

WHISTLES IN THE WOODS

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SEPTEMBER 2010

RIGHT PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME

Have you ever been at the right place at the right time, and realized that you are experiencing something that might not ever happen again? Did you have your camera with you? There are a few rules of trainspotting that I have noticed over the years, and the first is that you will always see trains if you forget your camera at home. The second is that you will rarely see trains when you do remember to bring it!

While shopping for a kitchen table at Huck Finn's Warehouse in Albany, I heard a short train horn on the way out. My wife had picked me up from work, and I made sure to ask her to bring my camera when she came because I wanted to check out Kenwood Yard that evening. I have been trying to get pictures of D&H-painted engines #7304 or #7303 for ages but they always alluded me. When I heard the train horn I had no idea what to expect but the chase was on. In the distance I saw that it wasn't a regular CP freight train but one with a "heritage" (D&H lightening stripe painted) unit in it. We easily beat it to Kenwood Yard where I would be

able to take pictures at the road crossing.

Now, a Lightening Stripe unit is special to me but when I saw another photographer waiting at the crossing I started wondering. When I asked what was up he said "inspection train." Not a minute or so later, two engines pulling a single observation car lettered "Macintyre" rolled around the curve.

I took some shots in the setting sun and saw that the 2nd unit was #7312. That meant three heritage units existed. If only I had known the train was coming I would have selected better spots to take pictures from. However, having thought in advance to bring a camera allowed me to capture something which I might not ever see again.

The next time you decide to head out on a trip, don't ever forget to bring your camera. You might just see a cool industry to model, or an old piece of equipment to study, or perhaps even be taken by surprise at the appearance of a rare engine- but you will NEVER be able to record it if you leave your camera at home.

Next Meeting: Saturday, September 9, 7:30 PM - Clubhouse

Deadline for October *Whistles in the Woods*:

Saturday, September 18

Send ALL information to Ken Nelson

President's Corner

Hi Everyone,

Can you believe it is already September? Yes, it is time for the Fall Meet already- and it seems we just got done with our Spring Meet. So, have you called Mark L. or Chuck C. and let them know where you will be at the meet and what you would like to do to help? Remember: many hands make all the work easier... so please give an hour or two this weekend. Thanks!

Our air pressure system is back to normal: we just need to turn it on and OFF. Use the one valve inside our tool shed. Also, the supposed issue involving the high electric bills was taken care of- it turns out that they were just estimates from the utility company and not actually what was used. That is a relief.

We are going to try and have all the extra stuff at the club tagged with a "make offer" notice, a minimum price or a set price, and put it out at the Fall Meet. Anything not sold or spoken for will be scrapped or thrown out after the meet. So, take a look around and see if anything interests you. We are trying to clean up the club and make it safe.

I am happy to see that our place is being used throughout the week. There have been several occasions where I have seen people using not only the ground line but also the gauge 1 track. This makes me happy- our members are using our club.

I also want to say "THANK YOU" to all the members that come and do things. There are many little things and odd things that just seem to get taken care of so, again, THANK YOU to each and every one who has done anything to help out our club.

This September is followed by October which is our NOMINATING month followed by November, our election month. So, have you checked out who you want as an office and asked them if they are willing to serve? It truly is a service, but one which is so very important.

Hope to see you at our Fall Meet and possibly at our "Fall" prototype day September 25. It starts at 9:00AM and runs until we quit. It is always a lot of fun, and I highly recommend you come and try it out.

Your President,

Skip

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Time: 5:00 PM Saturday, 9/11/2010

Location: ALS Fall Meet

11" South Bend Lathe: Quick change, 3-jaw 8" chuck, 4-jaw 8" chuck, 3-jaw 6" chuck, 10" face plate, drive plate, tail stock drill chuck. Vintage 1920.

Call Mark Landgraf at (518) 456-7614 for additional information

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PASSENGER CARS' OWNER REQUESTED

For some time now, there have been two "period" passenger cars parked on stall number 8, on the bottom level of the Car Barn. Are they yours? Do you know the owner?

