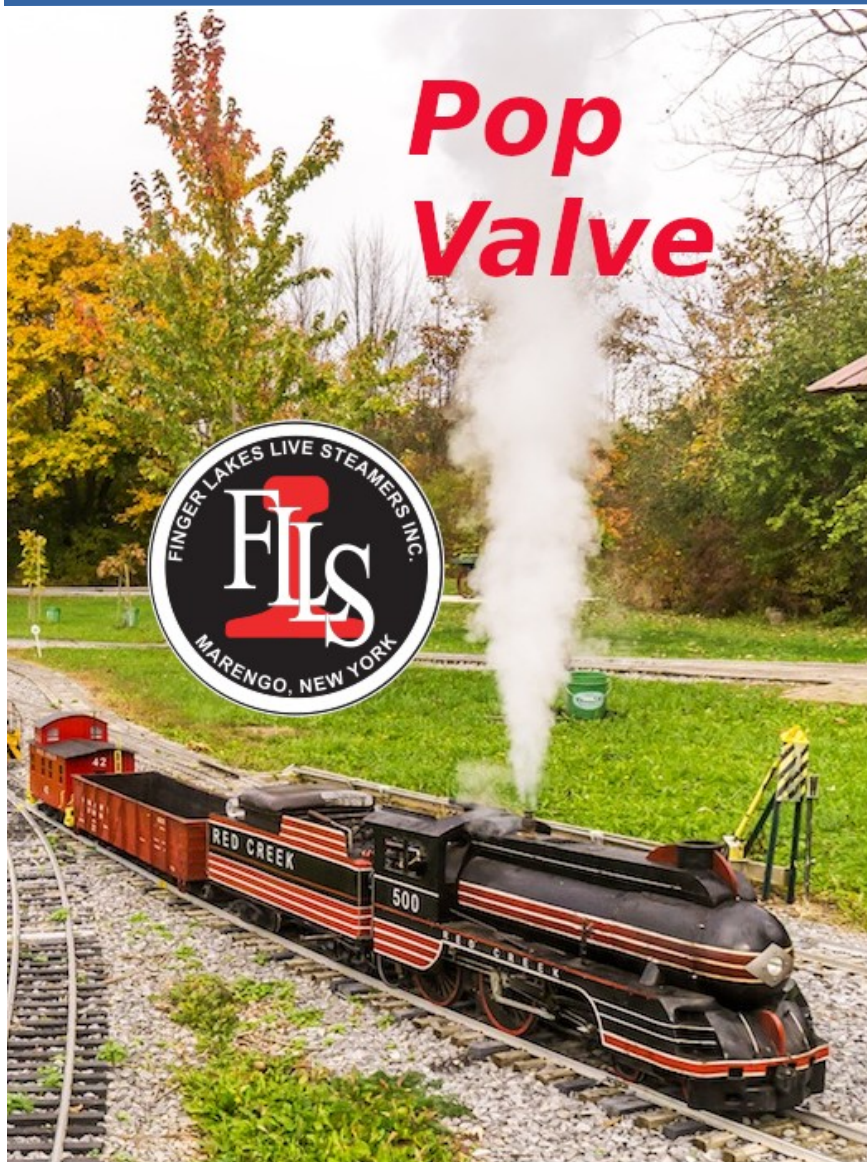
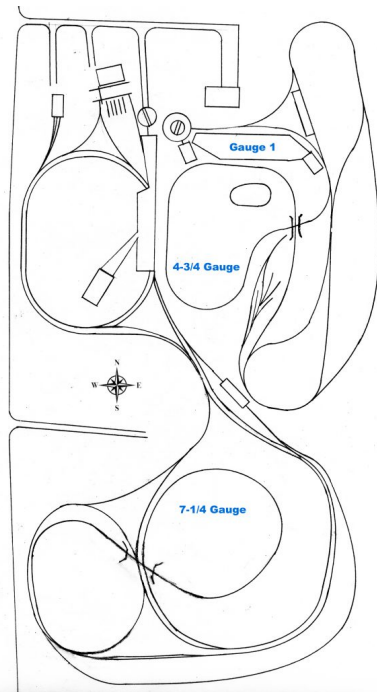




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President's Message

This past July, my wife Kathy and I spent three days in Strasburg, Pennsylvania. One afternoon, we wandered into the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania, a place where time seems to pause among the towering iron giants of another age. As we stepped into the gallery where the great steam locomotives rest in quiet dignity, I noticed an elderly gentleman seated on a bench. His gaze was fixed upon one of the engines, as if he were not merely looking at it, but listening, hearing echoes only he could recall.

Nearly an hour later, as Kathy and I made our way back through the exhibit, I saw him still there, unmoved, lost in that same silent communion. At the time, I passed it off without much thought. But lately, the memory of that gentleman has returned to me, and I cannot help but wonder what stories, what moments of youth and wonder, he was reliving in the presence of that old locomotive.

The following story is what I imagine might have been unfolding in his heart that day.

The King of the Rails

The old gentleman sat quietly on the station bench, his cane leaning close at hand, his gaze fixed on the far stretch of shining rails. Around him the modern station stirred with the restless rhythm of the present, footsteps hurrying, screens glowing, trains arriving with a soft sigh. Yet his heart was not in this moment. It wandered elsewhere, back to the days when the world was moved by fire and steam.

He closed his eyes, and the years melted away. He could feel the heat of the boiler, smell the coal smoke curling into the morning sky, hear the thunder of steel wheels striking the rails. The platform quivered beneath his feet as the locomotive charged forward, proud as any monarch, its whistle splitting the air with a voice that could never be ignored.

How alive those days had been. The station was a place of wonder then, filled with the hiss of steam, the clang of tools, the shouts of porters, and the laughter of children chasing after the sound of adventure. Steam locomotives were not just machines, they were giants, kings of the rails, their iron hearts carrying men and women to new lives, carrying soldiers to duty, carrying families home again.

He remembered how the conductors tipped their caps with dignity, how the firemen shoveled with sweat and pride, how the very earth seemed to hum when the great engines passed. Every journey was a story, every whistle a promise.

Now the trains came quietly, smooth, and efficient, gliding in and out without voice or soul. They carried people swiftly, but without majesty. The world no longer trembled at their passing.

The old man opened his eyes. The present returned, yet he smiled softly. For though the smoke had faded and the giants had long gone to rest, they still lived within him. In his memory, the rails still sang, the whistle still cried, and the king of the rails still reigned.

He tapped his cane gently against the platform, keeping time with that long-ago rhythm only he could hear.

"Long live the king," he whispered, and for a moment, as if the past had leaned close, he could almost see a wisp of steam drifting into the morning air.

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

Fall Open House
September 27 & 28, 2025
Pork Dinner at 5pm on Saturday



Don Jermyn is replacing the old wood ties in front of the club's car barn, with long-lasting plastic ties. He is starting with the switch ties.



PSB3 Progress

The interior of the new storage barn is slowly taking shape. Pete Hart, Tim Guenther, Al Francis (Sr.) and Ron Kunst have been busy most

Saturdays and some Wednesdays building the steel structure we call the "Erector Set."

Dave Wierowski has been installing lights and outlets.

Al Francis (Jr.), Steve Vaughn, Ken Cameron and Kevin Lepel have helped on occasion. The last 3 are not members of the building, so we are grateful for your help! Thank you!

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 Mesoella
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

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

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