



Electronic Pop Valve No. 410.1 Spring Open House 2017

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Board of Director's Notes

This edition of the Pop Valve will cover the Spring Open House reminders. Please remember our first priority is safety. We would like to have at least 30 people working so that we can give people breaks. Please rotate tasks and let other people give you relief if they offer. Please give everybody a chance to do a job that they want to do. Basically that means please share the "fun" jobs.

In lieu of a job board these people have responsibilities during the open house. Instead of the Head Man position we agreed to try a "White Hat" position. The premise of having a "white hat guy" is to designate someone other than Tim or Jack (Pres. and VP) to solve odd problems that may arise during a meet.; as Tim and Jack are usually on a steam engine during a meet. They are unable to leave their engines for an extended period if something comes up that needs the attention of someone responsible. Ed McConnell and Skip Enck will share the responsibility and wear a white hat when on duty. The rest of the responsibilities are: Head Men – Tim Guenther & Jack Wylie; Gauge One - Jim Henrichs; One Inch - Ken

Cameron; Inch & Half – Jeff Baxter; Switch Problems – Dave Pierce; Transfer Table - John Spencer; Signal Problems - Bob Fruitt; Club Engines - Randy Taylor; Club Car Problems - Bob Fruitt; Station Master - Ted Taylor; Kitchen – Susie Caiazza; Yard - Randy Taylor; Parking - Roger Caiazza; Pedestrian Crossing - Rocco Scaptura; Safety Meeting - Bob Fruitt; New Member Signup - Monte May; and Soda machine - Jim Henrichs & Susie Caiazza. Please follow their directions. If you are available to work in a specific area please let the responsible person know.

There will be a safety meeting at 9:15 both days at the turn table. Everyone who will work on the railroad at any time should attend that meeting.

Because the open houses are our primary money making ventures, please refrain from operating your equipment during the open house hours of 10:00 to 4:00. Under no circumstances should guest trains block the mainline at any time.

Parking reminder – If you can manage it please park by the 7 ¼" car barn. The lot will be marked for diagonal spacing in at least part of the lot so please check that you park accordingly. If it gets crowded and we run out of handicapped space in the main lot we will send them to the lot by the station so please try to conserve spots by parking closely.

Final reminder – if you are coming to open house dinner Saturday night bring a dish to pass.

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

- 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
- 7/8** – FLLS 50th Planning Meeting at FLLS following Business Meeting
- 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
- 10/14** – FLLS 50th Planning Meeting at FLLS following Business Meeting
- 11/11** – FLLS November Business Meeting at Noon at FLLS
- 12/9** – FLLS Annual Meeting and December

If you recall the Gauge One layout is being prepped for Big Train Operator convention visitors and picture for a future magazine article. Some of those pictures are included in this edition and we did these videos:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9BqNoSogqW0>
<https://youtu.be/Q3jzfUhSjX8>

Tom Pierson also prepared the following video for our social media campaign:
<https://youtu.be/Q79Q3H9IBSk>

Volunteer Task List

The purpose of the task list is to document tasks that need to be done. If you see something that needs to get done, please fill out a sticky note describing the project and your name so you can be contacted if there is a question. If this is something that affects safety please contact the Board of Directors so that they are aware of the problem. If you are out at the club and want to help but don't know what has to be done then please find a task on the board go to work. The following people have volunteered to coordinate specific tasks. Please volunteer to take on one of the open items.

