

# Whistles in the Woods

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## HOW IS YOUR WINTER GOING?

For awhile we weren't sure we were going to have one. Unusually warm weather here in upstate New York made us wonder if we were ever going to see snow. But we have had a little of the white stuff, some cold weather, a lot of rain, and most of all a real yearning for the coming of warmer weather and the beginning of the Northeast's Live Steam season.

Meanwhile, we hope that the projects are going well in your various workshops. Or perhaps you are spending your winter catching up on your railroad reading. The December Great Train Extravaganza at the Egg in Albany helped a little, and it was great to

see so many ALS members. Many of us also enjoyed the Big E Train Show in West Springfield on January 28 and 29.

By now you should have received your invitation and reminder to our annual ALS Winter Banquet. This year's event will be held on Sunday, March 5 at the VFW Hall in Saratoga Springs. We hope that you have already sent in your money for a fun day enjoying each other's company, bringing your fellow members up to date on your latest project, and eating some great food. Remember that your money must be in by **February 18**. If you have questions, call Pete Petrillose at 399-4868. \*\*\*

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## MEMBERSHIP MEETING CHANGED TO MARCH 4

We want to draw everyone's attention to the change in our Membership Meeting date for March. The meeting will be held on Saturday, March 4 at the Saratoga Springs Library. Notice that this is the first Saturday of the month, not the second.. While we hope to have heat in our Clubhouse by then, the parking situation in the winter at ALS is not good. Please try to attend the meeting and help to get our year off to a good start. \*\*\*

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**Next Meeting: Saturday, March 4, 2006, 1:00 PM  
Saratoga Springs Library**

**Deadline for April *Whistles in the Woods*:  
Saturday, March 18**

**Other Important Dates: See Last Page**

# Notes From Jeane

## Membership Secretary's Report Jeane Lutz

### DUES, DUES, DUES, DUES, DUES ARE DUE

Brrr, it's cold outside of my house and I am assuming if you are not below the Carolinas that it is down right wintry where you are also. But look on the bright side of things; the work on your trains that is getting done, the help you are giving your wife and the thought of things to happen at ALS in the Spring of this year.

I received my invite to the Banquet today and hope all of you did also. You need to send in your money in time to reserve your food. (We all know Pete saves food, and he wants to make sure we all have a shot at it!) Seriously we need to let him know how many will be there, and remember the date has been changed to March 5 this year. Pete and Helena are trying to acclimate themselves to the heat of Florida and really don't want to return to the cold too soon.

So far I have received only 59 renewals for membership and I have two new applicants for membership so far who have already paid. We need to get on the ball and pay your dues. If dues are not paid in full by March 31, 2006, you will not be in the new roster. There will be no exceptions this year. Many of us need an up to date roster at the beginning of the season, so make sure your name is on it. I know it is hard to remember to send the check but sit down now and do it and get it off your list of "to do's"

There is a group of us that will be attending Cabin Fever again this year in York, PA. Sure hope to see many of you there. We really have a great time, see plenty of things we wished we had the money for, and come home with lots of new ideas.

Another thought to keep in the back of your mind is the upcoming weekend of CALS at CASS in Cass, West Virginia. We attended last year for the first time and will be attending again this year. I had expressed that any one that was interested in going to let us know. We didn't get any feedback, so I am again telling you that the dates for this event are May 5, 6, and 7, 2006. I will be bringing brochures home from Cabin Fever so anyone that is interested call or E-mail me and I will send you the brochure. There is only a limited amount of space, so if you want to go act quickly. It is a great three days of trains, trains, and more trains. But most of all the camaraderie of all that attend is wonderful. Most of us stay in the same motel and eat there also, so there is plenty of interaction among the attendees. PS The scenery is just fantastic going over the Blue Ridge Mountains to get to Cass.

See you at the track.

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## PASSWORD TO BE NEEDED FOR THE MINUTES

Llyn Rice

At its November meeting, the Board of Directors decided to start putting the Membership Meeting minutes on the ALS web site in a password protected area which will be available only to Regular Members. We are applying the password protection because the minutes often contain sensitive information such as financial reports which should not go outside ALS.

If you go to the web site home page, ([adironacklivesteamers.org](http://adironacklivesteamers.org)) the second button down in the left column is marked "Members' Page." Clicking that button will get you to the Members Page content area. I, Llyn Rice,

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will be happy to give any regular member who requests it, the user name and password to access the Members' Page.

Getting this set up took a bit of doing and Bill Eckert, our webmaster, did yeoman service in getting the Members' Page up and running. \*\*\*

# President's Corner

Richard Dean, President

I hope all ALS members have had a great winter. Personally, there hasn't been nearly enough snow and COOL weather! There's still February and March...so there's still hope for great spring skiing!

Our thanks go out to Ray Dwyer and Dick Hosmer for their continued sheet rocking for the utility room. Also, there were Saturday's with other workers doing miscellaneous other activities. I'm sorry that I don't know who you are, but thank you all.

Still to do are many projects to complete the depot for the Certificate of Occupancy. Hopefully the utility room will be finish taped and a coat of paint by the time you read this. Next, the ductwork and furnace need installing. Personally, I hope to have the lights, switches, and receptacles installed in the rooms we sheetrocked last fall, with the inspection early in the spring. We need shelving in the store room and it would be nice to have the paneling on the walls (waiting room) completed to enable the cleaning and setting up of the waiting room. And talking about cleaning, the waiting room IS A DISASTER! It will need a major reorganization! After the CO is obtained, then we can complete the balance of the interior for future enjoyment. It's been a long time to get this far, but we can see the light at the end of the tunnel (even with the thick black coal smoke).

Have a wonderful winter, what's left of it, and I'll see you at the track. (I always get a kick out of the looks on people's faces when I tell them that I spend most of my Saturdays at the "Track in Saratoga"). \*\*\*

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## **PUBLISHER ENJOYS FLORIDA**

If you are getting this issue by US Mail, we realize that it is late in reaching you. Your publisher, Pete Petrillose, has been in Florida, and was not able to do the mailing until he returned. Meanwhile, we hope that you get the news via the web page, and that you are having a good winter. \*\*\*

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## **First Class**

**NOTE PAD**  
**March 4 – Membership Meeting**  
**March 5 – Winter Banquet**

**Have a  
Great  
Winter**