

Whistles in the Woods

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AUGUST 2006

LIONEL OPERATING TRAIN SOCIETY VISITS OUR RAILROAD

Ken Nelson

The Lionel Operating Train Society, holding their convention in our area, decided last year to make a visit to the Adirondack Live Steamers their opening activity for the convention. After getting the OK from our Board of Directors and Membership, it all came to a head on Thursday afternoon, July 13. People from all over the country descended by bus onto the ALS grounds for a catered picnic dinner and train rides.

After a year of planning by the LOTS officers, working with our ALS chairman for the event Dick Hosmer, it came off as a huge success. What was originally planned to be approximately 150 people, grew steadily to 170, and by Thursday, the day of the event, numbered approximately 210. After speaking with one of their Directors, it was clear that everyone just couldn't

stop talking about how much fun they had, and what a terrific railroad that ALS had created.

Many of our ALS members cooperated in making the day a success. Dick tracked down engineers from all over the area, and both short trains and long ones, powered by both steam and diesel locomotives pulled nearly all of our visitors, some multiple times during the afternoon and evening. A great picnic dinner was enjoyed by all, and everyone had a great time.

A big thank you goes out to all of our members who helped in any way. There were engineers, conductors, Emporium workers, and others who helped in crowd control. A lot of organizational work was put in by Dick Hosmer, and we especially want to express our appreciation to him. ***

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**Next Meeting: Saturday, August 12, 2006, 1:00 PM
Club House**

**Deadline for September *Whistles in the Woods*:
Saturday, August 19**

Other Important Dates: See Last Page

Notes From Jeane

Membership Secretary's Report Jeane Lutz

May I say finally, welcome to summer! After a very wet spring, I sure hope it will not be a prelude to the fall.

In our July Meeting, the following members were welcomed aboard the ALS Express.

Paul Sternitzke from Marlboro, NY went from an Associate to a Regular member. It makes me feel good when I see a youngster turn 18 and go from Associate to Regular. This means to me that we have a very happy railroader. He is also a great help around the club. Welcome to Regular status Paul.

Steven Zucchini, from Northampton, Massachusetts and the son of one of our very active past members, Marcel Zucchini, has joined as a Regular member. We are excited about this as we now and again will see our dear friend Marcel more often. Steven is a builder and has a general appreciation of live steam. Welcome Steven.

James P. Morris from Gansevoort was encouraged by Chris Rittner to join as an Associate member. James works with Chris on the CSX Railroad. Welcome James.

Thomas Harrington from Saratoga Springs was also encouraged by Chris Rittner to join as an Associate member. Tom is retired so maybe he will join many of our retirees during the week at the club. Welcome Thomas.

Linda and **John Shell** from Ravena have both joined as Associate members. Linda is a finance director and really enjoys steam trains. John is a Laborer and has always been fascinated by old steam engines. They currently have an HO scale layout. John is expecting to learn a lot from this club. We welcome both of you and sure hope to see you often.

David S. Bortz from Bernville, Pennsylvania has joined as an Associate member. He is a project manager and loves trains just like the rest of his family. He owns a CN 4-8-4 and numerous cars. Welcome David.

Paul Tommell from Saratoga Springs was brought to us through Charlie Pellock. Paul grew up near the Albany train yard and his father was a boiler maker. He is a land surveyor and has done some of the surveying of the ALS lands. We welcome you Paul.

Dennis Hennington from Yaphank, NY, renewed by reapplying for membership as an Associate. Thank you Dennis and welcome back.

Mary Ann van Alstyne from Schenectady, NY joined as an Associate. Mary Ann is a Vocational Rehab Counselor and she enjoys observing and riding the trains. She joins with her son Samuel Gordon.

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**AMERICAN TRUCK
HISTORICAL SOCIETY HAS
MEETING AT ALS**

Ed Eggleston

To the fact that I am Secretary of our group, and a member of ALS, Bill Mischler, who was our host, asked me to co-host our meeting on the ALS grounds. Therefore I had a double job: attendance and signer-up for ALS. Thanks guys for your cooperation.

When I arrived, some of our members were already getting questions answered in the engine ready area. After Bill Mischler got his box cab running and two of his cars coupled, he proceeded to give a circuit ride to three of our prominent members. I overheard their comments upon their return. One member was astonished at what the ALS members have created. Another member said he will wait for the bus next time.

As the rest of the members got a chance for a ride, the remarks were favorable. As to our joint meeting, I got the feeling that all of us had a very good time.

Thanks to all.

