

Whistles in the Woods

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OPERATING 6500 FEET OF TRACK IN THE FOOTHILLS OF THE ADIRONDACKS

7 ¼" GAUGE 1 ½" SCALE

OPERATING GAUGE 1 TRACKAGE FOR STEAM AND ELECTRIC

SAFETY FIRST

MAY 2006

ALS IS BACK TO LIFE

Ken Nelson

Spring is here, and the ALS grounds are suddenly showing signs of life everywhere. Saturday, April 8 was the day of our Membership Meeting, and a great many people were in attendance. Our new president, Rich Dean, got off to a great start by covering all of our business in only one hour.

During the morning, members were moving about in many different directions. Some were working in the engine house, getting their locomotives ready for the new season. Others were laboring in the clubhouse, in an effort to clean it up after the heavy construction which has been going on for over a year. The new furnace is not in yet; it has been too cold to work. But it is on the way, and progress is being made. The wainscoting looks great, and the trim has been installed around almost all of the windows and doors.

After the meeting there were ten to twelve discussing future plans in the Gauge One area.

A meeting of the minds was held at DeSantis, to discuss just how much dirt must be removed to lay in the new trackage. At the same time, a plan was talked about regarding how this project will be carried out in a way so as not to close the railroad. Red flags have been placed by track supervisor, John Camerota, indicating where the new radius will be located. The existing track will be used as a "runner" which will feed a second track to the car barn. This will make it possible to run from the engine house to the car barn without fouling the main. Work on the DeSantis area should begin very soon.

So with all of these activities going on, there are plenty of areas for you to join us. We hope to see you at the track on Saturdays. ***

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**Next Meeting: Saturday, May 13, 2006, 1:00 PM
Club House**

**Deadline for June *Whistles in the Woods*:
Saturday, May 20 (Membership Day)**

Other Important Dates: See Last Page

President's Corner

Richard Dean, President

MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY!!!! That's how I feel about not having my locomotive ready to run! As of the time I'm writing this column, I haven't accomplished the necessary repairs to my steamer. Now that it is warmer at the club, I feel I should be working on club projects rather than my own.

Last month, we lost another great ALS member. Glen Armitage was always a joy to talk with. He enjoyed trains and his train in particular. Often, during Spring and Fall Meets, he and his son Mark would run until the wee hours in the morning, even with a chill in the air. Glen, we will miss you.

The depot is progressing. Thanks to Lance Sherman and sons, Ray Dwyer, Dick Hosmer, and Don Buesing, the work is almost complete. Hopefully by the time you read this we will be very close to having the Certificate of Occupancy! Thanks for everyone's help.

John Camerota and Dick Hosmer are working on the DeSantis Divide track realignment. Trees need to be cut and removed (most are red pines and are dead), a new cut excavated and a new overpass constructed. The goal is to do this work this summer. Please talk to John and/or Dick as to what you can do to help this much needed project get completed.

The chalkboard located in the great room is the first place all members should look when they arrive at the club. On it will be projects to be accomplished and a place to add new projects to be done. Please check it out. With thirty nine acres, multiple structures, and over a mile of track, there is always something to do.

I'll see you at the track.

Richard Dean, President

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VISITING OTHER CLUBS

Don Buesing

Each year, we publish the activity dates of other live steam clubs for those of you who are interested in visiting our friends. There was so much news last month, that we didn't have room, so here are those dates.

Spring Meets

Long Island LS – May 19-21

Pennsylvania LS – May 26-29

New Jersey LS – June 2-4

Adirondack LS – June 9-11

Pioneer Valley LS – June 16-18

Finger Lakes LS – June 24-26

Summer Meets

Montreal LS – June 30-July 2

Long Island LS – 40th Anniversary Meet
 July 20-23

Waushakum LS – August 25-27

Fall Meets

Pennsylvania LS – September 1-3

Adirondack LS – September 8-10

Pioneer Valley LS – September 15-17

Finger Lakes LS – September 22-24

Long Island LS – September 22-24

New Jersey LS – Sept 29-Oct 1

It is usually a good idea to visit the club's web site before visiting to check on their regulations, last minute changes in dates, and how to get there. If you are planning to stay in a tent, trailer, or motor home, some clubs will take reservations. Many web sites offer suggestions on local motels and hotels for those who need them. Most web sites include a phone number of a contact person. ***

Llyn's Summary

Recording Secretary's Report Llyn Rice

The Board of Directors met on 8 April to plan for the scheduled Membership Meeting and they:

- Considered how to encourage members to volunteer to work on, and even lead club projects. One focus will be filling department head and committee chair positions.
- Decided to propose to the membership that \$700 be moved from last year's surplus to the boiler fund for the club engine.
- Verified the number of members per an insurance company request.
- Decided that flowers or other gifts for deceased members should be paid for by passing the hat.
- Decided to ask Larry Green if he would be the member who makes recurring soda purchases.

Our President, Richard Dean, called the Membership Meeting of 8 April 2006 to order at 1:00 PM. The membership heard the secretary's, treasurer's, and education coordinator's reports. Jeane Lutz, Membership Secretary, read three membership applications which the membership approved.

The meeting then addressed old business and the membership:

- Heard a report on Clubhouse construction status and learned what tasks need to be completed before the Spring Meet.
- Learned that the DeSantis Divide Realignment track centerline survey flags are now in place.
- Heard reports on the Gauge #1 layout and plans for the upcoming Lionel Train Convention visit.
- Learned that Bud Weinreich has not yet identified a source of supply for old-style pressure treated 2x4s to make ties.
- Heard a presentation from Jeane Lutz about having a 25th anniversary commemorative painting done and asked her to get more details.
- Voted to move \$700 from last year end's surplus to the club engine boiler fund.

