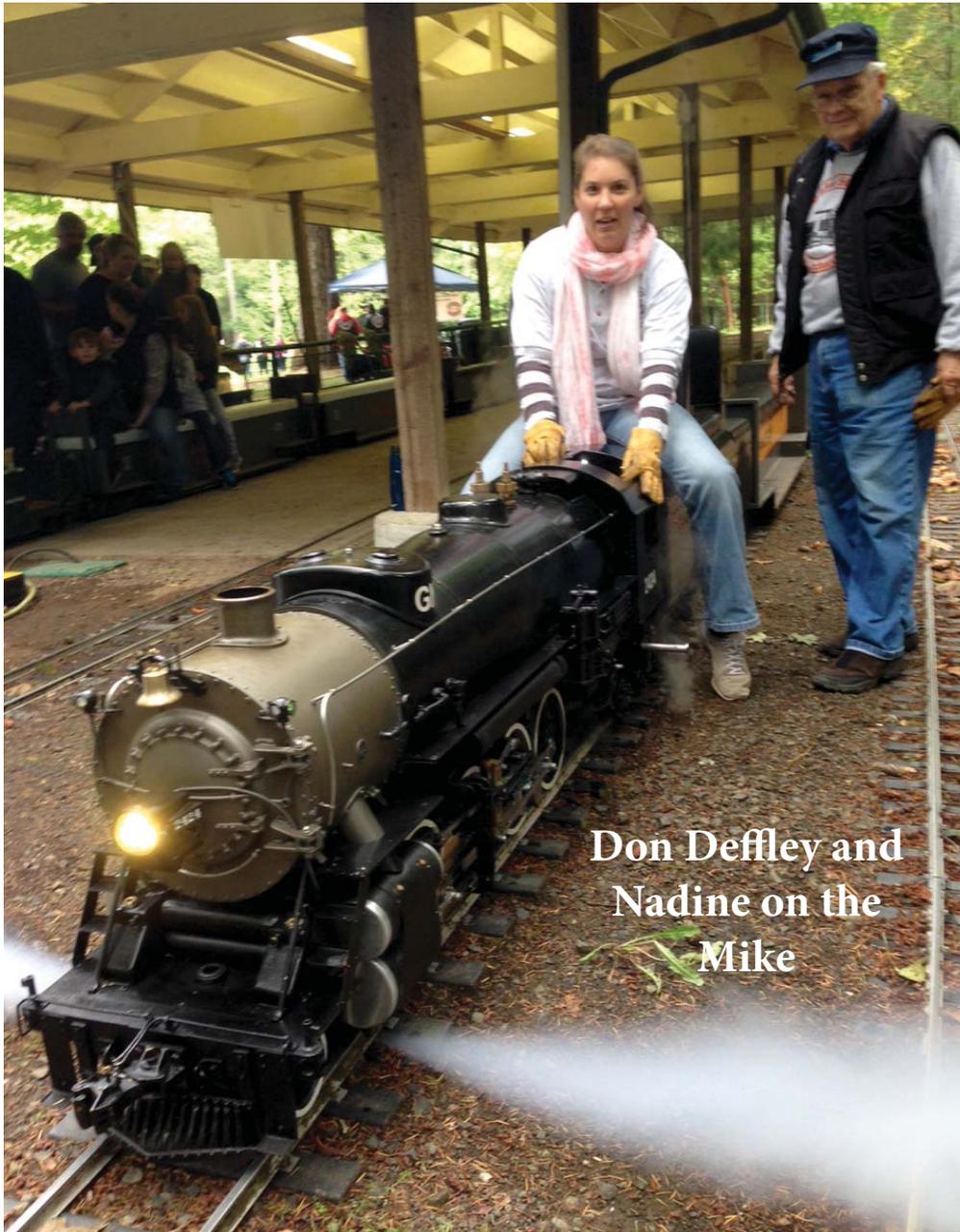




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President's Message by Tom Huffman

Greetings

I would like to thank all our members for the vote of confidence. To our Past President, Eric Meehan, Secretary, Jana Meehan, and Director, Tom Caparella, thank you and a tip of the hat for your service to the railroad, may you always have a "High Ball" in your travels.

