

Whistles in the Woods

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OPERATING GAUGE 1 TRACKAGE FOR STEAM AND ELECTRIC

SAFETY FIRST

FEBRUARY-MARCH 2007

2007 ALS BANQUET COMING SOON

It's time again for our annual "Winter's Almost Over" Banquet, and by now you should have received your invitation from Pete Petrillose. He only sent the invitation to those who live in the area, so if you are a resident of Florida, California, or other far-away places, you may not have received one. If you are in the area by chance, and would like to attend, give Pete a call, and he will try to accommodate you.

The date for this year is Sunday, March 11 at the VFW Hall in Saratoga Springs, NY, and we plan to work two events into the same day. In the morning at 11:00 AM, we will have our March Membership Meeting, followed by a chance to visit with friends

with the Banquet itself being served at 1:00 PM.

Remember that if you would like to help Pete, and at the same time clean out your collection of "train stuff," you are welcome to contribute to the door prize table. Just wrap your item or items and put them on the table when you arrive. Please do not bring junk.

Entertainment is also welcome. If you have music, photos, movies, or videos, and would be willing to share them, please give Pete a call and let him know ahead of time for scheduling purposes.

You family and friends are welcome, so come on out and let's make this year's event a success. ***

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OUR NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

As mentioned above, our March Membership Meeting will be held at 11:00 AM on March 11, just before the Banquet. This will accommodate those who need to travel a distance, and make one less "travel

day" for everyone. We hope that all members will make an effort to attend both the meeting and the banquet, and find out what has been happening at the club grounds over the winter. We'll see you there. ***

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Next Meeting: Sunday, March 11, 11:00 AM
VFW Hall, Saratoga Springs, NY

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

Other Important Dates: See Last Page

President's Corner

Richard Dean, President

Winter finally is here. One of the last times I was at the railroad club, Dick Hosmer and Skip Densing were installing track panels and a switch. This would not be abnormal, but it was the second week of January. According to Dick, this was the latest (or earliest) that track laying has been done outside at ALS, ever.

Charlie Pellock has been on a mission also. He spear-headed the additional concrete blocks being installed and helped drag the I beams from the steel pile out back and set them on the concrete walls. It's once again looking like an overpass/bridge. With the track crew building panels in the Depot, the three tracks through DeSantis Divide should be back in service in the early spring.

In the Depot this winter, the track crew, consisting of Mark Landgraf, Mark Armitage, Ken Nelson and Bill Mischler have built many panels for the new DeSantis Divide and the new Adirondack siding. Dick Hosmer is once again building switches to help complete this reconstructed area that will improve the old issues and provide lots of trackage when entering the new yards, the station siding, and the main line. Thanks to all that are working on this project.

Late last fall, Myron Rapaport contracted a carpenter to remove the old roof on the crossing shanty and installed new plywood. This is a project that was way overdue. This spring, Don Buesing will have slate to be installed on the new sheeting and what a nice building it will be once again. Thanks guys.

Ted Wilming is in the process of having new safety signs silk screened. These will be posted at the entrance booth and at the loading area of the station track. It will be everyone's duty to make sure ALL guests have "READ and UNDERSTAND" all safety rules while at ALS.

A reminder to all. The March meeting and ALS banquet are on the same day. Mark your calendars for Sunday the 11th day of March at 11:00 AM. I'll see you there.

See you at the Track.
The Prez, Richard Dean.

Richard Dean

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NEWSLETTER OF THE
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CROSSING SHANTY ROOF GETS UPGRADE

For some time now, the crossing shanty at the entrance of our railroad has been suffering from a worn out roof. It leaked in heavy rains, and needed some tender loving care.

Thanks to the efforts of two of our members, the roof is on the way to being healthy again. Myron Rapaport has arranged to have the old roof removed, and new plywood and tar paper installed. Thank you Myron! Don Buesing has purchased slate, which will be installed over the tar paper in the spring. He had hoped to get it done before winter, but this proved impossible.

We wish to thank both of our members for contributing time and effort to keep our buildings in good repair. ***

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Editor's note: Llyn's Summary this issue is not the minutes of a Membership Meeting, but rather the wording of a change in our ALS Bylaws, as put together by the Board of Directors. It covers several pages, and we hope that all members will read it carefully in preparation of a discussion and vote on the changes during the **April** Meeting.

Llyn's Summary

Recording Secretary's Report Llyn Rice

The Board of Directors has decided that Bylaws Article VI, Section 3 Committees & Departments no longer reflect the current ALS organizational needs. Bruce Rauch has kindly reviewed the existing bylaws and recommended changes which the Board recommends with some minor modifications. We will be holding a vote on this change at the regular Membership Meeting to be held on 14 April, 2007. Following is a copy of the affected section of the bylaws both in its current wording and proposed wording.

