

WHISTLES IN THE WOODS

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JUNE 2010

SPRING MEET

Spring Meet is here! By this time, you should have already called Chuck Currey (518-346-0067) or talked to him or to Mark Landgraf concerning where you are willing to help for the weekend. Or one of them may have already called you. Please don't forget where you are scheduled to help.

For those who have let it go, and have not set up a time to help, please call TODAY, RIGHT NOW, and volunteer for something. The needed jobs and times were all listed in last month's *Whistles in the Woods*. We especially need help in the area of Registration. As noted last month, Ted Wilming, who usually heads this up will be out of town. We MUST cover the Registration Shed for the entire weekend. Please help for at least one hour. Two or three would be even better. As noted last month, this is a great way to volunteer for those of you

who want to, or must, sit down on the job. There is nothing physical about asking people to fill out a nametag.

And your help in any area does not have to be limited to only one job, or on only one day. We need help on Thursday and Friday, as well as the weekend. **Retirees, please take note!**

The kitchen is in pretty good shape at this point. Penny Landgraf can always use your help in the Emporium. If you are qualified on the Lift, your assistance is needed to help our guests get their equipment from their trailers to our tracks. If you are very limited on the time you can volunteer, please call and offer to clean up the Clubhouse and/or empty the trash. This will need to be done frequently.

We look forward to seeing EVERYONE at some time during the Meet. ***

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Next Meeting: Thursday, June 10, 7:30 PM

Clubhouse

Organizational Meeting for the Spring Meet

Deadline for July *Whistles in the Woods*:

Saturday, June 19

Other Important Dates: See Last Page

President's Corner

Hi everybody!

Well we had membership day and we got several renewals as well as a few new members. And it wasn't an idle day. We had Ray and Dick finish up a sink, and Don work with Ben and his wife Sarah. He got Sarah to actually dig while Ben was engineer of our club engine doing work on our stone retaining wall. Yes, Don has started work on it! Our power wires have been raised where they seemed to have gotten too low. I don't know if we got all of the engine stalls checked and cleaned, but the chicken coop (behind the engine house) is empty and ready to be used as a temporary machine shop. Would you believe that it was completely emptied in less than two hours? Other members got out their engines, but I didn't see any being tested. Remember that lights, horn, fire extinguisher, safety connections, and boilers must be tested before running. Me, well I tried my engine again and again and another universal let loose, so you know where I am again. We also had our store open, and although I didn't get a chance to get in there, I understand that we have some new shirts and a few other items.

So it was a pretty busy day and from what I could gather, everyone enjoyed themselves and isn't that what our club should be?

Well our Spring Meet is just about here. Are you going to make it and be able to HELP for a couple of hours? Even one day is okay; just get here sometime during the weekend. I don't think you will regret it. I'll see you there.

Skip, President

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Notes From Rich

We welcome several new members this month.

Peter and Deirdre Cunningham from Jewett, New York have joined and been accepted as Associate Family members. Peter has expertise in carpentry and electrical, and is interested in participating in club projects and activities.

Art and Barbara Petersen from Hellertown, Pennsylvania have joined as Associate Family members, along with their grandchildren **Emma Skiba and Raymond Quinlan** of Ford, New Jersey, both Juniors.

Anyone who wishes a current copy of the Membership List is asked to e-mail me at deanelect@roadrunner.com and I will return a copy to you. Everyone who has paid this year's dues, but has not yet received their membership cards, will find them in the clubhouse in a box on the wall opposite the entrance. If you want it mailed to you, send me a self-addressed envelope and I will take care of it. Nametags are available at additional cost. See me.

Rich, Membership Secretary

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A VERY BUSY MEMBERSHIP DAY

Ken Nelson

We hope you were able to join us for this year's Membership Day. If you couldn't attend, you missed out on a very active day.

We welcomed several new members, all of whom seemed very impressed with our railroad and its facilities.

Ted Wilming was kept busy watching the Registration Shed, as well as giving a Rules Class. Several members took their necessary Rules Test, which will cover them for the next three years.

The equipment in some of the Enginehouse stalls was emptied; the stalls were swept out, and (we hope) neatly put back, ready for another season of operation. If yours did not get done, please do it soon.

As always, it was good to see so many members and guests. We hope everyone had a good time. ***

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FAMILY DAY I

It is not too early to make plans for Family Day I, which will be held this year on Sunday, July 11. This, you will remember, is our day to get together at the club, run trains, visit with our fellow members, and generally have a good time with no pressure on anyone. The club provides the meat, and we ask everyone to bring a covered dish for sharing. Members may bring beverages, or purchase them from the club. For new members, this is a great way to meet our "family."

More information will be offered next month, but circle the date now and plan to join us. ***

Minutes

A Brief Summary of the Highlights of the May Meeting

President Skip Densing called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM

Recording Secretary Karl Pickles read the minutes of the March Meeting. They were accepted
Membership Secretary Rich Dean reported that we currently have 176 members as of this date.

Two new members were introduced. Peter and his wife Deirdre Cunningham were accepted
by the membership as Associate Members.

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

Committee Reports:

- Communications – Pat Murphy of Pennsylvania Live Steamers would like to purchase several of our extra green shaded lights. Rich Dean will handle the sale.
Long Island Live Steamers has several tons of bituminous coal available. Anyone interested should contact Skip Densing.
- Safety – Water barrels have been filled. The Twilight Park tank needs filling.
- Clubhouse – Needs cleaning for Membership Day. Emporium must be set up today.
- Signals – Ken Nelson gave an update on the signals for DeSantis.
- Grounds – The Fire Department has ordered that LP bottles must be stored near Gasoline Alley, and our older ones must be disposed of.
Wood ties by the kitchen wall must be moved to garage.
Leaves, which were under the picnic tables must be raked.
- Gauge #1 – The canopy is up and the area has been raked.

