

Whistles in the Woods

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OPERATING 6500 FEET OF TRACK IN THE FOOTHILLS OF THE ADIRONDACKS

7 1/4" GAUGE 1 1/2" SCALE

OPERATING GAUGE 1 TRACKAGE FOR STEAM AND ELECTRIC

SAFETY FIRST

JUNE 2006

SPRING MEET 2006 IS HERE

Don Buesing

So here we are again, working out the last details for another Meet at ALS. These last remaining details always seem to involve some sort of begging and pleading for our membership to help out with the many varied jobs that, as good hosts, we feel obligated to somehow fill. Some are easy to fill as they relate to the hobby in one way or another. Sure, they involve real work, but when it's hobby related it somehow makes it easier to deal with. Then there are the non hobby related jobs. Registration, kitchen duty, food running, and trash pickup somehow seem to be more of a domestic task than a hobby related function, and for good reason. But we all have to remember that the domestic activities are what make our club truly function in more ways than what is inherently obvious at a Meet.

They make money. The largest segment of money the club realizes is dues; the second is Spring and Fall Meet food service. I'd like to encourage EVERYONE reading this to look at the kitchen duty roster (in the kitchen) as they arrive at the track. Pick up the pen and fill in a blank for a time slot of an hour. Even if you are already signed up for something else, please find an hour to help out.

Next up for discussion is safety. At this year's Spring Meet, you will find extra emphasis on our passenger carrying rules. Please remember that ALL trains carrying passengers MUST HAVE A QUALIFIED FLAGMAN in the rear seat. Please be sure you understand rules E, F, 9, and 10.

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**Next Meeting: Thursday, June 8, 2006, 7:30 PM
Club House**

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

Other Important Dates: See Last Page

President's Corner

Richard Dean, President

Well here it is the end of May as I write this, and my ten wheeler is still in the shop. I am able to say I have serviced the locomotive. The axel pump, site glass, whistle valve, all are repaired or replaced and the boiler was pressure checked. Now, it's just a matter of cleaning the truck enough to move the locomotive and tender to the club. Maybe this weekend between the rain drops.

Have you been to the ALS property lately? Oh, so much has been accomplished. The last welding on Piasecki Bridge is complete. Thank you, Lance Sherman. Also thank you for all the others who have worked on the bridge in the past. Now, sand blasting and painting are in order.

Finally, the Certificate of Occupancy is in hand for the Depot. Thank you Ray Dwyer, Dick Hosmer, and a host of others. The kitchen/storeroom floor has been painted and cleaning of the great room has begun. There still are lots of details to attend to, to make the depot a working kitchen for the Spring Meet. Please lend a hand in the arduous task of cleaning. As always, the chalkboard has a list of work to be done and it is in the great room. Please check the list of projects on the board if you don't know what you can do to help. Do not be afraid to take on a project, as there is always clean up of branches, lawn mowing, sweeping, etc.

DeSantis Divide: Wow, what a difference a weekend and several large digging toys can make! John Pasquence and his friend Joe spent a long weekend in the mud realigning DeSantis. The basic grade is done, and the installation of new track/switches will be accomplished over the course of the summer. Thank you John, Joe, Mark Landgraf, Vinnie and Jeane Lutz (nice cabin with diner, in the woods), and a host of others for this great start. This project needs track panels to be built for the radius into the station area. Please contact Mark Landgraf if you can help.

The Spring Meet is at the door. Please contact Don Buesing about helping. I believe he still has openings in his list of chores.

Lionel Day is Thursday, July 13th. Dick Hosmer is in charge of hospitality, so if you can help run trains or whatever, please contact him.

If everyone does a little, much will be accomplished. See you at the track!

Richard Dean, President

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CUB SCOUT GROUP SET FOR EDUCATION DAY

Ken Nelson

Our first Education Day for this year will be held on Saturday, June 17, one week after the Spring Meet. On that date, we will host approximately thirty cub scouts who will spend two hours learning about locomotives, rolling stock, bridges, turnouts, tunnels, and grade crossing safety, as well as taking a ride on the railroad.

Dick Hosmer, Myron Rapaport, Skip Densing, and myself form the faculty, but if you are available that day, we can always use assistance in helping to see that our visitors are well taken care of.

The group will arrive between 9:30 and 10:00 AM and will attend their classes until noon. After they eat a bag lunch, we will need another train or two running in order to provide rides for the boys as well as their chaperones.

If you have questions contact me at (518) 377-7176.

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JULY WILL OFFER TWO BIG DAYS

During the month of July, two big occasions take place at ALS.

