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55 YEARS!

President's Message

I want to take a moment to recognize the incredible strength and commitment each of you has shown throughout this tough year. It's no understatement to say that we've faced challenges like never before. Yet, through all of it, one thing has remained clear: we are a club that stands strong, together.

The journey hasn't been easy. We've faced obstacles, but we've also proven time and time again that we can endure. Our shared love for large scale model railroading and the joy we find in our hobby has kept us moving forward, and it will continue to fuel our progress. While the road ahead may still hold uncertainties, I firmly believe that we will come out on the other side stronger and more united than ever. We have faced adversity before, and we have always emerged with renewed passion and determination. This time will be no different. The support, hard work, and commitment that each of you brings to this club is what will carry us through these hard times and onto better days. Let's keep our heads high and continue pushing forward. Together, we will ensure that the spirit of Finger Lakes Live Steamers lives on, stronger and more vibrant than ever.

Thank you for your unyielding dedication to our club. Better days are ahead, and with each other, we will rise above these challenges. Stay strong, stay passionate, and remember—we will endure.

Warmest Regards,
Wayne R. Henning, Sr.
President – Finger Lakes Live Steamers

7-1/4 Video

On September 16th we hosted a field trip from a local Mennonite school. The switches on the 7-1/4 track were set up for an exceptionally long run, using most of the track and some of it in both

directions, by utilizing reverse loops built into the track plan. I had the Shay steamed up for the field trip, so I shot a 22 minute video of the “long run.” You can watch it on my You Tube channel, here: <https://www.youtube.com/user/timbg> or follow this link:

<https://youtu.be/646ZOy64CmQ?si=K49UgDi7Mp6mRQTQ>



PSB3 Design Change

The new storage facility will be built in the Spring of 2025.

It was determined the building needed to be higher because of drainage issues. Doing that with the original design, would mean replacing the transfer table with a lifting design, which we felt was way to expensive.

Jeff Sweet redesigned the interior with 9 tracks on the bottom and 9 tracks directly over the bottom tracks. That is 2 more tracks than we had in the original design. All of the tracks are reserved as of this writing.

Al Francis Sr. created the solution to our problem. We will cut out a section of the upper yard and use a simple transfer table to access the upper tracks. The transfer table will allow

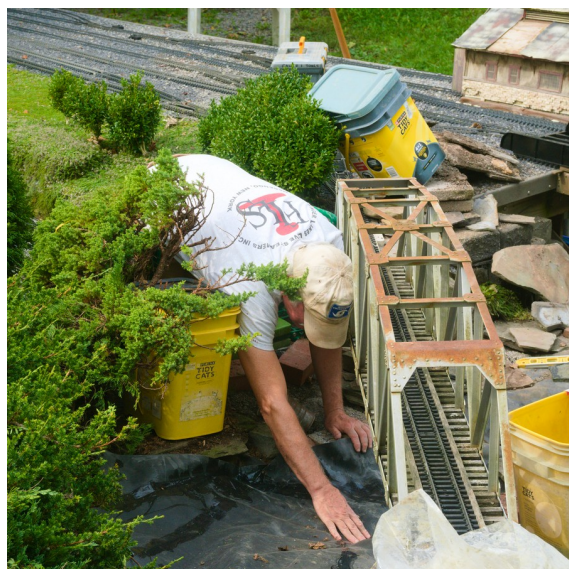
engines to access the steaming bays around the turntable or the yard track to the railroad.

We now have the option of installing man doors in the north end of the building. All train access will be at the south end of the building.

Working on projects at the club



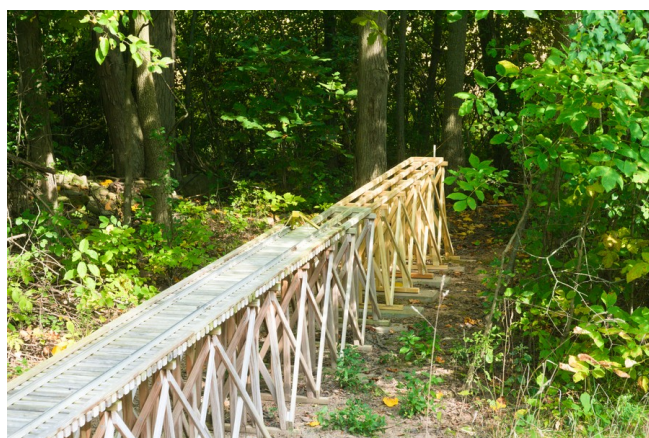
Tim Guenther built a dam out of epoxy putty for the gauge 1 water feature. Water shoots out of two pipes at the base of the dam. The valley behind the dam will be filled in and made to resemble a lake.



