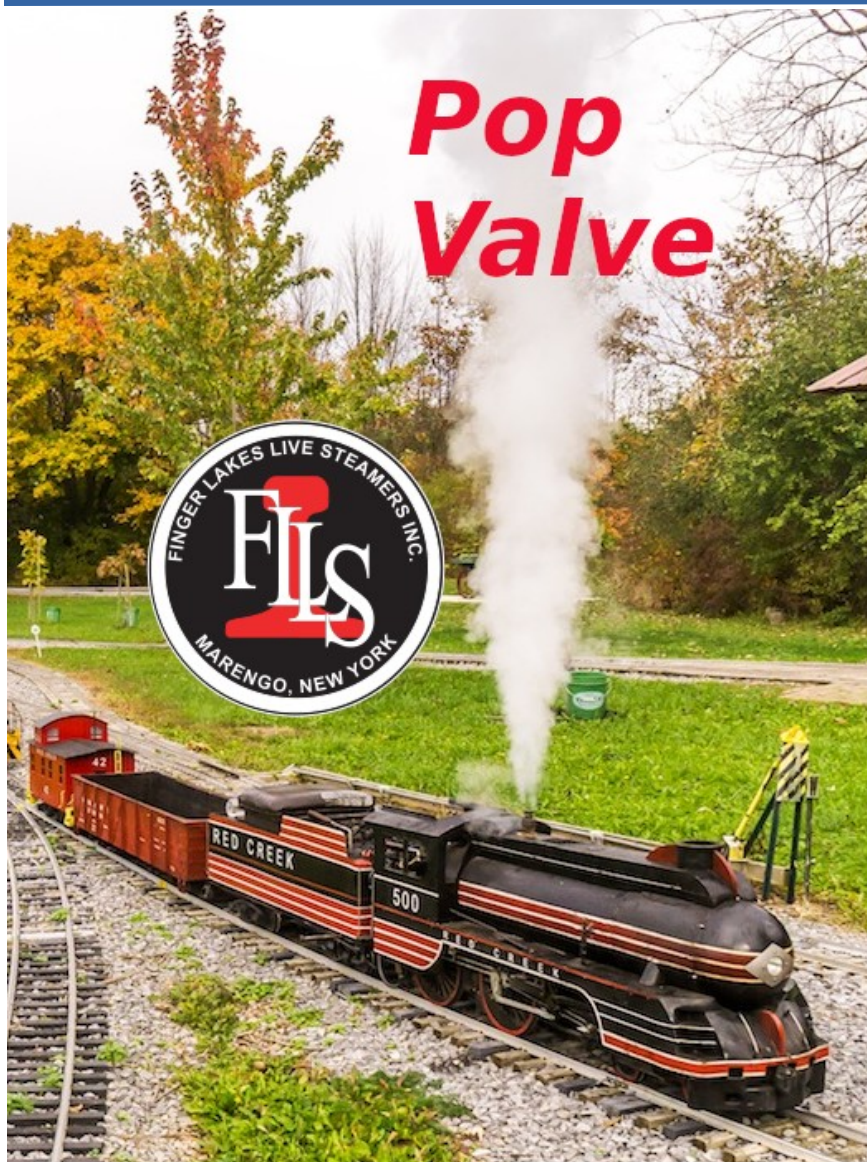
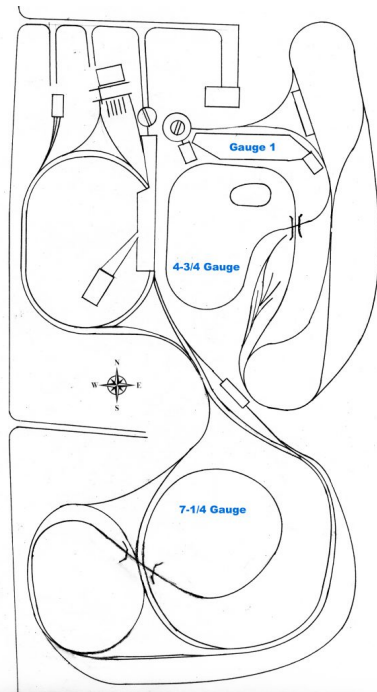




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In memory of Jack Wylie

It is with mixed emotion that we announce the passing of John P. "Jack" Wylie on Wednesday, August 6, 2025.

