

The PLS GAZETTE



PENNSYLVANIA LIVE STEAMERS, INC.

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Along The Main Line



Today as I look at the calendar, I have come to realize a fact that caused me moment of pause – there are less than 90 days left in the year! But the hopeful reality is that it's just 26 weeks till the first run day in spring! With that comes the time to take inventory in the state of the club and address some of the upcoming needs as we head into another winter.

First let me share with you a personal experience. About 6 weeks ago while in Denver on business, I had the opportunity to visit the Colorado Live Steamers. I had a wonderful time with very friendly people on the almost 4 miles of track on an open range with not a single tree to be seen. I was reminded that getting people to pitch in and develop a Live Steam club is a challenging task. While I enjoyed my visit, I returned to my own club with a greater sense of respect for ample foliage that provides beauty and relief from the sun, well maintained track and a relatively large club membership. This does not happen by accident but by many years' hard work and dedication by its members.

The enjoyment and evolution that come from belonging to a club, with its variety of personalities and demands on people's time, are reflected by its membership growth, quality of facility and participation on "fun" days. These challenges and rewards should not be taken for granted.

With the completion of the steaming bay roof, (now we need lights!!) our list of large projects has seemingly come to an end – (thankfully) for now and we can concentrate on detailing. Wintertime projects that now allow for education (remember that word?) and vision for the spring. New projects await support and participation.

The very *successful lectures* from last winter organized by the able *Lynn Hammond*, are now in need of new topics, lecturers, and most importantly *INVOLVEMENT* by the members of this club. Please see Lynn if you are interested in presenting, attending, or serving on the machine shop committee. Let's not let this valuable asset become lethargic.

The proposed front gate, parts of which are stored along the caboose, needs someone to take charge and guide this project to completion before the spring. Labor to install this gate will be available once a plan and required preparation have been completed.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2009

Saturday, Oct. 17 **Membership Meeting – 12:30 PM**

Saturday, Oct. 24 **Fall Clean Up**

Sunday, Oct. 25 **Run Day – Members & Guests**

Sunday, Nov. 1 **Run Day Rain Date**

Saturday, Nov. 14 **Board of Directors Meeting – 12:30 PM**

Saturday, Nov. 21 **Membership Meeting – 12:30 PM**

Friday, Nov. 27 **Turkey Trot Run**

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

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Membership cards will be mailed to all paid up Members with the April Gazette

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Fall chores – the final cutting of grass, cleaning out of gutters, putting away of parts and tools from the summer, plus the time honored ritual of leaf gathering is now needed on Saturday and Wednesday mornings work crews. Lastly with the elimination of public run days, the membership now has the opportunity to develop the club into something new and exciting for the next few years – if it so chooses. We must continue to recruit new members who wish to belong while still allowing quality time to ourselves. If every member were to recruit and bring a guest who might join, our membership involvement would increase.

Do you have any ideas that can be backed up with actions? I have a few thoughts – but I would rather hear from YOU!! Let me or any of your Board of Directors know!!

See you at the track!

Pat Murphy

Corrections to the July-August Issue of *The PLS Gazette*:

Due to a communication error, member Rich Falzone was, on Page 3, inadvertently credited with providing a machine and a mechanic to set the trusses for the steaming bay roof construction. Although Rich had offered to provide a lift that would aid with this work, a better solution was found in a hydraulic crane with a long reach. Member Lee Hart made the arrangements for the crane that was provided by the Dickinson Crane Company of Reading, along with an operator, as a donation to PLS. Our thanks go to Lee and Dickinson Crane for providing us with this valuable service.

Also, omitted from the list of steaming bay roof workers were Bruce Barrett; and particularly, lead carpenter Paul Quirk, whose experience has guided this construction.

6 Inch Lathe for Sale

Craftsman (Atlas) 6 inch lathe in working condition. New 3-jaw chuck. Original 4-jaw chuck. Steady rest. Face plate. Lantern-style tool post. Armstrong-style tool holders. Jacobs tail stock chuck. Live center and dead center. Sturdy wooden bench. \$300.00 firm. Can be seen at PLS. Contact Lee Nonnemacher, Secretary at [HYPERLINK "mailto:secretary@palivesteamers.org" secretary@palivesteamers.org](mailto:secretary@palivesteamers.org) or 610-275-6070.



Saturday Sept.5, 2009. Under the new steaming bay roof





Donation Acknowledgements

The club is grateful for recent donations from Kathy Parris and Wayne DeVilbiss. Thanks also to Jim and Sharon Connelly for their generous addition to our kitchen. They designed, built, and installed a base cabinet, significantly increasing our storage space.

Fall Meet Thanks

Kathy Parris wishes to thank those who provided baked goods and/or volunteered in the kitchen. This includes, among others: Sue Webb, Rose Ann Wagner, Judy Taylor, Dave Taylor, Pat Speak, Barry Shapin, Mary Saylor, Bruce Saylor, Deb Rose, Harry Quirk, Carol Quirk, Rebeka Neulinger, Les Murphy, Barb Miller, Walt Mensch, Jane McDevitt, Michele Lizak, Fred Leeds, Dave Laird, Julia Kiefer, Ann Keen, John Kane, Roberta Henderson, Pat Heller, Al Hein, Jay Forsythe, George Cooper, Sharon Connelly, Sue Borders, Nancy Blackson, and Catherine Barker. Special mention also of continued support by Redner's Warehouse Markets.

Club Membership News

PLS welcomes new Associate members Robert L. Fort Jr, Craig K. Dodd, Yasuhiko Watanabe, Tinamarie Long, F. Ludwig Rosenquist, Dennis Blank Jr, William D. Gibbons, Dave Munson, Henry Nevison, William Richmond, Beverly Wasser, Gretchen S. Dellatorre, and Bill Butryn. John Lukasavage Jr has been voted into Regular membership.

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





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Think Fall Cleanup!!!