My fascination with trains started at an early age. The spell of railroading and modeling was cast when I was six years old. One Christmas morning, next to the tree there was a 4x8 HO layout, modeled by my Dad in the basement. HO had been my scale of choice until my visit to K.L.S. Doug Wilkinson took me for a tour, a ride on his train, and let me drive his magnificent locomotive, what a blast. Later that day, while I was meeting some of our members, their enthusiasm for the hobby, pride of their railroad, and those locomotives, I was hooked. I love this hobby and want to give back the enjoyment that I've received.

We do have some exciting projects planned this spring and summer. Most of all I hope to get our agreement settled and signed with the Kitsap County Parks Commission. It's

Next Meeting:
March 7, 2016, 7pm
Poodle Dog, Fife

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Happy February and March Birthdays to

Shirley May (Feb 9th)

Donna Olsen (Feb 19th)

March Birthdays –

Don Rogers (March 10th)

Louise Deffley (March 14th)

Kitsap County Parks Advisory Board
2016 Meeting Schedule
Meeting Time – 6:00 PM

February 17, 2016
Long Lake Community Center
5448 Long Lake Rd SE
Port Orchard, WA

President's Message

Continued

been a long time in the making and the topic of much debate. It's time for us to shift our energy back to our hobby, community, and railroading. Restarting the track expansion is on the top of our work list we need to get it moving again. Once that's completed expanding the Thompson building is our next capital improvement. Our railroad is a very important part of South Kitsap Park. We provide a

great attraction to family's that can't afford an expensive day at Safeco Field, or a military service members family while they're on deployment. Kitsap Live Steamers, our railroad is the anchor of South Kitsap Park, the Parks Commission does understand that and wants us to continue to be a part of the attractions I'm confident that our railroad will be there for another 25 more years.

Election results:

President:
Tom Huffman

Secretary
Pat Rogers

Position 3
Ted Karanson



Don Rogers accepting his Member of the Year plaque. Congratulations

Appreciation and Respect

Most of us know that Marie Weaver has written and will continue to write the history of Kitsap Live Steamers.

This note to the membership is not intended to add or change Marie's work. It simply has something to do with the words of the title. I am asking each of you to take the time to read what Marie writes. Hopefully, you will understand just how KLS came into being as it is today. It did not just appear. It was created by vision, dedication and hours of hard work. We did not have government assistance as Burnaby did. We did not have a multi-millionaire to give us money like Train Mountain. We are who we are by grace of our membership.

Guess most of you know that I've been around for quite a while. Lately, it has come to me that many of our members appear to believe that our present facility, as it is today, has been in Port Orchard for 25 years. In some respects yes. Let me explain.

When Don joined, I went with him to pay his membership dues. We were on our way to visit our son that Saturday and could not stay.

It was raining. As we pulled into what is now our parking lot, all I could see there among the trees was a sea of mud. It appeared to be raw forest land. I couldn't believe there were people working on clearing the site in all of that down pour. That sight helped make up my mind. I soon made Don's membership a family one.

Even today, with all that is on our site, if I close my eyes I can see bare ground, brush and lovely forest land. No track! Nothing! At times it is difficult for me to remember, and even imagine, the hours of actual hard labor that went into changing my first look.

You understand? There was no track, no building, no steaming bays, no fence or yard; and no covered station. Oh my! What a long way we have come in such a short time.

Yes, we are in need of repairs along with expansion. We should understand that all things require maintenance. In spite of that, what is there at this time deserves our appreciation and respect for those members who brought it to where it is today.

KLS has always had more than one type of member. There are the active members who pay their yearly dues and come to the track when they can to enjoy and help. There are those who pay their dues and yet we never see them. Then, there are the working members who give of their time and physical efforts to support the hobby and KLS.

