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Board of Director's Notes

Annual reminders:

Note that this year when you pull a club locomotive out of the car barn that you need to check the engine run time meter and log the runtime before you go out and when you put it back you need to log the ending runtime. Randy has provided clipboards and log sheets in the car barn.

Another reminder to please update your personal contact information and you should update your equipment sheets for insurance purposes.

Don't forget to do a walk around when you leave the club to make sure everything is locked up. It is a good idea to check everything even if you did not open other buildings because someone else may have forgotten. Thank you.

If you would like to be part of the 50th Anniversary planning process, don't forget that there is a kickoff meeting on April 29 from 10:00 until noon. There are many

ideas that need to be shared and discussed and we need to fill planning positions. Please volunteer and join us for lunch afterwards. The plan is to use leftover Italian sausage from last year's open house experiment. Contact facilitator Sue Caiazza if you plan to attend or want to participate but are unavailable at that time.

The Board is looking for volunteers to sign up to coordinate activities on the task list. There are several purposes: let folks know what tasks need to be done, find volunteers for coordinating different activities, and, when tasks get completed or work is done provide information to give credit to those who are doing the work. Please sign up for a job or two. We especially need coordinators for picnics.

Pioneer Live Steamers 65th

Pioneer Live Steamers is celebrating its 65th year on the weekend of August 11th, 12th, and 13th. This will be a clubs only event. There is room on the property for camping. Breakfast and lunch will be served on both Saturday and Sunday. Dinner on Saturday is also planned. If interested please let them know if they plan to attend by email. If you have any questions, you can contact Ray directly at wejusk@earthlink or 203-746-2882.

2017 Live Steam Calendar

2017							
FLLS Meetings				FLLS Operating Days			
FLLS Events				FLLS Open House			
March	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	26	27	28	29	30	31	1
April	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
May	30	1	2	3	4	5	6
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	28	29	30	31	1	2	3
June	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	25	26	27	28	29	30	1
July	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
August	30	31	1	2	3	4	5
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	27	28	29	30	31	1	2
September	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
October	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
November	29	30	31	1	2	3	4
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	26	27	28	29	30	1	2
December	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	31	1	2	3	4	5	6

2017 Live Steam Events

- 4/29** – FLLS 50th Anniversary Kickoff Planning Meeting at 10:00 AM at Marengo
- 5/13** – FLLS May Business Meeting at Noon at FLLS
- 5/20** - FLLS Steamup Run Day and drone filming
- 5/27** - FLLS Memorial Day Run and Picnic at 5:00
- 6/10** – FLLS June Business Meeting at Noon at FLLS
- 6/11** - FLLS Hosts Upstate Garden Railway Clubs: Picnic at 1:30, open 10:00 to 4:00
- 6/21** – FLLS Hosts Big Train Operators National Convention
- 6/23-25** - FLLS Spring Public Open House
- 7/1** – FLLS 4th of July Run and Picnic at 5:00
- 7/8** – FLLS July Business Meeting at Noon at FLLS
- 7/17** - FLLS Hosts Ottawa Valley Garden Railway Club Picnic
- 7/22** - FLLS Model Railroader’s Run Day. Operating sessions on the One Inch and the Gauge One layouts
- 8/4-8/6** - FLLS Summer Invitational and Picnic at 5:00 (Public not invited) Operating sessions on the One Inch and the Gauge One layouts
- 8/12** – FLLS August Business Meeting at Noon at FLLS
- 9/2** - FLLS Labor Day Run and Picnic at 5:00
- 9/9** – FLLS September Business Meeting at Noon at FLLS
- 9/22-24** - FLLS Fall Public Open House
- 10/14** – FLLS Blowdown Run Day
- 10/14**– FLLS October Business Meeting at Noon at FLLS
- 11/11** – FLLS November Business Meeting at Noon at FLLS
- 12/9** – FLLS Annual Meeting and December



Ed McConnell built a freight house and tested a location on Gauge One

FLLS Business Meeting April 8, 2017 Marengo

Attendees: Guy Wicksall, Peter Hart, Bill Miner, Skip Enck, Hank Mastalski, Dave Pierce, Caden Pierce, Jack Wylie, Tom Aselin, Tony Mesoella, Bob Walker, Ted Taylor, Ed McConnell, Dick Donovan, Judy Bigelow, Marla Lapin, Randy Taylor, Bob Fruitt, Monte May, Steve Pontarelli, Tim Guenther, Ken Cameron, Dave Wierowski, Tom Pierson, Jim and Sue Henrichs

Status Reports

- Good and Welfare: Charles Caruana had a stroke but he is up and around now.
- 7 ¼ Gauge Track: Jeff Baxter and Ted Taylor- Jim says the rail is at railroad supply just waiting for dry weather for delivery. Hank asked Ted to clear a path for stone delivery in February so Ted lifted about 20t of track near the wye to the by-pass. Ted will reattach the track soon.
- 4 ¾ Gauge Track: Guy Wicksall – There is a new building for the industrial area. He made nine frogs and is looking into building a car barn.
- One Inch Facilities: Steve Pontarelli –The transfer table blew off the rails and he will need help putting is back on.
- Grounds: Jack Wylie - Wet lawn no parking on the grass

Old Business

- Hank's project: He is planning on having it ready for the 50th anniversary celebration. Track was removed during the winter to bring fill, but the weather did not cooperate, and the track is being put back in. Material will be brought in and moved as soon as it is dry enough and all the earth work will be done this year.

