



# Order Board

The Publication of the Kitsap Live Steamers

## Dan Morris

May 27, 1949 - January 11, 2015

I am saddened to report the passing of one of our old time members. Dan Morris passed away on January 11, 2015. Dan was born on May 27, 1949 in Chicago, Illinois and grew up there. Dan served during the Viet Nam War in Guam and Thailand, and worked as an electrician in a steel mill before moving to the Northwest where he worked for Seattle City Light.

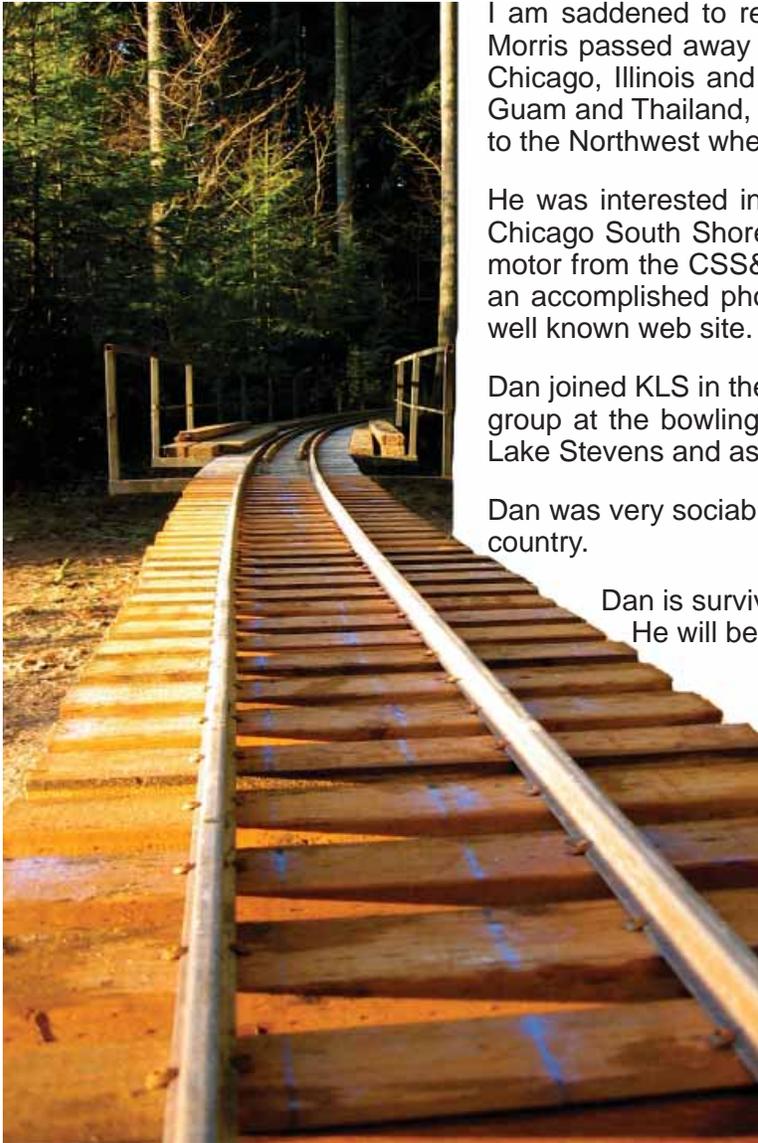
He was interested in trains and railroads from an early date, particularly the Chicago South Shore and South Bend interurban, and had an electric freight motor from the CSS&SB which he ran at Kitsap and Train Mountain. Dan was an accomplished photographer, both stills and video which he shared on his well known web site.

Dan joined KLS in the early 1990's and frequently joined the Wednesday lunch group at the bowling alley in Ballard. He became less active after moving to Lake Stevens and as his health deteriorated.

Dan was very sociable and friendly and had a wide circle of friends all over the country.

Dan is survived by his wife Kristina, son Eric, and a new grandson. He will be missed. By Geroge Hoke

Dans many hobbies included model railroading, live steam clubs where he ran his home-built electric locomotives, Amateur HAM radio clubs, photography and video filming for his You Tube site. Dan held the Extra Class HAM license and was a VE Examiner for tests. He was especially proud of his You Tube site where he uploaded his hobby of railroad filming. He was also a web master and created the «Live Steaming in the Pacific Northwest» site to showcase the many Live Steam clubs in the USA and Canada. He was well known throughout the hobby community. He was always cheerful, happy to help people out and always gave of himself. He enriched everyone's life. He is sorely missed. by Kristina Morris



