

Whistles in the Woods

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OPERATING 6500 FEET OF TRACK IN THE FOOTHILLS OF THE ADIRONDACKS

7 1/4" GAUGE 1 1/2" SCALE

OPERATING GAUGE 1 TRACKAGE FOR STEAM AND ELECTRIC

SAFETY FIRST

DECEMBER 2006

2006 ELECTION RESULTS

The Adirondack Live Steamers Annual Membership Meeting and Election of Officers was held on Saturday, November 11. The results of the Election were as follows:

President: Richard Dean

Vice President: Don Buesing

Recording Secretary: Llyn Rice

Treasurer: Glenn Freedman

Membership Secretary: Jeane Lutz

Director 2008: Skip Densing

In addition to the above names, two other members will remain on the Board of Directors. Ted Wilming will finish

his two year term as Director 2007, and Dick Hosmer will continue as Past President.

We want to thank Bill Mischler for running for Director. Nominating fellow members for office, and being willing to run for an office if nominated, creates a healthy organization. Appreciation is expressed to all members who are willing to serve, and who spend many extra hours working to keep the Adirondack Live Steamers moving forward. ***

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OUR NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

For several reasons, the Board of Directors is still scheduling our next Membership Meeting. Even with some heat in the Clubhouse, the possibility of snow makes parking on ALS property difficult. Therefore the date and location of our March Membership Meeting will be announced in the February/March issue of *Whistles in the Woods*.

Next Meeting: To Be Announced

**Deadline for February/March *Whistles in the Woods*:
Saturday, January 13, 2007**

Other Important Dates: See Last Page and 2007 Calendar Inside

President's Corner

Richard Dean, President

The votes are in! I'm still here as President and I believe the hardest part of the list of jobs that come with the title is this column! I've always been a worker, and that has never been an issue. I can normally hold my own in a conversation (I don't say much, I just listen.) and I can crack a mighty whip when needed. So, I thank you all for your support, and I really hope I can lead Adirondack Live Steamers through another great year.

Have you been to the track lately? As of the weekend of November the 18th, the old main line through DeSantis Divide is no longer in service. The track was removed on Saturday and the preparations for installing the concrete blocks on the east side of the overpass have started. Don't worry though if you plan on running on New Year's Day. The new station track has been laid and ballasted and it is now the "temporary main line" (read as...the only way to complete the loop at this time). We have to thank the usual group of workers for their efforts on the removal and installation of the new trackage.

As most Regular members know, the heat is on at the Wilton Depot. Ray Dwyer and crew have the furnace installation completed. This means more fun at the track in the "short days, cool air," time of the year. There are track panels in need of being built to continue the progress at DeSantis Divide. Now, it can be accomplished in the relative warmth of the ALS buildings. So sign up today to be involved in bringing this important movement forward for the coming spring's track laying. Please call or speak with Dick Hosmer, Ken Nelson, or Mark Landgraf.

I hope to see many of you at the Albany Train show.

The Prez,

Richard Dean

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DEATH CLAIMS TWO OF OUR MEMBERS

Ken Nelson

During the past month, we have lost two of our members.

Frank Chambers died on October 29. He was found by his visiting nurse sitting up in his recliner as if sound asleep. His television set was still playing. Don Buesing had given Frank his telephone number to be called in case of emergency. The police called Don on Monday, October 30 to inform him of Frank's death. Don contacted Frank's brother who lives in Maryland.

Frank was a geologist, had edited at least one book of photos by a photographer from the west, enjoyed painting (one of his paintings hangs in the clubhouse), loved the railroad, and spent many hours at ALS. We will miss him.

On October 31, Dr. Frederick Campbell died. Fred had a long and respected career as a general surgeon and trauma care physician. He designed and built several of the homes in which he lived in various parts of this country and Canada. He was a self taught civil engineer by avocation and built his own live steam railroad in Vermont, elaborate stone walls, patios, and a bridge spanning the Mill River which flowed through his property. He was an avid gardener and reader, and loved to share his ideas and projects with his friends and relations.

