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JULY 2010

SPRING MEET IS A WASHOUT

Mark Landgraf and Chuck Currey

It rained on our parade! The 2010 edition of the ALS Spring Meet was generally speaking a "wash-out." It rained Wednesday night and into Thursday morning, and again on Thursday night into Friday morning. Friday was the best day of the Meet. It was dry and partly cloudy with a slight wind. Then the real rain came. It started Friday evening and did not appreciably stop until Sunday morning at 6:00 AM. There was some discussion about changing the Adirondack Southern to the Soggy Bottom RR, but sanity prevailed!

The weather caused the Meet to be rather poorly attended except for many of the regular hardy soles. The weekend was good from the safety perspective, having no injuries. One diesel broke down and the machine shop was able to get him going again in short order.

Appreciation goes out to Pete Petrillose who donated the Friday Night

Dinner and to Don Buesing who did his usual roast beef Saturday Dinner, although only 49 people opted to partake. In addition, Don added a Friday Breakfast to the meals being offered and helped with registration. It was appreciated.

The Sunday load out was somewhat delayed with people attempting to catch up on all the laps they missed on Saturday. Sales in both the Emporium and the kitchen were considered good given the poor weather and the lack luster attendance.

We want to thank all of those members who assisted where needed throughout the weekend. Thanks also to those who attended in spite of the weather. We have both volunteered to chair the Fall Meet and we will welcome your help. Perhaps the weather will improve by then.

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**Next Meeting: Saturday, July 10, 10:00 AM
Clubhouse**

**Deadline for August *Whistles in the Woods*:
Saturday, July 17**

Send ALL information to Ben Maggi (See article on page 5)

Other Important Dates: See Last Page

President's Corner

Hi everyone!

Well, our Spring Meet is over and even though it rained a lot on Saturday, a lot of running was done all day Friday and even Saturday in the rain! It wasn't a big turnout, but it was good. I got to check out a Heisler, which I hope to finish someday... I believe everyone who came had a good time.

What is up next? Besides visiting other clubs, our next event will be our Family Days and Prototype Operation Days. We have two of each.

In the moving of things to clean and straighten stuff out, things that haven't moved in over ten years are being uncovered. Come and check stuff out. First, maybe you can tell who gave a particular item, and if we are going to use it or do we need to let it go? I give enough time that when I get no RESPONSE, it is telling me it is OK to decide on such items myself. So if you want something, and want to make sure it doesn't get thrown away, you better speak up! If anyone wants to donate something to the club, you must go through the BOD. This is so we don't have items just showing up. We don't have space to store things we are not using or are not going to use. To see how much we already have, just look around at all of the different kinds of piles: steel, wood, wire, lampshades, welder, and on and on.

Most of the barrels have been set out along with the buckets that were donated as requested by the safety people. Thank you for the little buckets.

Along with my cleanup, we still need to get more people CHANGING TIES! Maybe we might see some new track panels in place this summer. We did get one new turnout in under our two bridges at the top of Cemetery Hill. Check it out. This is where our new trackage will join our existing trackage.

All of the new ties have been moved to the garage so now we can get the last brace up under the kitchen windows

So, I hope you all try to get to your club ten times this year and enjoy your visit. If you and a friend can come and do something that you enjoy doing every little bit helps.

Skip, President

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**PASSENGER CARS'
OWNER REQUESTED**

For some time now, there have been two "period" passenger cars parked on stall number 8, on the bottom level of the Car Barn. Are they yours? Do you know the owner?

We have received no "Usage Fee" from the owner, and if such owner cannot be found, we will have to remove them.

If they are yours, OR if you know to whom they belong, please call Myron Rapaport at 518-656-5109 so that proper procedures may be followed. ***

Minutes

A Brief Summary of the Highlights of the June Meeting

President Skip Densing called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

Since this was not an official business meeting, no minutes were read.

Membership Secretary Rich Dean introduced Art and Barbara Peterson as Associate Family Members, Raymond Bush as an Associate Member, and Marcel Zucchini as a Regular Member.

Treasurer Ben Maggi gave the Treasurer's Report, which was accepted.

Several safety reminders were given regarding the Spring Meet. Among them were:

All steam engine boilers must have been tested prior to running.

Everyone must have signed a waiver before entering the property.

Dick Hosmer and Nancy Eckert made and seconded a motion regarding hardware for the new kitchen sink. The motion was passed.

Dick Hosmer and Nancy Eckert made and seconded a motion regarding money needed for Emporium supplies. The motion was passed.

The Meeting was adjourned.

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Safety Tip

Ted Wilming and Ken Nelson

Speed Limits! Yes, just as on the highways we travel, ALS also has speed limits on our railroad. The limits are easy to forget and tempting at times to ignore, but they do serve a purpose, and we should all remind ourselves on a regular basis of what these limits are. We must remember that we are traveling on just two rather thin rails, and that derailments are a rather common occurrence. At times and at certain places, such derailments can cause a major problem.

The MAXIMUM track speed allowed on all ALS trackage is **5 MPH**, which translates to 40 *scale* MPH.

SLOW speed is **2 MPH**, and must be observed in specific places along the right of way. These places include:

- (1) Yard Limits including Wilton, DeSantis, and Pearson Yard.
- (2) Over facing point switches.
- (3) On all bridges.
- (4) Through tunnels.

- (5) Wherever "SLOW" signs are displayed.

"Slow" signs are indicated by an **S** in a yellow diamond (**2 MPH**). Such signals will be followed by an **R** in a green square. When the engineer's **entire train** has passed this **R**, **5 MPH** may be resumed where appropriate.

