS Family Picnics

Fun Day - June 6

Friends and Family -
July 18

Fun Day - August 15

Put it on your calendar.

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Kitsap Live Steamers Calendar

February	14	Work Day in the Park
	28	Work Day in the Park
March	2	Board Meeting - Poodle Dog 7pm
	14	Work Day in the Park
	28	Work Day in the Park
April	4	Easter Run
	6	Board Meeting - Poodle Dog 7pm
	10-11	Boiler Testing - Don Deffley
	11	Run Day in the Park
	25	Run Day in the Park