<i>Bylaws as they currently exist ...</i>	<i>Proposed new language for bylaws ...</i>
ARTICLE VI ... GENERAL MATTERS SECTION 3 ... COMMITTEES & DEPARTMENTS The President, with the concurrence of the Board of Directors, will appoint, from time to time, such committees as are deemed necessary for the propagation and operation of ALS, Inc., subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. ALS standing committees shall be: Station Master, Track Department, Equipment Safety, Main Line Safety, and Engine House. Committee chairmen must be regular members. The President, with the concurrence of the Board of Directors, shall appoint the following Department Heads, who shall be authorized to carry out the responsibilities of their offices, as described below, without specific approval of the General Membership. Department Heads shall be required to submit annual budget requests to the Treasurer for budgeted funds under their	ARTICLE VI ... GENERAL MATTERS SECTION 3 ... DEPARTMENTS & COMMITTEES The President shall appoint Heads for the Departments defined below. Those Department Heads shall be authorized to carry out the responsibilities of their offices, as described below, without specific approval of the General Membership. Department Heads shall be required to submit annual budget requests to the Treasurer for budgeted funds under their jurisdiction and maintain records of disbursement in the performance of their duties without specific approval of the General Membership. Only regular members in good standing may be appointed to department head positions and those appointments must be approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. The Department Heads may add or delete subordinate task leader positions with the approval of the Board of Directors.

jurisdiction and maintain records of disbursement in the performance of their duties without specific approval of the General Membership. Appointments to department head positions must be approved by a majority vote of the board of Directors.

1. PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT HEAD shall be responsible for communication with the general public and other outside organizations, including, but not limited to, press/mass media, prospective new members, etc. The Public Relations Department Head shall have jurisdiction over the Public Relations Department, which shall include the club Historian, Education Coordinator, Events Coordinator, Newsletter Editor and Newsletter Publisher.
2. SAFETY DEPARTMENT HEAD shall be responsible for all aspects of operational safety, including but not limited to, boiler inspections, speed enforcement, installation and maintenance of safety appliances, Communications & Signals, etc. The Safety Department Head shall have jurisdiction over the Safety Department, which shall consist of the Safety Coordinator, Safety Inspector, Boiler Inspectors, Signal Supervisor, and Emergency Planning.
3. MAINTENANCE OF WAY (M of W) DEPARTMENT HEAD (Roadmaster) shall be responsible for the maintenance of all track and related track structures and the installation of new track and track structures as directed by the Board of Directors. The M of W Department head shall have jurisdiction over the M of W Department, which shall consist of the Track Supervisor and Section Foremen.
4. BRIDGES & BUILDINGS (B&B) DEPARTMENT HEAD shall be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of all ALS structures and grounds not covered by the M of W Department. The B & B Department Head shall have jurisdiction over the B & B Department, which shall consist of the Station Master,

1. PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT shall be responsible for visitor control, communication with the general public and other outside organizations such as other railroad clubs, non -railroad clubs and organizations (schools, scouts, etc.), press and mass media contacts. The Public Relations Department Head shall have jurisdiction over the Public Relations Department which shall include the Visitations Registrar, Club Historian, Education Coordinator, Events Coordinator, Newsletter Editor and Newsletter Publisher.
2. SAFETY DEPARTMENT shall be responsible for all aspects of operational safety including, but not limited to, boiler inspections, speed enforcement, installation and maintenance of safety appliances, communications & signals, member and guest safety. The Safety Department Head shall have jurisdiction over the Safety Department which shall consist of the Safety Coordinator, Boiler Inspector, Signal Supervisor, Emergency Planning coordinator, and others as may be deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.
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4. BRIDGES & BUILDINGS (B&B) DEPARTMENT shall be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of all ALS structures and grounds not covered by the M of W Department or the Gauge #1 Department. The B&B Department Head shall have jurisdiction over the B&B Department which shall consist of the Station Master, Wayside Buildings Foreman, Engine House Foreman, Car Barn Foreman, Site Planning Committee Chairman and Grounds Keeper.

Wayside Buildings Foreman, Engine House Foreman, Car Barn Foreman, Site Planning Committee Chairman, Grounds Keeper, and Cook.

5. GAUGE #1 DEPARTMENT shall be responsible for planning, maintenance, and improvements of and to the gauge #1 railroad and related structures and facilities.

From time to time, the President shall create additional committees as deemed necessary for the propagation and operation of ALS, Inc., subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. The chairman of such a committee will be appointed by the President and ratified by a majority of the Board of Directors. Only regular members in good standing are eligible to be appointed as committee chairmen.

Llyn Rice, Recording Secretary

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FRANK DESANTIS DIES

Ray Dwyer and Ken Nelson

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Frank DeSantis. Frank was a charter member of the Adirondack Live Steamers, and has for years been a “go-to” member for anyone with a question about or problem with a steam engine.

It is uncertain exactly how many steam locomotives Frank built during his life, but we know of at least fourteen or fifteen which he constructed, and will never be able to count the number which he repaired and/or updated for others. He built locomotives from childhood, and was always known as a steam expert

in the club. He was quoted at one time as saying that it took him an average of three years to build a steam engine, and those who saw it were always impressed with his outstanding workshop.

Frank’s sister called Ray to report Frank’s death. He was found in his sleep on February 2. His body has been transported to Wappingers Falls for a funeral service. Further information concerning other services was not available at press time.

