

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 2010

CLEAN UP! PAINT UP! FIX UP!

Yes. It is that season again. We all love that spring has finally sprung, but with it comes a lot of clean up, especially at our club.

We're located in the woods. For the next few weeks, everything that is dirt will have become mud. Please drive slowly and carefully when entering our club grounds. Don't get stuck, and be careful where you park.

All kinds of dirt and mud will get brought into our clubhouse on your feet and those of everyone else. If you get the urge to sweep the floor, don't fight it! And please wipe your feet whenever possible before entering.

There is still a lot of clean up work that needs doing around the grounds. Try looking at the property as if you were a guest. Does everything look just right to you? If not, take a few minutes, perhaps along with a friend, and straighten things up. Some clean up has

begun, thanks to a few people who worked after the April Membership Meeting. However as of this writing, there are still many areas that need attention. Picnic tables need to come down, the track needs to be cleared of winter debris, the steaming bays have been raked but piles need to be carried away, and water barrels need filling. This is just the beginning. We don't expect everyone to do everything. We only ask that you do something. Get together with a friend, and pick a job. If everyone does their share, the dirty dozen won't get stuck with everything.

Membership Day is right around the corner (May 15). Many guests will get their first look at ALS. Let's work together to make the grounds something to be proud of. And most importantly, after you finish your chosen job, take a ride and enjoy our club. We hope to see you soon. ***

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**Next Meeting: Saturday, May 8, 10:00 AM
Clubhouse**

**Deadline for June *Whistles in the Woods*:
Saturday, May 16**

Other Important Dates: See Last Page

President's Corner

Hello. What are your plans? Do any of your plans include your railroad club?

We are still making track panels until our May Membership Meeting, at which time we need to move all of the track panel equipment out of our depot. We will need your help.

Membership Day is coming on May 15. We will need to set up tables after cleaning out the depot and sweeping the floor. The picnic tables outside still need to be put down where they belong for the spring and summer. It only took a half hour to set them up, so this is not a BIG job. Various areas still need raking, sweeping, cleaning etc such as the transfer table, steaming bays, track, the area around the Car Barn, and few other spots.

Is all of your stuff ready for the season? Have you checked your engine and cars to see that they are working and have been lubricated, tested, and that all controls and things work, etc.?

As of this writing, Spring Meet is only eight weeks away, and by the time you read this it will be even closer. The date, in case you have forgotten, is June 10-13. Call Chuck Curry at 518-346-0067 today with your offer to help.

Have you paid your dues? Remember that without calling your membership Secretary, Rich Dean, if you don't pay your dues by April 1, Regular Members must pay another initiation fee, so please get paid up so that you are on the roster.

See you at the club,
Skip, President

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Notes From Rich

I know it's been awhile since you've heard from me, but I've been very busy behind the scenes processing all of your memberships for this year. Most all of our members from last year have sent in this year's dues, and I thank you.

Anyone who wishes a current copy of the Membership List is asked to e-mail me at deanelect@adelphia.net 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.

Rich, Membership Secretary

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WANTED AND OFFERED

Do you have something in the live steam market for sale? Would you like to sell that locomotive part, or those extra marker lights, or that unused tool that has been laying around your shop?

Or do you have a need for something such as another piece of rolling stock, or a set of wheels for the car you just built?

This is your newsletter, and as a member you have the privilege of advertising your wants and needs each month, free of charge.

If you have any items in this "classified" area, please send them along to me either in written form by hand, or via email to pocovalley@msn.com.

This month we have one of each.

WANTED

The Machine Shop Committee seeks the donation of a set of **5C collets** for use on the lathe donated by John Piasecki

Contact Mark Landgraf

518-456-7614

Mark.Landgraf@yahoo.com

FOR SALE

3 ft scale (36") train outfit from the

"Carson City" amusement park in Catskill, New York

Included:

Plymouth gasoline powered diesel with a rebuilt Hercules 6-cylinder engine.

8 different cars.

1.5 miles of 30-pound rail, spikes, and ties.

Currently stored indoors.

Photos available

Contact Salvatore Ferro

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Minutes

A Brief Summary of the Highlights of the April Meeting

The Meeting was called to order by President Skip Densing at 10:02 AM

Recording Secretary Karl Pickles read the minutes of the March Meeting. They were accepted as corrected.

