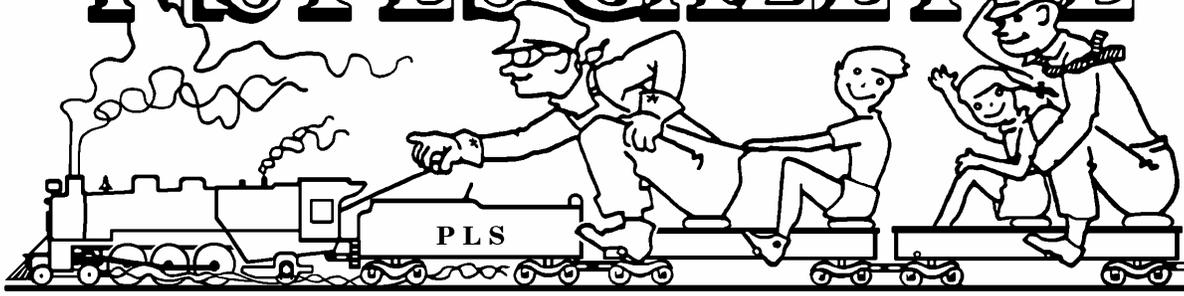


# The PLS GAZETTE



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2007 - Spring Meet

## Prez Sez

The Romans had a two-faced god, Janus. Since Janus had two faces, he could look both forward and back. Janus is out of date now, but being able to look both ways is still valuable. We honor and try to preserve an old technology, but we must look ahead to maintain the vitality of the club. Our world is very different from that of the founding members.

I have often heard complaints that, "young people don't build models anymore". This is generally true in the sense of building physical scale representations of reality (like we did). I don't think that this is true because young people today lack interest in craft, fine motor skills, or energy. Note that I had to use the modifier physical, since there is a whole category of models which are virtual and entirely contained in a computer. The young people of today certainly build more of *those* than we did. Some of our members complain that young people today have short attention spans. This has been a popular complaint of the older generation since the days of Sargon, but there is some truth in it. Perhaps there are more distractions, and more attractive distractions, than there were in the last generation.

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2007

Sunday, June 24	<b>Run Day – Open to the Public – Rain Date July 1</b>
Saturday, July 14	Board of Directors Meeting - 12:30 PM
Sunday, July 15	<b>Annual Picnic – Members &amp; Guests Only</b>
Saturday, July 21	<b>Membership Meeting - 12:30 PM</b>
Sunday, July 22	<b>Run Day – Open to the Public –Rain Date July 29</b>
Saturday, August 11	Board of Directors Meeting - 12:30 PM
August, August 18	<b>NO MEETING – Afternoon/Evening Run Members &amp; Guests Only</b>
Sunday, August 26	<b>Run Day – Open to Public – No Rain Date</b>
<b>Saturday, September 1</b>	<b>Autumn Meet</b>
<b>Sunday, September 2</b>	<b>Autumn Meet</b>

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

***Prez Sez***

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As an example, when I looked up “Janus” a few minutes ago, I was directed to related subjects, and could have wandered off in cyberspace for a few hours. Our children and grandchildren face this temptation every day, and learn a great deal by these side trips.

Consider telephones, when I was a child the telephone was a black object that grew out of the wall on the end of a fabric braid covered cable. It didn’t belong to us, we rented it from **the Phone Company**. It had a name; it was called “The Telephone”. There was no caller ID or answering machine, if you wanted to know who was calling, you had to pick up the receiver. It did not remember anything, it did not play games, take pictures, or display text messages (or any thing else). Now, nearly every teenager has a way cool device that does many things, at their disposal, all the time.

In my youth, it was common to expect that one would train to perform one job well, then perform that job all of one’s working days, probably for one single employer. No one thinks that anymore. Young people have to expect that the skills they learn while young will become obsolete during their working life. They know that they need a flexible and wide ranging education. We have something valuable to offer. We can teach the young to make physical things, we can teach them that tasks can be accomplished by both old and new technologies, we can teach them about the properties of materials, not through study, but by touch.

We need the young, and they need us. We need them if this hobby is to continue, they need us to help them cut through the marketing clutter in which they are submerged, and to pass on lasting skills and values.

