



The PLS GAZETTE

A Newsletter of the Pennsylvania Live Steamers, Inc.

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The Wheel Report

To PLS Members:

Spring Meet - This year's Spring meet was a terrific event and now is "in the bag". Thank you everyone and especially event lead Steve Mallon, the Forsythe family for providing wonderful food for breakfast and lunch, Jeff Dolhanczyk, Fred Daddi, and Joe and Jim Gotlewski for "handling" the pot luck. Also, many thanks to everyone who performed gate duty during the weekend.

Run Day on June 25, 2023

- Gate duty staff is needed. (welcome new members and inquiries)

PLS Picnic on July 15, 2023

- Grilling on our "new" propane grill will be provided by the Forsythe family.
- Please remember that "pot luck" items requiring refrigeration, must arrive in coolers, due to capacity issues in the Fridge.

Items under informal discussion

- Replacement of ties for the 1.5" track. Funding/donations are NEEDED. Constructive discussions regarding my proposal to regauge continues with good points for and against. I hope we can settle this matter by season end.
- Retirement of Club tractor – It has been a long-time desire to sell the backhoe to an antique collector (Yes, it is that old) and acquire a used much smaller unit (think Kubota). Again funding/donations are NEEDED.
- Funding/donations are NEEDED for a new Soda Machine.
- Funding/donations are NEEDED to complete the floorings in the clubhouse.
- Funding/donations are NEEDED to acquire a used lawnmower/tow tractor, to replace our diminishing fleet (from 3 to 1).

We are still in search of a Treasurer "Trainee" to assist Bob Morris who has expressed the need to identify a successor ASAP.

We are still in search of a Gazette "Trainee" to assist Larry Moss who has expressed the need to find a replacement.

We are still in search of a membership "Trainee" to assist Kathy Parris and the President to develop a membership drive.

If you notice a common thread, you are not mistaken. As always, I appreciate anyone who wishes to contact me to discuss one on one, about any or all of these matters.

See you at the Track!

Pat Murphy, President PLS

Membership Notice (Printed Gazettes)

Due to the rising costs of printing and postage, the PLS Board has approved a **\$15 Annual Fee**, effective January 1, 2024 for any Regular or Associate member electing to receive printed PLS Gazettes by U.S. mail. This optional fee will be effective with your 2024 membership renewal. Online electronic versions of all Gazettes are available at the PLS website (palivesteamers.org).



Donation Acknowledgements

PLS wishes to thank the following for donations received during April and May: Ed Tucker, John Ward, James Meadowcroft, Jill Zimmerman, Cheryl Guffey, Vincent D'Amico III, Bill Shields, Jim Salmons, Rose Ann Wager, David Taylor, Ken Chermak, Michael Tilger, William Peacock, Charles Kadyk, David Kim, and the Becker Family Foundation.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, June 17	Board of Directors Meeting - 9:30 AM Membership Meeting - 12:30 PM
Sunday June 25	Run Day - Members & Guests <i>Rain Date July 2</i>
Saturday, July 15	Annual PLS Picnic - 12:00 Noon (Train Rides will be available from Noon until 3 PM) <i>Picnic Rain Date Sunday, July 16</i>
Sunday, July 23	Run Day - Members & Guests <i>Rain Date July 30</i>
Sunday, August 19	Board of Directors Meeting - 9:30 AM Membership Meeting - 12:30 PM
Sunday, August 27	Run Day - Members & Guests (No Rain Date)

Note: Rides may not be available at afternoon/evening run days following membership meetings due to possible limited participation by equipment owners. All members and their guests are welcome to attend with the understanding that rides are not guaranteed at these events.



Club Membership News

PLS welcomes new Associate members: Charles Cole, Jonathan Moore, David Mitchell, James Adamson Jr, Al Gould, and Luddy Tramontana. We also welcome Brian Hornberger, a new Probationary member.

