



November - December 2024

THE PLS GAZETTE

A newsletter of the Pennsylvania Live Steamers, Inc.

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The Wheel Report

Dear Friends:

I write all of you today to congratulate everyone on a successful and safe conclusion to an operating year. As I look forward to my final months as President of PLS, the Board of Directors and I will still be hard at work over the coming winter months prior to the first membership meeting in March continuing to develop ways to address the needs and management for our club.

I want to first take this opportunity to thank all the members of the board who have been a thoroughly dedicated, truly wonderful group that I have had the pleasure of working with. In addition, I also want to thank several of the hard-working "regulars" who have contributed in the ongoing work to complete the clubhouse.

Ric S; Paul M; George F; Jim A; Jim S; Bruce B; Mark C

The latest batch of tie material has arrived and the opportunity to continue with tie replacement is expected during the winter months on Wednesday and Saturday mornings.

Lastly a nominating committee consisting of Pete Brown and Ross Magee has been formed to approach and identify a slate of qualified candidates to help with governance, policy, and project oversight for PLS by serving on the Board of Directors.

If you have ever considered becoming involved in this important job, but feel "its not for me", please reconsider. It really doesn't involve that much time and the experience of working with others in shaping this club, be it man or woman, is most satisfying. As the current by-laws state, you must be a Regular member to run for office.

We currently have 3 seats to fill and I would encourage anyone to step up. Please seek out Pete and Ross or you can always contact me discreetly if you have questions about what is involved should you have the desire. If you have not been contacted yet by Pete or Ross but have a desire and feel you meet the qualifications (i.e. attended at least 50 % of Regular Membership Meetings), please reach out to the nominating committee or any other officer to inquire.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Patrick J Murphy
President PLS, Inc.

PLS - Repairs



The Floors in Building 1 have been repaired and repainted. Photo shows the new look of the Battleship Gray color. Thanks to Rick Stoughton who led the Project with a lot of help. All the furniture and equipment had to be moved around to make this project possible.

Club Membership News

PLS welcomes new Associate members C. Brian Crozier and Michael D. Mumma.

Membership Gauge

As of December 11, 2024

- 95** Regular Members
- 10** Probationary Members
- 152** Associate Members
- 2** Honorary Members



2025 PLS Upcoming Events

- Thru, Jan 16 Board of Directors Meeting (Zoom)- 7:30 PM
- Sat, Feb 15 Board of Directors Meeting- 9:30 AM
- Sat, Mar 15 Board of Directors Meeting - 9:30 AM
Membership Meeting - 12:30 PM
Annual Elections
- Sat, Apr 12 Chipper Event
- Sat, Apr 19 Board of Directors Meeting - 9:30 AM
Spring Clean-Up
Membership Meeting – 12:30 PM
- Sun, Apr 27 BOILER TESTING
Run Day – Members & Guest
(Rain Date May 4)

Donation Acknowledgements

PLS wishes to thank the following for donations received by December 11: Mark Cahill, Roy Nelson, Richard Moore, Mayland Crosson, Rick Stoughton, Bob Blackson, Pat Murphy, Paul Nichini, Richard Poletto, Jim Salmons, Dan Siegle, Terry Weinstein, Paul Bastek, Thomas Diedrich, Jeffrey Guzy, Matthew Haines, Robert Heidenreich, Roger Kain, Jeffrey Knueppel PE, James Milo, Edward Overly, Douglas Pyatt, Robert Small, David Staplin, Kenneth Thomas, Jim Adams, John Caldwell, Kathleen Parris, Harry Quirk, James Stapleton, John Evans Jr, Thomas Gmitter, Dave Johnson, Robert Kimmy, Mark Layton, Joseph Natale, Chris Rood, David Van Winkle, Carmen Visalli, and John Wessels. Thank you also to the Harold and Marie List Memorial Fund for their donation in honor of the late Bill and Ruth Morewood.

