



PENNSYLVANIA LIVE STEAMERS, INC.

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Along The Main Line



In these waning days of 2008, I join many of you who will be welcoming 2009 with relief and anxiety. This past year for me has been one of satisfaction and regret. Just as the saying goes, when the going gets tough, the tough get going. Instead of waiting for something to happen – make it happen with hard work and perseverance. That should apply at PLS as well. Many new and exciting projects are under way involving the limited number of individuals who offer their talents even when their time is in short supply. A few things under way.

- Roof for the main steaming bays. – Construction will begin in the new year.
- Consideration for a front gate to the property to replace the ropes.
- Ongoing track maintenance and upgrading.

- Continued work on the crossover from the main to the car barn.
- Additional signals underway throughout the track.
- A new membership committee charged with organizing and administrating membership matters with a focus to enhance the active membership roster for the next generation.
- A new machine shop that offers excellent education seminars geared specifically towards the hobby.
- General housekeeping and maintenance of the clubhouse and other PLS structures. All of these projects are administered by the usual suspects (tongue in cheek). As always there is much to do and ever fewer workers to participate. With well over 400 members on our roster and somewhere around 25 repeat participants it always amazes me how so much energy can be produced by so few involved members. As always your feedback is important. Contact me or any of the PLS board members and let us know how we are doing and how we might attract more individuals to become involved in PLS projects.

Two more items to bring to your attention. – 1 – ITS TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP. Membership renewals will be in the mail by year's end. Please return these forms promptly with the correct information requested including your e-mail, if you have one. Please complete the forms legibly so that our membership volunteers can interpret them correctly. Include your payment and any generous donation you may be able to offer if you feel so inclined.

2 – Once again elections will be coming up in March. Bob Freer and Harry Quirk have graciously volunteered to serve as the nominating committee. I would encourage everyone who is eligible, to consider running for the board or an officer position. I hope that a full slate of nominees for the open offices, may be forwarded to the membership for their consideration. As always we also encourage associate members to consider making the leap to regular membership and to become more involved with the activities here at Pennsylvania Live Steamers.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

Pat Murphy

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Persons wishing to help out on a committee should see the lead person for instructions.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2008

Saturday, Jan. 10 **Board of Directors Meeting – 9:30 AM**

Saturday, Feb. 14 **Board of Directors Meeting – 9:30 AM**

Saturday, Mar. 14 **Board of Directors Meeting – 9:30 AM**

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

Saturday, April 11 **Board of Directors Meeting – 12:30 PM**

Saturday, April 18 **Membership Meeting – 12:30 PM – Spring Clean-Up**

Sunday, April 26 **Run Day – Members & Guests – Boiler Testing**

The PLS *Gazette* is published 6 times a year starting in February. **Deadline is BOD Meeting**
Membership cards will be mailed to all paid up Members with the April Gazette



Announcement of two forthcoming workshops on elementary machining on the lathe.

Lathe for Sale

Two new workshops

- 1) We are selling a workable, vintage South Bend 9" lathe complete except for chuck for \$500. This lathe can be seen on Wednesdays and Saturdays between 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM at the PLS clubhouse. After Jan 10, 2009 the lathe will be taken to auction at the Cabin Fever Expo the following weekend. Contact: Lynn Hammond 484-238-7335.
- 2) New workshops: Feb 7th (Sat) at 1:00 Lee Nonnemacher will be teaching a hands-on workshop on threading using our new-to-us 10" South Bend Lathe.

Feb 21st (Sat) at 1:00 Jim Salmons will be teaching a workshop on silver soldering. This will involve participants doing actual soldering (can't say hands-on).

As in our two previous workshops, participants in these two workshops must pre-register and pay their nominal \$3.00 fee before the day of the workshop. Non-participants welcome. Workshop contact Lynn Hammond Call 484-238-7335 or brillcar@aol.com.

The machine shop is progressing nicely. We are in the process of running 220 V to our Manley donated Milling Machine. James Meadowcroft has kindly donated two South Bend Lathes (one of which we are selling) and much in the way of accessories. The sale of the lathe above will provide a small budget to purchase needed items such as a clamping set for the Mill. The remaining lathe is up and running and was used in our two previous workshops which were taught by Lee Nonnemacher. He did a great job and I feel that these workshops were tremendously helpful for those of us who are trying to teach ourselves essential skills for the Hobbyist. For those of you in that position, I highly recommend these workshops as a means to further your knowledge and enjoyment of the Live Steam Hobby.

Cabin Fever Expo Jan.17&18,2009- York Fairgrounds at York,PA.

PLS has been offered table space at this event. It's not too early to plan on helping man the table there. Please check in with Big John Geib if you can help out at this event.

DONATIONS

Recent donations are from Valley Forge Baptist Temple, Mary Spear, Judy Taylor, "Time Bandits Car Club", Bob Kulp, Jim Meadowcroft, Pete Brown and Anonymous. Thanks to All.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Bob Freer and Harry Quirk are heading the nomination committee this year. If you get a call from either Bob or Harry, it means you attended enough meetings to qualify for the board of directors. Give it some thought. It takes some additional time on your part by attending board of director meetings, but it gives you a voice in running the club, that you can not get otherwise.





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Think Spring!