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FEBRUARY/MARCH 2012

IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP MEETING COMING

Ken Nelson

We haven't met as a group over the winter months, but your Board of Directors has met a few times and is eager to bring you up to date on what is going on. The March Membership Meeting is your chance to join with your fellow members again, and find out what your BOD has been doing over the past few weeks.

In addition to the above, the BOD will discuss the Budget for 2012, and

open this discussion, along with other items of importance to the membership. This is your opportunity to ask questions, find out what is planned for the season, and to get involved in the planning. The meeting will begin at 10:00 AM.

Please notice that, unlike in the past, we have had little or no snow this winter. Therefore we will plan to have the March meeting AT THE CLUB. ***

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HAVE YOU VISITED THE CLUB LATELY?

Depending on your feelings about snow, the months of November, December, and January have either provided us with a gift of no shoveling, or cursed us with no snow on which to ski. But let us not forget about our live steam hobby.

Regardless of how you feel, have you taken advantage of the weather to visit the club and either get a head start on the spring clean up, or perhaps changed some ties? It is not too late. The clubhouse is heated, the parking is plentiful, and the work is waiting. ***

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Next Meeting: Saturday, March 10, 2012, 10:00 AM

Plans are to hold the meeting in the clubhouse.

Deadline for April *Whistles in the Woods*: Saturday, March 17

Other Important Dates: See Last Page

President's Corner

Winter must be here now. The Hudson River is starting to freeze over. January has also brought our first Board of Director's Meeting of the year. At this meeting, we passed our budget for the coming year.

We are in need of more active members who are willing to put in a few working hours at the club. John Camerota has told me that there is not too much track left that needs to have the ties replaced. In general, the location needing attention runs from the wooden bridge (West Bridge) down to DeSantis Yard. It would also be nice if we could have all of the signals working again this year.

As a member of Adirondack Live Steamers, you are missing out on a great adventure when you don't attend the functions at the club, come around on a weekend or week day to help out, or just come up to run your train. Our beautiful facility puts us all alone in the world for a few hours each week and I am sure you will have an enjoyable experience if you take the time to participate.

I hope to see everyone at the March Membership Meeting. Until then, stay warm and enjoy the winter.

Ray
President

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2012

You will find on page 7 this year's ALS Calendar. We hope that you will hang this in a prominent place in your home and refer to it frequently. The Board of Directors has planned a summer of fun for you and your family. As always, we hope that you can make it

to the club at least ten times during the summer. Come to run trains, to enjoy fellowship with other members, and to work on making our railroad one of the best live steam railroads in this part of the country. The BOD cannot do it all. Let's have a great summer! ***

NEWSLETTER OF THE
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DICK HOSMER WEDS

Ken Nelson

We are happy to announce another ALS member's recent wedding. Did they really elope?

On Christmas Day, December 25, Dick Hosmer married Eleanor Lawrence. Dick's second son, Steve, lives in Missouri, and they decided to travel there to be married. Dick met Ellie at a church meeting that they were both attending, and they have been dating for about a year or so.

They plan to live in Dick's house in Melrose, NY. We wish them the very best and hope to see them both at the club frequently.

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THANK YOU

Marcel Zucchini

I want to thank the Adirondack Live Steamers for the beautiful flowers that you sent me during my recent recovery period after a ruptured appendix. The flowers were beautiful and very much appreciated. I am recovering very well and feel pretty much back to normal. ***

WINTER BANQUET

Pete Petrillose

Our Winter Banquet this year will be held on Sunday, March 18 at the Burnt Hills Fire House at 1:00 PM. This is our chance to get together again and exchange stories about our winter adventures. If you are a new member, this is a great chance to get to know everyone before the new season starts. The food will be prepared again by our usual caterer, is very reasonably priced, and serves as a great background to unbeatable fellowship.

By now you should have received a letter from me with all of the details. If you haven't heard from me, please don't take it personally. I try very hard to include everyone. You may still call me at 518-399-4868 to make your

reservation. As usual, you are encouraged to bring your entire family, and if you wish, you may also bring one or more door prizes wrapped in plain newspaper. Please do not bring junk. The door prizes are optional, but give you an opportunity to move out a railroad item that has been in your way for a while. If you would like to present a slide show or other railroad type presentation, please let me know so that we have time for everyone.

Please try very hard to get your reservation to me as soon as you can. Everyone is welcome, but please be fair with the caterer so that there is enough food for everyone. I look forward to seeing you there. ***

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THIS WEBSITE MAY INTEREST YOU

Don Buesing and Ken Nelson

If you have ever thought of building a live steam locomotive, you might be interested in checking out this site:

www.nelsonslocomotive.com/index.htm

The site deals primarily with geared locomotives, and gives complete details on the building of a 3-truck shay,

including all accessories and plumbing. Embodied are some very fine photos of geared locomotives, as well as links to other sites dealing with this type.

Incidentally, the author of the site is no relation to your editor. ***

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I GOT MY ORDER

Skip Densing

A few months ago I wrote an article about an order I made with Mountain Car for ten pairs of trucks. At the time I was not very happy. Well last November I got one more pair one day and two days later I got two more pairs! So that means that I have now gotten

ALL TEN pairs that I ordered. It is good to have companies like this from which we can order parts or whole items. All of the trucks I have gotten are still running great and you know how much I run.