A retired Industrial Arts Teacher with the Elmira City School District, he shared exceptional skills, unwavering work ethic, and generous spirit for nearly three decades as a devoted member of the Finger Lakes Live Steamers. His commitment to

the club was evident in his many roles on the Board of Directors and his hands-on involvement in maintaining and enhancing our railroad.

Jack's craftsmanship and problem-solving abilities were showcased in numerous projects, from essential repairs to imaginative new additions. Most notably, just two months before his passing, he completed the stunning covered bridge on "Rabbit's Run" along the 7¼-inch track, a beautiful and enduring symbol of his dedication and talent.

Jack's presence at the track was a source of comfort and strength. Always ready to lend a helping hand, offer wise counsel, or simply engage in a warm conversation, Jack's contributions went far beyond his physical work. It was his generous spirit and friendship that truly enriched the Finger Lakes Live Steamers community and made it the special place it is.

Though we mourn his loss deeply, Jack's legacy lives on in the friendships he nurtured, the projects he so skillfully completed, and the commitment he instilled within us all. Every time we cross the bridge on "Rabbit's Run," we will remember Jack, his craftsmanship, his passion, and the joy he found in sharing this beloved hobby with friends.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Jack's family and friends. Thank you for sharing this remarkable man with us. We will honor his memory with gratitude and carry forward the spirit he so generously gave.



President's Message

Large scale model railroading occupies a unique space where engineering precision meets timeless nostalgia. At Finger Lakes Live Steamers, we are privileged to carry forward a tradition that blends the mechanical beauty of steam and the rugged reliability of diesel power, both integral to the living legacy we maintain.

Our steam locomotives, with their rhythmic chuff and rising plumes, remind us of railroading's golden age, an era when iron horses shaped the world. At the same time, our diesel engines bring a different kind of presence; bold, efficient, and emblematic of modern progress. Together, they tell a complete story of how railroading evolved, and how our club honors every chapter. Each locomotive that glides along our rails is the result of careful craftsmanship, ingenuity, and dedication. These engines do more than run, they invite wonder, spark curiosity, and forge connections between generations.

Our mission reaches beyond the rails. We are educators, builders, and ambassadors of a unique hobby that bridges history and innovation. Through public events, volunteer efforts, and member collaboration, we continue to inspire and engage all who visit. I remain proud of and grateful for the commitment shown by our members. Whether you work in steam, diesel, track, electrical, hospitality, or any other part of our operation, your contributions are what keep this organization strong.

Thank you for your continued dedication. Let us continue to preserve the legacy, embrace the future, and celebrate the joy of large-scale model railroading together.

With appreciation,

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

Fancy a Road Trip?



PLS 1994

Jay Forsythe sent this invitation to the FLLS.

We would love to have you visit us at **Pennsylvania Live Steamers** for one or both of our 2 big meets this year.

Labor Day weekend August 28th-31st and

October 24-26th.

7.25", 4-3/4", gauge one and "multi gauge."

PLS

468 Gravel Pike, Collegeville, PA 19426

Phone: (610) 454-0477



PLS 1994

PSB3 Update



On Saturday, August 9th, Tim Guenther, Pete Hart, Alan Francis (Sr.) and Ron Kunst started constructing the “erector set” which will become the bi-level tracks. We will construct all the uprights before we start final assembly.



Packard Car Club.

July 19th, FLLS hosted the Packard Car Club. Four Packards from the 1950's and a 1964 Chevrolet Corvair attended.



**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 8, 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 and Club
Picnic at 5pm*

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

*July 19, 2025 – Packard Car Club visiting FLLS
12 noon*

*August 1-3, 2025 - FLLS Invitational Meet &
Club Dinner at 5pm*

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

*August 22-24, 2025 – Waushakum Live Steamers
70th Anniversary*

*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...

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Safety Committee / Peter Hart

Communications Committee

Newsletter Subcommittee / Tim Guenther
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

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Grounds Subcommittee / Reggie Aceto

Electrical Subcommittee / Dave Wierowski

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Library Subcommittee / Carl Paulson

Long-Term Planning Committee / Roger Caiazza & Steve Pontarelli

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Membership Subcommittee / Sue Henrichs

New Member Recruiting Subcommittee / Monte May

Merchandising Committee / Kristine Lepel

Membership Applications are available on our website.