- Hydraulic pump and motor on the 7 ¼" lift: Ed and Jack will be checking it out after the meeting. Editor's note: the lift will be out of service until early May because they had to be replaced.
- Reminder the April 29 is the kickoff 50th anniversary planning meeting from 10-12 at the club with lunch served after the meeting. Ed was checking into hotels and suggested just to give the address of the club and hotels in the area and let the visitors look up the information for the hotels. Dave W said that if we can get rates for a block of rooms it usually if more affordable. There is usually no financial commitment to the club. Dave will check into hotels for block rates
- Model railroaders / Social media day – Do we control head count by ticket or reservations, so we can actually talk to people? Yes that way people will have to make a commitment. Signs during the open house promoting the model railroaders day – spaced out from the crossing ending at Monte. Tom Pierson has the go ahead to set it up.
- Club Phone will only be able to call 911. It is not contracted for outgoing calls any longer.
- The Yahoo group for discussions is up and running. See directions to sign up elsewhere in this edition or contact Ken Cameron kcameron@twcny.rr.com with any questions.

New Business

- Roger has set up a visit by a licensed drone operator take videos and pictures of the club property before the trees start filling out during the May 20 Steamup. The cost is rides for his family.

- **Volunteers needed** for organizing the club picnics are needed. All are Saturdays at 5 pm. Memorial Day; Fourth of July; August member picnic and invitational and Labor Day. Organizer plans meat and all members coming to the picnic would bring a dish to pass.
- Jim can get about 50 bobber cabooses that are not decorated, we could decal them for our 50th anniversary celebration. We could do pre-sale on lamps and or cabooses and raffle 2 or 3 off. Do we proceed with the purchase? Voted Yes.
- Bob F asked about a camera system to monitor the buildings. Depending on the number of cameras, the hard drive capacity and type of day/night cameras cost would start about \$ 400 and go up. Bob was asked to research and bring a proposal to the board.
- Dave W wants to paint the 2 entrance door to the club house. Is there any specific color that anyone wants? Agreed that Dave would choose.
- The Big Train Operators will be at the club the Wednesday before the open house in June. We need members to greet, give rides and show them around.
- [Website Classified Ads](#)
 - Dick Smock is selling his gauge 1 trains, Tim will put them on the webpage.
 - Ed has a live steam gauge 1 C16 and caboose for sale.
 - There is a picture and information for a 7 ¼ steamer – no boiler it was on the picnic table in the club house.

Gauge One Spring Plans Roger Caiazza

In a couple of months the Big Train Operators convention has scheduled a visit to the club on the Wednesday before the spring open house weekend. The Big Train Operators are a Gauge One club so they will be particularly interested in our Gauge One Layout. I hope that we can make the layout memorable for their visit.

I think we need to prioritize what needs to be done and I would appreciate feedback from anyone on this article. Ed and I talked about doing something to make the walk over into the inner loop from the north side easier and agreed that steps would be a good idea. I propose that we redo the bank with blocks as steps opposite the wooden steps.

Garden railway open houses traditionally emphasize the garden and structures as well as the trains. The biggest priority in that sense is getting the New Hope Mill completed and get the mill wheel running. We also need to get the arch bridge installed on a better foundation before the layout tour.

If you recall last year I asked for volunteers to be responsible for specific areas in the layout but the response was not good. Ed has some service structures for the main yard and put together a freight house. We think that we can put that and another siding by the wye. Tom and I discussed and agreed not to pursue making the stairs into buildings. I am going to clean up and scenic the south side of the layout with my buildings. The club purchased a bunch of

buildings last year but no one has suggested how they should be used. Please let me know if you have any plans for other areas.

The good news is that the overall appearance is pretty good. We managed to get the layout ballasted last year and it looks like it will only need touchup this year. There was not a lot of winter damage to the plantings and that should look good after clean up and trimming. Hopefully the stream won't leak and we can get then working with minimal effort.

If you want to help get ready then there are plenty of little tasks to do. If nothing else any and all dead wood needs to be cleaned out. The grass already needs to be cut and we should keep after that so we can figure out where we need to trim back the grass on the right of way. There is a bucket of telegraph poles that are all brown in the gauge one building. If we paint the insulators the appearance is improved markedly so let me know if you want to do that and I will get paint.

Links of Interest

Backyard RR: <http://gallery.mikemassee.com/-/galleries/live-steam-backyard-railroading>

Maine two foot gauge

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qjVfpkZ0DW4>

Biggest factory in the world

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=urovsgZVkJPo>

FLLS Yahoo Group Ken Cameron

Don't forget that we have set up a web/email discussion group that can be used to keep abreast of things going on at the club.

To join this service send an email to:

FLLS-Subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

Please include your whole name in the mail so we can check against the membership list. You will get a response sent from the list to confirm you really sent the email (not somebody faking your address). Just follow the instructions and you will be on the list.

In order to get those capabilities you need to setup a Yahoo identity. Many of you may already have this from other lists. The instructions are on their help pages here:

<https://help.yahoo.com/kb/groups/sln2409.html>

In brief:

1. Sign in to yahoo groups
2. Search for 'FLLS'
3. When it finds our group, click 'Join Group'
4. It will ask for more customization details like name, delivery options (each message, digest, or none), and a few other options.
5. Click the 'Send Request'

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[Membership Applications](#) are available on our website.



Ed McConnell repowered Roger Caiazza's kit bashed freight motor this winter