Next Meeting:  
April 6, 2015 7:00pm  
Poodle Dog, Fife

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# Happy March Birthdays to

*Don Rogers (03/10); Pat Noecker (03/13), Louise Deffley (03/14), Al VonRueden (03/30)*

## IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Thank you for those who have already renewed:  
 Alice & Bob Brown,  
 Mike Feely & Barbara Edwards,  
 George Hoke,  
 Bill Kinzer, Bill Kludt,  
 Carole Moss & Ted Karanson,  
 Dick Peterson, Conrad Watne,  
 Barbara & Wayne Zimmerman.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

South Kitsap Park Advisory Board Meeting

Island Lake Park  
 507 NW Island Lake  
 Poulsbo, WA

(this is about a mile North of the mall in Silverdale)  
 6-8 PM  
 Wednesday, March 18,  
 2015

## 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 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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>

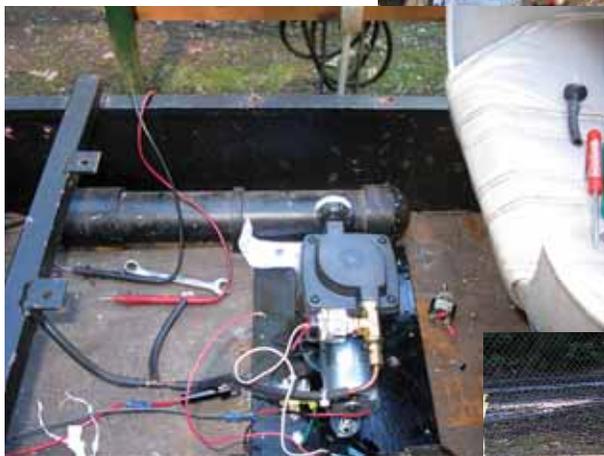


# At the Track

Photos by Don Deffley



Track Work and Clean-up



New vacuum pump in the BNSF



Jim Davenports new caboose

## Boiler Testing

Friday April 10th and  
Saturday April 11th

9:00 - 2:00

If you can come on Friday  
please do so.

## 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.

## BY-LAW of KLS PURPOSE

The purpose of KLS is to  
promote the hobby of outdoor  
miniature railroading by offer-  
ing scheduled train rides and  
guided tours of the KLS fa-  
cility and providing the sights  
and sounds of railroading for  
the enjoyment of the mem-  
bership 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 experienc-  
es that can be passed on to  
future generations.

## The early Years of KLS... (1990-94) Part 6

*By Marie Weaver*

There was another big issue that the Organization was facing; with Washington State, so that there could be Live Steam hauling the public in the park. Washington State boiler laws did not allow for small hobby boilers, all boilers had to be built to SME code, which was way over the needed limits for the locomotive boilers. Dennis and I, along with several members attended the boiler board meeting in an attempt to get approval for live steam in the park. It became very clear that it was going to take a Legislative bill to get approval to have steam in the park. At one of the meetings the boiler board argued with a group that a hot water heater was a high pressure boiler! Bob Oke, who had now become Senator Oke, helped it getting a bill written. I worked with the boiler board chairman about the limits on the testing of the boilers. A second bill was started in the House of Representatives as well as the Senate, just to be safe that somehow another bill could be attached to the boiler bill. That is just what happened; another antique boiler group attempted to get approval for old boilers for steam tractor through by attaching it to the hobby Senate bill 5274 had to be dropped and the Senate bill 1771 passed. This bill allow boilers manufactured before January 1, 1995 used for non-commercial purposes that do not exceed 16 inches in diameter, 5 cubic feet of volume, 20 square feet of heating surface, and 150 PSIG pressure.

On March 27, 1993 the passing of the House Bill 1771 was set to the governor for his signature, this was only the start. Over the course of the next few weeks the boiler committee had to iron out what the law meant in reality; how it would need to be implemented.

May 6, 1993 three member of the Kitsap Live Steamers, Dennis Weaver, Doug Wilkinson and I saw Governor Lowery sign into

Washington State Laws House bill1773, the "hobby steam" bill. The long skirmish was a success so that steam could run in the park. However, the organization had to work with the boiler board inspectors to get the engines checked out and approved. This turned out to be quite an adventure. The law as it was written directed the State boiler inspectors to show that our engines were safe, certify them as such with the support of the paper work that corresponded to each of the engines. This was easy to say, however when it came down to practicalities; with the locomotives being hydrostatic pressurized to 1.5 times operational pressure was not the problem. It became clear the plumbing, other same valves and parts leaked which made sustaining the higher pressure a problem. It turned out that by adding a spot for a temporary plug in the line of the cylinder solved the problem, thus the clearing and certification of the first boilers were able to be completed.