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**FAMILY DAY I IS
ENJOYED BY ALL**

The weather was fine, the food was great, and all of us had a wonderful time. This sounds like a description of a wonderful day of activities, and it certainly applies to this year's first Family Day. We all saw some people whom we had not seen for awhile, and many of us were able to make new friends and meet other family members of people we already know. This is what Family Day at ALS is all about.

Thanks to Beth and Katherine Levine for their help in preparing hamburgers, hot dogs, and chicken burgers. Thanks to all who brought a dish. The food was great.

And if you missed the event, please join us for another Family Day on Sunday, August 13. Don't miss the fun.

Llyn's Summary

Recording Secretary's Report Llyn Rice

The Board of Directors met on 8 July to plan for the scheduled Membership Meeting and they:

- Determined that any responsible adult can serve as conductor when hauling guests if he/she has a card defining rules and responsibilities in hand.
- Continued to make Department Head and Committee Chair appointments.
- Reviewed the list of eight safety action items proposed at the previous Directors' Meeting and decided that barring vehicles from crossing the tracks to the club house area should be limited to Meets.
- Learned that the Zurich Company, which writes our liability insurance, will be sending an inspector to our property to evaluate how we operate and identify potential risks.
- Decided that only membership applicants should be invited on Membership Day with the understanding that applicants can invite family and friends when/if they become members.
- Heard a review of the tie material selection effort and decided to recommend that we use the new style pressure treated lumber with plastic tie plates and stainless steel screws.
- Determined that there was no budget for the DeSantis Divide realignment project and decided to propose to the membership to set a budget and use money left over at the end of the 2005 budget year.

Our President, Richard Dean, called the Membership Meeting of 8 July 2006 to order. The membership heard the Secretary's and treasurer's reports. Jeane Lutz, Membership Secretary, read thirteen membership applications which the membership approved. Ken Nelson reported on the education day with the cub scouts.

The meeting then addressed old business and the membership:

- Heard a call for volunteers to install the club house stove vent and complete painting which requires ladder-climbing and admired the finish work Bill Mischler did on the great room trusses.
- Learned that the Piasecki Bridge painting project is still pending.
- Learned that the DeSantis Divide embankments need to be planted with grass (which Charlie Pellock volunteered to do) and voted to set a budget which will be funded using money left from the 2005 budget year.
- Heard an update on efforts to buy 2x4 tie lumber with old style pressure treatment which is absolutely unavailable, agreed with the Director's plan to use lumber with the new type of pressure treatment, plastic tie plates and stainless steel screws and voted to rescind an earlier vote to buy 2x4 lumber with old style pressure treatment.

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Lynn's Summary (Continued from page 4)

- Were urged to check out the beautiful Gauge #1 truss bridge which Howie Bird built and learned that the Gauge #1 layout continues to draw potential new members.
- Learned that the visiting Lionel Train Convention group would number as many as 190 and that Dick Hosmer had firm plans for ensuring that all would have signed liability waivers.
- Heard the nearly-completed list of Department Head and Committee Chair appointees and Pete Petrillose volunteered to serve as Station Master.
- Heard the Directors' list of eight proposed safety action items for which Ray Dwyer has agreed to coordinate the volunteers and recommended that the goal of making the entire track accessible to ambulances be changed to making all of the perimeter road accessible to ambulances.

The meeting then addressed new business and the membership:

- Listened to a review of the jobs which need volunteers
- Learned that only membership applicants will be invited on Membership Day with the understanding that applicants can invite family and friends when/if they become members.
- Learned that another club which tried to raise money by selling lithographs of a painting which they did not pay for is making very little profit which puts the proposed plan to buy a painting and make lithographs in question.
- Heard a call from Ken Nelson to help clean out the tool shed which is sorely in need of organization.

Llyn Rice, Secretary

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HANK BUESING INJURED

On the afternoon of Tuesday, June 27th, ALS Member Hank Buesing suffered injuries in a tractor mishap. For those who may not know him, Hank is the gentleman who lives next to the ALS property, and is Vice President Don Buesing's father. Following the accident, he was airlifted to Albany Medical Center for treatment, his broken left ankle required surgery. Hank also suffered a whiplash injury, a separated left shoulder and other cuts and bruises. The

healing process is slow but obvious.

Hank is presently located at "The Stanton," a rehab center located in Glens Falls. If you care to send a card or stop by for a visit, the address is as follows:

The Stanton
152 Sherman Ave,
Glens Falls, NY 12801.

We wish Hank a speedy recovery and look forward to having him back at the track! ***

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TOOL SHED GETS CLEANED

Ken Nelson

After tripping over tools, looking for hardware, and trying to find that elusive item in the Tool Shed, a group of members decided to clean it. Other members seeing the partially cleaned Tool Shed made such comments as “My gosh, there is a wall back there,” and “Thanks for ‘installing’ a floor to walk on.”