Membership Secretary Rich Dean reported that we currently have 115 members as of this date. There are a few applications that are still being worked on. Most of the current members have sent in their dues. There are no new members as yet, but Membership Day will probably change that. Anyone who wishes a copy of the current Membership List should e-mail Rich. (See p.3. for e-mail address. *Ed.*)

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

Committee Reports:

- Good and Welfare – Donna Densing continues to progress.
- Safety – Ken Nelson reported that the first draft of the new Rule Book has been completed. Two copies were circulated for member perusal and suggestions. Don Buesing, Ted Wilming, and Ken will meet to finalize the book for publication.
- Clubhouse – The new sink has arrived thanks to the work of Mark Landgraf. Additional money was allotted so that Ray Dwyer can install it in time for the May Meeting. A safe is now available for use in the library. Lance Sherman has begun installing the paneling in the clubhouse. Tom Rhodes will purchase the remainder of the necessary wood to complete the job.
- Track – Ken Nelson, Skip Densing and Mark Landgraf have completed approximately forty track panels. They are piled in the area adjacent to the steaming bays. More are needed. Within the next few weeks, all material needed for track panels will be moved to the garage. Anyone is welcome to work there through the summer. In the future, the ballast dump should be emptied in the winter in order to prevent rusting.
- Signals – Ken Nelson showed the new signals which he has constructed for DeSantis. Installation will begin soon.
- Grounds – Stone will be delivered for the new wall under Bossert Bridge. Picnic tables must be arranged outside of the clubhouse.
- Gauge #1 – Work continues. The canopy will be installed today.
- Enginehouse – There are still a few members who have not paid this year's usage fee.
- Car Barn – Canopy over the door needs repair.

Old Business:

- The Club Diesel will be kept in the Container on the broad track.
- The new boiler for Club Steam Engine *Woodstock* does not fit. A new one will be made. No date has been set for its completion.
- A new water tank for the main pump (next to the Tool Shed) will be acquired and installed in the near future.

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April Minutes *(Continued from page 4)*

- Don Buesing presented several options to the club regarding the new Machine Shop. After much discussion, the membership voted to construct a new structure, with the location to be determined at a later date. The current container which is being used to store the acquired machine shop material will be kept and used for “cold” storage. The new machine shop will be heated in order to preserve the machines within.

New Business:

- A list is available to sign up to help with the Spring Meet June 10-13. After deciding what you want to do and when, call Chuck Currey. Refer to the article elsewhere in this issue.

The Meeting was adjourned at 11:47 PM.

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Safety Tip

Ted Wilming and Ken Nelson

Last month we discussed fire extinguishers. With the relatively dry weather we’ve been having, we would like this month to continue focusing on the dangers of fire.

According to several sources, our immediate area is currently under a rather severe fire threat. We find our woods covered with a great deal of winter debris, and under that another layer of dry leaves and wood which could catch fire at a moment’s notice. While we have had some rain, we have not had nearly enough to bring the fire danger down.

Our hobby depends a great deal on fire in our steam engines, and we use a number of fire producing ingredients including coal, ashes, gasoline, oil, and any number of other items. We are asking every member,

whether or not you have a locomotive, to please keep your eyes open for any sign of fire in our woods. We have added several fire barrels along the right of way, and each is accompanied by a small bucket. If you fight a fire immediately, you can put it out before it gets out of hand. Once a fire gets a foothold in these dry woods, we can all be in trouble. If you discover one, try to get help, yell out that you need assistance, and quickly find water with which to fight it.

As Smokey the Bear says, “Remember, only you can prevent forest fires.”

See you next month.

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Letters to the Editor

Grounded at Hilton Head

I wanted to touch base with you since I'm presently "grounded" here at Hilton Head as a result of complications from shoulder replacement surgery in February. At this point I'm not sure when we'll get up to Westport this spring.

When I joined the Club in 2007, I had every intention of participating. [Since then] I have had a shoulder replacement, followed by a full knee replacement.

I have a new Dash 9 and an SW 1500 with 9 freight cars up at Westport gathering dust, and hope that they can repair me enough for this summer.

All the best, and I hope to see you this summer.

Bob Ingram
Hilton Head, SC

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THIS WEB SITE MAY INTEREST YOU

Ken Nelson

Are you contemplating the purchase of a locomotive or some rolling stock this year? You might wish to buy "previously loved" merchandise as they say in the automobile market.

If so, here is a web address that lists several items currently available:

Discoverlivesteam.com

Items for sale are listed in various categories including Locomotives, Rolling Stock, Machine Shop Equipment, Full Scale Railroad Items, Non-railroad items, and a Wanted list.

If you are in the market, you might want to check out this site. ***

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SPRING MEET COMING SOON

Chuck Currey

WE NEED YOUR HELP! In just a few weeks, we'll need your help in hosting the 2010 Spring Meet from June 11-14. For various reasons, Ted Wilming and Ken Nelson will both be out of town that weekend, so I have offered to help chair the Meet along with Mark Landgraf.

1. If there is a particular area to which you want to apply your skills, call me at 518-346-0067 or email me at

Cchhcurrey3@aol.com. Please be sure to mention Spring Meet in the "subject."

2. If you're not sure how you can contribute, let me know and we'll fit you in. We will need some coverage Thursday, June 11, full coverage Friday, June 12 and Saturday June 13, and at least morning coverage on Sunday June 14. Please contact me by May 1 if at all possible, or as soon as you read this.

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Spring Meet (Continued from page 7)

The list below will give an idea of what jobs are required to make the Meet

a success. Please call today, and save me from calling you.

Registration – One-hour shifts and a good “sit down” job. Have each guest fill out a waiver form and make out a nametag.