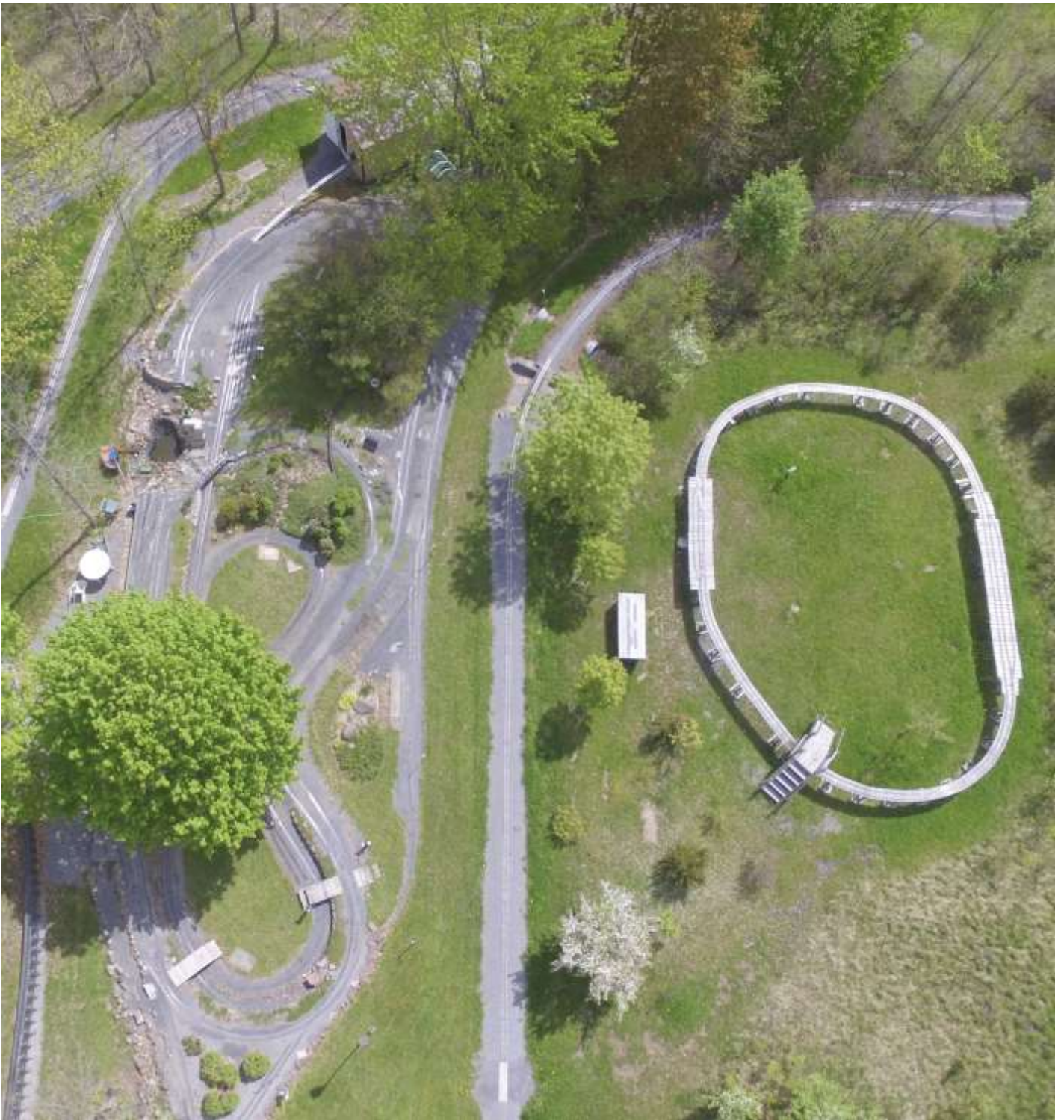
Project	Coordinator
Planning responsibility for Fourth of July picnic	Judy Bigelow
Planning responsibility for August Invitational picnic	
Planning responsibility for Labor Day picnic	
Planning responsibility for July Public Run Day	
Planning responsibility for August Public Run Day	
Junior Engineer Program	Bill Miner
Power supply requirements	Bob Fruitt
Club house proposal	
Rehabilitate the 7 1/4" wooden steaming bays	
Kitchen coordination for Fall open house	
Planning responsibility for Fall open house dinner	
Boy Scout merit badge coordination	Fruitt & May
Planning responsibility for Model Railroader Run Day	Ken Cameron
Plan 1" car storage buildings	Steve Pontarelli
Contact Finger Lakes Tourism to see if groups would want to visit	Tony Mesollela
Junior member responsibility	Wayne Henning
Clean engine house blocks and seal them	Jack Wylie
Plans for permanent pavilion or tent on east end of clubhouse	Paul Pontarelli
Planning responsibility for Garden Railway Club Picnic	Roger Caiazza
Planning responsibility for Ottawa Valley Garden RR Visit	Roger Caiazza
Planning responsibility for BTO visit 6/21/17	Roger Caiazza
50th Planning Coordination	Susie Caiazza
Planning responsibility for Spring open house dinner	Susie Caiazza
Planning responsibility for Memorial Day picnic	Tom Aselin
Safety video script	Tom Pierson



FLLS Drone Map

Dave Pierce's son took drone video and processed it to produced this view. He set up the drone to map our property and then had nearly 200 pictures merged together for this view. Ask Dave or Roger if you want copies of any or all the pictures taken. Be forewarned however there are 429 files and 2,961,702,602 bytes of information available.

