



The PLS GAZETTE

A newsletter of the Pennsylvania Live Steamers, Inc.

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Green Signals Ahead

IMPORTANT! Next month on Saturday March 17, 2018 we will have our first Membership meeting of the New Year. This is an important meeting as the Regular Membership will be electing three new members to the Board of Directors as well as three members for the officer positions; President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The membership will also have an opportunity to review and vote on the new budget for fiscal year 2018 that begins on April 1st, 2018. I encourage all Regular Members to come out and vote. **Note:** All Associate Members are also welcome to attend all PLS Membership Meetings, but only Regular Members are allowed to vote. This meeting will also give all members, both Regular and Associate the opportunity to learn about open and new projects that PLS will be working on as we enter the New Year. And yes...The above paragraph is a repeat of my message that appeared in the January – February 2017 Gazette, but this message is important enough to repeat. I also encourage all members to read through this issue of the Gazette as it includes all the details about those running for office and a detailed budget that you, the Regular Members, will have a chance to review, ask questions and cast your vote.

Speaking of the budget, last season the Gauge 1 Team undertook a complete rebuild of the entire gauge one track system. The Gauge one track had been in operation for twenty years and weather and time had taken its toll on the entire track system. The track work was completed in time for the fall meet and the only work that re-

mains is the closing of the tunnel using the same technique used to build much of the New York City Subway system. The process called dig and cover. The digging of the gauge one tunnel along with the track laying is complete, now what's left is the covering part. The Gauge 1 Team is to be congratulated for a job well done and staying on schedule and on budget. This rebuild was one of our most costly maintenance projects with budget of \$9000.00. I mention this because in 2018 we are facing another large expense and that will be the painting of our caboose. You will note that we have budgeted for this work. I also can tell you that the BOD is still looking for the most cost effective method of getting the work completed and any input from the membership would also be appreciated.

We are currently working with a paint company that has experience with supplying painting for metal structures, including cabooses. They will provide recommendations for the type of paint and preparation that is required to get us the longest lasting paint job and the best possible cost.

As you know winter has been holding on at PLS. The photo below taken on 2/4/18 shows just how mean this winter has been. Even when the snow has left much of the railroad our track seems to be the last to defrost.

I look forward to seeing you at the March meeting.

Frank Webb - President



PLS Elections

PLS elections will be held during the annual membership meeting on Saturday, March 17, 2018 at 12:30 P.M. To be elected are president, secretary, treasurer and four board members.

Nominees for the offices are as follows:

President: Frank Webb
Secretary: Lee Nonnemacher
Treasurer: Bob Morris

Board of Directors:

Bob Hillenbrand
Ross Magee
Larry Moss
Hank Riley

Upcoming Events

Saturday, Feb. 17 Board of Directors Meeting - 9:30 AM

Saturday, Mar. 17 Board of Directors Meeting - 9:30 AM
Membership Meeting - 12:30 PM
Annual Elections

Saturday, Apr. 21 Board of Directors Meeting - 9:30 AM
SPRING CLEAN-UP in AM
Membership Meeting - 12:30 PM
Afternoon/Evening Run*

Sunday, Apr. 22 Run Day - Members and Guests
Boiler Testing
(Rain Date April 29)

*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.

Membership Renewals Past Due

As a reminder, membership renewals were due by December 31, 2017. In order to remain a member, we must have your paid renewal. If you do not renew, this will be your last issue of *The PLS Gazette*. Please take the time to complete the renewal notice that you were sent in early December and forward it with your dues. If you have misplaced your renewal notice, you can receive another one by e-mailing: secretary@palivesteamers.org or writing to PLS Inc. at the address at the bottom of this page.

Please **do not** forward dues without the renewal form. We must have the signed renewal form completed for our records. Your membership cards will be sent to you when your dues are received.



