

# WHISTLES IN THE WOODS

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OPERATING 6500 FEET OF TRACK IN THE FOOTHILLS OF THE ADIRONDACKS

7 ¼" GAUGE 1 ½" SCALE

OPERATING GAUGE 1 TRACKAGE FOR STEAM AND ELECTRIC

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SAFETY FIRST

AUGUST 2010

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## FAMILY DAY

Beautiful weather and a rather large turnout both contributed to a very successful Family Day at ALS on Sunday, July 11. By 11:00 o'clock, there were several people enjoying rides, and by noon, the crowd had gotten quite large. Our "share" table was covered with food, and Jim Ogden had the grill going full force with chicken, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, and hot dogs for a very hungry group of rail enthusiasts. We want to thank Jim again for acting as official chef. He has consented to be our chief cook at most of the past Family Days, and with everyone wanting something just a little bit different, he delivers the goods.

There were a great variety of locomotives available for viewing, and several were offering rides for those who wanted them. I counted at least two steam engines, run by Rich Dean and Lance Sherman, along with several diesels operated by Ken Nelson, Dave French, Joyce and Paul Sternitzke, along with Marcel Zucchini and Nick Furnia and their electric powered locos.

We hope you were able to be in the crowd and that you plan now to attend the second Family Day on Sunday, August 8. This is a great opportunity to meet our "family" and to partake of some great food and enjoy a day on the railroad. \*\*\*

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**Next Meeting: Saturday, August 14, 10:00 AM  
Clubhouse**

**Deadline for September *Whistles in the Woods*:  
Saturday, August 21**

**Send ALL information to Ben Maggi**

**Other Important Dates: See Last Page**

# President's Corner

Hi Everyone,

Well I heard it was a good family day in July as I didn't make it , but I will try to make OUR next family day on August 1st which is our next Club event.

Our prototype day wasn't greatly attended BUT, we that did show up got started about ten o'clock in the morning and didn't stop till around six o'clock. (Do you think we were having a little FUN!) The day had great weather; there was no rain, low humidity and the bugs weren't too bad either. We are having our next prototype day in September on the 25th because we heard that it is too hot in the summer. SO: come out and try operating with us on a cool September day and let us know what you think.

Stuff at our club is piling up so if you see something NOT being used that interests you please talk to the Board of Directors. This is an effort to clean up our Club and to use what space we have most efficiently. I am working on track and cleaning up the garage, going through stuff, sorting and re-stacking items neater to save stuff so it will be useable and won't have an accident. I believe tie replacement still needs more hands. If you do find a track concern, make sure to give a mile post number and write down what the concern is and give it to John C. or me and we will check it out.

I know it is very early yet but it is time to be thinking about Elections for next year's Board of Directors. Think about this: do you like your present officers? Have you asked them if they still want the office again this coming year? Do you want someone different for a position, and if so have you talked it over with them? And another important thing is GET OUT AND VOTE! Not just in our club elections but where you live. Do you realize that only about 1/3 to 1/4 of the people vote! That means we are letting ourselves be governed by the decisions of the voting minority! Isn't it supposed to be the majority? The same thing is going on at our Club. There are 50+ Regular members and 70+ Associate members but most meeting only have about 20 members show up to listen, voice their opinions, and contribute to the discussions. (*Remember my mantra: visit ALS 10 times a year - meetings days count too!*)

Enjoy our club whenever you can , and bring along a fellow member to enjoy a couple of hours. Hopefully, I will see you there!

**Skip,** President

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Myron Rapaport

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## PASSENGER CARS' OWNER REQUESTED

For some time now, there have been two "period" passenger cars parked on stall number 8, on the bottom level of the Car Barn. Are they yours? Do you know the owner?

We have received no "Usage Fee" from the owner, and if such owner cannot be found, we will have to remove them.

