



## PENNSYLVANIA LIVE STEAMERS, INC.

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***November, December - 2009***

### *Along The Main Line*

Dear fellow members of PLS:

I must confess that I have missed seeing many of you at the last few membership meetings. My past work obligations have required me to be out of town during those meetings. I assure you it was not intentional!

A few thoughts to share with you.

1 – Words cannot express the gratitude I feel toward the members of this year's board who have weathered a challenging and growing time within the club – Thank you! The work and growth of the membership committee is especially noteworthy.

My sincerest note of thanks to the many members who perform so many unseen and unacknowledged tasks throughout the property; not because they have to – but because they want to! – Thank you!



2 - Kudos to Murray Wilson for his fine article in this month's Live Steam magazine. It's great to see members of our club contribute written articles about our hobby. Murray is joined with recent articles by Jay Shupard, Matt Jeffery and Bob Thomas.

3 - This past year I was encouraged by the many younger members who seem to be pointing to the future. Also the number of locomotives and rolling stock continue to increase.

4 – Lectures and topic support to the machine shop is still needed. – See Lynn Hammond.

5 – Most importantly I would ask all of us in the New Year to think seriously about the direction of this club. Where we started 60 plus years ago and where we are now are quite different. With the ceasing of the public obligation we have decided on what we don't want – but what DO we want? More RUNNING, more BUILDING, more MODELING, more SOCIALIZING, more EDUCATION, or less of the above – or something else??? Your input and involvement is now more critical than ever. I remind regular members that accepting a position on the Board of Directors can provide you with the opportunity to participate more actively in guiding the direction of PLS.

YOU dear member, ARE the club. The job of the board of directors is to carry out the business of the club. Let's not lose sight of having a good time all year around and maintaining the good things we have going on here.

Wishing you all a very **Merry Christmas** and a **Healthy and Safe New Year.**

Pat Murphy

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2009

Saturday, Dec. 12 **Board of Directors Meeting – 9:30 AM**

The PLS Gazette is published 6 times a year starting in February. **Deadline is BOD Meeting**  
***Membership cards will be mailed to all paid up Members with the April Gazette***

#### Track Committee

Bruce Saylor-Lead  
John Bortz Jr.  
Lee Nonnemacher  
Paul Rice  
Bob Freer  
Jim Miller  
Ron Shupard  
Henry Blanco White

#### Signal Committee

Ron Henderson-Lead  
Lee Nonnemacher  
Frank Webb  
John Forsythe  
George Cooper

#### Safety Committee

Bruce Saylor-Lead  
Pete Brown  
Buddy Borders

#### New Regular Member Application

John Marcel Uhrich applied Nov. 21, 2009  
24 Bridge Street  
Doylestown, PA 18901  
267-247-5556

#### Probationary Members---As of 12/5/09

Sue Boarders 3/14/09  
Sharon Connelly 5/31/09  
Joseph Sardos Jr. 6/1/09  
John Marcel Ulrich 11/21/09

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(Probable) 2010 Membership Meeting Dates:

3/20, 4/17, 5/15, 6/19, 7/17, 8/21, 9/18, 10/16, 11/20

### Donation Acknowledgements

PLS wishes to thank the Time Bandits Car Club for their recent donation.





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