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All Aboard with a group of Special Needs kids and a group of Preschool kids. Photos by Bill Hartung

Superintendents

Looking for Superintendents for run-days. Please contact Ken Olsen at 206-718-9401.

This is an extremely important function that helps maintain KLS's position in the park.

Not sure what to do? Just ask Ken.

There is a need for Superintendents for July.



Next Meeting:
July 11, 2016, 7pm
Poodle Dog, Fife

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Happy June and July Birthdays to

June Birthdays –

Rachel Wright (June 6th),
Jackson Mourer (June 6th),
Avery Robinson (June 10th),
Grant Robinson (June 10th),
Ken Olsen (June 19th),
Bev Buell (June 27th)

July Birthdays –

Yvonne Harper (July 1st),
Nelson Lanchester (July 2nd),
Brennyn Spencer (July 2nd)
Pennie Frame (July 22nd),
Emma Jones (July 23rd),
Russell Ritchey (July 26th),
Carly Kaivo-Houlton (July 29th)

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

July 20, 2016
Island Lake Community Center
1087 NW Island Lake Rd
Poulsbo, WA

August 17, 2016
Long Lake Community
5448 Long Lake Rd S
Port Orchard, WA

President's Message

by Tom Huffman



The agreement with Kitsap County Parks has been approved by the Board of Directors and signed. Our new locomotive has been painted we need add some finishing touches and it will be ready to run. I would like to thank our volunteers that helped with our two special runs last month. We hosted North Kitsap and South Kitsap School Districts special needs students. The students really enjoyed the train rides and our hospitality. Our past two run days have been effected by the weather leaving our passenger count to be down slightly.

K.L.S. is alive and well, this railroad wouldn't be here if it wasn't for the labors of our founding fathers, and the dedicated members over the past quarter century. As time marches

on, so does K.L.S. Members come and go, leadership changes, and new ideas are implemented. New members adding their talents and ideas. Old timers wondering what is happening to their railroad will it ever survive. Whether you are a new member or been around a while your labors, and talents are needed. All of us have the same goal enjoy our hobby, share it with others, and ride the rails.

K.L.S is secure in its relationship with the County. We can now start our extension and building expansion. I'm willing to bet we will reinvent the wheel a few times during these projects. That's what makes them fun. New things to learn, ideas to try, and a few failures are to be expected. The end result will be a more diverse route for our enjoyment, better storage, and maintenance facilities.

Happy Railroading

Tom Huffman

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.

Please welcome our new members –

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Kitsap Live Steamers Friends and Family

Saturday July 16th



Come and spend the day riding trains

Dinner is at 4pm.

Chicken and Hot Dogs will be served

Potluck assignments are:

A-I Desserts

J-P Salads

P-Z Hot Dishes



KLS Board Members have approved a new membership category giving active duty military a 50% discount from regular membership dues.

Updated applications are available at the depot and on-line under "Become a Member" or the "Membership Renewal" tab on the home page menu.

Indian Back Pump

By Jeff Mills

Last year KLS purchased an Indian Back Pump for firefighting purposes. Which we deployed in a Fire Gondola. This Fire Gondola is to be placed in ready status during each KLS Run and Fun days. These pumps are a man-portable piece of equipment for dealing with a small fire when first discovered. This action is referred to **Initial Attack** by the fire services.

Features of the Indian Back Pump:

5 gallon capacity

4 inch fill cap with strainer

Bright color

Dual Nozzle easily changed

35 to 40 foot range at 10 PSI

Easy Carry Handle on top

Molded sturdy base

Padded Shoulder Straps and waist strap

Clip to hold Pump

Two Methods for donning Pump:

Place pump on something about waist high and put shoulder straps on one at a time. Keep your back straight and lift with your legs.

Second method is have a buddy hold the back pump with base about waist high again keep back straight and lift with your legs.

When walking, hold the pump so the nozzle is in a vertical position to keep water from dripping out.

How to USE the Pump:

Hold the nozzle-end pointed at the target area with one hand and push the back part (the Trombone) toward the front with the other. This is the most accurate method of aiming and pumping.

Aim for the **base** of the fire with the water stream. If you require a spray, hold a finger over the nozzle to diffuse the stream.

