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# 55 YEARS!

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## President's Message

As the crisp air of Fall settles in and the leaves begin to paint the landscape in brilliant shades of orange, red, yellow, and then slowly drift from the trees we are reminded of the beauty and transition this season brings. The days are becoming shorter, and there is a familiar chill that reminds us that another season is drawing to a close. The sounds of our trains will soon be quiet as we prepare them for winter storage.

This year has brought us some challenges, both expected and unforeseen, but as always, we have met them with the resilience and camaraderie that make our club special. From our 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to the quiet moments spent trackside, this season has been a reminder of why we come together — to share our love for railroading, to build friendships, and to preserve something truly special.

Looking ahead to the next year, we do so with a sense of renewed hope and optimism. Our passion for large-scale model railroading remains strong, and we will continue to grow and improve as a club. Whether it is restoring engines, maintaining the tracks, or welcoming new members, we are excited for what the future holds. Let us rest this winter, knowing that when spring arrives, we will be ready to bring our tracks back to life, with renewed energy and excitement. Your dedication drives us forward, your passion fuels our mission, and together, we are creating a future full of possibility.

Warmest regards,  
Wayne Henning, Sr.  
President, Finger Lakes Live Steamers

## *Rest in Peace, Skip Enck*



Sherwood "Skip" Enck, most recently of Clinton, NY, died in Fredericksburg, VA on September 28, 2024. An engineer in the mechanical and manufacturing sense professionally and in the model railroading sense as a hobby, he was 84 years old.

Mr. Enck was born in 1940 in Oneonta and raised on a farm in Maryland, NY. From his family and a boyhood spent in the cow pastures and wooded hills of Otsego County, Sherwood developed a lifelong appreciation of nature. He particularly loved the birds and flowers of his home state and shared his love and knowledge of the natural world with friends and family.

After graduating from Clarkson University in 1962, he started working as an engineer at Bendix in Sidney, NY. Twenty years later, he launched Upturn Industries in Trout Creek, NY. The manufacturing company supplied small, precision-machined parts for public safety, transportation, and military sectors. He derived great satisfaction in finding creative solutions to puzzling problems.

Sherwood loved model railroading and worked in several gauges. Through the years, he enjoyed the tiny intricacies of HO locomotives and cars, but his pride was building two live steam locomotives. He gave rides behind these fully

functioning steam engines for several years at the Finger Lakes Rail Club track in Marengo, NY.

Family and friends may call on Saturday, October 19, between 9:00 AM and 12:00 PM at C.H. Landers, Inc. Funeral Chapel at 21 Main St, Sidney, NY. A private interment will follow at St. Peter's Church in Bainbridge, NY. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Finger Lakes Live Steamers Inc., PO Box 141, Palmyra, NY 14522-0141 or your local Habitat for Humanity or food bank.



His years of membership and participation in Finger Lakes Live Steamers were so important to him. The camaraderie, the knowledge learned and imparted, and the days of riding around on his own creations were things that he shared with Donna, me, his whole family, and so many friends. I'm having a good time going through pictures taken at club events or just of so many trains in various stages of build. Model trains were such a big part of his life and I'm so glad he had the opportunity to join your group and share his interests with so many others.

Thank you,  
Melody Crenshaw (*Skip's daughter*)



### ***Worth Watching!***

There are many TV shows featuring trains. My wife and I have been watching Chris Tarrant: Extreme Railways streamed on Amazon Prime. There may be other places to view the series. If you find it, it is definitely worth watching.

Chris Tarrant: Extreme Railways, also known as Chris Tarrant: Extreme Railway Journeys, is a British television documentary series. In the series, Tarrant travels worldwide to visit railways that go through the harshest terrain. He also travels on railways that are some of the world's oldest and most scenic, and finds out their history.

Cuba, Congo, Patagonia, Siberia and Alaska are just a few of the places featured in the six seasons of the series. If passenger trains no longer run in an interesting location, Chris and the film crew get a cab ride on a freight train.

Christopher John Tarrant, is an English broadcaster, television personality, former radio DJ and stand up comedian and a self proclaimed trainaholic. He delivers just the right amount of dry British humor as he navigates the world's railways. The show is part travelogue and part history, but always focusing on the nation's railways.

## Current Projects



Ron Kunst has been extending a trestle into the woods behind the passenger shelter.



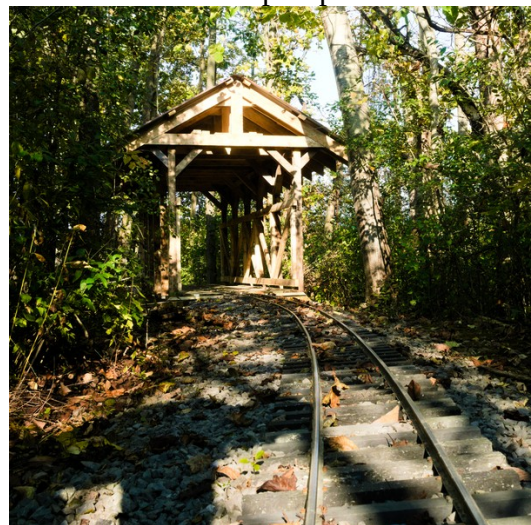
The covered bridge on Rabbits Run is being built by Jack Wylie, Randy Taylor, and Jeff Baxter.



The river on the garden railway has been dammed by Tim Guenther. The “lake” behind the dam is colored epoxy. Real water flows out the bottom of the dam.



Tim bought a 1.25 inch quick disconnect for the connection between the pump and the hose.



Track view on Rabbits Run.

## ***PSB3 Design Change***

The personal storage barn being designed by Pete Hart, Tim Guenther, Alan Francis and Jeff Sweet has been delayed slightly, but will be constructed in the Spring of 2025. Drainage issues required the floor to be raised, but that has worked in our favor. Instead of accessing the building from the steaming bays, both levels will be accessed from the south end of the building. There will be nine tracks on each level. The lower level will exit to a yard ladder which will be nearly level with the track to the railroad. The upper level will be accessed with a transfer table which will intersect a new track between the building and the upper yard. To the north the track will go to the turntable. To the south the track will join the upper yard. The new barn will have two man doors on the north end and three overhead doors on the south end.

Both the upper yard and the mainline are being redesigned by the club's track committee. The mainline will be the inside track as it curves around the north end of the main yard. The existing main track will be a lead to service the new car barn and the existing engine facilities, which will reduce congestion between running trains and hoppers exiting the engine terminal and the new car barn.



The upper yard will Not be cut as shown on the model, rather a new track will be constructed on trestle and fill between the car barn and the upper yard.

The new transfer table will only have the upper track and it will roll on large wheels over the lower tracks which will be recessed (like trolley tracks). There will be a mechanism to guide the table so it will not deviate from its path.

### **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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### **COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

**Safety Committee** / Peter Hart

### **Communications Committee**

Newsletter Subcommittee / Tim Guenther  
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Newsletter Electronic Publisher / Tom Pierson  
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 Saptura  
Equipment Subcommittee / John Spencer

### **Club Infrastructure Committee**

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

### **Education Committee**

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.**