



Order Board

The Publication of the Kitsap Live Steamers



Congratulations to Ken Olsen
2014 Memeber of the Year



Congratulations to Jerry Crane
Treasurer of Merit



New Sign for the Depot
Made by Ted and Carole

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

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Happy Birthday

December Birthday

Conrad Watne

January Birthdays

*Bill Hartung (Jan 14th),
Sylvia Hartung (Jan 28th)
Jeanie Springer (Jan 31st).
Joy Slobodzian*

50 plus year Wedding Anniversaries

Ken & Donna Olsen,

Marie & Dennis Weaver

David & JoAnn White

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

Sometime in January of 1990, in the Eagles' Club in Port Orchard, Kitsap Live Steamers held its first meeting, where a dozen people got together to discuss building and organizing a small-scale railroad somewhere in Kitsap County. It's official: KLS is 25 years old. Time flies when you're having fun. Although I am well aware that other people had a hand in getting the railroad off the ground, my heartfelt thanks goes out to Dennis and Marie Weaver, without whom this railroad wouldn't be. I am honored to know them, and to know you, too.

So...what lies ahead for our little railroad?

If you've been reading recent issues of the OrderBoard, or have been out to the track, you know that we're working on our expansion. The expansion will certainly put us over the one mile mark of track, and—when completed—give us all another path through the park. We are also working on rebuilding switches in the yard, and converting the ties over to plastic; throughout the year, we will also be addressing other areas of concern within the yard.

With Motive Power, Dennis has been working on the Hudson, and hopefully KLS will be able to add her to the Motive Power roster during the Run Season. Tom Huffman has been working on helping to get the current locomotives back into the best mechanical and cosmetic shape possible, so we will be ready for the fast-approaching Run Season.

In the Depot area, Barbara and Jana have been working on making some changes which should be beneficial to KLS. In addition to reviewing the merchandise we offer in the "Little Bit Junction", they are also reviewing how to get more people involved.

We have some fairly ambitious plans ahead of us. I can't say it any plainer...we could sure use your help. Although we wouldn't turn away any donations, we are financially stable; we have means sufficient for our current needs, along with money for a rainy day. What we need is your time and efforts, during the Run Season, as well as the "off season".

Included in this OrderBoard is a ballot to elect Vice President, Treasurer and Director #1. The members that are running are Dennis Weaver and Ken Olsen for Vice President, Jerry Crane for Treasurer and Tom Huffman for Director Position 1. My hat is off to those who are willing to serve in these capacities, especially since three of the four Members running have served in one capacity or another in the past, and the fourth Member is in his first year of Membership. I would encourage all of you to vote. However, please keep in mind that we on the Board can only do so much; voting is only part of it.

Each of us (myself very much included) need to support and sustain the railroad. It is up to each of us as Members to help Kitsap Live Steamers continue to educate the public and grow, so another generation of riders can enjoy the magic of trains.

Voting

Voting this year can be done on the KLS Website, Email or mail to Erik.

For the KLS Website: The directions for how to vote are on the cover page of the website.

Email: You can mark and send the attached ballot included with the OB or you can print it and mail it to Erik.

Those who don't have email have been sent a ballot in the mail.

IT'S COMING TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

As we start off our New Year it's time to think about renewing your membership. Your continued support is what keeps KLS moving and growing.

It's so easy to Renew. On the website, find "Membership Renewal" on the green header ribbon. From here, you can print an application and mail it with your payment or renew on line. Please call me if you need a renewal application, I'll be happy to mail one to you (253-566-3843).

To renew online, logon and use the Red membership renewal button which will appear beside your name or in "Profile." This will prompt you to a new screen to verify your membership type. Here you have the option to change or upgrade your membership: Family membership is \$60; Individual membership is \$40; Associate Membership (>100 mile radius) is \$20.

Use the Next button and review your personal information on the next two screens. This is where you can change address, phone numbers, or whatever needs to be updated or changed.

The next prompt will be a review and agreement of KLS Conduct of Operations. Finally, you'll find a review of membership type and names. After verifying the information is correct and go on to "Finish and Proceed to Payment."