If a spray is required for long-term use, change the nozzle by unscrewing and moving to the alternate position. Note: there is a chain attached to the nozzle so it will not be lost.

Safety while using Pump:

Do not **Climb** with a back pump

Do not **Run** with a back pump

Hand off carefully to another person

Make sure the cap vent and nozzle are clear of debris

Make sure there are no leaks and the hose connections are tight

Use the strainer if filling from a stream or pond

For more information, YouTube has a great video on the use of the back pump. Search, "Wildland Back-Pump". I encourage all members to become familiar with our fire fighting equipment this FIRE SEASON.



Member Duties and Obligations

If you are working inside the KLS footprint (engineers, conductors, superintendent, track maintenance, train operations, Thompson Building, station staff, etc.), part of your membership obligation is registering with Kitsap Parks **as a volunteer for KLS**. It's easy to do and important that the "Volunteer's Release of all Liability" is submitted.

Bring up our website homepage, log-on, go to *Membership Renewal*. Click *Member Application 05.2016*, and the application form appears. Scroll down to the bottom where a link is provided taking you to the KCParks site for registration. The link address is:

<http://www.volgistics.com/ex/portal.dll/ap?AP=566670317&OR=1>

It is a *Volunteer Registration and Agreement Form* used by Kitsap Parks and Recreation for volunteer personal information and a "**Release of all Liability**".

Those items marked with the asterisks are required. No personal or sensitive information is requested other than your name, address and phone number. Those volunteers under 18 years old must have a guardian complete the form. For safety reasons, we suggest that you list your emergency contact information.

After you complete the information, scroll down to Park Preference and click the box next to "Kitsap Live Steamers (Kitsap County Parks)". Doing this will allow you to work in the KLS infrastructure footprint only (engineers, conductors, station, tracks, yard, steaming bay, etc.) If you desire to work in the forest, gardens or grounds, please contact Board Director #3 (Grounds) Teddy Karanson.

Carole Moss

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Buildings and Yard Equipment

By Don Rogers

In addition to the buildings and yard equipment, the Track Crew consisting of Dan Simmons, Greg Slobodzian, Tom Huffman and I have been working on replacing all wooden rail ties in the yard with new plastic ones. Most of the old wooden ties are completely rotten and are the source of the many derailments in the yard area. The East and West side switch runs and many of the sidings in the yard are completed.

The roof covering the loading/unloading area was rusting through and has been replaced with a new 18 gauge galvanized roof. Thanks again Dan, Tom and new member Richard Hoffman. In addition, eight new LED flood lights have been installed to light the loading area as well as the yard, thank you much Greg Bright for the super electrical work.

Other work completed of note includes:

- Installed new light switch along with some new electrical outlets in the riding car storage area.
- Pressure washed concrete in the yard loading/unloading area.
- Placed a new post for the rail bridge gate to rest on when opened.
- Cleaned depot roof.
- Cleaned up and weed whacked the KLS parking area.
- Lubed Thomson building rollup doors.
- Repaired door track on Thomson Bldg. middle rollup door.
- Lubed yard area gate hinges and rollers
- Completed re-ballast of washed out track areas on approximately 1000 ft of track.

There is still much to do such as;

- Clean Depot Roof and Gutters.
- Clean and Paint steaming bay station rails and other various yard equipment.
- Repair Damage to one picnic table and repair the second one.
- Clean old junk items from the yard area around the storage containers.
- More re-ballast on track where needed

Everyone please give Dan Simmons, Greg Slobodzian, Tom Huffman, Bill Hartung, Ted Karanson and Carole Moss a big pat on the back for all the hard work they have done on the Yard, Grounds and Track.

We really need more people to step up and help in the ongoing effort of maintaining the KLS infrastructure in a manner that we can be proud of. If one of the tasks I have listed above interests you or you have an idea or challenge for an additional task, then please just let me know.



“On Track”

by Bill Hartung

Two major milestones have occurred in the last month. First, President Tom Huffman has reported that our new operating agreement with the county parks department has been signed and approved. That's wonderful news and I'm eager now to get on with our new track extension.