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PLS Calander of Events - 2025

January

Saturday Jan. 18 Board of Directors Meeting - 9:30 AM

February

Saturday Feb. 15 Board of Directors Meeting - 9:30 AM

March

Saturday Mar. 15 Board of Directors Meeting - 9:30 AM
Annual Meeting-12:30 PM
Annual Elections

April

Saturday Apr. 12 **Chipper Event - 9 AM**

Saturday Apr. 19 Board of Directors Meeting - 9:30 AM
SPRING CLEAN-UP
Membership Meeting -12:30 PM

Sunday Apr. 27 **BOILER TESTING**
Run Day – Members & Guests
(Rain Date May 4)

May

Saturday May. 17 Board of Directors Meeting - 9:30 AM
Membership Meeting - 12:30 PM

Friday May. 23 **SPRING MEET** - Members & Guests

Saturday May. 24 **SPRING MEET** - Members & Guests

Sunday May. 25 **SPRING MEET** - Members & Guests

June

Saturday Jun. 7 **Perkiomen Community Day**
Run Day – Township Residents

Saturday Jun. 21 Board of Directors Meeting - 9:30 AM
Membership Meeting - 12:30 PM

Sunday Jun. 22 Run Day - Members & Guests
(Rain Date June 29)

July

Saturday Jul. 19 **Annual PLS Picnic - 12:00 Noon**
(Train rides will be available from
Noon until 3 PM)
(Picnic Rain Date Sunday July 20)

July Continued

Sunday Jul. 27 Run Day – Members & Guests
(Rain Date August 3)

Note: No meetings in July

August

Saturday Aug. 16 Board of Directors Meeting - 9:30 AM
Membership Meeting - 12:30 PM

Sunday Aug. 24 Run Day - Members & Guests
(No Rain Date)

Friday Aug. 29 **FALL MEET**- Members & Guests

Saturday Aug. 30 **FALL MEET**- Members & Guests

Sunday Aug. 31 **FALL MEET**- Members & Guests

September

Saturday Sep. 20 Board of Directors Meeting - 9:30 AM
Membership Meeting - 12:30 PM

Sunday Sep. 28 Run Day - Members & Guests
(Rain Date October 5)

October

Saturday Oct. 18 Board of Directors Meeting - 9:30 AM
FALL CLEAN UP in AM
Membership Meeting - 12:30 PM

Sunday Oct. 26 Run Day - Members & Guests
(Rain Date November 2)

November

Tuesday Nov. 11 Veterans Day Run - 10:00 AM

Saturday Nov. 15 Board of Directors Meeting - 9:30 AM
FALL CLEAN UP in AM

Membership Meeting - 12:30 PM

Friday Nov. 28 Turkey Trot Run – Gauge 1 only

December

Saturday Dec. 13 Board of Directors Meeting - 9:30 AM

Gauge One Turkey Trot at PLS



Sixteen people braved the cold for the 2024 PLS Gauge One Turkey Trot, including 3 generations of Harry Quirk's legacy. Harry and his brother Paul Quirk were responsible for bringing Gauge One to PLS.

Mike Moore

Editor's Note: The Turkey Trot has been a tradition at PLS for many years now. It is always held on Black Friday (hence the name).



What a wonderful view and very skillful not to lay on the ground.

Workdays at PLS

Workdays are every Wednesday and Saturday typically 9 AM to Noon. Work includes Track, Grounds and Buildings.

Project Remove & Replace Phase 2 is now underway. The R&R Project stabilizes the Track in place with Plastic Ties. Phase 2 is the 1.5" Main between the Tunnel and the Multi Gauge Bridge. The next batch of 16-foot 2X4 Plastic has been purchased and delivered. Now we will cut the new Ties to length and get ready for next year's R&R Projects.

Come out and join the fun we will have plenty of new Ties with the predrilled starter hole ready to be installed. Our current goal is to preserve all the Steel Rail we can, especially on our grades.



Current end of the Project just short of the Twin Bridges.



Looking towards the Tunnel



The North end just short of the Tunnel.

PLS Advertisements

Free to a good home

The following magazine sets are complete (with a few exceptions) and the entire collections need a new home. No division of sets - must take all issues.

Early years are in bound volumes.

Model Railroader magazine from Volume 3 (Jan. 1936) to present.

(missing Volume 1,2 and 6)

Trains magazine from Volume 1 (Nov. 1936) to present.

Contact Jack Evans, PLS Associate Member

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if interested in adding either collection to your library.



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FIRST CLASS



Our first trackside Mile Marker and our starting point at Rahns Station. They will be placed every 100 feet around the Layout. The only difference between the 1" and 1.5" Mains is the distance between Rahns Station and the joint Tunnel. The 1" Main is a shorter distance to the joint Tunnel. After the Tunnel at Mile Marker 5 the Mains will share the same spacing.