If they are yours, OR if you know to whom they belong, please call Myron Rapaport at 518-796-7724 so that proper procedures may be followed. \*\*\*

# Minutes

## A Brief Summary of the Highlights of the July Meeting

- President Skip Densing called the meeting to order at 10:17 AM.
- Recording Secretary Karl Pickles read the minutes of the June Meeting.
- Treasurer Ben Maggi gave the Treasurer's Report, which was accepted.
- Membership Secretary Report: we have several new members:
  - Curtis Hoffman - Regular member
  - Borchers family (Robert, Lisa, William, Grace) - Family Membership.
- **Summary of our Discussions:**
  - 1.) Depot: wood has been acquired to finish the Trim Moldings inside the Depot.
  - 2.) Signals: Warren and Ken are hard at work on the signals.
  - 3.) Driveway: Charlie Pellock will be working on the Driveway.
  - 4.) Locks: before leaving, take a few extra minutes required to check all the locks.
  - 5.) Machine Shop: we need to decide on its dimensions to establish a foundation.
  - 6.) Logging: the Membership voted to selectively log the property based on the recommendations of a Forestry Expert.
  - 7.) Disposition of Property: the Membership voted on the proper procedures for removing unwanted property on the Club premises in order to make the area neater and safer.
- **Spring Meet:**

According to all it was safe and successful. Chuck Curry and Mark Landgraf thank everyone who worked hard to make it so. If you are aware of any problems that came up during the meet, let one of them know so that they can make changes for the Fall Meet.
- The Meeting was adjourned.

**Are YOU attending the meetings? Are YOU participating in the discussions? Are YOU voting? If not, then you ARE NOT helping us determine the Club's future? All members are welcome to attend the monthly meetings. See our website for meeting dates and times.**

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## THIS WEB SITE MAY INTEREST YOU

Ken Nelson

Many of you have heard of the Alco Historical and Technical Society (AHTS). They have been going through some changes in their leadership recently, and are planning, among other things, a ride on the Upper Hudson

Railroad behind one of its ALCO Diesel engines on Sunday, August 22. If you would like more information on this trip, or on the AHTS in general, you should visit their website: <http://www.ahts.org/>

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# Safety Tip

Ted Wilming and Ken Nelson

Club members and chipmunks are not the only creatures that like to spend their time up at the club. In the past couple of years there have been many cases of tick bites leading to Lyme disease in the New York State. So far, we have been lucky and tick bites on our property have been relatively few. Thankfully, most tick bites do not result in Lyme disease. Using common sense, as well as taking necessary preventative precautions, will help keep us all safe. Below is some information that was originally printed in *The Post Star*, Glens Falls, NY newspaper on 6/21/2010, page D2.

## **"Take a Bite out of Summer with Caution"** **Ticks and Lyme Disease**

- **What is it** - A bacterial Infection
- **How it spreads** - The disease is transmitted to humans by infected black-legged ticks who in turn were infected by small rodents. It is not spread from human to human.
- **Symptoms** - Fever, headache, fatigue, chills, swollen lymph nodes and a bulls-eye shaped rash in about 75% of cases. If untreated, the infection can produce symptoms ranging from facial paralysis, neck stiffness, dizziness and arthritis. Up to 5 percent of people who are untreated will develop neurological symptoms including pain, numbness and tingling in the extremities, and problems with memory and concentration.
- **Treatment** - If the infection is caught early, a three-week course of antibiotics can usually stop its spread to joints and the nervous system.
- **Prevention** - Tuck shirts into pants and pants into socks. Use insect repellent with DEET on exposed skin and permethrin on clothes (available at stores that sell outdoor equipment). Perform tick checks of the whole body, and remove any ticks with sharp tweezers.

Don't let the threat of ticks scare you from coming up to the Club. Follow the advice above and you will have a wonderful time up here at the club!

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# First Class

**Don't  
Miss  
Family  
Day II**

**NOTE PAD**

**August 8 – Family Day II  
August 14 – Membership Meeting  
September 9– Meeting to organize  
Fall Meet  
September 9-12 – Fall Meet  
September 25 – Proto Op Day II  
October 9 – Membership Meeting  
October 16-17 - Blowdown**