



The PLS GAZETTE

A Newsletter of the Pennsylvania Live Steamers, Inc.

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Green Signals Ahead

This very important message is addressed to all Regular, Associate and Honorary members of PLS. I ask everyone to please take a few minutes to read this very important request.



The subject of this message is our long history of the three Pot Luck dinners we hold every running season at the PLS facility. The first during our Spring Meet, the second for our summer time picnic and the third for our Fall Meet. These events over the past several years have seemingly lost some of their meaning in that the "POT" in Pot Luck has been lost and all but disappeared. An example of this was at our last fall meet. As everyone knows, PLS supplies the hamburgers, hot dogs and condiments and all members and families that attends are to provide the "POT LUCK" part of our meal which is an item of their own choosing. This can be a covered dish (warm or cold), salads i.e. lettuce, tomato, potato, macaroni, etc. or a dessert of some type; cookies, cake, pies, fruits or you

name it and it's your choice to bring. Although the truly homemade items that have been provided have been widely enjoyed, store bought items are also a good alternative and the portion sized does not have to

be large as long as everyone contributes. Much of the fun of these events is not knowing what is going to show up on the dinner table! The purpose of these get togethers is to have a chance to relax, sit down together and share a meal, talk, renew old acquaintances and have a good time, but this only works when everyone participates. During

our last fall meet we received more monetary donations than items for the "Pot Luck". This forced more of you to revisit the hamburger and hot dog line in order to find something to eat, putting a greater than normal burden on the volunteer cooks who also wanted to have a change to sit down and enjoy the company of those that attended the event. This get together is not about money, it's about taking the time to share time together, build relationships and simply enjoy some quiet time and to share a good meal.

Please remember that all members Regular, Associate and Honorary are invited to our Pot Luck events. These events are sponsored by PLS at no charge other than for everyone to come out and have a good time. This year, weather permitting, we will have finished our porch project and much of our seating will take place under a new covered space that will replace the tent we have used for many years.

The 2017 PLS running season is about to begin and we look forward to seeing you at many of our scheduled run days and our Pot Luck events. The first Pot Luck event will be held during the Spring Meet on Saturday May 27, 2017 at 5:30 PM.

We look forward to seeing all of you at our upcoming events.

Frank Webb,
PLS President



PLS Election Results

Elections were held at the regular membership meeting on Saturday, March 18, 2017. Frank Webb, Lee Nonnemacher and Bob Morris, running unopposed, were confirmed as President, Secretary, and Treasurer, respectively.

There were four names on the ballot for the board of directors, for which three were to be elected. Those elected were Pete Brown, Jim Miller and Jim Salmons. Rounding out the board with one year remaining on their two-year terms are Bob Hillenbrand, Larry Moss and Paul Rice.

Congratulations and best wishes to those elected.

2017 Spring Meet Information

The Spring Meet will be held on May 27th and 28th this year. As usual, running will start on Friday afternoon, May 26th. Volunteers are needed for gate duty, station duty, and kitchen duty. Just sign up for a time slot when you arrive at the meet. Also, please remember that we depend on your donations of baked goods for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Please note: during the meet, the clubhouse refrigerators are used for food and drinks sold by PLS throughout the weekend. Should you need refrigeration for either personal use or items brought for the pot luck dinner, please use your own cooler if at all possible. Thank you.

Club Membership News

PLS welcomes new Associate Member Byron Hawthorn. Ronald Drenth has applied for Regular Membership.

2017 PLS Upcoming Events

Saturday, April 15	Board of Directors Meeting - 9:30 AM Membership Meeting - 12:30 PM Spring Clean Up in AM
Sunday, April 23	Run Day - Members & Guests Boiler Testing - Rain Date April 30
Saturday, May 20	Board of Directors Meeting - 9:30 AM Membership Meeting - 12:30 AM
Friday, May 26	Spring Meet - Members & Guests
Saturday, May 27	Spring Meet - Members & Guests Pot Luck Dinner - 5:30 PM
Sunday, May 28	Spring Meet - Members & Guests
Sunday, June 17	Board of Directors Meeting - 9:30 AM Membership Meeting - 12:30 PM
Sunday, June 25	Run Day - Members & Guests Rain Date July 2

Donation Acknowledgements

PLS wishes to thank the following members for donations received during February and March: Dave Taylor, Jim Connelly, Sharon Connelly, Jared Schoenly, Joseph Springer, and Michael Yingling. Thanks also to Richard and Denise Boone of Primetals Technologies for their donation in memory of Bill Love.



