



# The PLS GAZETTE

A newsletter of the Pennsylvania Live Steamers, Inc.

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## Green Signals Ahead

It's hard to believe that as of this writing we are already into February the second month of 2017 and next month on Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup> we will have our first Membership meeting of 2017. Please be reminded that this is an important meeting as the Regular Membership will be electing three new members to the Board of Directors as well as the three officer positions; President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The membership will also have an opportunity to review and vote on the new budget for fiscal year 2017 that begins on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. I encourage all Regular Members to come out and vote. **Note:** All Associate Members are also welcome to attend all PLS Membership Meetings, but only Regular Members are allowed to vote. This meeting will also give all members, both Regular and Associates the opportunity to learn about open and new projects that PLS will be working on as we enter the New Year.

Last year at this time I wrote about our plan for sharing project information with all of our membership. This included ways to let all members know what is currently being worked on as well as all projects not yet started. The idea is to have a name (face) attached to each project so that both seasoned and new members would know who to speak with if they had an interest in lending a hand with a given project. We all know that it can be difficult to be a participant in an activity if you're not sure what you can do to help out or who to speak to about becoming involved. The actions we have taken has

been to review the list of all active projects at every membership meeting, this is why it is important for all members to attend the monthly membership meetings. All active projects have a named project lead person to make it easier for anyone that is interested in a given project to have a point of contact. The project list with some details and the contact name has also appeared in a number of PLS Gazettes. We will continue the project list concept along with a lead person for each project throughout 2017. If you're not sure about who to contact, you can always come and see me and I will be happy to help you find out who to contact and review the project details. The following is our current project list:

1. **Core Wall Restack and Tie Curbing** – Tie Curbing COMPLETED, Critical part of Core Restack COMPLETE. Lower part East end of Core Wall still needs work, will be worked on as manpower allows, most likely later in 2017. Skills required: Able to lift and move ~ 20 – 25 pound Core Cylinders. Lead: Bruce Saylor and Frank Webb
2. **Porch Extension** – Slab Complete, all material required to complete will be onsite mid-February. Trusses need to be built, parts (Lumber) needs to be pre-painted, upright framing needs to be assembled, and roof components need to be installed, finish painting. Skills required: Material moving, Painting, carpentry work, Hammer and nail, labor. Lead: Frank Webb
3. **1 ½" (7 ¼" Gauge) Yard to Mainline Switch and Signals**

(North side 7 ¼" Station) – New electric switch, push buttons and logic control for merge of 7 ¼" yard to 7 ¼" mainline. Project is ~ 50% complete, push buttons placement, field wiring and logic circuit needs to be added. Skills required: Small concrete bases, pull wire, knowledge of PLS signal and switch system. Lead: Ron Henderson

4. **1" (4 ¾ Gauge) Switches and Signaling at Brown Box** – Switches need repair, isolation from track circuit and Jumpers around isolation. Most (80%) of signal components and circuits are in place. One additional signal head and supporting circuit is still required. Skills required: Digging track side stone for new conduit, track work, wire pulling, knowledge of PLS signal circuit. Lead: Ron Shupard and Frank Webb
5. **Backhoe Lean-to** - Shed roof east side of BLDG. 3. Skills, basic wood working, general labor. Status: Not Started. Lead: Paul Quirk
6. **Caboose Paint Restoration** - Initial investigation has found south side paint is beyond compounding/buffing. No work completed. Skills required: Metal preparation/painting or find a paint contractor. Lead: TBA
7. **4 ¾" Track repair** – Ongoing work to replace worn rail and rotted ties around 4 ¾" mainline track. Status: Work is underway, more to be completed. Skills required: General track work and labor. Lead Jim Miller

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**8. Repair Twin Tunnel stone facing** – Friend of PLS Norm Leping has COMPLETED the work.

The most significant item on our project list is the “Porch Extension” due to the cost, size and manpower required by the time you read this article all the materials required to complete this addition will be onsite. Weather permitting we hope to have this project completed before the Spring Meet, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017. It is a lofty goal!

Most of the projects above can be categorized as physical projects, but behind the scenes other projects are also underway and although not “physical” in the way of hammer and nail, they do require significant time and effort. You might remember seeing a PLS Gazette message from me asking for someone to help organize our library. It was also a subject of business at several of our membership meetings. I am very pleased to tell you that one of our newer members, Joe Gotlewski, has volunteered to help organize our library and make an effort to let our membership know about the many books and videos it has to offer. Another project that is underway is the updating of the PLS Handbook. It has been many, many years since our Handbook was last revised. Bob Blackson has been working on the update for several months and it is no easy task. Even when Bob has completed his work, others will need to provide updates and corrections to the PLS wheel standards and other technical information. This will also require new tables and drafting work. Another ongoing project is the keeping of our membership list. This list contains over 300 names with membership status, addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail

addresses. The list has the most significant change at the beginning of each new fiscal year and then requires monthly updates as member status changes, Associate Members are added, e-mail and mailing address and other information changes. The Regular Member in the background that makes these changes is Kathy Parris. Our soda machine is rarely found empty thanks to Pete Brown who services the machine, takes care of the bill changer, buys the soda and water and keeps the machine filled. We all owe a very appreciative THANK YOU to these people and all that do volunteer work.

