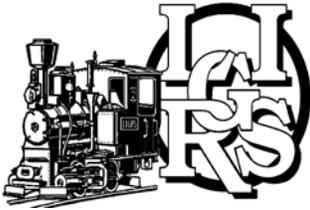


January, 2016

Monthly Meeting
Sunday, January 17th, 2016
Northport Yacht Club
11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.



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25 Years



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY INC

Smoke n' Cinders

Request To All

Smoke n' Cinders Readers

Did you set up a train layout for the holidays? If you did, I'm sure you took plenty of pictures of it!

Please email them to louisesewall@verizon.net. If you do not have digital copies, please mail photos to Louise Sewall (address in the roster), who will scan them for future publication..

January To Do List:

- Attend monthly meetings
- Renew LIGRS Membership
- Collect pull tabs from the top of soda cans and bring to monthly meeting
- Rummage for possible auction items
- Check out the LIGRS Website at www.ligrs.com



2015 Photo Contest Winner

All members who attended the Christmas Brunch were asked to vote for their choice of the 2015 contest winner. The winning photo was taken by Danny Saporito on our World's Fair Commemorative layout. As a prize, he has won 2 tickets for our annual Summer Picnic.

This photo will also be featured on the cover of the LIGRS 2016 Roster.



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2016 LIGRS Meetings & Events Schedule

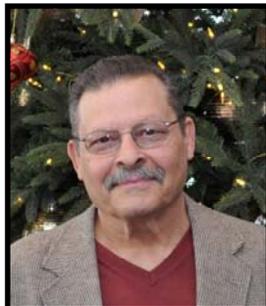
Date	Program/Notes	Time	Place
January 16, 2016	Modular Display	8:30 AM	Bethpage High School
January 17, 2016	BOD meeting	9:00 AM	Northport Yacht Club
January 17, 2016	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Northport Yacht Club
February 13, 2016 SATURDAY	Monthly Meeting/Auction	11:00 AM	Northport Yacht Club
March 20, 2016	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Northport Yacht Club
April, 2016	Ground Display in Lieu of mtg	TBA	Planting Fields Arboretum
May 15, 2016	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Steve Borakowski
June 18, 2016	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Karl Wagner
July 17, 2016	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Tom Rizzo
August 27, 2016	Open House	11:00 AM	Mike Kmeth
August, 2016	Summer Picnic	TBA	TBA
September 18, 2016	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Ed Assaf

From The Cab



At this moment I am sitting in the Cradle of Aviation writing my column and listening to Ed and Dan's steam engines running around the great layout our members put together.

This year we have three new additions. Lou Cortese built a beautiful two module scene of hills, cliffs and a valley with tons of hand made trees. It includes two girder bridges supported by stone columns. A work shack with smoke coming out of the chimney. And many other little features that you would really need to see in person. Bruce Kropp also did a single module of a grass and tree covered scene with a German beer house and a working water fountain. Both members did a great job on their modules, with many compliments from both our members and the public.



The third addition is something that has been in the works for several years. Dan and Karl have been talking about putting a staging area that will be used for setting up a train and then running them in and out on to the main line. Dan with a little help from several members completed the job yesterday. We now have three staging tracks on three narrow tables, soon to be extended. The

staging area includes one extra module included on the main display. With the four extra modules this is the largest display yet exhibited at the Cradle of Aviation. We ran out of "C" clamps, track clamps, and jumper wire, extending setup time by one half a day. Since then the trains have been running as smooth as silk for over a week without a single mishap.

Also, I would like to thank Susan Cortese for starting the procedure to get our picture and schedule in the Newsday Weekly Planner. I hope you all got to see some of our modules in the New York Minute that was broadcast on channel Five News Wednesday night. It only lasted thirty seconds, but it was nicely done. And, I want to thank Ray Shelton and Louise Sewall for getting us started on Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/LIGRS.Inc/>

Thank you to all of those members that helped make this the largest and most exquisite display SO FAR. I want to wish you, one and all a Very Healthy and Happy New Year.