Gauge One Drone Photo



FLLS Business Meeting June 10, 2017 Marengo

Attendees: Hank Mastalsky, John Spencer, Jeff Baxter, Jack Wylie, Monte May, Dick Donovan, Roger Caiazza, Skip Enck, Judy Bigelow, Tom Pierson, Peter Hart, Bob Fruitt, Stephen Vaughan, Wayne Henning, Dave Pierce, Tony Mesolella, Kathy Henning, Ed McConnell, Ted Taylor, Dave Wierowski, Tim Guenther, Alan Francis, Randy Taylor, Ken Cameron, and Jim and Sue Henrichs

Status Reports

- Good and Welfare: Bob Hoffman is back in the hospital, fell down the stairs while trying to use his walker, and broke his knee. Alan F says he doubts they will let him go back home this time.
Nelson Gray was going to come out today but he is hooked up to some heart monitors so he decided not to try to visit with all of that. Postponed until August.
- Pop Valve Editor: Roger Caiazza – will get an electronic one out before the open house.
- Pop Valve Publisher: Ted Taylor – everything okay for last edition
- Education: Wayne Henning - Proposed signs: danger live steam HOT; diagram for steam and diesel engines of how they are built; wheel configurations; whistle codes; seating on the cars; and rules. Suggested lanyards with job names: conductors; station master etc. Dave W mentioned children's books that have good illustrations Petersrailway.com
- 7 ¼ Gauge Track: Jeff Baxter and Ted Taylor: Frost heaved the track in some spots, Ted has them all flattened out. Purchased some new switch stands made of plastic.
- Switches: Dave Pierce - all good

- Signals: Bob Fruitt & Dave Wierowski – they are out; tested and at the safety meeting Bob will explain the signals. What if there is no light - STOP
- Club 7 ¼ engines: Randy Taylor – there is an issue with one but it should be working by open house.
- 4 ¾ Gauge Track: Guy Wicksall – made another building and Roger made a station
- Gauge One: Roger Caiazza – Roger would like to thank everyone who has helped get ready for the BTO visit on June 21st and the Gauge 1 picnic. It has been hard work but it looks great. Skip told everyone to wander around and look at everything that has been added.
- Grounds: Jack Wylie – going to cut some of the lower branches that can be reached by small people and thank you to everyone who has been mowing.
- Club House: Dave Wierowski - trim for west window will be done this year
- Engine House: Ed McConnell - Steam water is working and the filter will be changed after the meeting.

Old Business

- Drainage around engine house Ken C – will be connecting to the old line for surface run off around the steam water tank.
- Open house parking: Roger – we will need to leave some parking up by the clubhouse for handicapped visitors.

New Business

- We are looking into a possible tractor to see if it is worth buying. Randy and Jack will look at it if it is still for sale. See following article.

- The board voted to purchase a zero turn mower and sell the current cub cadet.
- Reminder the Big Train Operators will be here Wednesday June 21 and we need people to provide rides for the visitors.
- Fourth of July picnic will be planned by Judy Bigelow, she is planning on having Chicken bar b q. Dinner is at 5pm and all members are invited and members are asked to bring a dish to pass.
- The old water tower has been refurbished by Randy Taylor and Jeff Baxter. It is placed at the south end of the 7 ¼ track.
- Dave W – a) Main line steam #765 is running out of Joliet IL to Chicago next weekend with a lot of private cars. b) There is no new development with the Adirondack scenic railroad. c) Riverside live steamers has a meet the fourth weekend of October the ride runs 20 minutes at 6 mph. They have about 50 steam engines that operate. They run trains without passengers to entice people to be new members. 4) There is DOT information about stopping the Amtrak passenger trains from running. Write your Federal representatives and tell them we cannot afford to have them discontinue that service.

FLLS 50th Anniversary Planning

Susan Caiazza

Reminder that the next meeting is on July 8 following the regular business meeting. We still need chairpersons for the volunteer workers and the program. If you want to help out and chair a committee please contact me.

Tractor Planning

At the June 10th Business Meeting the BOD proposed to have Randy and Jack check out a used tractor which turned out to be such a good deal that it was already sold. Please think about options for the future purchase approach.

The cost difference between a new tractor and a used tractor with low mileage is substantial. However, outright purchase of even a used tractor would still consume the majority of the long-term savings. While we have several knowledgeable people for repair and maintenance, a used tractor would not have a warranty.

If on the other hand we purchased a new tractor with a warranty using a loan then we don't draw down the long term savings completely and we get the advantage of the warranty. The cost of the loan could be incorporated into the fixed costs and dues raised accordingly if necessary. That approach enables us to consider other big ticket items that have not been possible to start given the requirement for a tractor. Another option would be for the club to issue bonds to the membership that would be paid back over time to self-finance a purchase and that would work for either new or used.