All kidding aside, I do want to thank a lot of people including Bill and Paul Sternitzke, Robert Mansfield, Charles Currey, Ed Eggleston, Nancy and Bill Eckert, Dick Hosmer, and a host of

others who pitched in for a couple of hours to get something done. This was a great example of how much can be accomplished when members join in to help.

Hopefully, by the time you read this, our job will be complete. As of this writing, the work bench and tools still need to be sorted, and the bench left clear so as to have a place to work.

Meanwhile, when you use the Tool Shed, please put things back where you found them. Let’s try to keep our Tool Shed clean and usable. ***

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Notes From Jeane (*Continued from page 2*)

Samuel Gordon, also from Schenectady, joined as a Junior member and just loves trains like his mother Mary Ann. Maybe he will learn how to build one. Welcome Mary Ann and Samuel.

Andrew Zucchini, also from Northampton, Massachusetts, and the son of Steven and grandson of Marcel has joined as a Junior member. We are looking forward to having another junior in our club. You will notice Andrew around the club with long blonde hair. He is a very handsome young man and is growing his beautiful hair for the charity “Locks for Love.” He must have a minimum of 10 inches to donate so the charity can make wigs for people who have lost their hair through sickness. Andrew, you are to be commended and someone will be the lucky recipient of his beautiful hair. Congratulations and welcome to ALS Andrew.

We have had a busy month in Membership and I look forward to seeing many of you at the track.

Jeane, Membership Secretary

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President's Corner

Richard Dean, President

Our President is enjoying a much deserved vacation for several weeks, and his column will return in next month’s issue.

YEAR'S FIRST PROTOTYPE OPERATION DAY IS FUN FOR ALL

On Sunday, July 16, ALS held its first Prototype Operation Day for 2006. This is an idea developed several years ago, and has been very popular ever since. Several trains are run simultaneously in both directions, and the idea is to operate a railroad as closely as possible to the prototype.

This year's first Proto Op Day was hosted by Skip Densing, and was very successful according to Skip. If there was one problem, it was that several participants arrived late in the morning, making it difficult for Skip to plan ahead. However experimenting with a new card system made it possible to involve everybody who wanted to participate. We even had guest operators from the Finger Lakes. Although there is room for several passenger trains during the session, there were none run in our first day this year. Perhaps next time.

John Camerota was the Dispatcher. Bill Mischler was able to handle the yard duties at both Wilton and DeSantis Yards, while Lance and Brett Sherman took care of things in Pierson. Freights were run in both directions throughout the day, cars were spotted at various industries, and everyone was kept busy at a reasonable pace for several hours.

Would you like to try this idea? Another Proto Op Day is scheduled for Sunday, August 20, a week after Family Day II. We need Yardmasters,

Engineers, Conductors, and everyone is welcome. You need not have any railroad experience.

Would you be interested in a two day affair? A few asked about this possibility, and it might work. We could start a bit later, perhaps after lunch, and go into the evening until dark. Then, those who wanted to stay over could continue the next morning. Some could operate on Saturday, the 19th, some on Sunday the 20th, and some on both days.

Skip has developed a card system which seems to be a bit more flexible, and we will try his system again next time.

It does help if you could let us know you are coming. If arriving early in the morning is a problem, let us know. If you are transporting cars to be used in the operation plan, let us know. If you have a locomotive, but can't be here until afternoon, let us know. The key phrase here is LET US KNOW! We can't make plans if we don't know who we are working with. My e-mail address is pocovalley@msn.com, and my phone number is (518) 377-7176. Keep in mind that observers are also welcome. Our passenger trains need passengers.

If you have a radio (walkie talkie) with good batteries, please bring it along. We can provide extras as needed. Please join us on Sunday, the 20th as we operate our Adirondack Southern Railroad in a different way. ***

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FAMILY DAY II – SUNDAY AUGUST 13

As mentioned in a previous article, our second Family Day will be held on Sunday, August 13. The club provides hot dogs, hamburgers, condiments, plates, plastic ware and napkins.

Members are asked to bring a covered dish and beverage, and are encouraged to invite their family members and join in the fun. Things begin in mid morning. We'll see you there. ***

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<p>NOTE PAD August 12 – Membership Meeting August 13 – Family Day II August 20 – Prototype Run Day II Sept. 8, 9, 10 – Fall Meet October 14 – Membership Meeting October 14, 15 – Blowdown November 11 – Annual Meeting</p>
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**Summer at
the Club**

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the fun**