Thank you Mountain Car! ***

Notes From Rich

It is time again to renew your membership. If you have not already received the forms from me, you will receive them shortly. Please be looking for them. Please take a few minutes and read them carefully. Take the time to be sure that you are checking the proper boxes, and that you provide all of the information asked for. Then write a check for the proper amount of money. All checks must be made out to Adirondack Live Steamers. Finally, be sure that you fill out a waiver form, both front and back, FOR EACH PERSON WHO IS JOINING. These must be included with your Application. There is a place on the back of the form for parents or guardians to sign for children who are minors. Every year I have a few applications that I must hold, waiting for the waiver form. Please send in both.

Please mail:

- (1) The completed application,
- (2) The signed waiver for **each** member joining,
- (3) The proper payment to me at the address given at the top of the Application form.

Thank you in advance for your consideration in this manner. I will process each Application as soon as I can.

Rich

Membership Secretary

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WELL, WHICH ONES ARE YOU COMING TO?

Skip Densing

Over the years, things tend to accumulate, and it is no different with our club. So it would be great if we could all get together to clean and straighten up the club grounds.

We have scheduled three Clean-Up Days this year: April 28, June 2, and September 1, and I would expect you to make at least one of them, if not all three. First, you would see fellow

members and friends, and hopefully have a good day together doing something for our club. Second, remember that many hands make light (easier) work, and you would be surprised at how fast the day will go by.

So please plan at least one of these dates as your turn to help, even if it is only a little. It all helps. ***

KAYADEROSS & SOUTHERN ADIRONDACK RAILROAD

Brad Peterson

Part IV

Editor's note: This is a continuation of a series begun last September.

Part I – September 2011

Part II – October 2011

Part III – November 2011

After I showed Skip Densing a video clip of a ride on the K&SA at the Fall Meet in 2009, he made a seemingly innocent suggestion that I build a tunnel just after the deck where the railroad began. This is what inspired the 2010 season along with a few other projects. There was an ascending planting bed and steps built into the hillside but why should that hamper progress.

Once the snow was gone, (at least near the house; we still had some snow in the woods into May.) I started dismantling the flower bed/stairs and had Dig Safe come by to be sure nothing was in the way of removing the hill. In May, on our first workday, I had a good friend bring over his skid steer and out went the hill. Some of the dirt being removed went into the yard for backfill when the tunnel got done, while the rest of the dirt went along the back fence for fill to build the rest of what I now call the second subdivision.

Along with the tunnel getting started, we had about 120' of track to build from the big crossing (Estate Road) to the edge of the future bridge (Duncan's Bridge). The bridge was also on tap for the season. In May we built the abutments sixty feet apart; in July and August we got the four pier foundations poured. Besides putting two of the pier

bents together, this was the extent of bridge construction for the year.

June was one of the best attended meets to date and with all the hands, we turned almost 100 feet of underbrush into prepared roadbed and had 80 feet of track built by the end of the day. In the next two days, I got out there and built the other 40 feet to complete the 120 feet needed to get to the bridge.

During the summer between meets I did some work on the tunnel on my own. I got a portal set up, some of the roadbed graded and part of the walls built. The whole area left clear after digging out the hillside is sand so clearing the way for track and putting in posts was relatively easy going. With all of the track that could be built done and the bridge being such a large job, the last meet in September was dedicated to working on the tunnel walls.

Overall, the 2010 season was a big success. We built track for a total run of seven miles (I use ALS standard 88 ft. miles), started the tunnel which will end up being almost 35 feet long, and all the footings were finished for building the 60 foot long 6 foot wide bridge. I even added a few new names to the roster with one of them becoming one of my regulars. ***

(To be continued)

ADIRONDACK LIVE STEAMERS

2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

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Jan. 1 -
New Year's Day
Run

Mar. 10 -
Membership Mtg.

Mar. 18 -
Winter Banquet

Apr. 14 -
Membership Mtg.
10 AM.

Apr. 28
Clean-Up Day

May 12 -
Membership Mtg.
10 AM

May 19 -
Membership Day

June 2 -
Clean-Up Day for
Spring Meet

June 7 -
Meeting 7:30 PM

June 7-10
SPRING MEET

July 14 -
Membership Mtg.
10 AM

July 15 -
Family Day I

July 21 -
Proto Op Day I

Aug. 5 -
Family Day II

Aug. 11 -
Membership Mtg.
10 AM

Aug. 18 -
Proto Op Day II

Sept. 1 -
Cleanup Day for
Fall Meet

Sept. 6 -
Meeting 7:30 PM

Sept. 6-9
FALL MEET

Oct. 13 -
Membership Mtg.
10 AM

Oct. 20-21 -
Blowdown

Nov. 10 -
Membership Mtg.
10 AM

Dec. 2 -
Albany Train
Show

Dec. 9 -
Glens Falls Train
Show

JULY

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First Class

NOTE PAD

March 10 – Membership Meeting
10 AM
March 18 – Winter Banquet
1 PM
April 14 – Membership Meeting
10 AM
April 28 – Cleanup Day

Welcome Back