



The PLS GAZETTE

A Newsletter of the Pennsylvania Live Steamers, Inc.

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**Subject: Thoughts and Comments, Annual Business Meeting,
March 19th, 2022.**

On March 19, 2022 PLS held its Annual Membership Meeting and by most measures it was an excellent meeting with the exception of some minor confusion and disturbance. The attendance of the meeting was very good with 40 Regular Members present. Again, a very good turnout. We had several items on the agenda that needed membership support for items the Board of Directors (BOD) had recommended that the membership to give a yes vote. These items included: The Cancellation of the 75th PLS Anniversary Celebration, an increase in the storage fees for members use of Building 3, 6 and 8 and an increase in the annual membership dues. The membership overwhelmingly approved all motions with a yes vote. On behalf of the BOD, I would like to thank all members present at the meeting for their support of these important items.

I would also like to thank those members that have offered their time and equipment to support Perkiomen Community Day. This is an important event. I would like to ask all our Regular Members and also our Associate Members to come to PLS for the April and May scheduled run days. Hopefully we will have the club engine back on the tracks sometime in May. Plan B is to ask our Regular Membership to give their support until the return of our engine. I know we have a number of members that are still working on repairing their engines and rolling stock that was damaged by Tropical Storm Ida. I hope your repairs go well and that you are back on the rails soon.

Thank you,

Frank Webb, President

Pennsylvania Live Steamers, Inc.

PLS Election Results

Elections were held at the regular membership meeting on Saturday, March 19, 2022. Frank Webb, Mark Cahill and Bob Morris, running unopposed, were confirmed as President, Secretary, and Treasurer respectively.

All the current Board Members will continue their service on the Board including Ross Magee who will continue beyond his term to fill a vacant position as per the by-laws of PLS.

Congratulations and best wishes to those elected.

Storage Track Payments are Due

To regular members who have storage tracks at PLS: your annual fees were due as of April 1. If you have not already paid, please see Bob Morris with your payment or send to PLS c/o the Treasurer.



PLS Upcoming Events 2022

Saturday, April 16	Board of Directors Meeting - 9:30 AM Spring Clean Up in AM Membership Meeting - 12:30 PM Afternoon/Evening Run (See Note)*
Sunday, April 24	Run Day - Members & Guests Boiler Testing (Rain Date May 1)
Saturday, May 21	Board of Directors Meeting - 9:30 AM Membership Meeting - 12:30 AM Afternoon/Evening Run (See Note)*
Sunday, May 22	Run Day - Members & Guests
Friday, May 27	Spring Meet - Members & Guests
Saturday, May 28	Spring Meet - Members & Guests
Sunday, May 29	Spring Meet - Members & Guests
Saturday, June 18	Board of Directors Meeting - 9:30 AM Membership Meeting - 12:30 PM Afternoon/Evening Run (See Note)*

***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.

Donation Acknowledgements

PLS wishes to thank the following members for donations received during February and March: Don Maleta, Bruce Barrett, Buddy Borders, Fred Daddi, Pat Murphy, Susan Borders, James Zaleski, Jared Schoenly, Mary Mercer, Hans Bader, Bill Shields, Michael Tillger, David Taylor, Eric Peffel, Chris Becker, Rose Ann Wagner, Roy Nelson, James Lennon, Barry Shapin, and Bill Hain.

Club Membership News

PLS welcomes new Probationary member Robert Taylor.

Membership Gauge

As of March 31, 2022 PLS has:

104 Regular Members

164 Associate Members

5 Honorary Members

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Paul Quirk, Sr.

1930-2022

Thirty-five year PLS member Paul Quirk passed away on Wednesday April 7, 2022 at 92 years old. Along with his brother Harry, Paul was a driving force in the promotion of gauge one live steam at PLS and across the mid-Atlantic area. Paul and Harry built a portable gauge one railroad which they carted to Rough and Tumble Engineers, the Blue Mountain Gas and Steam Association and PLS. The presence of the Quirk portable track encouraged the PLS board to approve the building of a gauge one permanent track in 1995. Work was started after the 1996 50th anniversary celebration and completed for the 1997 fall meet.

Early on there were very few American outline gauge one live steam locomotives available and Paul became adept at kit-bashing foreign outline locomotives into American outline. Until very recently Paul could be found running the Aster French 141R that he had kit-bashed into a Reading Wooten firebox Mikado. Paul could be relied upon to help anyone with a recalcitrant locomotive. He always had a large assortment of tools with him and would say that if he didn't have a particular tool then you didn't really need it. Paul was always encouraging us to run locos every chance we could. His idea was that more practice improves your skill; and besides it is fun. Paul's enthusiastic running was legendary among the gauge one fraternity.

I met Paul and Harry at the 1995 Small Scale Steam-up in Diamondhead Mississippi. For the next decade or so, Paul, Harry, Murray Wilson, and myself made the annual January trek to Diamondhead. Many memorable hours were spent discussing trains both full size and model. The long drives to distant steam ups can be rather tedious, but not if you were traveling with Paul and Harry. The stories, the antics, Paul on the CB to truck drivers, the drive down to Diamondhead and back was almost too short.

One of the most important contributions Paul made to PLS was the skill and expertise he brought to construction projects as a master carpenter. If not doing the work himself, he often provided skillful direction to others to move the project forward.

Paul will be sorely missed by many at PLS.

By Mike Moore

Photo courtesy Harry Quirk, Jr.

New 75th Anniversary Coffee Mugs



Now available at the Sales Table at all scheduled PLS events.

- Large 14 oz. Sedona Mug
- White Matte Finish
- Red or Black Gloss Interior
- Two Color Logo Both Sides
- Limited Edition

Only \$14.00 Each

SPECIAL MESSAGES



FOR MEMBERS

Kitchen Closed

Due to the flood, the PLS kitchen is closed until further notice. Also, there will be no Pot Luck dinner at our upcoming Spring Meet.

Snacks Needed

Donations of individually wrapped store bought or home baked snacks for us to sell, would be appreciated. Thank you.

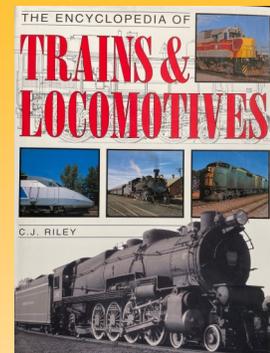
Sales Table

We plan to have the Sales Table open during all Run Days and Meets. Our inventory is well stocked and includes both long sleeved and short sleeved denim shirts, tee shirts, PLS club pins, etc.

And be sure to check out the **75th Anniversary items** now available.

PLS Library

Book of the Month



Book Review

Since the birth of railroads in the early Industrial Age, people across the world have been fascinated by the locomotive.

Alphabetically organized and fully cross-referenced, *The Encyclopedia of Trains & Locomotives* is the perfect handbook for any train enthusiast.

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FIRST CLASS

The Flood Rebuilding Work Continues...

The historic flood of 2021 caused by Tropical Storm Ida reached every building on the property including the “dog house” where the company train and work train are housed.

The water lifted both the structure and the foundation which was constructed of railroad ties.

The engine itself had to be sent back to Titan Trains to be rewired and painted in the Reading Lines Bee Line livery.