*Bill Love*

### Donations

Pat Heller, Tom Mc Inerney, Mark Lamdgraf, Dennis Tiley, Dave Taylor, Philip Burnham, Bruce Saylor, Larry Lolli, Jim Salmons, Kathy Parris, Bob Morris, Bill Love, George Lord and Anonymous all made donations to PLS. Thanks to all.



Saturday May 26, 2007

### New Members

Todd Parker, George Gebhardt, Kenneth Chermak, Darel Kluz, and Stephrn Maroldo are new members at *PLS*. Welcome to all.

### From Walt Mensch

Special Thanks to Lee and Sandi Hart, Ginny Morris, and Erich Boldt for covering the *PLS* sales table during our Spring Meet. Also special thanks to Roy Ganderton for cleaning up all our trash.

All leases have been paid, but not issued. Please have your leases issued.

Robert Nulton who helped pour the footings for Building #3 in the Spring of 1990, died May 8, 2007. Our thoughts go out to the family.

### Ed Abate

Ed Abate died May 23, 2007. Ed was one of those special members of *PLS*. He was a long time treasurer and web master of our web site. I knew Ed as a devoted family man. Spending time with his grandkids was very important to Ed. He also had a special sense of humor that I'm not sure everyone was aware of. I will miss Ed Abate at *PLS*.

*RIP*

### Jackets

All of those members who have ordered jackets are requested to pay for them by July 1. The price is \$45.00



**Richard Speak at the Spring Meet**



**Saturday at the Spring Meet**

## **Editor's Notes**

The decision to remove the steps from the parking area to the infield is not popular with a number of members. I am one of those members. Discussion of this decision at the June BOD meeting made it clear why this was done. The addition of spurs and access to the back of Building 6 (car storage barn) made this necessary. All is not lost however as another access point will be added. This will be between the old crossover and the creek. The exact spot has not been determined, and there will be some inconvenience as finishing the track work in the area will take precedence.

Kathy's notes are below. In addition to these, Kathy also wants to thank Becky Runge for making that special pork bar-bq for the last several years.

The editor wants to thank Kathy for her continued efforts at running the snack bar and kitchen.

The picnic will be more of a club picnic this year than ever before. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided by the club in addition to the ice cream. Bill Myer is heading this effort.

By the way, the "T" cars you see at the club are NOT owned by the club. Several members have bought these in an effort to provide safe, reliable transportation for our guests. As a reminder, the 5000 which has been the mainstay of transporting guests at our public run days for years will be down for a while as the boiler needs to be re-tubed. Anyone who has a safe reliable train who is willing to help out on our public run days is urged to do so.

Our attorney attended the June BOD meeting to discuss ways and means of protecting our visitors as well as protecting PLS from lawsuits. Stay tuned to future *Gazettes*.

## **From Kathy Parris** **2007 Spring Meet**

Kathy Parris wishes to acknowledge all those who donated baked goods and/or staffed the snack and kitchen areas. The amount and variety of baked goods available was amazing! Approximately 660 snack items were sold—breaking all records! What a great way to support (and feed) our club.

Workers and contributors included: Catherine Barker, Bruce Barrett, Ann Bent, Nancy Blackson, George Cooper, Mary Lou Delp, Ken Evasew, Ed Faller, Joan Freer, John Geib, Eileen Hammond, Lynn Hammond, Lee Hart, Sandy Hart, Al Hein, Pat Heller, Roberta Henderson, Staci Klemmer, Dave Laird, Irene Manley, Jane McDevitt, Walt Mensch, Bill Meyer, Ginny Morris, Les Murphy, Carol Quirk, Harry Quirk, Jack Reed, Pamela Rice, Hank Riley, Debby Rose, Becky Runge, Mary Ann Salmons, Bruce Saylor, Barry Shapin, Bonnie Shupard, Pat Speak, Dave Taylor, Tom Tucker, Rose Ann Wagner-Love, and Susan Webb. Thanks also to anyone whose name I have failed to list.

PLS is also grateful for the support and donations given by the following companies: Hatfield Quality Meats, International Beef Packers, Redner's Warehouse Markets, Rich's Products, and Tyson Foods.

## **Fall Meet**

While it's a bit early to discuss the fall meet, the next *Gazette* does not come out until just before that meet. Bruce Saylor has made arrangements with Glenn McCalley's Food by Fire to cater the Saturday evening meal at the club. The weather was terrible last year when he was here, but the food they served was superb.



Ron Henderson and Jay Shupard

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**Think Fall Meet**  
**September 1 and 2**