The first is Family Day I, Sunday, July 9, a day for members to invite spouses, nieces, nephews, children, and grandchildren for a fun day on our railroad.

The second is Prototype Operation Day I, where we use our facilities to run in a prototype fashion. Skip Densing is organizing our first Proto Op Day a week from Family Day on Sunday, July 16. If you plan to participate, call Skip today at (518) 663-5507.

More information will follow on each of these events next month, but why not make plans now to attend either or both. ***

Llyn's Summary

Recording Secretary's Report Llyn Rice

The Board of Directors met on 13 May to plan for the scheduled Membership Meeting and they:

- Decided to recommend to the membership that they vote to waive John Pasquence's 2006 Car Barn fee as a token of gratitude for his work on DeSantis Divide.
- Decided to recommend that the membership authorize the purchase of a new grill.
- Learned that the Piasecki Bridge welding is done.
- Discussed how the coffee mess should be organized and whether there should be a soda machine in the Club House great room. No firm recommendations resulted.
- Learned that Larry Green will be on the BJ's discount card to be able to buy soda, but that we still need a second person who can go for food during meets and decided to poll the membership for a volunteer.
- Realized, based on a question from Glenn Freedman, that critical club papers are scattered among members and decided to centralize them at the club in a fireproof storage container.

Our Vice President, Don Buesing, called the Membership Meeting of 13 May 2006 to order. The membership heard the secretary's and treasurer's reports. Jeane Lutz, Membership Secretary, read two membership applications which the membership approved.

The meeting then addressed Old Business and the membership:

- Heard a report on Clubhouse construction status and learned that it is ready for the certificate of occupancy with minor corrections, and voted to allow Tom Rhodes to spend up to \$300 on a Corian counter top for the kitchen pass-through window and to authorize Ray Dwyer to take the stainless steel kitchen table to a welder to be shortened.
- Learned that the Piasecki Bridge welding is done and voted to delegate to John Camerota, Mark Landgraf, and Chris Rittner the responsibility of selecting the paint and arranging to apply it.
- Heard Dick Hosmer's explanation as to how track work for the DeSantis Divide realignment will be done without taking the mainline out of service for more than a few hours at a time.
- Heard reports on the Gauge #1 layout and plans for the upcoming Lionel Train Convention visit.
- Heard Don Buesing's report on progress on staffing the Spring Meet and his special appeal for somebody to make food runs and volunteers to manually control the switches entering DeSantis Divide. (The automatic control is temporarily out of service.) (*Ed. Note: This problem is solved.*)
- Heard an appeal for volunteers to clean the clubhouse light fixtures and fans.
- Voted to reimburse Don Buesing for the meal he hosted for John Pasquence and his crew while they were digging the DeSantis Divide realignment.

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Notes From Jeane

Membership Secretary's Report Jeane Lutz

Welcome to May, the wet month. But I think we have a lot to be thankful for considering what our neighboring states are going through.

If you have been to the club lately, you have seen the changes that have happened. DeSantis Divide is undergoing a major transition to accommodate the larger trains and give still another line to send cars to Pierson yard during a Meet while we are unloading. It looks good so far and many many thanks to John Pasquance and Joe (sorry, last name unknown) for all the great things that they were able to accomplish over the weekend they were here in spite of the one day of rain. The regular crew that is always there saw a lot of changes in a real short time.

During our last meeting, we welcomed two new members:

Keith Muldowney from Ringoes, NJ was accepted as an Associate member. Keith also belongs to the NJLS and has been inspired by his last visit here at the Fall Meet to get his Mogul operational. We welcome you Keith and hope you enjoy your visits this year.

Charles Pellock Jr. from Saratoga Springs, NY was also accepted. We all know him around here at ALS as Charlie on the 4Wheeler. For a lot of us it is a blessing to have Charlie around when we are stuck in doing something. He generally can help us get it done. We welcome him officially now as an Associate member and hope he and Sandy his wife will come to the Meets and other club events. Welcome Charlie.

Also during the meeting there was a request from Beth LeVine for a donation of a good sized refrigerator in good working order for use at the Meets. Since we no longer have Bruce Rauch here all the time we need to have another cold unit to house perishable food for the Meets. It seems no one wants to be the runner two or three times a day to BJ's etc. as Bruce did. This should cut down on the extra trips. Beth has been working very hard to get the kitchen organized and now we have so much more storage space we can be prepared for most anything. Thanks Beth, you are doing a great job. Beth will still need a runner for the Meets, so if you can be of service please contact her to see what you can do to help. I promise you she doesn't bite.