Just last year, Fred donated to our club the rail from his railroad, and several ALS members purchased many of his cars and locomotives. ***

Llyn's Summary

Recording Secretary's Report Llyn Rice

President Richard Dean called the meeting to order at 13:05 and called for a moment of silence in memory of recently deceased members Frank Chambers and Fred Campbell.

Llyn Rice, Recording Secretary, read the minutes of the previous meeting and the membership accepted them with one correction.

Jeane Lutz, Membership Secretary, had no new applications to present.

Glenn Freedman, Treasurer, was not able to attend and we did not have a financial report.

Ken Nelson, Education Committee Chair, reported that there were no new requests for educational visits.

Under Old Business:

DeSantis Divide: The new connection to the station track is connected and ballasted. The through track is nearly completed and about to be connected.

Gauge #1: Llyn Rice reported that the prefabricated roadbed for the end loop of the second electrically powered loop is now in place.

Crossing Shanty Roof: Myron Rapaport hired a workman to remove the old roof, install plywood sheathing and cover the roof with felt. Club volunteers, under Don Buesing's leadership will install the slate shingles in the spring.

Mrs. Peck Accident Follow-up: Richard Dean reported that Mrs. Peck's lawyer, an expert engineering witness of his choosing, our lawyer, and Mrs. Peck's son-in-law's insurance claim agent had visited ALS to review the accident scene. On that day, Richard had a separate discussion with our lawyer who expects that our insurance company and Mrs. Peck's son-in-law's insurance company will share in paying the claim. This sharing will take place because Mrs. Peck's son-in-law precipitated the accident by leaning out to take pictures, thus derailing the train car. Our lawyer recommended that we post more prominent signs at the entrance and at the loading area which spell out the rules for those who ride trains. Ted Wilming will propose a design for the new signs. Richard reported that he is still working with his insurance agent to find coverage for ALS when the current policy runs out. Because there had been discussion of adding railings to the trestles, some members suggested rethinking the plan because falling against railings might also cause injuries.

Albany Train Show: Dick Hosmer outlined the plans for bringing equipment onto the show floor.

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LLYN’S SUMMARY (Continued from page 4)

Other Old Business:

1. Richard Dean called for volunteers to take down the tarp over the emporium and to stack the picnic tables for the winter after the meeting ended.
2. The members present recognized Ken Nelson’s birthday by singing “Happy Birthday.”
3. The members present accepted, by general consensus, Larry Green’s offer to buy a US flag to be displayed in the station.

Under New Business:

Visit Request: The Hudson Berkshire Division of the NMRA will be holding a convention the weekend after our 2007 Blowdown weekend and have asked if they could visit and have rides. The membership was willing in principle, but not ready to commit until we know what our insurance situation will be.

Source of Ties: Ken Nelson said that he had a source of good used ties free for the taking. The membership decided that we do not really need any and turned them down.

Election of 2007 Officers and Board Members: The members present passed a motion to have the Recording Secretary cast one ballot each for the uncontested positions. The members then voted by paper ballot for Skip Densing to serve as Director (term ending 2008). The line up (Board of Directors *ed*) for 2007 is:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Elected</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Elected</u>
President	Richard Dean	Membership Secretary	Jeane Lutz
Vice President	Don Buesing	Director (term ending 2007)	Ted Wilming
Recording Secretary	Llyn Rice	Director (term ending 2008)	Skip Densing
Treasurer	Glenn Freedman	Past President	Dick Hosmer

March Meeting Date: Some members suggested moving the March general Membership Meeting date or the winter banquet date so that they would occur on the same day. The membership had not reached a final conclusion when the meeting ended.

Richard Dean adjourned the meeting at 14:07.

Llyn Rice, Recording Secretary

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JUST FOR LAUGHS

As the evening local became later and later, the passengers become more angry and irate. That is all but one. When asked why he wasn’t joining in to denounce the railroad, the passenger stated that he was riding on a pass. “But if they don’t start running this train on time,” he said, “I plan to buy a ticket and join you all.”

