

Whistles in the Woods

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NOVEMBER 2007

WHAT A BLOWDOWN!

Ken Nelson

We hope you were present for this year's Blowdown. A lot of members were there, and those who missed it missed one of the best in several years. There were several reasons for this. The weather for one was spectacular. It was cool, just right for fall, and the sun visited us on several occasions during the day. Steam engines provided another reason. There was more than the usual number of steamers present, including at least two from some distance away. It was especially good to see Chris Colby's B&M Mountain working its way along the ALS tracks. With DeSantis Divide now reworked, he had no trouble negotiating the curves. A great turnout also helped in making our Blowdown successful, but certainly one of the biggest contributors was Don Buesing's Turkey Dinner. Continuing

what has become an annual event, Don worked most of Saturday in preparing the turkey. Each person attending brought along a dish of some kind, and everyone seemed to have more than enough to eat for dinner. While some members had to leave before eating, Don served at least 50 dinners and had several leftovers for use on Sunday. In the middle of cooking the turkeys, the kitchen stove exploded in a shower of sparks, moving the preparation to the outside cooker. There's always excitement at ALS.

For many members, Blowdown is the end of the running season, but those who have only the winter to look forward to can now look back on a great last day of operation. If you missed it, be sure to put the Blowdown on your list for next year. ***

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Next Meeting: Saturday, November 10, 1:00 PM

Club House

Election of Officers

Deadline for December *Whistles in the Woods*:

Saturday, November 17

Other Important Dates: See Last Page

President's Corner

Richard Dean, President

It's hard to believe that the 2007 Adirondack Live Steamers running season is coming to a close. In my book, there have been wonderful strides forward at ALS this year. DeSantis Divide has been bridged over, insurance issues have been dealt with, and new track right-of-way plans are in the works for the coming year.

Following are some more or less random thoughts:

I feel that a "Job well done" is in order for the Board of Directors. They have worked hard to deal with all the intricate details of keeping your club up to date with all of the changing requirements demanded by today's world. It takes many hours of research for the Bylaw changes, new rules for the safety of all the club members, the addition/deletion of memberships, keeping track of the club finances, and many other activities too numerous to mention here. Make sure the next time you are at the club, you thank these people for their efforts.

Ken Nelson is another person who needs your sincere thanks. Without him this newsletter would not be *what* it is and I cannot even recollect the numerous other small details he attends to seemingly "all the time!"

The two (actually three) Meets we held this year, are proof that everyone is needed to provide all of the manpower necessary to make the weekends successful. What a great feeling we get after having three great successful Meets this year!

Ken Nelson and Don Buesing did a great job of overseeing the Spring and Fall Meets. Once again, they put in many hours in phone calls and organizational decisions.

Charlie Pellock has contributed untold amounts of labor and equipment to benefit the ALS club!

We still need a Club Historian.

Just because the steamers have been blown down for the 2007 operating season doesn't mean that the site is closed for the winter. We need track panels to be built this winter. The club house DOES have heat at the flick of a switch.

There is a work party scheduled for November 16, 17, and 18 to clear the new right-of-way. Come ready to work.

Thank you all for a great year,

Richard Dean, the Prez

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**SAFETY COMMITTEE
CONTINUES WORK**

Ted Wilming

The Safety Committee has been quietly working to hold classes for those interested in becoming qualified engineers on the tracks of ALS. Four classes have been held recently for engineers, and I'm happy to report that all those interested have been successful.

While many from other clubs may already be competent engineers, we know that we have a complex track layout here at ALS. We do not teach you how to become an engineer, but rather how to SAFELY run your train on our tracks. It is good for all of us to keep fresh in our minds how to read our signals, how to properly give hand and whistle signals, what our speed limits are in various sections of our railroad, and several other important safety items.

Each member must take the test at least once every three years. Anyone can take it on the internet (adironacklivesteamers.org) and some take it every year just to keep current.