In less than three months on Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 we will be having our first run day at the PLS railroad. I am sure you are as excited as I am that the new running season that is just around the corner.

See you on the Mainline,  
*Frank Webb, President*



## Membership Cards

Membership cards for paid members were mailed in early February. Guest cards for those who completed the guest release form will be included. If you have not sent your renewal and have not yet received your membership card, please email [secretary@palivesteamers.org](mailto:secretary@palivesteamers.org) or write to PLS at the address at the bottom of this page.



## 2017 PLS Upcoming Events

March 18 - Board of Directors 9:30 AM  
Saturday Business Meeting 12.30PM  
Elections & Budget Vote  
April 23 - Regular Run Day  
Sunday Boiler Testing

## Membership Renewals Past Due

As a reminder, membership renewals were due by December 31, 2016. In order to remain a member, we must have your paid renewal. If you do not renew, this will be your last issue of the *PLS Gazette*. Please take the time to complete the renewal notice that you were sent in early December and forward it with your dues. If you have misplaced your renewal notice, you can receive another one by e-mailing [secretary@palivesteamers.org](mailto:secretary@palivesteamers.org) or writing to PLS Inc. at the address at the bottom of this page. **Please do not forward dues without the renewal form.** We must have the signed renewal form completed for our records. Your membership cards will be sent to you when your dues are received.

## Club Membership News

PLS welcomes new Associate Member Trevor Ogle. Also, Casey Quenzel and Marc Carpino have applied for Regular Membership.

## Membership Gauge

As of January 31, 2017 PLS has:

**107 Regular Members**

**206 Associate Members**

**6 Honorary Members**

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# PLS Budget for Fiscal Year 2017

Income		Expenses			
<b>100 • Donations</b>		<b>200 • Utilities</b>		223.40 Computer	200.00
100.10 Run Day	625.00	200.10 Electric	2,075.00	223.50 Internet	1,275.00
100.11 Gauge 1	45.00	200.20 Oil	750.00	223.60 Community Support	200.00
100.20 Special Run Day	30.00	200.30 Septic Tank	600.00	223.80 Web Page	600.00
100.40 Pot Luck Dinner	350.00	200.40 Portable Toilets	1,450.00	223.99 Miscellaneous	500.00
100.50 Picnic	75.00	200.50 Telephone	325.00	Total 223 • Communications	\$4,000.00
100.60 General	.00	200.60 Dumpster	1,200.00	<b>224 • Corporate</b>	
100.63 Books and Magazines	10.00	200.70 Miscellaneous	200.00	224.10 Legal & Prof. Fees	550.00
100.90 Other Donations	4,900.00	Total 200 • Utilities	\$6,600.00	224.11 Delaware Corp. Tax	50.00
Total 100 • Donations	\$6,035.00	<b>210 • Miscellaneous Expense</b>		224.20 Office General	175.00
<b>120 • Dues</b>		210.20 Picnic	275.00	224.30 Property Tax	4,250.00
120.10 Regular Members	8,160.00	210.30 Pot Luck Dinner	175.00	224.40 Sales	100.00
120.20 Associate Members	6,750.00	Total 210 • Miscellaneous Exp.	450.00	224.60 Office Postage	450.00
Total 120 • Dues	\$14,910.00	<b>220 • Maintenance</b>		224.70 Insurance	3,750.00
<b>130 • Items Sold</b>		220.10 Backhoe	100.00	224.80 Corporate Printing	150.00
130.10 Boiler Treatment	26.00	220.11 Machine Shop Supplies	50.00	224.99 Corporate Misc.	150.00
130.20 Coal	20.00	220.20 Building # 1	500.00	Total 224 • Corporate	\$9,625.00
130.50 Soda	1,525.00	220.30 Buildings # 2-8	500.00	<b>225 • Sales</b>	
130.60 Snacks Non-Run Day	275.00	220.40 Gauge 1	200.00	225.10 Kitchen	650.00
130.70 Snacks Run Day	700.00	220.50 Track	1,500.00	225.20 Snacks	400.00
130.80 Kitchen Sales	1,350.00	220.60 Mowers	350.00	225.30 Soda	550.00
130.90 Table Sales Taxable	500.00	220.70 Signal	250.00	225.40 Table Items	1,250.00
130.91 Table Sales Non-Tax	950.00	220.80 Gas Mowing	200.00	Total 225 • Sales	\$2,850.00
130.99 Miscellaneous Sales	.00	220.90 Gas Track	50.00	<b>226 • Special Projects</b>	
Total 130 • Items Sold	\$5,346.00	220.91 Club Locomotive	300.00	226-11 40' Canopy Ext.	1,500.00
<b>140 • Storage Track Fees</b>		220.92 Landscaping	750.00	226-19 Caboose Painting	1,500.00
140.30 Building # 3 Rental	3,636.00	220.93 Trees	500.00	226-30 Loader Shed	800.00
140.60 Building # 6 Rental	2,460.00	220.94 Fire Extinguishers	250.00	Total 226 • Special Projects	\$3,800.00
140.80 Building #8 Rental	432.00	220.99 Misc. Maintenance	500.00	<b>Total Expenses</b>	
Total 140 • Storage Track Fees	\$6,528.00	Total 220 • Maintenance	\$6,000.00	<b>\$33,325.00</b>	
<b>150 • Recycling</b>		<b>223 • Communications</b>		<i>Excess of Expenses</i>	
150.10 Aluminum Cans	15.00	223.10 Gazette Postage	\$275.00	<i>Over Income.....</i>	
Total 150 • Recycling	15.00	223.30 Gazette	550.00	<b>(491.00)</b>	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$32,834.00</b>	223.30 Other Printing	400.00		