We have received no "Usage Fee" from the owner, and if such owner cannot be found, we will have to remove them.

If they are yours, OR if you know to whom they belong, please call Myron Rapaport at 518-796-7724 so that proper procedures may be followed. ***

Minutes

A Brief Summary of the Highlights of the August Meeting

- President Skip Densing called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM.
- Recording Secretary Karl Pickles read the minutes of the July Meeting.
- Treasurer Ben Maggi gave the Treasurer's Report, which was accepted.
- Membership Secretary Report: we had one member renew: Bruce Barrett.
- **Summary of our Discussions:**
 - 1.) The air compressor has been repaired and the leak was taken care of. We need to put up a sign that alerts members to where it is located.
 - 2.) Electric Bills: What was originally thought to be excessive billing by our utility turned out to be estimations, which will self-correct over time.
 - 3.) Signals: They are underway but will not be completed by the Fall Meet.
 - 4.) Grounds: A forester was present and walked around the property with some ALS members. He will send us his report as soon as it is finished.
 - 5.) Gauge 1: It is being used frequently, even by our new members- this is great!
 - 6.) Locks: All locks on the property should be checked before leaving the Club. If you are a regular member and still need keys, check with Penny Landgraf who is now in charge of them.
 - 7.) Disposition of Property: During the Fall Meet we will disposing of unwanted equipment. Look for the signs on the piles of unwanted stuff.
- **Fall Meet:**

Please call Mark Landgraf or Chuck Currey if you are at all willing to help out. It may only be for a couple of hours during the whole weekend, and it may be as simple as sitting in a chair watching trains go by, but we can use everyone's help!
- The Meeting was adjourned at 11:11 AM.

Are YOU attending the meetings? Are YOU participating in the discussions? Are YOU voting? If not, then you ARE NOT helping us determine the Club's future? All members are welcome to attend the monthly meetings.

LOCAL RAILROAD ATTRACTIONS

Benjamin Maggi

We are blessed to be in State surrounded by many operating tourist railroads and museums, utilizing vintage diesel equipment and sometimes even steam locomotives. If you are looking

for interesting railroad places to visit, check out this website which lists them: <http://www.newyorkrailroads.com/>

Safety Tip

Ted Wilming and Ken Nelson

Because we are located in the woods, and due to our nice dark tunnels, animals like raccoons, skunks, and bats can sometimes be seen. So, we need to be cautious about the possibility of RABIES being carried by our "natural neighbors." Using common sense, as well as taking necessary preventative precautions, will help keep us all safe. Below is some information that was originally printed in *The Post Star*, Glens Falls, NY newspaper on 6/21/2010, page D2.

"Take a Bite out of Summer with Caution"

Rabies

- **What is it** - it is a viral disease that infects mammals.
- **How it spreads** - Rabies is transmitted through the bites of wild, rabid animals like bats, raccoons and skunks.
- **Incidence** - The majority of rabies cases reported to the CDC occur in wildlife, although most wild animals are not rabid. Last year in St. Louis County, MO, 590 bats were tested; 23 had rabies. Domestic pets account for 7% of animal rabies cases. Human cases are extremely rare, with one or two a year nationwide.
- **Symptoms** - The virus infects the central nervous system and is fatal if not treated early. Early symptoms include fever, headache, and weakness.
- **Treatment** - If you are bitten by a wild animal, wash the area with soap and water and seek treatment immediately. Prophylactic shots can prevent rabies infection.
- **Prevention** - Make sure your pets' rabies vaccinations are up to date. If you find a live or dead bat in your home [or tunnel], do not attempt to capture it. Call your county's health department, which will come collect the bat so that it can be tested for disease.

Don't let the threat of Rabies scare you from coming up to the Club. Follow the advice above and you will have a wonderful time up here.

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First Class

NOTE PAD

**September 9– Meeting to organize
Fall Meet**
September 9-12 – Fall Meet
September 25 – Proto Op Day II
October 9 – Membership Meeting
October 16-17 - Blowdown

**Our Fall
Meet is
Nearly
Here!**