Let's all try to keep our speed in mind as we travel our railroad.

See you next month.

EDITOR CHANGE FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

Ken Nelson

Since I will be away, Ben Maggi will be the Guest Editor for *Whistles in the Woods* for the August and September issues.

If you have any articles, classifieds, or any other items you wish to appear in either issue, please get them to Ben Maggi. He can be reached by telephone at 585-506-2680. You may also e-mail him at BENLMAGGI@hotmail.com. Anything sent to me will be "lost in the mail," since I won't see it until early September.

Deadlines:

August issue: Saturday, July 17.

September issue: Saturday, August 21
Please remember that the September issue will have information concerning the Fall Meet.

As always, submitting information EARLY will help Ben by giving him time to organize each issue.

I would like to offer an early thank you to Ben for covering for me in this way. Please be kind to him by getting your columns, classifieds, articles, etc. in on time. ***

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FAMILY DAY I COMING SOON

We hope that you have circled the date of July 11. This will be our first of two ALS Family Days for this year. The days are a great way to meet more of our "family," enjoy the trains, and partake of some great food.

The club will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, condiments, plates, plastic ware, and napkins. Each family is asked to bring a covered dish such as a salad, dessert, chips and dip, or other such dish for the sharing table. Members may bring their own beverages or plan to purchase cold soda or ice tea from the club. Alcoholic beverages are discouraged.

Things begin happening in mid morning. Food is put on the grill around noon and is

available throughout the day. The sharing table is added to as people arrive.

Please do not invite neighbors, friends, or people with which you work. This is a day for members and their FAMILIES. Please do remember to bring your nametag if you have one. Otherwise, the club will provide paper nametags. Rides will be available throughout the day.

We hope you can make it this year for either this one (July 11) or our second one, which is scheduled for August 8. Better yet, why not come to both? There are some great people to meet in our "family." Let's get to know each other better and enjoy this great hobby as a group. ***

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PROTOTYPE OPERATION DAY

July also brings another fun day to ALS. On July 17, we will have our first of two Prototype Operation Days.

If you have never done this, come on out and have a great day operating our railroad just like the prototype. A lack of experience does not matter. There

will be plenty of help for you if you need any.

We will need engineers, brakemen, a dispatcher, and even riders for our passenger train.

We hope to see you on July 17. ***

Spring Meet (Continued from page 1)

We would certainly like to thank all of the following:

Ed Eggleston, Dan Canfield, Bill Critchlow, Ben Maggi, and others who took care of Registration.

Bill Eckert oversaw operation of the Lift and trained apprentices.

Michael Petrillose and Chris Rittner grilled hamburgers and hot dogs.

Lance Sherman and Dave French took care of the kitchen and clean up.

Norah Singer handled the cashier duties throughout the weekend.

Rich Dean was up early for breakfasts.

John Camerota, Skip Densing, Charlie Pellock, and Mark Landgraf kept eyes out for safety concerns.

Penny Landgraf operated the Emporium.

Several other members helped whenever they could.

Rain happens. Let's hope that for our next Meet, that the heavens are more in our favor. ***

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THESE WEB SITES MAY INTEREST YOU

Ken Nelson

Have you ever dreamed about being the engineer of a prototype diesel or steam engine? Have you wondered what it would be like to get the locomotive moving, keep it at the speed limit, handle it up a grade, and then down again while reading and following all of the signals? Have you ever tried to stop a prototype engine at an exact spot such as a water tower, or passenger station?

Well, your dreaming may be over. While none of the following railroads come with a particular recommendation, (I haven't had the pleasure of trying any of them myself.) they each offer an engineer school of one or more days. Some offer a steam experience, some diesel, some both, and still others a chance to operate a trolley. The length, price, and quality of the experience will vary, I am sure, from one railroad to another, but you might want to check them out, if for no other reason than curiosity.

California:

Roaring Camp and Big Trees - Steam

www.roaringcamp.com/store

Golden Gate Railroad Museum – Steam

www.ggrm.org

Orange Empire RR Museum – Steam/Diesel

www.oerm.org

Connecticut:

Shore Line Trolley Museum – Transit

www.bera.org

Valley Railroad - Steam

www.essexsteamtrain.com

Florida:

Florida Railroad Museum – Diesel

www.frm.org

Illinois:

Monticello Railway Museum – Diesel

www.myrm.org

Indiana:

Fort Wayne – Diesel

www.765.org/excursions

Hoosier Valley Railroad Museum – Diesel

<http://hvrn.railfan.net>

Maine:

Seashore Trolley Museum – Transit

www.trolleymuseum.org

Nevada:

Nevada Southern Railway – Diesel

<http://nevadasouthern.com>

Nevada State Railroad Museum – Steam

www.nsrn-friends.org

Nevada Northern Railway – Steam/Diesel

<http://nevadanorthernrailway.net>

North Carolina:

N. Carolina Transportation Museum – Diesel

www.nctrans.org/events

New York:

Cooperstown & Charlotte Valley RR – Diesel

www.lrhs.com

Oregon:

Sumpter Valley Railroad - Steam

www.svry.com

Pennsylvania:

Williams Grove Historical Steam Engine

Engine Association – Steam

<http://wghsea.org>

Enjoy the ones that will open for you. ***

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NOTE PAD

July 10 – Membership Meeting
July 11 – Family Day I
July 17–Prototype Operation Day I
August 8 – Family Day II
August 14 – Membership Meeting
September 9– Meeting to organize
 Fall Meet
September 9-12 – Fall Meet
September 25 – Proto Op Day II

**Family
Day I**

**Come Meet
Your
RR
Family**