## **George F. Lord**

**1922 - 2016**

George F. Lord, formerly of Broomall, PA passed away peacefully at his son's home in Georgia on December 23, 2016 at 94 years of age. George was a long-time Regular Member of PLS dating back to the 1970's. George will be remembered by many for the PRR GG1 locomotive and passenger train in 1-inch scale that he scratch-built and operated regularly at PLS (see attached photo.) George was a very active member, participating regularly on work days as well as handling the position of club secretary for many years. In recent years, as maintaining and handling his equipment became more burdensome, he sold the locomotive and train, and found it harder to attend PLS on a regular basis. Several years ago, the PLS Board of Directors conferred Honorary Membership on George, recognizing his many years of service to the club. An avid lover of trains since a very young age, George built model railroads and trains of all sizes. He was well-known in his neighborhood for the live steam trains and electric locomotives that ran around the back yard on a large track. He was preceded in death by his wife Marguerite and his youngest son, David, and is survived by sons James and Roger and four grandchildren. PLS offers its condolences to family and friends.



## **Deborah L. Rose**

**1955 - 2016**

Deborah Leigh (Deb) Rose (Stout) age 61, wife of PLS Regular Member Dave Rose and mother of PLS Associate Member Zach Rose passed away Wednesday, December 21, 2016 at HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Vineland, NJ where she had been recovering from a stroke suffered on Thanksgiving night. Deb had been a teacher for 39 years. She taught 2nd and 3rd grades at Sewell School in Mantua Township for 38 of those years before retiring in 2015. Deb loved trains and liked to go for rides - her Mother's Day always included a ride at the Strasburg Railroad. She liked to travel and was always willing to stop to see something that looked interesting along the road; County Fairs, Flea Markets, Car Shows, Antique Stores and anything Historical. Deb enjoyed spending time at PLS chatting with old friends and making new ones. Being the teacher she was, she was always willing to tell people about the workings of the club and the trains. She was very proud of her son Zachary and all that he has accomplished in his life. Seeing him go to the state bowling tournaments for Special Olympics for many years and winning gold and silver medals in his division. Deb loved all types of music and enjoyed going to concerts with her son and husband. She loved animals of all kinds, from the deer and turkeys in the back yard to her family dogs. Deb was very proud of their dog Delia and the therapy work she does with special needs children. Deborah enjoyed life and the world around her and she made many lives better for being here. Always liking to read, and always having a book nearby, her last chapter just came too soon. PLS offers our sincere condolences to the Rose family. She will be missed by those who shared her company at PLS events.



# Repointing Tunnel



Larry Moss Photo

Friend of PLS, Norm Leping, repointed the stone facing on the twin tunnel this winter. Looks like new. Thanks, Norm.

# Train for Sale



- SW1500 Diesel by Rail Systems (7 1/4")
- Engineer/Flat Car and unassembled wooden decking
- Flat Car with unassembled wooden decking (not pictured)
- Low sided Gondola with 2 Seats

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## PLS Elections

The PLS elections will be held during the annual membership meeting on Saturday, March 18, 2017 at 12:30 P.M. To be elected are president, secretary, treasurer and three board members.

Nominees for the offices are as follows:

**President:** Frank Webb  
**Secretary:** Lee Nonnemacher  
**Treasurer:** Bob Morris

**Board of Directors:**  
 Pete Brown  
 Walt Mensch  
 Jim Salmons  
 Jim Miller

## Donation Acknowledgements

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**FIRST CLASS**



The first run of 2017 held on January 1st was attended by (from left to right) Bruce Saylor, Ronnie Shupard, Bob Hillenbrand, Roy Nelson, Hank Riley, Bob Freer, and Jim Miller.