Frank was a gentleman who will indeed be missed at ALS. ***

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CONTRIBUTIONS TO YOUR NEWSLETTER

With this being the first edition of *Whistles in the Woods* for 2007, we thought it was a good time to remind everyone that contributions in the form of articles, digital photos, news items, and classifieds are always welcome.

Have you seen an interesting railroad on your vacation? Do you have a train related article for sale? What’s new in your workshop? Let Ken Nelson know via telephone, e-mail, or otherwise, and see your contribution in *Whistles*. ***

Notes From Jeane

Membership Secretary's Report Jeane Lutz

I wish to thank all of the members that were conscientious enough to send in their renewals on time. For the rest of you who have not done so, the deadline was **January 31**. I am still accepting renewals **BUT** after February 28th you will have to reapply. There will be no exceptions to this. It is not fair to the rest of the members who have sent in their renewals on time.

I wish to also remind you that the releases **MUST** accompany the renewals for the renewal to be valid. All that I have received so far have been following the directions perfectly and to that I say a very big **Thank You!**

We have these rules in place so that by the banquet time there will be membership lists available. If you are not paid in full by the February 28th deadline, you will **NOT** be on the list. As you all know, the members dues are the backbone of the budget for the running of the club and these must be received in a timely manner. So come on now, those of you who have been procrastinating. **GET MOVING!!!**

I hope to see most of you at the banquet in March.

Jeane Lutz, Membership Secretary

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Editors note: As Editor of the newsletter, I must frequently refer to our membership list for addresses, e-mails, and telephone numbers. If you are not on the list, it makes contacting you and/or sending you the newsletter much more difficult. Please get your dues in NOW!

DESANTIS TRACKWORK CONTINUES DESPITE WINTER

Dick Hosmer and Ken Nelson

With the help of a very mild November and December, and several members willing to fight the cold during the recent weeks, trackwork has continued on our DeSantis Divide project. Dick Hosmer has been hard at work building turnouts, and has completed nearly all those needed for DeSantis. The last one is currently on the board, and should be completed in the very near future. Together with Skip Densing, the two have installed several track panels and a switch. Mark Armitage, Mark Landgraf, Bill Mischler, and Ken Nelson have been building approximately eight to ten track panels per day, and have finished all of the curved sections needed. In addition, several straight panels will be required, and many of them have been built.

When ready for service, the Adirondack Branch of the railroad, which currently runs next to the Car Barn, will continue down the hill and will join the main line at DeSantis. This will make it possible to reach the Car Barn from the Engine Terminal without fouling the main line, and will require building a new railroad bridge near the grade crossing. In addition, a new ballast dump will be installed next to the current one which will then be removed.

A new bridge will be constructed for car and truck traffic over the DeSantis trackage.

Several more of the large concrete blocks for the bridge piers have been delivered and installed, and Charlie Pellock has located the steel beams into their approximate location to support the new bridge. These will need to be cut to length, and dirt will be placed behind the bridge beams to create support for the back wall. The target date for completion of the bridge is mid summer of this year.

Meanwhile the new ballast dump must be put into place, and made ready for use. The old dump will be inaccessible as dirt is placed behind the bridge piers, so this becomes a priority. We can't lay track without ballast.

With the coming of the first warm weather, those track panels completed this winter will be installed, aligned, ballasted, and tamped. If possible, we want to have this trackage in operation for our Spring Meet in June.

If this sounds like a lot of work, you have read it correctly. We need you! Not all of the jobs require super strength. Please join us on Saturdays, and help us move this project along to a successful completion. ***

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ALS CALENDAR

For those of you who forgot to keep the ALS Calendar for 2007, we're printing it again on the next page. Also keep in mind that we can use the help of **all members** on Saturdays. Remember in addition to what is printed on the calendar, there are occasional picnics, birthday parties, education days, and other events. If you are planning to hold any of these events, please bring them to a Membership Meeting and have them cleared by the Board of Directors. This will prevent conflicts. ***

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 –

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Oper. Day I

Aug. 11 –

Membership

Meeting

1:00 PM

Aug. 12 –

Family Day II

Aug. 19 -

Prototype

Oper. Day II

Mar. 11 -

Membership

Meeting

11:00 AM

Banquet

1:00 PM

April 14 –

Membership

Meeting

1:00 PM

May 12 –

Membership

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1:00 PM

May 19 –

Membership

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June 7 –

Meeting

7:30 PM

June 7 – 10

Spring Meet

Sept. 6 -

Meeting

7:30 PM

Sept. 6–9

Fall Meet

Oct. 13-14

Blowdown

Oct. 20 -

Membership

Meeting

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Nov. 10 -

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Albany Train

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First Class

NOTE PAD

March 11 – Membership Meeting
VFW Hall in
Saratoga Springs, NY
11:00 AM
Banquet
Same location 1:00 PM
April 14 - Membership Meeting
Clubhouse 1:00 PM
Every Saturday – Work Day

Cheer up!

Spring is coming