

WHISTLES IN THE WOODS

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FEBRUARY / MARCH 2010

HANK BUESING

Hank Buesing was a printer by trade and a farmer by desire. In addition, he drove a Mack truck for an auto parts company and ran steam-powered tug and ferryboats for the Erie Railroad. He served his country during World War II, fought in the Battle of the Bulge, was a prisoner of war, and was awarded the Purple Heart. After serving his local community as a volunteer firefighter in the town of Lincoln Park, N.J., he and his wife Alice moved to Saratoga Springs, where he became a member of

VFW Post 420.

In 1984 he became a charter member of the Adirondack Live Steamers, donating a large plot of land to the organization, and was awarded the first ALS Life Membership. He frequently enjoyed working and playing at the club.

Hank died on Monday, January 18, and was buried in the National Cemetery on Duell Road in Stillwater. The entire ALS membership extends its sympathy to the Buesing family. He will be missed. ***

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FEBRUARY AND MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

This year, ALS begins its season with a Membership Meeting on February 13 at 10 AM in the Wilton Firehouse. Several issues need discussion including the 2010 Budget.

Exit the Northway at Exit 16, drive west on Ballard Road for three traffic

lights, and look for the Wilton Firehouse on the right. Park in the rear and use the rear door. Your attendance and input is desired.

The March Membership Meeting will be held on March 13 at 10 AM with the location to be announced. ***

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**Next Meeting: Saturday, February 13, 10:00 AM
Wilton Firehouse**

**Deadline for April *Whistles in the Woods*:
Saturday, March 20**

Other Important Dates: See Last Page

President's Corner

Hello, and welcome back.

It is the start of another year. What are you looking forward to this year? We have two Meets, two Family Days, two Prototypical Days, one Membership Day, one Blowdown, and one Election. What was it YOU were going to help with this year?

Yes, we usually have a full year of stuff going on and we could really use a little help from those who haven't been able to help as much as others have. I am already aware that some of the people who have chaired events in the past will be unavailable this year for various reasons. We need a Chairperson for the Spring and Fall Meets. No, you don't have to do both, but one would really help. You would get a list of jobs that need doing and just put names by them, after you know they are willing to serve. How about cooking on a Family Day? Someone will have to take the first Prototypical Day because I will be out of state for my parent's 60th Anniversary. So you see that others will have to cover for regular lead persons of different activities. Please!

What is your feeling as far as track panels, plumbing the depot, signals, or organizing the machine shop? Do you know what other things are going on? Come to the February Meeting and find out.

Regrettably, we lost an original founding member, Hank Buesing. Don's father passed away after 91 years of a rich, full life. Over the years I always remember seeing him playing and working at our club. Even when no one else was around, he took care of things. I will miss seeing him sitting on his tractor moving ballast at his age. How young at heart we all are.

Skip, President

P.S. Questions? E-mail me and I will try to answer them at the February meeting.

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WINTER BANQUET

Pete Petrillose

Our annual ALS Winter Banquet will be held on Sunday, March 28, 2010 at the Burnt Hills Fire Department on Route 50 in Burnt Hills, NY. This is a great opportunity to get together with no pressure, and enjoy the company of all of our "family."

As of now, I plan to serve the same menu, with the same caterer at the same price as last year. Come on out and tell us about what you have accomplished since last year. Or share with us what you plan for this summer.

If you have railroad items that you would like to donate for door prizes, please wrap them (newspaper is fine) so one cannot tell what they are. The more donations we get, the more door prizes we can give. Please do not bring junk.

Entertainment, whether musical, railroad oriented videos, slides, power point, or other appropriate material is always welcome. Please let me know ahead of time so that we can allow time for it. Just drop a note in with your reservation.

Last minute details regarding time, menu selection, and price have been sent to you in a letter during the past few weeks. Please take time to read it and return your response as soon as possible. It makes it a lot easier on the caterer if she knows how many meals to prepare as early as possible.

We look forward to seeing you on March 28th. ***

Letters to the Editor

Hank Buesing passed away at 2:30 this afternoon. I only just finished one of these on Sam Bassini's wife this morning. I'm running out of tissues. Both my daughters are basket cases over this latest news.

Well, here you go...the latest in condolences for today.

I'm beginning to notice that as we get "older," we start losing friends. It seems to be going far too fast lately. Sometimes the loss is painful, other times it's devastating, but for a few, words just cannot suffice. For those few for whom we are most thankful, the ones who have touched many and asked for little in return, it is extremely difficult to express the sorrow we feel.

Hank Buesing never owned a live steam locomotive. He never built a freight car or a passenger car. But what he did build was a train club. A number of us have had the privilege to visit it and operate on it, and enjoy the great people who belong to it. I was lucky enough to have been able to have had a very special relationship with Hank, as has my family. Alice, the rest of the Buesing family, the entire Adirondack Club, and the live steam hobby, all have lost a very special individual. It is a very sad thought indeed that we will no longer get to see him when we go there. He is the foundation at ALS. (For the newcomers, the first six acres for ALS came from Hank.)

God Bless You Hank. May your tomatoes always be ripe and your corn always sweet. We'll miss you. Thank you for all you've shared with us. Say hello to Frank and my Dad for me.

