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SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER TOPICS: PLS Under Water 1 Library Donation of New England Books 2 PLS Archivist 2 Fall Meet 4 Fall Meet Thanks 5 Club Membership News 5 It's a Small World 6

Through the fifty years of its existence, the PLS Gazette masthead and layout have only changed three (3) times. During these past fifty years there have been ten (10) PLS members who have assumed the responsibilities of Editor. It is a time consuming job that has been well done and greatly appreciated by its readership.

Twenty four years after a group of model engineers formed the Pennsylvania Live Steamers in 1946 and developed the Paoli Leopard & Sugartown RR, they found themselves losing access to the property they had developed for their railroad. The late 1969/70 era was a very busy time. There was property to be located, zoning issues to contend with, flood plain concerns, financial hurdles, and property terrain/track design. The small group of active members did very well and the results can be appreciated today.

At that time, the Board of Directors decided some sort of communication would be helpful and a newsletter seemed appropriate. Bob Thomas stepped up and agreed to take up the challenge of Editor & Publisher.

The GAZETTE was born. Issue #1, February 1970. The minutes of the February meeting show 32 regular and 72 associates for a total of 104 members. Early issues were done using a heckto/gelatin system. A small group of members with some family help, assembled the issues at home or office. As members and articles increased, it needed a change to a mimeograph system. Train meets, trips, and tech notes filled the issues.

Original PLA Gazettes were numbered by Bob Thomas and published as needed but bi-monthly eventually appeared to work out. In November 1974 the 50th issue announced the Editor's retirement.

This January/February 2020 issue is a big milestone for the PLS Gazette. FIFTY YEARS and still being a conduit of information for the membership. Printed bi-monthly, six times a year, some of the production has been outsourced. Since the numbering stopped, it is hard to fact check but it is believed the Club has a complete set of Gazettes on file.

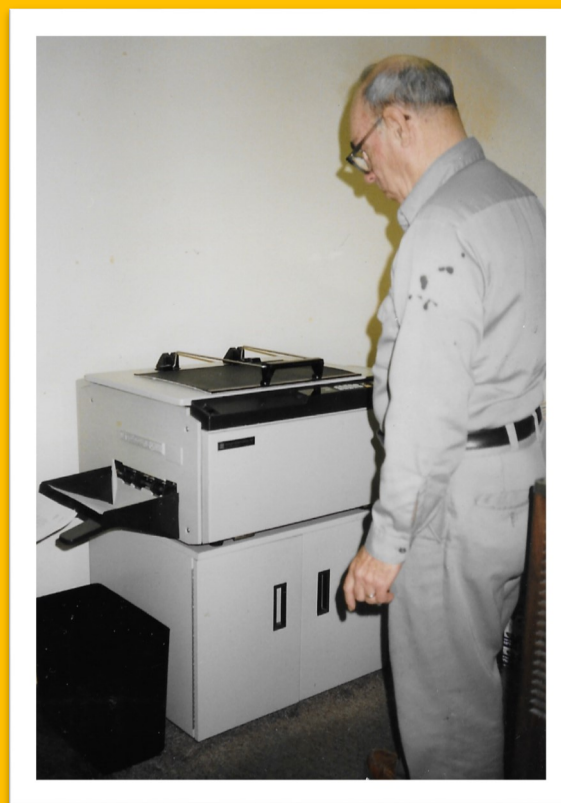
The PLS Gazette lives on - but to this day, it still requires membership support in all production steps - including submission of articles and the folding, sealing, labeling and stamping.

Long live the PLS Gazette.

Submitted by
George Cooper



The Gazette is assembled and readied for mailing by members' spouses in space loaned by a member. Names and date unknown.



Member Walt Mensch carefully monitors the printing during the photo copy era.