Membership Cards

Membership cards for paid members have been mailed. Guest cards for those who completed the guest release form will be included. If you have sent your renewal and have not yet received your membership card, please e-mail: secretary@palivesteamers.org or write to PLS at the address at the bottom of this page.

Club Membership News

PLS welcomes new Associate Members Jason Steffy, Mark Cahill, Elizabeth Emmert, Robert DeLucia, and John P. Evans, Jr.

John Kane has applied for Regular Membership.

Membership Gauge

As of January 31, 2018 PLS has:

110 Regular Members

192 Associate Members

6 Honorary Members

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PLS Budget for Fiscal Year 2018

Income		Expenses	
100 • Donations		200 • Utilities	223.50 Internet 1,350.00
100.10 Run Day 750.00		200.10 Electric 2,350.00	223.60 Community Support 100.00
100.11 Gauge 1 50.00		200.20 Oil 700.00	223.70 Waiver Sheets 75.00
100.40 Pot Luck Dinner 275.00		200.30 Septic Tank 600.00	223.80 Web Page 650.00
100.50 Picnic 75.00		200.40 Portable Toilets 1,800.00	223.99 Miscellaneous 175.00
100.63 Books and Magazines 10.00		200.50 Telephone 350.00	Total 223 • Communications \$3,400.00
100.90 Other Donations 5,700.00		200.60 Dumpster 1,200.00	224 • Corporate
Total 100 • Donations \$6,860.00		Total 200 • Utilities \$7,000.00	224.10 Legal & Prof. Fees 575.00
120 • Dues		210 • Miscellaneous Expense	224.11 Delaware Corp. Tax 50.00
120.10 Regular Members 7,800.00		210.20 Picnic 225.00	224.20 Office General 300.00
120.20 Associate Members 6,300.00		210.30 Pot Luck Dinner 175.00	224.30 Property Tax 4,575.00
Total 120 • Dues \$14,100.00		Total 210 • Miscellaneous Exp. 400.00	224.40 Sales Tax 150.00
130 • Items Sold		220 • Maintenance	224.50 Wristbands 75.00
130.10 Boiler Treatment 25.00		220.10 Backhoe 50.00	224.60 Office Postage 350.00
130.20 Coal 25.00		220.11 Machine Shop Supplies 50.00	224.70 Insurance 3,800.00
130.50 Soda 1,350.00		220.20 Building # 1 650.00	224.80 Corporate Printing 75.00
130.60 Snacks Non-Run Day 275.00		220.30 Buildings # 2-8 325.00	224.99 Corporate Misc. 275.00
130.70 Snacks Run Day 675.00		220.40 Gauge 1 500.00	Total 224 • Corporate \$10,225.00
130.80 Kitchen Sales 1,200.00		220.50 Track 1,500.00	225 • Sales
130.90 Table Sales Taxable 500.00		220.60 Mowers 325.00	225.10 Kitchen 600.00
130.91 Table Sales Non-Tax 1,200.00		220.70 Signal 750.00	225.20 Snacks 450.00
Total 130 • Items Sold \$5,250.00		220.80 Gas Mowing 225.00	225.30 Soda 550.00
140 • Storage Track Fees		220.90 Gas Track 50.00	225.40 Table Items 1,150.00
140.30 Building # 3 Rental 3,636.00		220.91 Club Locomotive 200.00	Total 225 • Sales \$2,750.00
140.60 Building # 6 Rental 2,460.00		220.92 Landscaping 1,000.00	226 • Special Projects
140.80 Building #8 Rental 432.00		220.93 Trees 500.00	226-19 Caboose Painting 8,000.00
Total 140 • Storage Track Fees \$6,528.00		220.94 Fire Extinguishers 200.00	226.75 75th Anniversary 2,000.00
150 • Recycling		220.99 Misc. Maintenance 475.00	226-30 Loader Shed 1,000.00
150.10 Aluminum Cans 30.00		Total 220 • Maintenance \$6,800.00	Total 226 • Special Projects \$11,000.00
Total 150 • Recycling 30.00		223 • Communications	Total Expenses \$41,575.00
Total Income \$32,768.00		223.10 Gazette Postage \$400.00	
		223.30 Gazette 425.00	
		223.30 Other Printing 125.00	
		223.40 Computer 100.00	
			<i>Net of Expenses</i>
			<i>Over Income..... (8,807.00)</i>

Frederick Living Model Railroad Club

By Joe Gotlewski



grounds with multiple amusement park rides that can be activated by the push of a button, and an ocean beach scene.