We are going to have a busy summer again this year beginning with Membership Day. By the time you get this newsletter, it will already have come and gone, but none the less it starts the summer off for us. The depot looks great and soon all the building materials will be out of the great room and we can clean it up. It is a really beautiful building and has hosted and will host many happy club functions. We are hoping to have all new and matching tables and chairs in the club house by our 25th anniversary in 2008. If you would like to donate to the fund for the purchase of these tables and chairs we would really appreciate it. You may send me the check and mark it for the table and chair fund. I will keep updating the amounts donated in the newsletter for all to keep track of. At present we have \$467 in

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the fund. We will be needing approximately \$2500, and are hoping to do this all by donations. If you remember three years ago this was all started with a raffle of a youth train quilt and has gone from there. We did have a beautiful quilted Christmas tree skirt made by Loretta Green but no one stepped forward as the winner, so we will attempt to raffle it off again this year. I had even posted the winning number in the newsletter but still had no response. It has been so nice so far to have so many members helping with the raffles each year. So save you pennies for this year again please.

In closing this month, I would like to share with you, a poem I have come across by Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

THE ENGINE

Into the gloom of a deep, dark night,
With panting breath and a startled scream;
Swift as a bird in sudden flight
Darts this creature of steel and steam.

Awful dangers are lurking nigh,
Rocks and chasms are near the track,
But straight by the light of its great white eye
It speeds through the shadows, dense and black.

Terrible thought and fierce desires
Trouble its mad heart many an hour,
Where burn and smolder the hidden fires,
Coupled ever with might and power.

It hates, as a wild horse hates the rein,
The narrow track by vale and hill;
And shrieks with a cry of startled pain,
And longs to follow its own wild will.

Jeane Lutz, Membership Secretary

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Lynn's Summary *(Continued from page 4)*

- The meeting then addressed New Business and the membership:
- Voted to waive John Pasquence's 2006 Car Barn fee and ask the Secretary to send a letter of thanks for the work he did digging the new DeSantis Divide realignment.
 - Voted to host a birthday party for member James Ogden's son on 25 June.
 - Voted to authorize the purchase of a new grill up to \$350.
 - Heard Jeane Lutz's appeal for volunteers to help out with Membership Day.

Lynn Rice, Secretary

Spring Meet *(Continued from page 1)*

These rules are quoted from our “Operational Rules” which may be found on our web page at adirondacklivesteamers.org.

- E. *No one is obligated to give rides.* If you do, a flagman must ride the rear seat of any train with two or more cars to monitor passengers and protect the train in the event of a stop. Novice engineers may NOT haul passengers without on-board supervision by an ALS qualified engineer.
- F. *Engineers are encouraged to remove or restrict from boarding anyone they feel is acting in an unsafe manner, or who, for any other reason, they feel cannot safely ride.*
- 9. Riders should face forward; must NOT lean out of cars or stand up, reach for branches, etc.; must stay seated and keep feet and hands inside cars. Children must sit in their own seat and be accompanied by an adult who is responsible for them. Carrying

babies or small children in your arms aboard trains is dangerous and not permitted. Rides are not suitable for everyone – especially small children who cannot or will not sit still or follow direction; some elderly people; persons with balance problems, recent surgery, injury, or illness.

- 10. Distribute weight evenly between car trucks. The car must not be overloaded. No more than two adults may ride cars under 6’ long. Maximum capacity over 6’ will be one adult per 2’ of length. If any one passenger weighs over 250 pounds, that person must be the only person on that car.

If you are in doubt, should a situation arise that may or may not be in the rules, remember...stop and think!

SAFETY FIRST IS RULE #1

Let’s have a safe and fun Spring Meet 2006. Remember the dates are Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, June 9, 10, and 11. ***

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CORRECTION

Last month in the column, *Notes From Jeane*, two errors were made and we want to correct them.. New member, Joan Sternitzke is a female, and is therefore the wife of William, not his husband. Also, we gave her hometown as Stillwater, NY. In fact, they both live in Marlboro, NY with their son Paul, and we are glad to have the entire family with us as members. ***

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First Class

NOTE PAD

**June 8 – Spring Meet
Organizational Meeting**
June 9, 10, 11 – Spring Meet
June 17 – Education Day
June 25 – Birthday Party
July 8 – Membership Meeting
July 9 – Family Day I
July 16 – Prototype Run Day I
August 12 – Membership Meeting
August 13 – Family Day II
August 20 – Prototype Run Day II
Sept. 8, 9, 10 – Fall Meet
October 14 – Membership Meeting
October 14, 15 – Blowdown

Spring Meet

Your help is needed