



PENNSYLVANIA LIVE STEAMERS, INC.

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May, June - 2009

Along The Main Line



Bud and Sue Borders

Long Trains, a steam boat, reat weather, good food and most importantly, our visitors and the members of PLS made the Spring Meet 2009 a huge success. Hank Riley believes we had the largest participation ever on Friday night. All weekend, the weather was beautiful and rain free with an impressive lightning show Saturday night.

Joe Tanski brought his beautiful Pacific, painted and lettered in Southern Green. Bill Shields was running his Camelback Consolidation and Dave Sclavi had his K4 running for most of the weekend until mechanical problems put him on the rip track. Karl Godshall returned his RS-1 to service after an extensive overhaul and redesign. The gentlemen from North Jersey and Pioneer Valley (sorry, I forgot your names) who were running the powerful Super Mack in beverage service during the campfires. Pat Murphy and Jeff Parris were seen double-heading and pulling 12 passenger cars, some with passengers. Dave Bortz's 8 year old son masterfully piloted a 15 car train with his Mountain Car diesel and a single passenger, his dad.

Jared Schoenly brought out his steam powered boat for some pleasant running in the creek. I felt like I was in a Humphrey Bogart movie. ☺

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2009

Saturday, June 20	Membership Meeting – 12:30 PM – Afternoon/Evening Run
Sunday, June 28	Public Run Day – 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Sunday, July 5	Run Day Rain Date
Saturday, July 11	Board of Directors Meeting – 12:30 PM
Saturday, July 18	Membership Meeting – 12:30 PM – Club Picnic – Afternoon/Evening Run
Sunday, July 26	Public Run Day – 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Sunday, August 2	Run Day Rain Date
Saturday, August 8	Board of Directors Meeting – 12:30 PM
Saturday, August 15	Membership Meeting – 12:30 PM
Sunday, August 23	Public Run Day – 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Friday, Sept. 4	FALL MEET – Members & Guests
Saturday, Sept. 5	FALL MEET – Members & Guests
Sunday, Sept. 6	FALL MEET – Members & Guests

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

NEW MEMBERS

PLS welcomes new Associate members Dwain “Zeke” Jones, Ron Fridman, George W. Maier Jr, Roy Nelson, Richard P. Schaumburg, Jeffrey J. Tomecek, Joseph Gotlewski, Robert W. Lowery, Michael Petro Sr, Glenn R. Titus, and also new Minor member M.J. Petro. Carl Miller and Sean Skelonis have been voted into Regular membership, while Joseph J. Sardos, Jr has applied to upgrade to Regular member and Sharon Connelly has applied to Regular member. Also, Paul Culp was recently voted as an Honorary member by the Board of Directors.

BYLAWS CHANGE

At the May 16, 2009 PLS membership meeting, several bylaws changes were approved. Two of these may have an impact on associate members living outside of Pennsylvania who presently operate equipment at PLS or who wish to become regular members.

PLS’ bylaws previously allowed anyone who lives outside of a fifty-mile radius of the PLS site at Rahns, or outside the state of Pennsylvania, to operate their equipment while remaining an associate member. The same fifty-mile/outside the state of Pennsylvania rule also applied to the application of the 15 day work participation requirement for persons applying for regular membership at PLS.

Under the approved changes, the fifty-mile radius rule now applies to everyone, for both of the above circumstances, regardless of their state of residence. The rule is applied on a straight line basis, not on driving distance.

Associate members affected by these changes will be permitted to operate equipment at PLS for the remainder of the 2009 running season. However, the change to the work participation requirement will apply forthwith to anyone applying for regular membership.

A change to the grace period for payment of annual dues was also approved. Payment will now be required by the end of February instead of the end of March beginning in 2010.

A proposed change to the amount and form of participation in the work participation requirement for regular membership applicants was defeated.

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John Geib had an outdoor movie theater set up near the Steaming Bays on Friday night. A big highlight of the weekend was the Pot Luck Dinner. Steve Leatherman thanks everyone that contributed and helped out.

Huge thanks go out to Big John Geib and Bill Shields, the guys running the grill, and Kathy Parris, who helped with keeping all the food organized. Despite the dinner getting started later than expected, everyone had a good time and there was good food and stories to be shared. We would like to have the pot luck dinner again for the Fall Meet. Further details will be released a little later on. Also, don't forget the club picnic, which is on July 18th.