In my opinion, The Kitsap Live Steamers has been a leader in the Live Steam Hobby. The Organization has made it possible for other Live Steam Clubs to set up and run in Washington State. For many years KLS was the only one of its size and type but very recently others are in the process of being developed. Our leadership has broadened the availability of Live Steam in Washington State. In all the years that KLS has been established it continues to amaze me of the diversity and commitment of individuals from the entire Western Washington Community that has been willing to participate in our adventure. Those individuals living 100+miles of driving and costly ferry trips have remained supportive; working hard both in the park as well as building hardware, developing designs and building running equipment at home; then bring and setting up or implementing those designs in the park. The Western Washington Communities

and the Live Steam Hobby in general, has benefited from KLS and its work with Washington State; along with the many designs that have been developed by our membership!

On August 14, 1993 saw the first run of authorized live steam in the park. Senator Bob Oke cut the ribbon which officially opened The Kitsap Live Steamers to operate live steam. There were many people from the community there to observe and ride the steam locomotives that day. The locomotives were provided by Phil Stone, Bernie Swenson and Dennis Riches that operated on that day; carrying distinguished visitors on the rails. After the ribbon was cut, the first individuals across the trestle was Bernie on is Mikado with Senator Oke along with his wife Judy, followed by Dennis Riches on his Heisler with Dennis Weaver and I riding in the car behind him. All of the other members followed in the various locomotives that were available across the trestle. It was a glorious day for our membership!!!

There had been a lot of hard work by so many of our members to get to that point; along with the business community that had donated materials, it was truly a team effort to achieve the completion of that day! Bernie Swenson never believed that he would live to see the official running of live steam, just the "barbeques" where he was able to operate his locomotive. The organization had another one of their barbeques that day but this time it was officially able to run steam in the park. The park board provided a cake and as usual the organization members provided their own meat and a dish to share, which has been the unofficial rule since the beginning of having potlucks at the track. Bernie Swenson ran the Mikado, Phil Stone with his little Mogul provided those

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*KLS History continued*

present with a ceremony of the Golden Spike being struck in the yard as the opening of the barbeque.

“Little Bit Junction” the organization’s store was organized in late summer of 1993 with a loan from a member of \$400. “T” shirts and train hats were bought and went on sale. This added funds to the operations and has continued to help with the building of the railroad. The organization’s bank balance remained low but growing, as the donations continued to come in throughout that summer. More and more people had found KLS because of the publicity of operating live steam. Funding was still an issue and the organization wished to purchase a locomotive. The “Promo Train” continued to be the main source of revenue going to festivals and other community events.

Throughout the late fall and winter of 1993 the organization continued to trim track and work on improving the parking area and grounds. The organization recognized Bernie Swenson’s continued dedication in using his boiler expertise to ensure the first public steam run was a success, helping with the inspection of the steam locomotive boilers. *In recognition of his outstanding commitment the North track crossing of the inner loop was officially named Swenson Crossing.* The organization started working on building track panels and switches so that a new loop would be ready for the opening day in 1994. In those days the organization ran from May to September. KLS resolved to have the Washington State Model Boiler exemption law changed to remove the exclusion of boilers built after December 31, 1994. There had been issues raised by non-members that they believed hydrofining a boiler to 1.5 times working pressure could damage the boiler, thus individuals that lived in state and those out of state would not come to KLS but run on private tracks only. (Since that time it has become a non-issue because KLS has proven that testing a boiler at those levels has no

effect on a “hobby” boiler). This was eventually successful. Standards for track building and laying also were established during this time, and have been maintained to this day.

The membership continued to grow with each static display that was done in the community. The organization participated in the Hobby Show held at the Puyallup Fairgrounds in February 1994, also at the South Kitsap Mall’s Railroad Days. In April there was a static display done at the Puyallup Spring Fair.

In February 1994 the organization started investigating how to obtain a locomotive. Also riding cars for the organization were planned, with one example having been built. These were gondolas made of metal. The drawings were submitted to the membership, with standard trucks built and the members tack welded the gondolas parts together. The “Promo Train” was overhauled, with new belts installed. The generator on the “Promo Train” was burnt out and rewiring was not financially feasible, it was felt that the small cost of recharging the batteries of the locomotive and its long services between charges, made generator repair unnecessary. The “Promo Train” was asked to go to Matlock, Mason County Fair, Kitsap Family Fair, Kingston Farmer’s Market, Port Angeles’s Mill Works, Auburn Days and Kent Good old Days. As you can imagine with all these weekends being taken up through the summer of 1994 the organization’s members were busy both in the park as well as all over Western Washington with the “Promo Train”. Also, KLS was approached by the Puyallup Spring Fair and on April 1<sup>st</sup> 1994 Ron Gates and I met with the state fair management regarding operation of the “Promo Train” at the Puyallup Spring Fair that was on April 14 through the 17, 1994. The organization received \$1500 for their running of the train for ten hours a day. This was an event that the organization did for just a couple of years because of the amount of work

that was involved. However, once again the “Promo Train” provided funds that were needed to operate our home track in Port Orchard.