- Thursday: Noon to 8:00 PM
- Friday: 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM
- Saturday: 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM
- Sunday: 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Food – Kitchen – Generally one-to two-hour shifts. Help in serving various food items to our guests. We need cooks, servers, and cashiers.

- Friday: Lunch and/or Dinner
- Saturday: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- Sunday: Breakfast and/or Lunch

Emporium – Help in selling ALS items
Saturday and/or Sunday

Lift Area – Generally one-or two-hour sessions. Help in moving guests’ trains from their trailers to our railroad.

- Thursday: Noon – 8:00 PM
- Friday: 9:00 AM – 10:00 PM
- Saturday: 8:00 AM – 10:00 PM
- Sunday: 8:00 AM – Noon

Gauge One – Help to operate Gauge One trains. Generally oversee the area and help guests who may wish to operate their own equipment.

- Friday: Noon – 6:00 PM
- Saturday: Noon – 6:00 PM

Trash – Help one to three times during the day. Empty trash cans as necessary in Clubhouse and on the Grounds. Take trash to the dumpster.

Club House Cleanup – Help once or twice during the day or evening. Sweep and straighten the Floor, Rest rooms, Kitchen, etc. and/or help clean up after dinner.

- Thursday – Throughout the day.
- Friday – Morning, Afternoon, After Dinner
- Saturday – Morning, Afternoon, After Dinner
- Sunday – Morning, Afternoon

Emergency Track Repairs – In the event of a derailment, help in repairing track when and where necessary.

Safety – Be available to answer questions and help visitors to understand our rules.

Please pick one or more jobs you would be comfortable with and call today. Please don't wait for me to call you. ***

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ENGINEER TEST DUE THIS YEAR

Ted Wilming

As most of you know, engineers are required to take our Rules Test at least once every three years. Some of us have not taken the test since 2007 or earlier. Those of you on this list are due this year.

According to the Qualified Engineer's List, which is kept in a notebook in the Clubhouse, the

following are due to take the test. It will be given for the first time this year on Saturday, May 15, during this year's Membership Day festivities.

If for any reason, you cannot take the test that day, please call me at 518-654-7108, or email me at:

twilming@hotmail.com

so that we can make other arrangements.

Harry Abendroth
Bud Bentley
Stan Brother
David Bortz
Dan Buestas
Dan Canfield
Patricia Capieue
Roy Carruthers
Ron Ciacehini
Paul Clenn
Paul G. Clenn
Chris Colby
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Jarad Depsillas
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Dan Parsons
Charlie Pellock
Brad Peterson
Mike Petrillose
Pete Petrillose
Mike Plihcik
Paul Pool
Sam Pool
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Charlie Reilly
Tom Rhodes
John Roberts
Rita Rochelo
Brett Sherman
Nichole Singer
James Stoll
Jasmine Stoll
Marshall Smith
Steve Zucchini

A FEW BLASTS FROM THE PAST

Ken Nelson

Every so often it can be fun to look at our past and see how much we have accomplished, OR where we have messed up. Following are just a few

From Feb.-March 2004:

. . . plans were made to construct on ALS property, at least two layouts for both live steam and electrically controlled Gauge One trains.

Six years later, we still enjoy the work done in the past.

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From May 2004:

As reported last month, every effort is being made to complete, sand blast, paint and dedicate the Piasecki Bridge this summer.

Perhaps not enough help was offered.

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From June 2004:

Congratulations to Rich Dean on his recent wedding to Amy Holloway.

They are still a great couple.

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From September 2004:

Our next big project after the Piasecki Bridge and Clubhouse are complete, is the construction of the new service trackage, which will replace the current Rateau Yard.

All good things take time. Six years later, are you ready to help?

excerpts from articles that have appeared in *Whistles in the Woods* over the years since I have been editor.

From April 2005:

. . . work continues to proceed on our Clubhouse extension.

Insulation has been installed in the main room, the furnace room, and the storage room behind the kitchen.

We've come a long way since then.

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From June 2005:

Regular Member Dr. Fred Campbell of St. Albans, Vermont, has donated to Adirondack Live Steamers the entire trackage from his home railroad. This includes approximately a mile of track.

We are currently using this track to build track panels for the new service trackage and main line.

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From April 2006:

After many years of derailments at our tight radius area of DeSantis Divide, the membership has decided that it is time to rework this important interlocking.

Thanks to a lot of work, by many people, we can now enjoy our NEW DeSantis trackage.

NOW LET'S ALL WORK TOGETHER
TO CONTINUE OUR PROGRESS.

Adirondack Live Steamers
C/o Pete Petrillose
41 Goode Street
Burnt Hills, NY 12027

First Class

**Be the
first on
your
block to
pick a
job for
Spring
Meet**

NOTE PAD

**May 8 – Membership Meeting
10 AM in the Clubhouse
May 15 – Membership Day
June 10 – Meeting to organize
Meet
June 10-13 – Spring Meet**