Membership Gauge

As of May 31, 2023 PLS has:

- 102 Regular Members**
- 130 Associate Members**
- 4 Honorary Members**

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Rahns Station by Steve Mallon

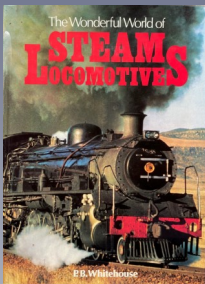
Some people may or may not know that the trail they cross to enter the club property (PLS) was once part of the Perkiomen Railroad, est. 1865, which later on in 1945 officially became the Perkiomen branch of the Reading Railroad. During the heyday of the Perkiomen Railroad there were 28 stations along the 38.5 mile line starting in Oaks and interchanging in Allentown just outside of Emmaus. One of those stations was the Rahns station that was located just a little ways past our very own Rahns station, even though our trains are a little smaller. Even though I can't 100% confirm it, rumor has it that after the station was removed it became a cabin along the Perkiomen creek but was unfortunately washed away in a flood. The picture in this article is a very rare photo of the inside of the station from the Perkiomen line. The following paragraph was provided by Darren Clossin (photo also provided by Mr. Clossin on the Perkiomen Railroad Facebook group)



1908 - Station Master Fred Buhman at work in the Rahns Station, Ironbridge, PA. He would later work at the Schwenksville station. He lived from 1884-1982. We lived next door to him and I remember being about 5 years old and we kids would knock on his door and he'd give us cookies!

PLS Library

Book of the Month



Book Review

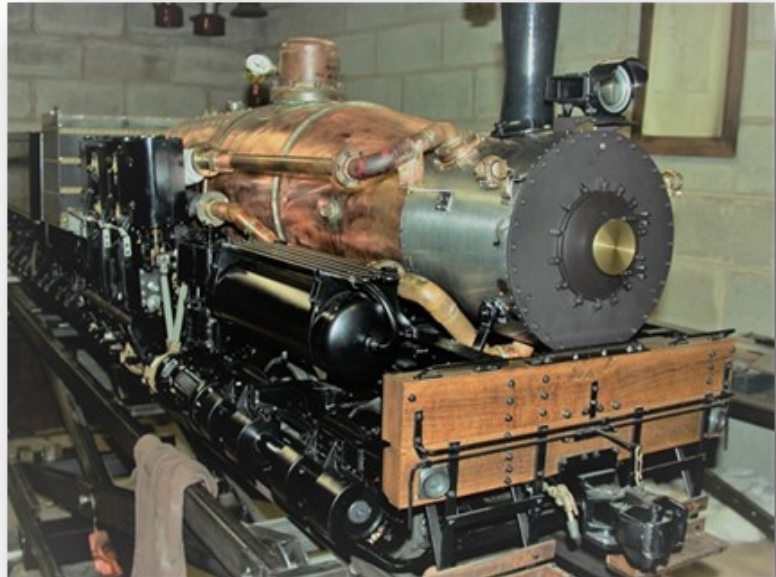
The steam locomotive stimulates more interest and enthusiasm today than it ever did through the 150 years when it was the supreme motive power on the railways of the world.

This informative and lively text complements a superb selection of over 100 color illustrations.

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- 7-1/4" Gauge • Museum Quality • 1-1/2" Scale
- Western Maryland #6 • Copper Boiler • Runs on Air
- Built to LIMA LOCOMOTIVE Drawings
- 18 Years in the Making (thousands of hours)

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Community Day

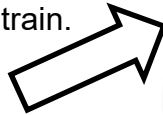


Pete Brown Photos



PLS played host for the Perkiomen Township Community Day, held on Saturday, June 3, 2023. This is an annual event in which PLS provides free rides to township residents. The company train (a Reading diesel) was in full operation and was assisted by several members' private locomotives adding to the fun and traffic on the rails.

P.S. The kids loved getting the privilege to ride the first car on Roy's train.





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FIRST CLASS

Annual PLS Picnic

Noon on July 15, 2023
(Rain Date July 16th)

- . Good Food
- . Good Fellowship
- . Good Times

Train Rides Available from Noon until 3 PM