



PENNSYLVANIA LIVE STEAMERS, INC.

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Along The Main Line



Our first scheduled run day and boiler testing is on April 25th and will be followed by our May 23rd run day and the all important SPRING MEET on May 29 and 30 (don't forget the need for kitchen help and goodies to sell.) As we approach these dates, please keep the following important issues/needs in mind.

1 – The property is in serious need of maintenance. The winter has not been kind to our property. Years of leaves and fallen branches need to be gathered for either the burn barrel or fire ring for the spring meet. Also please note - any fallen trees or branches that can be cut up for the fire ring should remain on the property. However, firewood may be hauled away for personal use but permission from a board member should first be obtained.

Trackwork tamping, ballasting and general upkeep for 1.5" and 1" mainline track continues. See Bruce Saylor for work assignments.

Wood preservative needs to be applied, after power washing, to all benches, picnic tables and trestles. See Walt or Pat Murphy about this.

Help is needed with the installation of lighting over the new steaming bay cover. This will need to commence once a lighting plan has been approved. See any Board member if you wish to help on this.

Landscaping and flower bed maintenance, as well as new plantings, are needed. Other miscellaneous repairs for outbuildings and fences are also needed. Again see a Board member or Hank Riley for this.

2 – **Boiler testing day** – For our members with steam locomotives, new guidelines, additional test witnesses and testing equipment have been secured that should expedite this process. Please note that a **SIGN IN SHEET** will be posted on the morning of testing (April 25th). Testing will be on a first come first served basis. **PLEASE - No sign up times after 2 pm.** Any testing after April 25th will be by appointment only. Many thanks to Big John Geib, Frank Webb and their committee for their good work in this area.

3 - **Club Run Days 2010.** – Remember that there are three members' run days this year that were previously public run days. These run days are **for members and their guests only**. As in the past, we will need gate attendants to monitor and welcome members and guests who enter the property. This will also be a good opportunity to recruit new members. As always, waivers and wristbands will be required.

Remember, if every member were to invite and host at least one guest on a run day, be it a family member or someone with an interest in our hobby, we should realize growth and increased involvement in our club. It's not magic – just a sincere effort for us to put our best foot forward in maintaining our club for the future. If it were easy, everyone would be doing it.

See you at the track.

Pat Murphy PLS President

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New Board of Directors members elected

The PLS Board of Directors would like to welcome its three new members: John Bortz, Jr., Bob Freer and Hank Riley. Reelected to his second term was John Geib. Rounding out the board are Ron Henderson and Paul Rice who are in the middle of their two-year terms. Pat Murphy, Lee Nonnemacher and Walt Mensch, all running unopposed, were reelected to the president, secretary and treasurer positions, respectively.

Membership renewals

Membership renewals are now past due. If you have not renewed, please take the time to do so now. Cost is \$30.00 per year. Renewals must be accompanied by the renewal form sent in early January. If you have misplaced the form and would like to renew, email HYPERLINK "<mailto:secretary@palivesteamers.org>" secretary@palivesteamers.org to request the form. Remember, only members and their guests will be able to attend events at PLS this season.

<u>Track Committee</u>	<u>Signal Committee</u>	<u>Safety Committee</u>
Bruce Saylor-Lead	Ron Henderson-Lead	Bruce Saylor-Lead
John Bortz Jr.	Lee Nonnemacher	Pete Brown
Lee Nonnemacher	Frank Webb	Buddy Borders
Paul Rice	John Forsythe	
Bob Freer	George Cooper	
Jim Miller		
Ron Shupard		
Henry Blanco White		

Spring Meet Information

The Spring Meet will be held on May 29th and 30th this year. As usual, running may start on Friday afternoon, May 28th. Volunteers are needed for gate duty, station duty, and kitchen duty. Please sign up for a time slot when you arrive at the meet. Your donation of baked goods is always appreciated.

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.

Donation Acknowledgements

PLS wishes to thank the following members for their recent donations: Jane McDevitt, John Bortz Jr, Michael McDevitt, Harry Quirk, Jeane Lutz, Buddy Borders, Antonio Kulak, Robert Morris, Roy Nelson, James Stapleton, William K. Gray, Tom McInerney, John Lukasavage Sr, John Felgenhauer, Brittany Grimm, Don Maleta, Jim Barker, John Bortz Sr, John Bixler, Pat Heller, and Edward Wagner. Thanks also to the William Penn Foundation.