You can print an invoice here and send with your check or put in your credit card information and be all done! (Remember, your credit card billing will show on your statement as "CLB#KL Steamers.")

Print your receipt and you're done! Renewal process is complete and good for another year!

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.

Helen Thomson

Helen passed away on December 21, 2014. She and her husband David were life-time members of KLS.

The Thomson Building is named in their honor and recognition for their significant contribution to KLS. And the donation of the Hudson that Dennis is completing.

Donation to the Library from Mark McClure

Barbara has cataloged the latest donation to the library. If anyone is interested in the list please contact Barbara to arrange for a current copy.

AGM 2015

Looks like a good turn out. Thanks to all that attended



Train Show

Photos by Don Deffley



Don Deffley's Mike



Jason Albers Marie Estelle



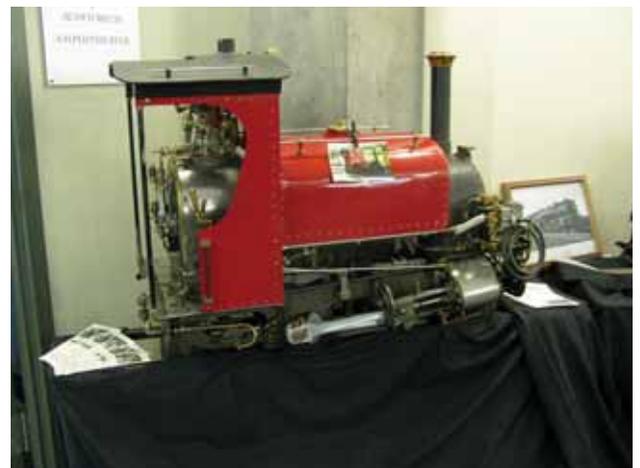
KLS Hudson built by Dennis Weaver



Jeff Mills' engine



Bill Hartung's engine



Conrad Watne's engine

More next month

The early Years of KLS... (1990-94) Part 4

By Marie Weaver

Those early months were a struggle to find funds to build and pay Waldo for the track. The organization only raised a little over \$1200 in the first six months. With the organization taking Waldo up on his offer funding rising became a high priority. Innovative ideas were put in place. The Organization voted to sell "Bearer Bonds", Gold and Silver Certificates were sold in the Kitsap Community. Also "a Foot of Track" tags that were put down on the track with the donors names on them became a major fund raising tool. Bearer Bonds were numbered so that the lowest numbered would be redeemed first. Also the 12" gauge train that had been donated to the organization having been refurbished and was put to work as the "Promo Train" that was taken to festival and events all over Western Washington. The first was at Grays Harbor Rail Fest. The organization was promised \$2500 for running the train for three days. This turned out to be a disaster. The promoter embezzled the proceeds from the festival; the Organization was not the only non-profit to lose out on the festival. Rainer Scenic Railroad brought an Operating Live Steam Locomotive and four passenger cars to Grays Harbor, paying Amtrak for the right of way on their tracks to get it to Aberdeen and run the train from Aberdeen to Hoquiam. The cost of the ride was \$25 a head; it was a very popular part of the festival. However, it was a learning curve for me. I never again accepted a promoter promise; it was money up front or nothing.

The Promo Train was one of the most lucrative fund raising ideas but also one of the most hard working man power lose effort to the organization. In approximately four years the Organization raised most of the funds needed to pay for the operation of the Organization. However, in order to buy the track from Waldo the Organization did have to barrow \$2000.00 in February

1991 and Bernie Swanson was the co-signer for the loan. I have always felt that the Grays Harbor Rail Fest was the cause of us needing to rely on a loan!

While the Organization continued to try and raise funds to build the track, the Organization did put the Promo Train to work in the Park, the first run was done around a pile of dirt at the end of what is now the play field on Aug 5, 1990. We give rides to nine people at a time in the three riding cars. This continued while the track was been constructed. Dennis and I continued to attend Park Board meeting, working with them to establish an area. Once any area was mutually agreed upon, I began to try and find resources to get the area cleared. I talked with a local construction company, RV and Associates who agreed to come and clear a compound area and right of way of stumps. This company was suburb in their response to the Organization's needs. They brought in an excavator that had a thumb and within three hours, including lunch had the compound cleared, a large burn pile of stumps going and the right away cleared of all the stumps.