Notes From Jeane

Membership Secretary's Report Jeane Lutz

I would like to welcome the following new members to the ALS family.

Robert Ingram, from Westport, NY (mostly) and Hilton Head, SC in the winter, was accepted as a Regular member. Robert is retired from the railroad and transportation industry. He has HO gauge equipment but is very interested in large scale operation and learning the basics of steam. Welcome Robert.

James Ash, from Whitefield, NH, has joined as an Associate member. His expertise is in electrical, plumbing, machining, and sheet metal fabrication. Welcome James.

John Thackeray, from South Orleans, MA, has been accepted as an Associate member. He is a friend of Frank DeSantis and is interested in G Gauge. Welcome John.

Daniel Weinreich joined as an Associate member, along with his children **JoBeth, Rory, Millicent, and Sophia Weinreich**, each of whom joined as Junior members. From Hancock, NH, Dan is the son of Regular members Bud and Suzanne Weinreich and of course the children are their grandchildren. Daniel is a cabinet maker by trade and his interest in railroading is inherent. JoBeth and Rory are already engineers and run grandpas speeder. We welcome this whole family into ours at ALS.

PLEASE NOTICE!

THERE HAS BEEN A CHANGE INITIATED FOR YOUR RENEWALS. PLEASE READ THIS CAREFULLY AS IT WILL BE THE ONLY INFO YOU WILL RECEIVE BEFORE YOU GET YOUR RENEWAL REQUESTS BY US MAIL.

There will be a renewal mailed to you via the US Mail. It will contain your release form that MUST be signed each year and returned with your renewal. If I do not receive your release signed, you will not be considered renewed. You will also need to put in a check for the full amount of your dues at the time of renewal or again you will not be considered renewed. I will no longer take requests for car barn or engine house rentals. You will be contacted directly by Myron and Ray. Please DO NOT enclose the monies for these with your dues.

DEADLINE FOR RENEWAL IS JANUARY 31. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS MADE.

This may seem harsh, but the membership is becoming somewhat of a logistical nightmare. We are almost 250 strong at this time. The Board of Directors have decided this is the best way to deal with this now. You are a member, and it is your responsibility to fill out the paperwork and get it back to the Membership Secretary in the time allotted, with the proper dollar amount. You will then get your new card when all this is in order. The deadline has been moved up because of the time it takes to compile the new roster for the year.

So please remember when you receive your renewal, fill out the release, enclose a check and send it in before January 31. We are all looking forward to a happy and safe new year of railroading at ALS.

I hope to see you all at the banquet.

Jeane

DESANTIS TRACKWORK MOVES FORWARD

With the help of several of our members, the revised trackwork at DeSantis continues to move forward. The station track has been tied in, ballasted, and is in service. A section of the old service track has been removed, and the main line running next to it has been partially ballasted, but has not been tied in pending the construction of the "east" bridge pier. This will prevent damage to the track by the construction. If you find this all very confusing, come on out and help. This will give you a first hand view of what has been accomplished. There is much to be done, and the amount of work which can be

accomplished this year depends of course on how much help we can get on Saturdays and the weather.

In addition to the work at DeSantis, Myron Rapaport has cleaned up the area around the Car Barn, and covered the switch throws for the season.

During the winter, we hope to construct track panels for use in the new service trackage which will replace Rateau Yard. With some heat in the clubhouse, we will need the help of many of our members. The more panels we can construct, the faster things will move in the spring. ***

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OUR WINTER BANQUET

Pete Petrillose

Would you like to see your live steam friends during the middle of the winter? Would you like to brag a bit about your latest project, have a great time and enjoy some great food? Then plan to attend the ALS Winter Banquet.