Each year the Frederick Living community hosts a train show which in addition to their club's layouts also features guest scale railroad clubs that set up temporary layouts for the event. This event serves as a fundraiser for the community. I attended their event this past October and met several of their members. Two of them accepted my invitation to attend the last PLS Run Day of the 2017 season. They hope to bring additional members during the 2018 season.

Did you know that there's another train club in the vicinity of Pennsylvania Live Steamers? It is at the Frederick Living retirement community. The members of this train club maintain HO and O Gauge layouts and are currently developing an N scale layout. They also have additional train memorabilia, publications and accessories. The club has approximately 60 members many of which, but not all, are members of the Frederick Living community. However, all members have some affiliation with Frederick Living. The club is located in Magnolia Hall which is on the 3rd floor of the main building on their campus in Frederick, PA. All of the track layout was donated about 8 years ago. A crane was required to deliver the O gauge platform to the 3rd floor club area.

The layouts in their current forms have been tailored to reflect scenes of the surrounding area including representations of Grandview Hospital, Frederick Toy Store, and even a replica of the Frederick Living retirement community itself. Many of



these items are hand painted and hand crafted. Some additional one of a kind attractions include a ski mountain which includes two mechanical lifts, a fair

Tours can be arranged by calling 610-754-7878 and asking for Niles Kissinger.



Beck Tower Refurbished



Refurbishing of the Beck Signal Tower was completed this past summer. The rotted outside wood trim was replaced with PVC and the railing and stairs were repaired with help from Ron Shupard. Most of the windows were re-glazed and the entire exterior was completely repainted. Also a new sign was added to replace the original which had fallen into disrepair years ago.



James T. Connelly
1942 - 2018

PLS Regular Member James T. (Jim) Connelly passed away on January 24, 2018 at age 75. He is survived by Sharon, his loving wife of 38 years, his children Sean and Erin, and two grandchildren. Jim was born in Philadelphia on May 4, 1942. In 1965 he founded his business, J.T. Connelly Woodworker, in which he was active until his health began to fail.

Jim had other interests before joining PLS. He loved sailing and he and Sharon spent much time on the forty-foot sailboat they had owned, even sailing to Bermuda. Jim was also a Corvette lover who raced them in his earlier days.

Jim first came to PLS in 2008 and soon became a Regular Member. He quickly began applying his talents as a woodworker *par excellence* to tackle projects at PLS. Jim had a drive for perfection and wouldn't let a project go until he was satisfied that it met his expectations. His wife Sharon also became a Regular Member and they worked together on many projects. Jim was a train lover for most of his life and had trains running all over his house, mostly in "G" Gauge (LGB.) That made PLS the perfect place for him to expand his railroad horizons, so he purchased various equipment in 7 -1/4 inch gauge that he and Sharon operated on the PLS track. Not long after joining PLS, Jim attended the auction at the annual *Cabin Fever Expo* where he purchased a twenty-foot steam-powered launch. He owned it for a few years and steamed it on Lake Nockamixon.

Unfortunately, as his health began to fail a few years ago, Jim was unable to attend events and participate at PLS. He has been and will continue to be missed by the PLS members who knew him. Our sincerest condolences go to his wife Sharon, his children and their families.

Donation Acknowledgements

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HO gauge farm scene at the Frederick Living Railroad Club in nearby Frederick, PA. See story on page 4.