Roger Caiazza working on the river bed below the dam.



This stone will create a waterfall into the pond, under the large arch bridge (Roger's work).



Ron Kunst has added more trestle work behind the passenger station.



Kurtis Hooey has converted his engine to burn coal.



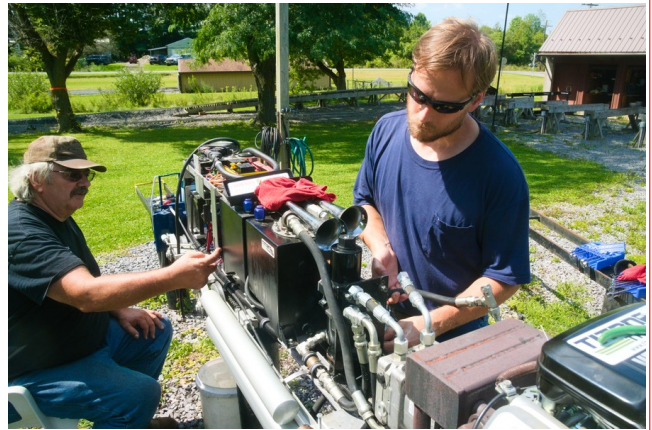
Jeff Baxter has built a switch on Rabbits Run to bypass the passenger station.



Jack Wylie, Jeff Baxter, Randy Taylor and Ted Taylor are building the covered bridge on Rabbits Run.



Trusses for the covered bridge.



Alan Francis II and Bob Fruitt work on a club diesel.



A lot of trees (mostly dead ash trees) have been cut down this year.



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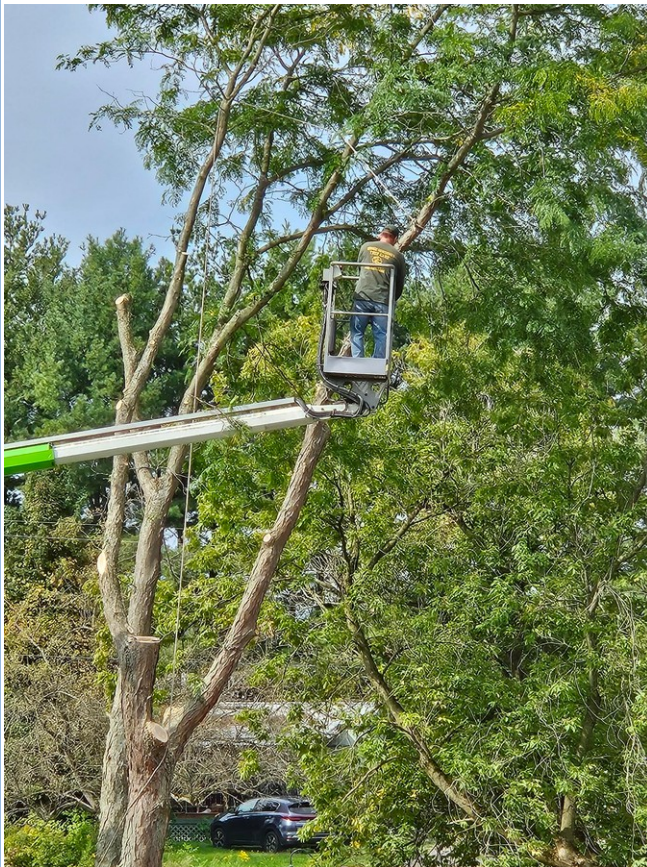


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Seven people from this convention visited our club on Sunday, Sept. 22, 2024.