Tom Rizzo

In Memory of Edie Marksohn

Member Edie Marksohn, died peacefully at her home in Oyster Bay Cove, NY on December 9th, 2015 at 101 years of age surrounded by her loved ones. Pre-deceased by her husband of 65 years, Walter Marksohn. Edie was the co-founder of the WE Transport bus company -- a pioneer in the transportation of children with special needs. The company, which began on Long Island in 1959 with the family station wagon, has grown to over 1,600 buses while employing more than 2,300 people in multiple states. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations in her memory be made to St Jude (stjude.org), The Smile Train (smiletrain.org), or any [charity of your choice](#) .



Many LIGRS members remember visiting their home and viewing their 2 wonderful indoor layouts.

REMINDER:

A link to our Proxy Form can be found on the home page of our website, LIGRS.org. If you are unable to attend any monthly meeting, please be sure to fill one out and give to our president or a BOD member to ensure a quorum so that an official business meeting may be held.

This and That

This year's super 50/50 winner, drawn at the Christmas Brunch, was Rick Bishop. Congratulations to him and thank you to everyone who participated in the raffle.

NEW! NEW!

All members with Facebook accounts, please check out our new LIGRS Facebook Page. Once you log into your account, search for Long Island Garden Railway Society, Inc. or just go directly to <https://www.facebook.com/LIGRS.Inc> (Page can be seen even if you don't have a FB account.) You will find our public displays entered as "Events" that you can share with *your* Facebook friends or directly invite them to attend. Thanks to Ray Shelton for the idea.



LIGRS Website — New Look

Take the time to check out our website at LIGRS.com

Our provider has again changed the software that can be used to update and populate pages, forcing us to completely recreate the site. Hope you like the new look. Navigation is really only slightly different.

Some pages had to be combined due to restrictions on the number of pages permitted without incurring additional charges (e.g. the "Home" page and the "Officers & Contact Us").

The photo album app has been improved, we think you will like it. Take a look at the "Photo Contest Winners" page. There are a number of "views" available.

The password for the "Members Only" page remains unchanged. Ask a BOD member or other staff member if you have forgotten the password.

What is a Proxy and why is it necessary?

In order to conduct official club business such as the nominations for officers, the club needs a quorum of 35 members to conduct such business. A completed proxy enables you to participate in voting on club business without being present at the meeting, but still be included towards the required quorum by authorizing another member in good standing to vote your position. This member could be your spouse, another member, a Director at Large or other officer who is willing to cast your vote as instructed on your behalf as though you were present via a completed proxy in their physical possession. This will ensure that there is a proper representation of the membership deciding club business at the meeting.

Proxy form may be downloaded from our LIGRS website.

Tom's Photo Puzzle (will be back next month)



Photo Puzzle Solutions



1. Back next month

Annual LIGRS February Auction at Northport Yacht Club



Start off the new year by coming down to the **Saturday Feb. 13** LIGRS meeting at **11:00 am**, and join the entire auction team for another great LIGRS Annual Auction.

Consider assisting Bob Russo as an alternate auctioneer.

Don't have room for all of those new trains? The LIGRS Annual Auction is the perfect solution. So clean out the attic, closet, basement and/or garage and bring all those unwanted train related items to February's Annual LIGRS Auction or donate them to the club. Watch the LIGRS auction team perform its

magical alchemy by transforming those excess trains into cash.

For our train challenged members, clean out that bank account and watch the auction team transform those greenbacks back into magnificent trains. The auction is a wonderful event that combines aspects of ***Let's Make A Deal, The Price Is Right*** along with a bit of ***Family Feud***. Come down early and lend a hand logging in auction items, become a "**Vanna**" for a day by displaying items or help out with the auction items. Please contact Bob Sewall at (516) 541-4837 if you can lend a helping hand at the auction.

Attention Sellers: Anyone planning to auction 12 or more items, please contact Bob Sewall to arrange to pre-register your items before the date of the auction meeting. (not the day of the auction)

This Month's Photo Contest Winner

This winning photo of a busy train station was taken by Danny Saporito on the Cortese's layout.

Get your photos in for next month's contest!



