



PENNSYLVANIA LIVE STEAMERS, INC.

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Along The Main Line



What a great Spring Meet we had! The weather was perfect, we had a great turnout and enjoyed wonderful food at Saturday's Pot Luck dinner – thank you Steve Leatherman and Jay Shupard for helping to organize this event. Check out the club website at (HYPERLINK "<http://www.palivesteamers.org>" www.palivesteamers.org) and click on the gallery page to enjoy the many wonderful photos of the people and trains taken by Allen Underkofler. Thanks to Julia Kiefer, for her help in setting up the new PLS Facebook page. As I write this, there are almost 100 fans of the club. This page will enable any member to post and receive announcements and pics in addition to our official notices sent via the PLS infoBlast.

And now to the point of my editorial. I want to speak about the term Volunteer. According to Merriam-Webster - **vol-un-teer** – *noun* - from Latin *voluntaries* - **1:** a person who voluntarily undertakes or expresses a willingness to undertake a service.

One of the main frustrations I have as president of PLS is how to continue to move the club forward with the dwindling numbers of fatigued volunteers we rely on to carry out the day to day functions of the club. The desire to produce and maintain a quality location comes at a price and is only limited by the number of volunteers who can offer to give up some of their time to perform any number of tasks needed to keep this club functioning. While some members have encouraged me to continue as President for another year, I am reluctant to consider this without an increased volunteer corps. Presently I feel I can no longer make a difference. Don't get me wrong – we have some of the most dedicated and selfless people whose company I truly enjoy, performing tasks without asking for thanks or recognition. The only satisfaction they seek is contributing to the betterment of the club because *they care*.

Now the club is considering a major change that will ease the work requirement for those wishing to become regular members. Hopefully, this will encourage more people to become regular members so that they can become involved in the administrative activities of PLS and can provide us with fresh energy and ideas.

As President I feel that leading by example is the way to start. For example, last month I power washed and applied preservative to Mercer Bridge, the main trestle and almost all benches and picnic tables on the property that was long overdue. I contributed 18 personal hours of time after work and taking a vacation day (thankfully, my boss was understanding!). I did this solely because *I care*. If you care, consider offering one to three hours per week - or per month – but please be consistent and committed. This club needs greater involvement from its members to do many jobs that include property maintenance, administrative duties, desktop publishing/writing, kitchen help, bookkeeping, etc.

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These will help us to carry on the programs which we have come to enjoy over the years. Consider manning the gate for an hour or two at any of each month's run day events and get to know someone you might not already know. Consider volunteering at next month's Club Picnic for kitchen help or clean up; consider helping out with the Gazette or any of the safety programs currently underway. But most importantly, *if you care, don't be afraid to ask to Volunteer.*

See you at the track,

Pat Murphy PLS President

Safety Committee Members

Safety committee members are:John Geib, chairman, Bruce Saylor, Pete Brown,Pat Murphy, Buddy Borders..

Spring Meet Thanks

PLS had an excellent group staffing the kitchen during this year's event from set up to cleanup. Kathy Parris wishes to thank those who provided baked goods and/or volunteered in the kitchen This includes, among others: Catherine Barker, Bruce Barrett, Nancy Blackson, Sue Borders, Sharon Connelly, George Cooper, Joan Freer, John Geib, Sandy Hart, Pat Heller, Al Hein, Julia Kiefer, Dave Laird, Jane McDevitt, Walt Mensch, Barb Miller, Kristin Moore, Rebeka Neulinger, Carol Quirk, Harry Quirk, Paul Rice, Deb Rose, Bruce Saylor, Mary Saylor, Barry Shapin, Dave Taylor, Judy Taylor, Rose Ann Wagner, Sue Webb, and Frank Wilus. Special mention also of continued support by Redner's Warehouse Markets.

Donation Acknowledgements

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Club Membership News

PLS welcomes new Associate members Alison Pottage, Allan Paguio, James J. Peck, Darryl J. Smith, Gina Trofa, Carmen D. Visalli, Stanley Basicke, William R. Hodson, Peng Cui, Salvatore Thomas Manzo, Kyle Sanders, Gerall Knebels, and Scot W. Turley. Sharon Connelly and Joe Sardos were voted into Regular Membership. Wayne DeVilbiss, Dennis Blank Jr., and John Kane are new probationary Regular Members.

ATTENTION all PLS members: The 2010 PLS picnic is fast approaching on the 17th of July. I hope everyone will be able to attend. PLS will be providing hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken and Steam cream. We ask that everyone please bring a covered dish. The food will be served at 4:30pm.

PLS Calendar of Events – 2010

Saturday, June 19 Membership Meeting – 12:30 PM – Afternoon/Evening Run

Sunday, June 27 Run Day – Members & Guests

Sunday, July 4 Run Day Rain Date

Saturday, July 10 Board of Directors Meeting – 12:30 PM

Saturday, July 17 Membership Meeting – 12:30 PM – **Club Picnic** – Afternoon/Evening Run

Sunday, July 18 **Club Picnic Rain Date**

Sunday, July 25 Run Day – Members & Guests

Sunday, August 1 Run Day Rain Date

Saturday, August 14 Board of Directors Meeting – 12:30 PM

Saturday, August 21 Membership Meeting – 12:30 PM

Sunday, August 22 Run Day – Members & Guests

Sunday, August 29 Run Day Rain Date

“YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE”

2010 PLS PICNIC

AT RAHNS SATURDAY JULY 17th

RAINDATE: JULY 18TH SERVING AT 1:00PM

All PLS members are invited to the 2010 Picnic. P.L.S. will supply Hot dogs, Hamburgers, Chicken, Steam Cream, basic drinks, plates & plastic ware. We would like you to please bring a covered dish for all to share. We will eat around 4:30pm. It is also a membership meeting and afternoon & evening run so please come out enjoy a great day at P.L.S. I would like to thank all who came out to last year's picnic and helped make this, a major P.L.S. event. I hope to see you all there.

Please RSVP to HYPERLINK "<mailto:steamer38@comcast.net>" steamer38@comcast.net or phone me at 610-562-9532 so we can plan on the amount of food we will need. So come out and enjoy yourself at the track and have a great meal besides.

The rain date will be July 18th.

Picnic Committee Chairman Big John



Winfield Becker



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