In May 1994 the organization adopted what is now KLS’s logo of a two-truck Shay locomotive. The original design was done by a local artist and paid for by unknown benefactor. The design was sent to Washington State’s Patent office to insure no other organization, club or person could use it.

In June 1994, the second hydro testing was done by the state with eight new boilers being certified. KLS continued to build a relationship with the state boiler inspectors. Dennis Weaver and Don Deffley were appointed the organization’s official boiler inspectors.

Through the spring and summer of 1994 the organization continued to provide rides to the public. Donations in those days were small but KLS was grateful to receive anything. In June 1994 the switch operators that have become a standard in the hobby were designed and the prototype put in place at the park. Walter McGowan along with Howard Springer and Dean Busch were the master minds behind the original design. The stands are operated where an engineer rolls up on a switch that is twenty feet ahead; changes the direction of the switch without getting off of the locomotive! Over the years these switch stands have been modified and improved but the basic design has remain the same. The switch stands are now part of most tracks including Train Mountain!

*The last of the history installment will be in the April Order Board*

# Bulletin Board

## Building and Grounds

By Tom Caparella

Nelson and Barbara continue to keep the parking lot, Steaming Bay area, yard, and mainline well cleared of debris. 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 from 10 AM to 2 PM. They would welcome anyone that could come and help out in this task. This past Saturday's work day several people helped clearing the right-of-way of debris. There were several piles of debris and several people helped pick up and dispose of them. A special thanks to Joy Slobodzian for helping them out. She stayed after Nelson, Barbara, Ted, and Carole had left. She was able to dispose of the rest of the piles of debris. Don and Pat Rogers dug the post holes for the new whistle posts. They also purchased the cement for the posts as well as getting them all installed. We still need to get the roofs of the Thomson Building and car barn cleared of debris from this past winter. The depot roof needs to be cleared as well.

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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](mailto: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](http://www.kitsaplivesteamers.org). Remember Family membership is only \$60 and we now have the option of payment by credit card.

## On The Track

By Bill Hartung

We have gone as far as we can go for now on the new track extension. We will be meeting with county and forestry officials soon to ensure that our plan meets their satisfaction. Once that is done, the next step will be the heavy dozer work to get the ground smoothed out for the track. I don't expect we'll be laying track until late this year or early in 2016.

In the meantime, work continues on preparing the existing mainline for the coming season. Approximately one-fourth of the mainline (from the depot heading north to the second grade crossing) has been 'trimmed', although very little adjustment was required. Special thanks to brand new member Mark Esber for jumping right into action and helping with the trimming during the second March work day.

Thanks also go to Joe Myall for his help in replacing one section of the mainline that was damaged by a falling tree. Plus thanks to Jerry Crane and a crew of others (you know who you are) who helped rebuild and replace one of the turnouts entering the north end of the yard.

And a very special thanks goes to Don and Pat Rogers for installing the new whistle posts around the mainline. Check out the whistle posts on your next visit to the park and you will see that what they did was a lot of work, so when you see Don and Pat, give them a hi-five for me.

There are just two work days left before we begin the new season on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> (the annual Easter Egg hunt). For the track committee, our main focus will be completing the trimming of the mainline. I'm asking everyone who can get to the park on March 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> to lend a hand with the track trimming.

## 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](mailto:membership@kitsaplivesteamers.org) or 253-566-3843

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## For Sale

### For Sale

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

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.



## KLS Family Picnics

Fun Day - June 6

Friends and Family -  
July 18

Fun Day - August 15

Put it on your calendar.

Kitsap Live Steamers  
 P.O. Box 1765  
 Port Orchard, WA 98366



# Kitsap Live Steamers Calendar

March	14	Work Day in the Park
	28	Work Day in the Park
April	4	Easter Run - KLS Board
	6	Board Meeting - Poodle Dog 7pm
	10-11	Boiler Testing - Don Deffley
	11	Run Day in the Park AM - Ken Olsen/PM - Dennis Weaver
	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 TBD