The second item, which I think is even more significant, is that all our existing mainline track, including the main track through the yard (passing by the turntable), has been upgraded where needed to replace the rotting wood with the new recycled plastic ties. This is in addition to all the effort that has gone into replacing many of the old ties in the yard, particularly under the switches. But there's still quite a bit to do on the existing track, still old wood ties in the yard, and we have consumed all the plastic tie material that we purchased earlier this year. So I announced at the June KLS board meeting that I am seeking an additional allocation of \$3500 so that we can have more ties on hand for continued maintenance and the inevitable repairs that will be required during the season. Hopefully that allocation can be approved at the August meeting.

In the coming weeks we will be working with the parks department to nail down the details of our expansion plan. I'm eager to see us get going on this long planned project, but at first it may seem like little is happening. Once we have the path of the new track through the trees worked out the professional dozer will be brought in to do the 'heavy' clearing of the ground. After that, the ground needs to sit for several months (this comes right out of "Civil Engineering for Outdoor Railroads Volume 1" by Doug van Veelen). In the meantime, we will be building the new track panels that we will need, something in the range of 200 of them. I don't want to start that too early, or our compound will be overrun with stacks of track panels waiting for next Winter's rains to subside.

Grounds Crew

by Ted Karanson

The Great Tree of Doom has been removed from where it fell and was cut up by a contractor for the county. Now just a pile of neatly stacked logs, it waits for pickup by the county. Don Deffley (tractor), Don Rogers and Tom Huffman moved the heavy logs to just south of the picnic area. The debris was stacked up and the ground leveled awaiting the arrival of a new picnic table.

Carole Moss removed a large number of old ties over a period of many days and they have finally left the park! Teddy Karanson, Tom Huffman and Don Rogers were able to pile a number of old full size railroad ties onto a trailer for transport to a transfer station. A large amount of limbs remain to be removed.

Pat Rogers and Carole have been working on the gardens and have done some planting on the North side of the building well outside the fence. That project will continue as we move into the summer season.

Grounds volunteers are welcome to assist with maintaining the sides of the tracks as well as the trails in the KLS footprint and ongoing garden work. If interested, please contact Teddy at flyingblossom@nventure.com. He has some instructions for signing up with Kitsap County Parks. We have gloves and eye protection available but feel free to bring your own.

Track continued

I'm always eager to answer questions about our track and our plans for the future extension. Unfortunately, I will be out of town and will miss both public run days in July and our annual Friends and Family day, but I encourage every member to come to the park and join in the fun of working on the railroad. If you are new to the group, call me or ask another member how you can get involved.

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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Rolling Stock

By Tom Caparella

This past month has been a good run month. On one of the days we ran it was reported that Straddle Car 307 had derailed a couple of times. The next day we used the car and had no problem with it derailing. At the end of the day it was reported to me that Straddle Car 401B had a squealing sound when it was loaded with passengers. When there were no passengers on it it didn't squeal. Tom Huffman checked and found out that the bearings were bad. He swapped out that truck for a temporary one. Don Defley is going to replace the bearings in it then we can reinstall it on the car. Other than these two issues there didn't appear to be any other problems with our rolling stock.

Station Report

By Barbara Lanchester

The month of May was VERY wet on our Run Days. I was told that May 14th it rained so hard that they closed the running of the trains by 1PM.

On May 28th, it was very wet and rainy. The wind also was also blowing very hard. We ended up doing 448 riders. We did close down the trains at 3PM.

Hopefully, the month of June will have better weather. Our riders are so dedicated to riding, that weather does not actually seem to affect them. Thank you to our riders for their faithfulness. Thank you to Larry Harper who manned the depot on the 14th. Thank you to Greg Slobodzian and Elizabeth Steffen for their help on the 28th.

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Kitsap Live Steamers Calendar

June	25	Run Day in the Park - TBD
July	11	Board Meeting - Poodle Dog 7pm
	9	Run Day in the Park- TBD
	16	Friends and Family - Cheryl McInnes
	23	Run Day in the Park - TBD
August	1	Board Meeting - Poodle Dog 7pm
	13	Run Day in the Park- TBD
	27	Run Day in the Park - TBD
September	5	Board Meeting - Poodle Dog 7pm
	10	Run Day in the Park- TBD
	25	Run Day in the Park - TBD