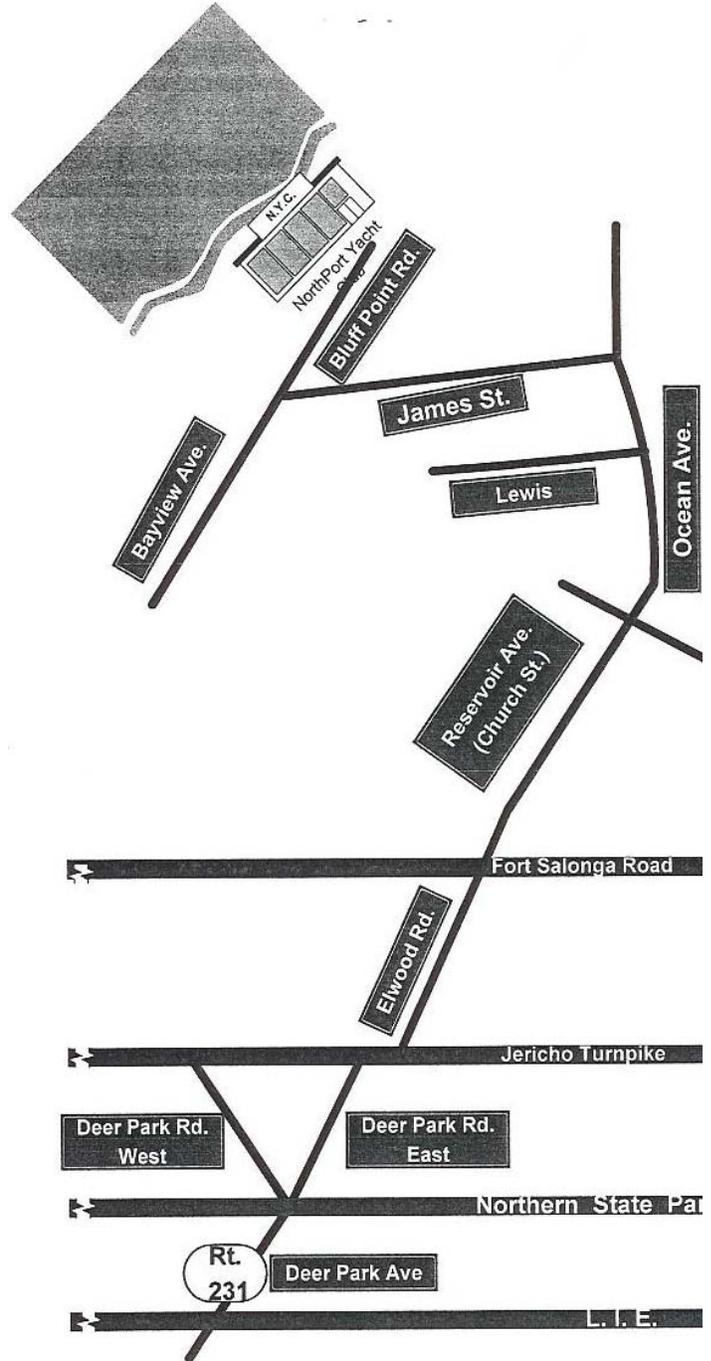
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Turn by turn directions:

Take the LIE or Northern State Parkway to Deer Park Ave (Rte. 231) north. Bear right onto Deer Park Road East. Merge onto Jericho Tpke. (Rte. 25) and make the next left onto Elwood Road. Elwood changes into Reservoir Road and then into Ocean Ave. Make a left on James Street and follow to Bluff Point Road and make a right. Northport Yacht Club is on the left.

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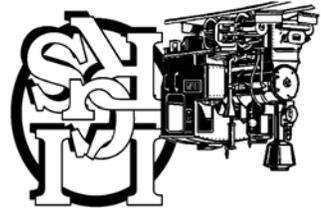
Why not renew your membership to LIGRS before the busy holiday season? Individual memberships, the 1st member of a household, are \$40 per year. Family Memberships for members over 18 years old are \$15 for **EACH** additional member in the same household. Please send a check made out to **Long Island Garden Railway Society** (full name please as the bank frowns on "Pay to the Order of LIGRS") for the appropriate amount to:

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Happy 2016!