Storage Track Payments are Due

To regular members who have storage tracks at PLS: your annual fees were due as of April 1. If you have not already paid, please see Bob Morris with your payment or send to PLS c/o the Treasurer.

Membership Gauge

As of March 31, 2017 PLS has:

104 Regular Members

158 Associate Members

6 Honorary Members

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Postcards from Florida

Here are a few snapshots that Bruce Saylor took in February while visiting live steam clubs in Florida. He reported that the weather was fantastic with temps in the 65-85 degree range.



Bruce Saylor's Mikado at Can Siding on Ridge Live Steamers track



John Bortz hauling the public at Ridge Live Steam



Dave Johnson on his train at Pasco County Live Steam



This engine sat under a shed roof for years and was purchased at auction by a 14 year old boy for \$700. The boiler passed a hydro at 150 lbs. The kid drained the boiler and his father hooked up an air hose and ran it back and forth on 100' of track for 20 minutes. This old rusty locomotive may be a diamond in the rough.

Thomas James Myers 1943 - 2017

Thomas James Myers, age 74, beloved husband of Lilia (nee Bundalian), loving father of Tisa (John) Waechter, Margaret Myers (Joseph Glass) and Dr. Kristin Myers (Andrew Shea), and proud grandfather of eight. Tom was interred at Arlington National Cemetery following a service with full military honors.

Tom died suddenly and unexpectedly on Saturday, January 14, 2017 while attending his 22nd consecutive International Small Scale Steam-up at Diamondhead, Mississippi.

While attending the National Garden Railway Convention in Washington, DC, he met and became good friends with a large

group of "East Coast" live steamers. He kept in touch with many of these new found friends through the Pennsylvania Live Steamers. Early the next year, Tom attended his first of 22 consecutive steam-ups in Diamondhead. He was President of the Michigan Small Scale Live Steamers at the time of his passing.

Tom was a mentor to many but especially to young people. He was also a photographer whose ability to find that special photo of fellow modelers surprised us all. Tom was a genuine friend to all who had the privilege to meet him.

Tom, thank you so much for your friendship and all the wonderful memories. You are missed.



The Work Continues...

With the weather breaking, projects at PLS have picked up steam. The extension to the existing pavilion is now nearing completion and is expected to be fully operational by the Spring Meet.

Our other big project is the complete replacement of track and roadbed on the Gauge 1 layout. Gauge one fans showed up in numbers on April First [no fooling] to remove the old and get ready to install the new. This project will continue through the summer so the temporary track will be set up for meets.



PLS Club House 1978



Frank Webb cuts chamfer for posts



Walt Mensch stacks new lumber for the pavilion



Frank Webb, Bob Morris, Lee Nonnemacher, and Jim Salmons start cutting pieces for the trusses



Bob Hillenbrand fastens metal "T" plates to posts and cross beams



Bob Hillenbrand helps secure the trusses



Final decorative truss is installed at the end of the pavilion



Part of the crew that removed the old track and roadbed on the Gauge 1 layout in preparation for the all new track



This 24 gallon electric sprayer was donated by Bob Freer. It can be towed by the tractor or placed on a flat car to be used for weed control. Just hook it up to the 12 volt battery on the work train or tractor and you can make quick work of weeding on the main line. Give it a try.



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Still Need Your Help

Many new volunteers have stepped forward to help us fill our kitchen staffing needs during our Spring and Fall Meets. However, PLS needs you to continue volunteering and hopes others will join us. Just one hour of your time will allow the PLS kitchen to function smoothly.

The kitchen will be open until 3 PM on Saturday and 2 PM on Sunday. Below is a sample of activities where help is needed.

Kitchen Activities Where Help is Needed

1. Friday	9 AM	1 or 2 people, set up, etc.	7. Saturday	3 PM - 4 PM,	2 people clean up
2. Saturday	9 AM - 10 AM	1 person kitchen preparation	8. Sunday	9 AM - 10 AM	1 person kitchen preparation
3. Saturday	11AM - Noon	2 people serving & 1 cashier	9. Sunday	11 AM - Noon	2 people serving & 1 cashier
4. Saturday	Noon - 1 PM,	3 people serving & 1 cashier	10. Sunday	Noon - 1 PM	3 people serving & 1 cashier
5. Saturday	1 PM - 2 PM	3 people serving & 1 cashier	11. Sunday	1 PM - 2 PM	3 people serving & 1 cashier
6. Saturday	2 PM - 3 PM	3 people serving & 1 cashier	12. Sunday	2 PM - 3 PM	2 people clean up/tear down

Please contact Kathy Parris via email at parrisk415@gmail.com with any questions and to indicate your availability for volunteering.