These options will be discussed at the next meeting. We would like the general membership to vote on the final choice.

Open House Safety and Operating Rules

Train Engineer responsibilities

- Trains must be separated by a safe distance – twice the stopping distance
- Must be familiar with operating rules and be eighteen years of age or older
- Leave station when Loading Station dispatcher and conductor have signaled that they are ready to leave
- Engineers should blow whistle when leaving the station
- Club diesels have bells – appropriate to use when leaving the station
- If the passenger station platform and the access track is so full that the mainline is blocked then use discretion to take another lap or block main line
- Engineers should try to keep spacing between other trains
- Steam engines should use the left track if possible and must use the left track if the engine needs service

ENGINE WHISTLE SIGNALS

'o' indicates short sound
 '—' indicates long sound

* o	Apply brakes. Stop.
* —	Release brakes. Proceed.
* o o o	When standing, Back.
* — — — o	Approaching grade crossing.
* — — — —	Approaching stations, junctions, RR crossings.
* o o o o	Call for signals.
* — o o o	Flagman protect rear of tr.
* — — — —	Flagman return.
* o o	Answer to any signal not otherwise provided for.
* o o o o o o	Alarm for persons or livestock on the track.

Passenger Hauling Train Conductor responsibilities

- Must be familiar with operating rules and be sixteen years of age or older
- Sit in the last car to watch passengers on train
- No distractions – no phones or texting allowed
- Must have air horn in hand for alarms
- Should be able to help get the train back on the track
- Do not leave train without informing the engineer
- Assist public station staff with loading and briefing the passengers

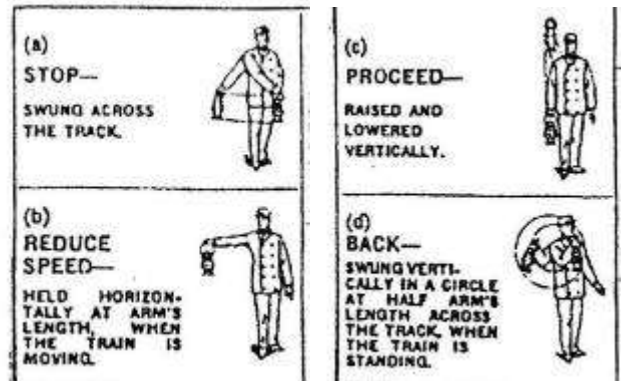
- If there is a derailment or some other mishap, the conductor must go back far enough behind the train to flag any following train to avoid a derailment. Once the following train has stopped, the flagman can return to the train to help the engineer resolve the problem.

Public Loading Station Staff responsibilities

- It is best operating practice to have two people working together at the Loading Station
- Try to be active interacting with our guests
- Load people properly – recommend that you suggest where they sit rather than letting them choose
- Don't allow people to step over one train to get to the other
- Brief passengers on rules for ride
- Coordinate trains leaving station
 - Responsible for proper spacing
 - Establish contact with engineer on trains on bypass so that they wait for passenger trains leaving station

Public Access Crossing Guard responsibilities

- Need two people, one on either side of the track
- Do not allow anyone to loiter between the tracks
- Use a rope across the access to hold people back
- Look both ways before letting people cross
- Extremely important to keep the tracks clear when live steam engines are coming up the hill



FLLS Safety Rules for Visitors and Club Members Operating Their Own Equipment

Operating Trains

- Between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM on Public open house days, all trains must have a flagman with a flag and air horn in addition to the engineer.
- If there is a derailment or some other mishap, the flagman must go back far enough behind the train to flag any following train to avoid a derailment. Once the following train has stopped, the flagman can return to the train to help the engineer resolve the problem.

Engineer responsibilities

- Trains must be separated by a safe distance – twice the stopping distance
- Must be familiar with operating rules
- Steam engines
 - Please get water on the storage yard siding and not the main line
 - There is emergency water available at the woods siding
- Do not operate through the passenger station
- Passenger station bypass stop sign
 - All trains must stop
 - Establish contact with engineers on trains in station or station master for clearance to continue
 - Passenger trains out of the station have the right of way
 - Blow your whistle to make sure the crossing guards have blocked pedestrian traffic

Flagman responsibilities

- Sit in the last car to watch passengers on train
- No distractions – no phones or texting allowed
- Must have air horn in hand for alarms
- Should be able to help get the train back on the track



This location is the only location where you can photograph all three layouts in one shot.



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