Old Business:

- Machine Shop – The lathe, now in the corner of the Clubhouse is now functional and useable. Training on the use of the lathe is available. Anyone interested should contact Dick Hosmer or Mark Landgraf.
A discussion was held regarding the location of the new machine shop. It was voted to put the shop next to the Enginehouse, making use of the Transfer Table which will be lengthened. The anticipated size of the shop will be 20' X 30'. Tom Rhodes will design the building.
- The majority of the new right-of-way has been rough filled.
- Stone for the new walls will arrive on Thursday, May 6.
- The new boiler for Club Steam Engine *Woodstock* is being built and should take about two months to complete.

New Business:

- Chuck Currey reported on the Spring Meet. Much help is still needed.

The Meeting was adjourned at 11:10 AM.

Want Ads

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Safety Tip

Ted Wilming and Ken Nelson

This month we would like to remind everyone about the use of our turntable, transfer table, and lifts. While all three are necessary to our hobby, each can present a safety hazard if not used properly. If you are uncomfortable with any of them, please ask for help.

When using the turntable, it is best if you are the only person in the pit. We have seen people turn the table, and catch someone standing at the opposite end by surprise. It is safest to push the table around rather than pulling it. If you slip, the table will not run over you. The table is heavy and if it hits you, it hurts. Obviously, children and animals should not be anywhere near the area.

It is also important to “unlock” both ends by removing or sliding the connectors. Otherwise the table will not turn. The “connector” is red in color, and is inserted between the table and the steaming bay tracks. The sliders are yellow and connect with the outbound tracks.

If you plan to line up both ends of the turntable, in order to cross it, it is necessary to line up the yellow end of the table with the yellow slider. If the table is reversed, it will not line up properly.

Finally, if it is necessary to walk on the table, do so with the utmost care. If you are sharing the table with a locomotive or car, the walking space is very narrow. Be careful not to slip and fall.

It is also safest to operate the transfer table by pushing it. This is also easier

on your body. That way, if you slip, the table is moving away from you and will not run into you. The wood on which you are walking is very slippery when wet, such as after a rain. Be sure that your piece of equipment, which you are moving, is centered on the table, and chocked to prevent it from moving along the track as you move the table. Finally, be sure that the connector is in the proper position before moving your equipment off the table.

ALS has two lifts, and both present a safety issue of their own. If you have not been trained on them, don't use them. Ask for help. There are two levers that accomplish two different functions. Improper use of the lifts is very dangerous to your equipment as well as yourself.

With any of these pieces of equipment, TAKE YOUR TIME. There is no hurry. The next person who might be waiting will usually wait patiently, and may offer to help you if needed. Being in a hurry, turning the turntable quickly, pushing the transfer table too fast, and/or trying to rush the lifts to a different position, can all be dangerous. And if you have questions, please ask!

See you next month.

HOW INVOLVED ARE YOU?

Dick Hosmer

I recently received an issue of *Grassroots*, a publication of the New York State Farm Bureau. In it was the following anonymous poem, which was read during a recent Tully FFA Banquet. As I read it, I tried applying what I read to Adirondack Live Steamers. As you read it, try giving some thought to what kind of ALS member you are.

Are you an active member – the kind that would be missed;

Or are you just content to say your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the crowd;

Or would you rather stay at home complaining long and loud?

Do you give up a little time and help to make things click;

Or leave the work to just a few, and talk about the “clique?”

There’s quite a program schedule that means success is done,

And it can be accomplished, with the help of everyone.

So come out to the meetings and help with hand and heart;

Don’t be just another member, but take and active part.

Think it over, member, are you right or wrong:

Are you an active [ALS] member, or do you just belong? ***

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THESE WEB SITES MAY INTEREST YOU

Ken Nelson

Are you planning a vacation trip this summer anywhere near Virginia? If so, you may want to visit one or more of the railroad museums in the area. Among your choices are the following, along with their web address for further information.

The Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Heritage Center is in Clifton Forge.

<http://www.cohs.org>

The O. Winston Link Museum is in Roanoke.

<http://www.linkmuseum.org>

The Roanoke Chapter of the National Railroad Historical Society is restoring the Virginia Railway’s Roanoke passenger station.

<http://www.roanokenrhs.org>

The Norfolk & Western Historical Society has archives of the N&W and the Virginian available on line.

<http://www.nwhs.org>

The Virginia Museum of Transportation is in Roanoke.

<http://www.vmt.org> ***

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OTHER CLUB DATES

Finger Lakes Live Steamers Open House is June 25, 26, and 27.

Long Island Live Steamers Spring Meet is May 21, 22, and 23. Their Mid-summer Meet is July 23, 24, and 25. Their Fall Meet is September 24, 25, and 26.

New Jersey Live Steamers Spring Meet is June 4, 5, and 6.

Waushakum Live Steamers Van Brocklin Meet is June 20. Their 40th Anniversary Meet is August 27, 28, and 29.

Check web sites before attending. ***

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First Class

<p>NOTE PAD June 10 – Meeting to organize Meet June 10-13 – Spring Meet July 10 – Membership Meeting July 11 – Family Day I July 17–Prototype Operation Day I</p>
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**Spring
Meet**

**Welcome
to our
Guests**