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BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2024

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55 YEARS!

President's Message

As the year winds down, November brings two special holidays that remind us to reflect on gratitude, honor, and service: Veterans Day and Thanksgiving. Both hold unique significance for the Finger Lakes Live Steamers, giving us an opportunity to celebrate and recognize the contributions of many, both on the front lines and on the home front.

Veterans Day: Honoring Those Who Served

Veterans' Day is a special time to honor the bravery and sacrifice of those who have served in the armed forces, and it is a moment to reflect on the profound impact their service has had on our country, our communities, and even our club at Finger Lakes Live Steamers.

At Finger Lakes Live Steamers, we are fortunate to have veterans as part of our club, bringing not just their service stories, but also their discipline, leadership, and passion for working with these magnificent machines. Trains have always held a deep connection with the military, transporting soldiers across the country, and delivering critical supplies during times of war. Our live steam models, though recreational, carry a piece of that history. Every whistle and chug of an engine are a reminder of those brave men and women who have traveled far and wide in the name of service. Some of our members brought that precision and discipline from the military into their love for railroading. Whether maintaining locomotives, designing intricate railways, or helping keep the club's operations running smoothly, their contributions remind us that teamwork and commitment do not stop when the uniform is retired. These veterans continue to enrich our club with the same steadfast resolve that guided them through their military careers. Their stories of service inspire not only gratitude but also the spirit of camaraderie that defines

Finger Lakes Live Steamers. We see that same loyalty and willingness to help at every open house event, in every workday spent tending to the tracks, and in the shared joy of seeing a locomotive in motion.

On this Veterans' Day, we recognize and celebrate those in our club who proudly wore the uniform, defending the freedoms we cherish today. Let us remember the veterans who have passed through the gates of Finger Lakes Live Steamers and let us thank those who are still with us today. Their service to our nation, and their continued service to this club, is something we hold in the highest regard.

To all veterans in our club and beyond, we extend our deepest appreciation. You have stood watch for our freedom, and today we stand in salute to you.

Thanksgiving: A Time to Give Thanks

Finger Lakes Live Steamers is more than just a place for train enthusiasts; it is a family of friends who share a deep love for railroading and craftsmanship. We gather together not just to run our trains, but to enjoy each other's company, support one another, and build lasting memories.

This Thanksgiving, we are grateful for the camaraderie that fuels our club. Whether it is through our open houses, workdays, or simply sharing stories, each member brings something unique to our club. We give thanks for the friendships we have built and the shared love of the rails that bind us.

Let us take this opportunity to express gratitude to every member of Finger Lakes Live Steamers who contributes to the better of our club. Whether you are laying track, working on locomotives, or volunteering your time at events, your efforts are noticed and appreciated.

As we move into the holiday season, let us carry forward the spirit of Veterans Day and Thanksgiving. Let us continue to honor our

veterans and extend our gratitude for the strong and vibrant club we have built at Finger Lakes Live Steamers. Together, we can ensure our club remains a welcoming place where passion for railroading and friendship continues to grow.

Happy Veterans Day and Thanksgiving to all our members and their families!

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

Nominations for FLLS officers for 2025

The slate of officers is the same next year as it stands today. Kevin Lepel is running for the Director position he currently holds as an appointee after Ed McConnell resigned. There are no other changes.

Club Website Fixed

Ken Cameron reports our web hosting company has fixed the domain certificate. The site is happy and not warning people about the out of date certificate anymore. They were having issues with one of their suppliers. Thank you Ken.

The Venice Simplon Orient Express

My wife and I recently viewed a documentary produced in 2015 of The London to Venice Simplon Orient Express. There are several other routes, but the trip to Venice is the most popular and it runs often between March and December. The trip per person in 2025 is 3530 pounds sterling or \$4541.35 at today's exchange rate (November 11, 2024). Here is the website, if you would like to make reservations:

<https://www.orient-express.com>

It is quite a train. The coaches have all been restored from the 1920's and 1930's. There are no showers and you get to share a toilet at the end of

each car with your fellow passengers. Incredible food is included, but the champagne bar is extra. Pack some nice clothes – black tie for men is required at dinner.

PSB3

Work has begun on the Hart/Guenther Personal Storage Barn. On Saturday November 9, Tim Guenther, Peter Hart and Ron Kunst installed 3600 square feet of nonwoven needle punched ground cloth. Ken Sutterby started covering the cloth with number two crusher run to a depth of 3 inches. Doing it this fall, minimizes the possibility of building the structure in a sea of mud next spring. Peter Hart and Tim Guenther have formed a partnership, non profit construction company, doing business as "PSB 3" in Wayne County, so we could obtain a checking account for the purpose of building our storage facility.



Upcoming Vote

At the December business meeting we will not only be voting in the officers for 2025. There is also a proposal to raise the dues. Be sure to read the November business meeting minutes when they are published, for more information.

Tree for Skip

Reggie Aceto is making arrangements to plant a Sycamore tree in memory of Skip Enck. It will be planted adjacent to the ruling grade near the crossing. The club is accepting donations for a metal plaque to be installed near the tree.

FINGER LAKES LIVE STEAMERS 2025 TIMETABLE

January 11, 2025 - Board of Directors Meeting

February 8, 2025 - Board of Directors Meeting

March 8, 2025 - Annual Dinner

April 12, 2025 - Board of Directors Meeting,
Business Meeting

May 10, 2025 - Board of Directors Meeting,
Business Meeting - Steam Up

May 24, 2025 - Social Membership Drive Day &
Club Picnic at 5pm

June 7, 2025 - Garden Railway Club Picnic

June 14, 2025 - Board of Directors Meeting,
Business Meeting

June 15, 2025 - Father's Day Event

July 5, 2025 - Model Railroader Day

July 12, 2025 - Board of Directors Meeting,
Business Meeting

August 1-3, 2025 - FLLS Live Steamers Meet &
Club Dinner at 5pm

August 9, 2025 - Board of Directors Meeting,
Business Meeting

September 13, 2025 - Board of Directors
Meeting, Business Meeting (nomination
committee set)

September 27 & 28, 2025 - Fall Open House
and Saturday Dinner at 5pm.

October 11, 2025 - Board of Directors Meeting,
Business Meeting; Blow Down.

November 1, 2025 - Nominations due

November 8, 2025 - Board of Directors Meeting,
Business Meeting

December 1, 2025 - Mail in ballots need to be
postmarked

December 13, 2025 - Board of Directors
Meeting and Annual Business Meeting
with election of officers for 2026

Dates and events are subject to change...

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*

Director: Dave Pierce

*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

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COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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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 Scaptura

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.***



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