Club Membership News

PLS welcomes new Associate members Janette Roman, James A. Larkin, Stephen Roadcap, Lindsey Maree Temarantz, James W. Blakely, Hollye Wagner, Charles A. Hillman, Patrick Boylan, Andrew Gamble, and new Minor member Zachary O. Rose. Sue Borders has been voted into Regular membership.

PLS Calendar of Events – 2010

Sunday, April 25	Run Day – Members & Guests – Boiler Testing
Sunday, May 2	Run Day Rain Date
Saturday, May 8	Board of Directors Meeting – 12:30 PM
Saturday, May 15	Membership Meeting – 12:30 PM
Sunday, May 23	Run Day – Members & Guests
Friday, May 28	SPRING MEET – Members & Guests

“YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE”

2010 PLS PICNIC

AT RAHNS SATURDAY JULY 17th

RAINDATE: JULY 18TH SERVING AT 1:00PM

All PLS members are invited to the 2010 Picnic. P.L.S. will supply Hot dogs, Hamburgers, Chicken, Steam Cream, basic drinks, plates & plastic ware. We would like you to please bring a covered dish for all to share. We will eat around 4:30pm. It is also a membership meeting and afternoon & evening run so please come out enjoy a great day at P.L.S. I would like to thank all who came out to last year's picnic and helped make this, a major P.L.S. event. I hope to see you all there.

Picnic Committee Chairman Big John

TO PLS MEMBERS YOUNG & OLD

I would like to bring up a sore subject that was shot down a couple years ago. WORK DAY REQUIREMENTS! It has been the attitude of the older members that if you do not come out and work at PLS we do not want you! This attitude has to change.

I joined PLS in 1972. I hardly made 3-4 work days a year. That was because I had family, I had kids to raise, I had a house to keep and of course a job that required me to work some Saturdays. I made it a point to get out for the spring and fall meets because they were holidays and I got some time to play. During those years I presented some ideas that worked and did what I could do to help the club. AND yes I did get annoyed at some of the attitude of the long time members, but too bad, that is how it was. I will say bless those that worked their butts off all those years to make PLS what it is today! In 2000 I retired and came out to PLS to work 2 or more days a week, got on the board and helped push through a few important ideas that really improved the club property.

During this time the long time members refused to permit an associate member to become a regular member unless they worked 15 days a year. Well, maybe it is impossible for many to put in that requirement or even the 5 days I proposed that was defeated. I think for the good of the club, **ALL WORK DAY REQUIREMENTS BE DROPPED! PLS is the ONLY club that has this requirement!** If an associate member wants to become a regular member let him. They still have to wait for the one year probationary period. Their dues will increase from \$30. to \$80. At that point that person may feel wanted and manage to come out once in a while to work. As of now they have given up and stay away altogether. They feel that we do not want them.

There are associate members without trains that join and come out and give a little work time and all they want is a ride. Quite a few have not been able to get a ride. Are we that stuck up that we can't even accommodate those that help us financially and work wise just to get a ride once in a while?

Second sore subject: I did not run for the board this time because I feel at my age it is time for the next generation to get in here and start taking responsibility for the future existence of this club. Oddly enough some of the older members agree with me. I have observed over the last 10 years who does or does not show up to help or play. I feel at the rate we are going PLS will not be around in 20 years, unless some of you younger members step up to the plate and start making plans and taking responsibility for the next generation. You regular members that are rarely here, get in here, work a bit and run for office. You want changes, get in here and make the changes or the same ole, same ole will continue. It is your choice.

We are all getting old and tired of making it work for some of the next generation that doesn't care and doesn't come out and help. You all come out here for fun time, run days, and picnics. The only reason that the "old guys" are running PLS is because none of you younger guys want the responsibility. So you let it be as it is. You complain about what you do not like. You only have yourself to blame for not having what you want. Get off your duff and make an effort to improve the attitude of PLS and push for the future you want.

Thank you, Bruce Saylor

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