If your name appears below, you are due to update your eligibility. Why not do it during the winter season and be ready for next year's running? Note: Please forgive misspellings. In many cases, handwriting was difficult to read.

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| Elliot Courtney | Barbara Nelson |
| Paige Cushing | Vincent Ricci |
| Charles Hosmer | Norah Singer |
| Daniel Kane | Wayne Singer |
| Bob Latino | Lance Sherman |
| Keith Muldowney | Joseph Tansk |
| Michael Muldowney | Jacques Thuot |
| Fred Mutton | Rory Weinreich |
| Darrin Nash | Annamae Yuhas |

October Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 1:13 PM by Vice President, Don Buesing.

The Recording Secretary's report was read and approved.

There was no Membership Secretary's report.

The Treasurer presented his report which was accepted.

There was no Education Committee report

Old Business:

- The insurance company has settled Ms. Peck's insurance claim for \$365K.
- Gauge #1 reported that the steaming bay canopy tarp and the folding tables and benches are in storage for the winter. Although winterized, the layout can be run.
- Mark Landgraf moved that the BOD be authorized to hire an inspector to determine the cause of the mold on the clubhouse ceiling and, based on the inspector's report, take remedial action. There was a lengthy discussion with many divergent ideas as to what to do. The membership finally voted to approve the motion.

New Business:

- Charlie Pellock reported that he will not be able to plow snow for the club this winter. He suggested that the club could either hire another plowing contractor or buy an old but useable plow which member volunteers would drive. Either way, the cost for the season would be about \$2,000. A lengthy discussion produced no specific resolution. Don Buesing, Mark Landgraf, and John Camerota agreed make a proposal for the next meeting.
- The Albany Train Show will be held on December 2 from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Members present decided that taking part would be beneficial. Dick Hosmer will coordinate and any member wanting to take part should talk to Dick.
- Director Skip Densing presented a slate of officers for 2008 as follows:

President	Don Buesing	Membership Secretary	Richard Dean
Vice President	Dick Hosmer	Treasurer	Glen Freedman
Recording Secretary	Llyn Rice	Director 2009	Ted Wilming

(1st year of 2-year term)

Director Skip Densing has a year left on his term and will not stand for election this year. There were no further nominations.

- November 16, 17, and 18 have been selected as Working Days for anyone interested in helping to make ready the new ring road around the property. Earth moving equipment will be available. Volunteers are needed.
- A motion was made to permit wine at Meet dinners. It was defeated.
- A motion was made to ban parking of RVs in the infield. A final vote will be taken at the November 2007 Membership Meeting.
- Mark Landgraf has access to plastic conduit which may be used to bury underground wires. The membership voted to have Mark bring a supply to be stored until needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:53 PM.

Llyn Rice, Recording Secretary

AN INVITATION

Bruce Rauch

Would you like to do something special this winter? Come on down to Florida and visit another Live Steam Meet.

Snow and cold got you down?

Take a break from the looonng winter.

Come to Florida for the Florida Live Steamers Winter Meet

February 21-24, 2008

Hosted by Ridge Live Steamers in Dundee.

See the link to RLS on the ALS website (Adirondacklivesteamers.org) or
Contact Bruce Rauch for more information.

The "snow and cold" may be a stretch this year. I see you are having unseasonably warm temperatures. Maybe this will be another year without a winter. Whatever the weather, all ALS members are welcome to come and see a tropical railroad. If you, or anyone, want to bring an RV, we have onsite camping for about thirty units – most with water and electric. As activity at ALS slows down for the winter, activity at RLS ramps up for the return of the snowbirds and cooler weather. We are completing a 62 foot, four track car barn with a 40 foot, four track car barn waiting to be built. As with every other live steam club, we never run out of projects.

I hope to see you soon,

Bruce

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NOTE PAD

November 10 – Annual Meeting
Election of Officers
for 2008

November 16, 17, 18 – Work party
for new right-of-way

December 2 – Albany Train Show

February 3 – Winter Banquet

**Your help is
needed for the
Right-of-way
work party!**