Your friend,
Chuck Bauer
ALS Associate Member
NJLS Director 2008-2010

Safety Tip

Ted Wilming and Ken Nelson

It is not too early to begin looking at your trains and equipment, including locomotive(s), cars, and accessories, with the subject of safety in mind. If you haven't looked at your locomotive since last October, it might be a good idea to start now to prepare it or them, for a safe summer of operation. Here are some things to think about.

1. Keep in mind that all steam locomotives need to have a boiler inspection before operating this summer. This is a hydro check, and will be performed by our club inspector Ray Dwyer. The process is easy and can be done by contacting Ray and arranging a date. This will cover you at ALS as well as most clubs you may visit during the year.
 2. All trains operating on ALS trackage must have a chain or safety rope between cars. A runaway car can cause a major accident. There must also be a chain or bar between a diesel or electric engine and its riding car. Depending on the coupler is NOT enough.
 3. Diesel and Electric locomotives MUST have a WORKING fire extinguisher. If you are not sure that yours is still good, this might be the year to get a new one.
 4. Working headlights are a good idea during the daylight, and are mandatory if running at night. In addition, you must have a red light on the rear of your train after dark. Many railroaders use flashing bicycle lights, which are available at many stores.
- Don't get caught on the first day of operation with things that don't work. Start now to check things out and be ready for a safe and fun summer of operation. It won't be long. ***

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ENGINEER'S TEST

Ted Wilming

Please keep in mind that every engineer at ALS, whether a member or a visitor, must have successfully completed the Engineer's Test at least once every three years. If you last took the test in 2007 or earlier, you are due to re-qualify for the 2010 season.

The test may be found on line at our web address:

Adirondacklivesteamers.org

If you are due to take it this year, it will be given on May 15 during Membership Day. You may also contact me to arrange another time.

Please do not attempt to send it to me on line. We are currently experiencing a problem receiving those tests that are sent through e-mail. ***

MELBA BUSSE DIES

Melba Busse was the mother of Sandy Pellock, Charlie Pellock's wife. She moved from New Jersey to Wilton in the mid 1980s and lived just behind Charlie on the farm next to ALS. Melba's husband was George Busse, after whom our new Busse Tunnel has been named.

Melba died on Thursday, January 21, and a funeral service was held on Tuesday, January 26. ALS wishes to express our deepest sympathy to Charlie, Sandy, and the entire Pellock family. ***

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TRACK PANELS

We still need a lot of track panels in order to be ready for the spring construction of our new service trackage. There is still time to call a friend and arrange a time at the clubhouse to construct one or two or more during the day.

Turn the heat on using the switch in the furnace room and adjusting the thermostat, and it will get warm in a very short time. Please be sure to turn the furnace down again when you leave for the day. ***

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NEW YEAR'S DAY RUN

Skip Densing

The New Year's Day Run for 2010 was a mixed blessing. My locomotive was run, but ended up in the shop after a bout with ice and snow.

However the day did include fun for several people who were able to attend. Bill

Mischler tried to get his locomotive going, but had little success. Also in attendance were Don Buesing, Karl Pickles, Charlie Pellock, Ray and John Dwyer and myself. Maybe you can join us next year. ***

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ARTICLES NEEDED

Ken Nelson

Since this is our first issue of *Whistles* for the year, this might be a good time to remind everyone that we need and encourage articles, classifieds, digital photos, and other information for YOUR newsletter. You may submit a finished article, or information from which I can write an article. Please

keep in mind the deadline that is printed on the first page of each issue. I'll take care of the rest.

Also remember that photos are also welcome for our web page. Contact Bill Eckert. ***

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ALS CALENDAR FOR 2010

Ken Nelson

Page 7 of this issue is your 2010 Calendar of ALS events. Why not remove it, or print it, and hang it up to keep track of what is going on at the club during the year?

We hope that you and your family can attend many of the year's events. This is your club. Come on out and have fun with everyone. ***

ADIRONDACK LIVE STEAMERS

2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Jan. 1 -
New Year's Day
Run

July 10 -
Membership Mtg.
10 AM
July 11 -
Family Day I
July 17 -
Proto Op. Day I

JULY

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Feb. 13 -
Membership Mtg.
10 AM

Aug. 8 -
Family Day II
Aug. 14 -
Membership Mtg.
10 AM

AUGUST

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March 13 -
Membership Mtg.
10 AM
March 28 -
Winter Banquet

Sept. 9 -
Meeting 7:30 PM
Sept. 10-12 -
FALL MEET
Sept. 25 -
Proto. Op. Day II

SEPTEMBER

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April 10 -
Membership Mtg.
10 AM

Oct. 9 -
Membership Mtg.
10 AM
Oct. 16-17 -
Blowdown

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May 8 -
Membership Mtg.
10 AM
May 15 -
Membership Day
& Engineer's Test

November 13 -
Membership Mtg.
10 AM

NOVEMBER

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June 10 -
Meeting 7:30 PM
June 11 - 13
SPRING MEET

December 5 -
Albany Train Show

DECEMBER

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First Class

NOTE PAD

Feb. 13 – Membership Meeting
10 AM Wilton Firehouse
March 13 – Membership Meeting
10 AM; Location TBA
March 28 – Winter Banquet
Burnt Hills Firehouse
April 10 – Membership Meeting
10 AM in the Clubhouse

See you
at the
Meeting
and the
Banquet
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