All our members are needed. All our members are appreciated. I am only asking that we all appreciate and respect what we now have. And, also, appreciate and respect those who put us where we are today. I could write about that, but Marie has.

Until my vision failed me, and my years caught up with me, I was proud to be a working member. The knowledge, the friendships, and just plain pleasure I've had over the years have been worth every precious minute of it.

I can rarely make it to the track these years. I miss it all. I will be an active member as long as I am around.

With appreciation and respect, I am Louise Deffley.

Members

"For safety and access, please do not block the three entrances to the main yard. Two in the lift area and one at the main entrance near the Handicapped Parking.

We need to keep those lanes open for loading, unloading, handicapped access and Emergency Vehicles. In addition, please leave the trailer backup lanes open for those who need to access them. Thank you for your help."

Ted Karanson
Director 3

Bulletin Board

Building and Grounds

By Tom Caparella

At the Work Day January 30th there was a lot of work accomplished. Barbara was raking the entrance to the parking lot. Don Defley removed the tree logs that were cut from the downed trees and disposed of them properly. The large wood planks were removed and deposited in the northern section of the woods. Ron Gates has been contacted to see if he will rebuild the picnic table that was destroyed. Nelson has told him that he will be glad to get the wood and other items needed to rebuild the table. We haven't heard back from him as yet. We had another company come and look at the lights on the pole. They aren't PSE lights. The covers below the lights were removed which that alone will provide more light. The one light that isn't working will be checked out to see if it might be the ballast or possibly the switch on the pole. Dennis Weaver told Nelson that he knows someone that has a high lift we might be able to use.

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 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.

On The Track

By Bill Hartung

It's February already and the start of the new run season isn't that far off. We will be concentrating on getting the mainline trimmed (taking out the dips and kinks that Mother Nature applied during the Winter months), and we will continue with maintenance on the switches in the yard. A new supply of recycled plastic for the switch ties has been ordered and should be here by the end of March. We have just four scheduled work days until the Easter Egg special run day at the end of March, so I'm asking everyone who can spare a Saturday to come to the park and help with the trimming.

We still have some repair work to do as a result of the heavy winds that hit Port Orchard in the Fall. The major task is to fix the ramp that descends from the compound into the yard; the heavy U-channel was hit by the same tree that destroyed the picnic bench. That repair must be completed by the last weekend in March, or we'll have a serious bottle-neck getting trains out of the compound.

Please contact me if you have questions or suggestions about the track in the park.

Library

By Barbara Lanchester

The library at Kitsap Live Steamers has really grown during the months of 2015.

We have 240 Books, 50 DVDs, 1,708 Magazines, 18 Puzzles, 37 Pamphlets & Paperbacks, 7 Records, and 195 Videos

This includes donations made in 2015. It also includes a file cabinet that holds 40 years of Live Steam Magazine, which was donated by one of our riders.

So, if you have time and need something to do, please feel free to check something out, and enjoy it.

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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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.

Station Report AGM-January 23, 2016

The Station had very unusual weather in 2015. Even so, we were very successful running the station.

Total number of Riders for 2015:
12,697

Thank you, for all who helped at the station. Whether it was at the exit gate, loading the trains, giving the rules and regulations, assisting with the sales, teaching from our poster, "pet sitting", assisting at the entrance gate, handing out free hats, candy, or noise makers, unloading and setting up the depot, or loading and putting the depot items away; please know we could not do any of this without your assistance. Thank you very much!

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Kitsap Live Steamers Calendar

February	27	Work Day in the Park
March	7	Board Meeting - Poodle Dog 7pm
	12	Work Day in the Park
	26	Work Day in the Park Easter Egg Run 10am - 2pm - TBD
April	4	Board Meeting - Poodle Dog 7pm
	8-9	Boiler Testing - Don Deffley
	9	Run Day in the Park- AM Nelson Lanchester - PM Caden Powell
	23	Run Day in the Park- AM Bill Hartung - PM Don Rogers
May	2	Board Meeting - Poodle Dog 7pm
	14	Run Day in the Park- TBD
	28	Run Day in the Park - TBD