Potentially fatal virus found in a horse in Wayne County

by WHAM Tue, August 20th 2024 at 8:14 PM

Galen, N.Y. - The Monroe County Department of Public Health is urging everyone to further protect themselves from mosquitoes.

The department says they confirmed a case of a potentially fatal virus in a horse in Galen in Wayne County.

Eastern equine encephalitis is a rare, but serious viral disease spread by mosquitoes that can affect people and horses.

People of all ages are susceptible, but people over 50 and younger than 15 are at greatest risk of acquiring the virus.

Severe cases may begin with the sudden onset of headache, high fever, chills, and vomiting. The disease is fatal to about a third of people who show severe symptoms.

The department says to take precautions to avoid mosquito bites by:

Using insect repellent properly,

Limiting outdoor activities in areas where mosquitoes are most active,

Wear long-sleeved shirts, long pants, shoes and socks,

Repairing or replacing all window and door screens,

Reducing or eliminating all standing water,

Emptying or disposing of pails, cans, flower pots, or similar water-holding containers,

Clearing roof gutters, removing leaf debris from yards and gardens, and cleaning vegetation and debris from the edge of ponds,
Turning over wheelbarrows and wading pools when not in use,

Cleaning and chlorinating swimming pools, outdoor saunas, hot tubs, and drain pool covers,

Changing the water in birdbaths and horse troughs twice a week,

Disposing properly of old tires or any other area that can collect water.

Timetable, 2024

January 13, 2024 - Board of Directors Meeting

February 10, 2024 - Board of Directors Meeting

March 9, 2024 - Board of Directors Meeting and Annual Dinner at The Depot 25 Restaurant, Shortsville, NY

April 13, 2024 - Board of Directors Meeting and Business Meeting at the club.

May 11, 2024 - Board of Directors Meeting, Business Meeting - Steam Up - re-certification 1pm

May 25, 2024 - Club Picnic at 5 pm. Canceled

June 8, 2024 - Board of Directors Meeting, Business Meeting - re-certification 1pm

June 9, 2024 - Garden Railway Club Picnic

July 13, 2024 - Board of Directors Meeting, Business Meeting & Model Railroader Run Day

August 2-4, 2024 - FLLS 55th Anniversary Invitational Meet & Club Dinner 5 pm

August 10, 2024 - Board of Directors Meeting, Business Meeting.

September 7, 2024 - Board of Directors Meeting, Business Meeting (nomination committee set)

September 28 & 29, 2024 - Fall Open House has been canceled.

October 12, 2024 - Board of Directors Meeting, Business Meeting; Blow Down.

October 30, 2024 – Nominations due

November 9, 2024 - Board of Directors Meeting, Business Meeting

December 1, 2024 – Mail in ballots need to be postmarked.

December 14, 2024 - Board of Directors Meeting and Annual Business Meeting with election of officers for 2025

Dates and events are subject to change...

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Good and Welfare Subcommittee / General Membership
Public Relations Subcommittee / Sue Henrichs
Website Subcommittee / Ken Cameron
Social Media Subcommittee / Tom Pierson

Seven and One Quarter Inch Track Committee

Track Subcommittee / Dave Pierce
Facilities Subcommittee / Tony Mesolella
Equipment Subcommittee / Don Jermyn
Signals Subcommittee / Bob Fruitt

Four and Three Quarter Inch Track Committee

Track Subcommittee / Ken Cameron
Facilities Subcommittee / Steve Pontarelli
Signals Subcommittee / Ken Cameron

Gauge One Track Committee

Track Subcommittee / Roger Caiazza
Elevated Track Subcommittee / Kevin Lepel
Storage Building Subcommittee / Rocco Scaptura
Equipment Subcommittee / John Spencer

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Clubhouse Subcommittee / Dave Wierowski
Grounds Subcommittee / Reggie Aceto
Electrical Subcommittee / Dave Wierowski
Workshop Subcommittee / Tim Guenther

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Library Subcommittee / Carl Paulson
Long-Term Planning Committee / Roger Caiazza & Steve Pontarelli

Membership Committee

Membership Subcommittee / Sue Henrichs
New Member Recruiting Subcommittee / Monte May
Merchandising Committee / Kristine Lepel

Membership Applications are available on our website.