The date for 2007 is set for Sunday, March 11 at the VFW Hall in Saratoga Springs, the same location we have used for the past several years. Dinner will be served at 1:00 PM. Entrée choices will also be the same as last year: Roast Beef, Baked Chicken, or Baked fish, each served with a baked potato, steamed vegetables, tossed salad, rolls, and apple crisp a la mode for dessert. Coffee and soda are included with the meal, and a cash bar will be available. The price for all of this is just \$13.00 per person.

Door prizes will again be available. Those of you who wish may bring a

wrapped item or items for the door prize table, but this is not required. Please do not bring junk.

Entertainment is welcome. If you would like to provide music, photos, movies, videos, etc. please contact me (Pete) ahead of time so it can be scheduled in.

Those planning to attend must send in their money to Pete Petrillose no later than **Saturday, February 10, 2007**. Anyone may attend the event, but if the money isn't in by the above date, you may not get any food.

A letter of reminder will be sent to each member in early January, but money may be sent at any time between now and February 10. Plan now to attend, bring your other half, family, and friends, and catch up with what is going on. ***

ALBANY TRAIN SHOW

Ken Nelson

The 2006 Great Train Extravaganza at the Empire State Plaza in Albany, NY will be held on Sunday, December 3. There will be several layout modules in various gauges for your viewing enjoyment, as well as local hobbyists demonstrating their talents. In addition many dealers and vendors will offer varied hobby merchandise both new and

used, and ALS will again have a display of both 7¼" and Gauge One models. This presents a great opportunity for our club to make itself known to the public, and perhaps find one or more new members.

Why not plan now to attend, bring a friend, perhaps a potential new member, and say "HI." ***

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

You will find on the last page of this month's *Whistles in the Woods* an insert of the ALS Calendar of Events for 2007. You may remove this if you wish and post it on your refrigerator, cork board, or other place in your home. This can be

a constant reminder of what is going on throughout the year. We offered this last year and several of you thought it was a good idea. We hope you will find it useful. ***

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EDUCATION DAYS

Ken Nelson

As most of you know, our club offers several Education Days throughout the spring, summer and fall season. These are generally geared to school age children, but can be adapted to Cub Scouts, Brownies, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, or other such groups who might be studying railroads, or be interested in railroads and how they operate. By offering such events, our club contributes to maintaining our tax free status with the state of New York.

Perhaps you know of such a group, or

you may be involved in a school, scout group, or other such organization. We like to have our "students" be at least age 10 (fourth grade), but can go up as high as high school or above in some situations. On several occasions we have helped scout groups obtain their Railroading Merit Badge.

If you know of such a group, please inform me (Ken Nelson) with enough lead time so that we might get together our teaching staff and assistants. Now is a good time to think about next year. ***

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NEXT ISSUE WILL BE FEBRUARY-MARCH

The next issue of *Whistles in the Woods* will be published in February 2007. Meanwhile, perhaps we will see you in Albany at the Great Train Extravaganza in December, or at a work party during the winter. Have a great holiday season. ***

ADIRONDACK LIVE STEAMERS

2007 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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July 8 –
Family Day I

July 14 –
Membership
Meeting
1:00 PM

July 15 –
Prototype
Oper. Day I

Aug. 11 –
Membership
Meeting
1:00 PM

Aug. 12 –
Family Day II

Aug. 19 -
Prototype
Oper. Day II

Mar. 11 –
Banquet
1:00 PM

Sept. 6 -
Meeting
7:30 PM

Sept. 6-9
Fall Meet

April 14 –
Membership
Meeting
1:00 PM

Oct. 13-14
Blowdown
Oct. 20 -
Membership
Meeting
1:00 PM

May 12 –
Membership
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1:00 PM
May 19 –
Membership
Day

Nov. 10 -
Membership
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Election of
Officers
1:00 PM

June 7 –
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7:30 PM
June 7 – 10
Spring Meet

Dec. 2 -
Albany Train
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JULY

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First Class

**Have a
Pleasant
Holiday and
a Healthy
Winter**

NOTE PAD

**December 3 – Albany Train Show
March 11 – Annual Banquet
Next Membership Meeting to be
Announced
Every Saturday – Work Day**