Kathy Parris and her staff of volunteers working the kitchen kept us fed all day with their delicious hot foods and the homemade snacks were outstanding as usual. Also thanks to Al Hein for keeping us supplied with hot coffee, especially in the morning when it is most needed.

Also thanks go to Ron Henderson and the Signal Committee for a great job on the signals, as well as Bruce Saylor and his Track Gang for installing the new curved turnout and crossing built by Lee Nonnemacher and the associated track work. Everything worked quite well.

The blue wrist band has migrated to the top of fashion... the hat. I believed it originally started appearing on hats as a safety measure for engineers working on their trains. Three distinct styles of hat banding dominated the weekend

The loop through the back strap

A feather above the PLS name tag

Pinned proudly by the 60th anniversary button.

A great big thank you to all the volunteers who made this event possible, and to the members that go way beyond just sending in their dues. Without them, improvements would cease and the tracks would disintegrate. The beautiful gardens would be over run with weeds. The club could not offer this Gazette, refreshments, or restroom facilities. You are missing a big part of belonging to a club if you pass on the many opportunities to work. Consider an hour or two helping in the kitchen or at the front gate. They are both wonderful ways to meet others members and share your enthusiasm of being a member of the PLS with guests. In giving your time on run days and/or work days, you will discover many wonderful things about the club's past and thoughts for the future.

To quote Charles D. Gill

There are many wonderful things that will never be done if you don't do them.

Guest Editorial by Buddy and Sue Borders

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

<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	Lee Nonnemacher	Pete Brown
Paul Rice, Bob Freer	Frank Webb	Buddy Borders
Jim Miller, Ron Shupard	John Forsythe	John Geib
Henry Blanco White	George Cooper	Pat Murphy





Above photos Taken at the 2009 Spring Meet. Great weather and a very good turnout. Thanks to all who came.

Spring Meet Thanks

Kathy Parris wishes to thank all those who donated time and/or a wonderful assortment of baked goods to another successful weekend. This includes, among others: Sue Webb, Rose Ann Wagner, Dave Taylor, Richard Speak, Barry Shapin, Mary Saylor, Bruce Saylor, Deb Rose, Paul Rice, Jack Reed, Harry Quirk, Carol Quirk, Ginny Morris, Barb Miller, Walt Mensch, Irene Manley, Dave Laird, Julia Kiefer, Ann Keen, Roberta Henderson, Pat Heller, Al Hein, John Geib, Joan Freer, Paul Culp, George Cooper, Sharon Connelly, Jim Connelly, Tom Caldwell, Sue Borders, Nancy Blackson, Bruce Barrett, and Catherine Barker. Special mention also of continued support by Hatfield Quality Meats and Redner's Warehouse Markets.

“YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE”

2009 PLS PICNIC AT RAHNS SATURDAY JULY 18th

All PLS members are invited to the 2009 P.L.S. Picnic. P.L.S will supply Hot dogs, Hamburgers, Chicken, Ice Cream, basic drinks, plates & plastic ware We would like you to please bring a covered dish for all to share and if refrigeration is needed please bring your own cooler. We will eat around 4:30pm. It is also an afternoon & evening run so please come out enjoy a great day at P.L.S. I would like to make this a major P.L.S. event and we need you to do that. If you have any questions please contact me at 1-610-562-9532 weekdays between 5:00pm – 8:30pm or [HYPERLINK "mailto:steamer38@comcast.net"](mailto:steamer38@comcast.net) steamer38@comcast.net any time. I hope to see you all there.

**Picnic Committee
Big John**



Donation Acknowledgements

The club is grateful for recent donations from: Matthew “Scott” McConnell, Ronald Marburger, Ingrid Gould, Carol Jobusch, Robert A. Kulp, Sharon Connelly, Active Chemical Co, and Brass In Bucks County..

A History Lesson

Listed in the PLS Handbook is a list of **Objectives and Facilities.** Item 2 says: Conducts at the Rahns Location a series of meets and Run Days open to the public open to the public without charge. Coal-fired-steam -powered scale locomotives built by members and others provide rides for both children and adults over a railway having ,in model form, the same trackage, rolling stock, yards, bridges, tunnels, turntable, steam-up and locomotive servicing facilities as were found upon a representative U.S.railroad a half century ago.(A bit longer ago since this was written in 1974),

Have we at **PLS** so willing to forego these objectives by eliminating the public completely? Think about it before you vote to scrap several of the original objectives of PLS. Your editor.





Early Sunday at the Spring Meet

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