I found out through my connections in the community the Purdy Women's Prison would brush out the right of way if we marked out the area. In August of 1990 team of members went out to the park and marked the right of way of the first 1300 feet. On a Friday a group from the prison came and cleared the brush. This was very amazing, I had walked with the supervisor that morning and I had to wear boots but that afternoon I walked the same area in sandals. All the brush was bundled and stacked to the side of the right-of-way. This was amazing to see how fast and efferent this group of women was.

The Organization's membership continued to grow. On

March 23 1991 a red letter day for the organization. This was the day the organization actually started construction of the railroad. The membership was now up to 26 hardworking individuals. They began with attempting to rough out the road bed by hand; men with shovels and rakes leveling out the right of way. (HANDWORK, THE HARDEST WAY TO GO, the organization uses a tractor now to do the same job). This was not very successful. In April, Kitsap County road department sent over a rubber-tired loader and they leveled the compound area and roughed out the entire track route. Seth Posey and his volunteer crew from the county and the loaned loader saved the membership many hours of work and most likely several backs as well.

Another problem was a compound area needed to be constructed so that the rail and equipment could be moved to the park from the Weaver's backyard and safely locked up. In researching the cost of a chain link fence, it was determined to be out of the budget. On Easter Sunday while going to our daughter's home for dinner, Dennis and I saw a Puget Power Substation property up for sale. The idea of obtaining the fencing hit us both at the same time. The next day Dennis called the phone number on the sign and was told that the fencing could not be sold separately, but the woman did eventually provide Dennis with a list of companies that had bought other Puget Sound Substation land. We contacted the four names we were given and three stated no, but the fourth Crest Builders asked us to come and talk with him. Mr. Crest was a contractor who built specialty type homes. He had us go look at the property where the fence was to see if it was going to meet our needs.

Will be continued in February Order Board

Bulletin Board

Building and Grounds

By Tom Caparella

The parking lot continues to look very well maintained. Nelson and Barbara continue to keep the parking lot, steaming bay area, yard, and mainline well cleared of debris. Ted and Carol have helped out keeping our grounds looking very good as well. A tree has fallen down across the track and has damaged the track. There are still several trees that need to be cut down for the safe operation of our trains. We still need the electrical problem resolved on the steaming bays next to the Thomson Building. Work is being done to fix this problem.

This past year we have added a second electrical circuit in the Thomson Building as well as replacing the lights with more efficient lighting. We had to replace the light in the bathroom as well. We have added lights to the depot which makes it easier for the Ghost Train Event or times when it is darker outside. We still need the downspout replaced on the northwest corner. We have added a garden area down at the depot and Ted and Carol continue to maintain it. Several people have worked hard to keep the mainline tracks cleared of debris in the depot and main yard. We have cleared several hundred feet of ground for the new track expansion.

On Track

By Bill Hartung

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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For Sale

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Custom Vinyl Lettering
Have you been looking for that special custom railroad font or other specialty work for your engine or cars? Well we have it in white, black, gold colors. Additional colors might be available. Contact Dennis Weaver (360) 871-6414

For Sale

Long Gondola Rib - \$3.00, short Gondola Rib - \$2.50, Underframe Stirrup Step, Short Stirrup Step or Long Stirrup 4 for \$5.00, 33" Wheel 4 1/8 dia. - \$18.00, Stress-proof Steel - 8 for \$132.00, Small Hand Wheel - \$4.50, Large Hand Wheel - \$5.00. Call Dan Dodge (360) 387-0727

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Kitsap Live Steamers Calendar

January	24	Work Day in the Park
February	2	Board Meeting - Poodle Dog 7pm
	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	6	Board Meeting - Poodle Dog 7pm
	TBD	Boiler Testing - Don Deffley
	11	Run Day in the Park
	25	Run Day in the Park