The meeting then addressed new business and the membership:

- Heard plans for Membership Day which is scheduled for 20 May.
- Observed a moment of silence for our late member, Glenn Armitage.
- Heard a list of Department Head and Committee Chair positions which must be kept staffed and heard an appeal from Richard Dean for members to volunteer.

Llyn Rice, Secretary

Notes From Jeane

Membership Secretary's Report Jeane Lutz

Our first meeting of the season in our clubhouse indicated that we are truly back in business for the year. It was good to see so many people in attendance.

Three new members were accepted by the membership at our April meeting:

Joan Sternitzke, from Stillwater, NY joined as a Regular member. She is the husband of William and the mother of Paul. Joan is a Registered Nurse, and it is good to have her as a member. Welcome Joan.

Robin Courtney, from Babylon, NY was accepted as an Associate member. Robin is the mother of Junior member Elliot Courtney. Welcome Robin.

Steve Konklin, of Stillwater, NY joined us as an Associate member. Steve is a mortgage banker and has three children. He would like a special place for the children to belong, and we welcome his family. Steve describes himself as a "jack of all trades, and master of none." He will find a lot of friends here at ALS.

All members should be receiving in the mail their membership cards and one membership roster per household. Please carry your cards. You may be asked to show them from time to time throughout the year.

Membership Day is coming on May 20. This is a day on which we invite anyone who has expressed an interest in joining ALS to visit the club for the day. Members are encouraged to act as a liaison, and host our visitors. No experience is necessary. Feel free to show our grounds to our visitors and talk it up. It would be good if someone would come forward to call people to bring a salad or dessert to put out on the table during the day. The club sells hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken, and beverages. If interested, please give me a call at (732) 541-6614.

Cam Brown wrote me a very nice note recently, and he would like to have someone willing to bring him to the club on occasion. He no longer is able to drive, but would very much like to join us from time to time. If you would be willing to do this, please give him a call at (518) 439-9147. He lives in Delmar, NY.

Finally, congratulations to Warren Hockaday on his recent marriage and hats off to our Junior members who have done such a great job of clean up at the club.

See you at the track,

Jeane, Membership Secretary

LIONEL OPERATING TRAIN SOCIETY TO VISIT IN JULY

Ken Nelson

Another group of train enthusiasts will visit the grounds of the Adirondack Live Steamers this summer.

On Thursday, July 13, the Lionel Operating Train Society will be in the midst of their annual convention in the Albany area. Among their many scheduled activities is a bus trip to ALS. They are scheduled to arrive on our grounds at approximately 4:30 PM, visit with us for awhile, enjoy a dinner at our picnic tables which their club will provide, see our Gauge One railroad, and take rides on several of our 1½" trains.

They will visit with us until approximately 8:30 PM.

We expect to host 40-45 people from their club. If you can be of assistance that day as a host or hostess, showing people our grounds, providing train rides, and/or operating the gauge one railroad(s), please let Dick Hosmer know. Dick has offered to be our club's host, but he can't do it alone. If you are retired, or have that day off, give him a call at (518) 235-0771. It's always fun to talk to other train people. ***

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A CALENDAR TO HANG

A few months ago, Jeane Lutz, our Membership Secretary, discovered a very nice calendar of the year's activities which is published each year by the New Jersey Live Steamers. She suggested that our members might like having such a calendar of our activities to hang on their refrigerators, cork boards, or other place in their homes. Although we have

already published the dates of our major events on several occasions, you will find on the next page a copy of this year's calendar for your use. You can remove it from the newsletter, or print one from on line. If this is an idea you would like repeated in future years, let us know. And thanks to New Jersey Live Steamers for a good idea. ***

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SPRING MEET

This is just a reminder that Spring Meet is right around the corner. Chairman Don Buesing needs a lot of help in various areas. There is something to do for everyone. Give Don

a call at (518) 587-3172 and let him know you are ready and willing to help for an hour or more. Either you make one call, or he makes over 200 calls. Please HELP! ***

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First Class

NOTE PAD

May 13 – Membership Meeting
May 20 – Membership Day
June 9, 10, 11 – Spring Meet
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

Have you
called to
offer help
at
Spring Meet

ADIRONDACK LIVE STEAMERS

2006 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

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Mar. 4
Membership
Meeting
1:00 PM

Mar. 5
Banquet
1:00 PM

Apr. 8 –
Membership
Meeting
1:00 PM

May 13 –
Membership
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1:00 PM
May 20 –
Membership
Day

June 8 –
Meeting
7:30 PM
June 9 – 11
Spring Meet

July 8 –
Membership
Meeting
1:00 PM

July 9 –
Family Day I

July 16 –
Prototype
Oper. Day I

Aug. 12 –
Membership
Meeting
1:00 PM

Aug. 13 –
Family Day II

Aug. 20 –
Prototype
Oper. Day II

Sept. 7 –
Meeting
7:30 PM

Sept. 8 – 10 –
Fall Meet

Oct. 14 –
Membership
Meeting
1:00 PM

Oct. 14-15 –
Blowdown

Nov. 11 –
Membership
Meeting
Election of
Officers
1:00 PM

Dec. 3 –
Albany Train
Show

JULY

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