

March 2016

**Monthly Meeting  
March 20th  
Northport Yacht Club  
11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**



**Celebrating  
25 Years**



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY INC

# Smoke n' Cinders



## ARBOR Day Festival In April



**Think about coming out and supporting the LIGRS layout! Volunteers are needed.**

Since 1987 Planting Fields, in Oyster Bay, has commemorated national Arbor Day with a festival of fun-filled educational activities and entertainment. Kids of all ages can see a wildlife show, go on a tree treasure hunt or nature walk, and participate in nature activities. Enjoy storytelling, musical performances, nature crafts and attend tree planting ceremonies .

Arbor Day Festival is presented by the Planting Fields Foundation in cooperation with the NY State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

**Set up Fri, April 29th 8:30am, Festival April 30th to May 1st**

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## 2016 LIGRS Meetings & Events Schedule

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Date	Program/Notes	Time	Place
March 20, 2016	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Northport Yacht Club
April 16, 2016	BOD	10:00 AM	Nick Guarino's
April 30-May1, 2016	Ground Display in Lieu of mtg (setup 4/29 8:30 AM)	TBA	Planting Fields Arboretum
May 15, 2016	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Steve Borakowski
June 11, 2016	Club Anniversary Celebration		Essex Dinner Train, CT (see page 6)
June 18, 2016 SATURDAY	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Bob Gibney
July 17, 2016	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Tom Rizzo
August 20, 2016	Summer Picnic	11:00 AM-3:00 PM	LI Live Steamers, SouthHaven Park
August 27-28, 2016	Railfest	TBA	Riverhead, Railway Museum Of Long Island
September 18, 2016	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Ed Assaf
October 16, 2016	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Rich McGorty
November 13, 2016	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Northport Yacht Club

## From The Cab



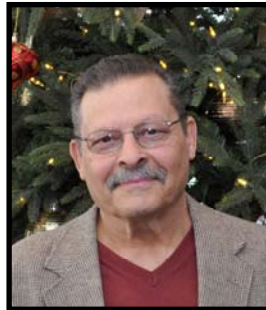
Believe it or not spring will be here in two weeks. I thought that you all might want to know what we are planning for the upcoming good weather

Our past ground displays at Planting Fields, and Bayard Cutting have been “great” and truly appreciated by the public. We are fortunate enough to have some very creative members that envision some very interested layouts, and to have so many hard working support members. The one weak link in our displays is the trestle element. We are running trains on tracks that are unsupported bent to bent. A couple of guys suggested that we should think about going back to a plywood roadbed like we used to use several years ago. The problem with the roadbed that we used was the way they were designed. The straight were too long and storing the curved roadbeds were a horror. By the end of a couple of seasons they were broken and unuseable. After some discussion on the pros and cons we came up with a roadbed that will serve our needs in a very functional way, with easy storage. At this point in time they are all made, and all we need to do now is to paint them, and make the box that they will be stored in. I would like to thank Frank Clemente for the use of his garage and his generous hospitality. And a thank you to the guys that took the time and talent to construct them.

The other thing I would like the female members of the club to think about is having another “fairy garden” display at Planting Fields this coming Arbor Day, at the end of April, beginning of May. Until Judy can get in touch with Andrea Backe to see if she is interested in chairing the committee again, Judy will start making a list of interested parties. Please E-Mail her ([judyrizzo95@me.com](mailto:judyrizzo95@me.com)) if you will be participating, and how many items you will be displaying. I hope that

we can get the same members interested, and hopefully a few more.

At our October meeting I asked for a show of hands for how many members would be interested in going on the Essex Dinner Train. There was an overwhelming show of interest. A couple of days ago I saw Dan, and he said that he only had about ten members that have made reservations. If you know if you will be going PLEASE, let Dan know that you will be coming and get your reservations in. All the information you need is on page 6 of this issue. It was a really enjoyable time had by all on our last excursion. Hope to see our dining car filled with LIGRS members.



Tom

### Editor's note:

**Please put together any of your memories of the early days of our LIGRS club. In honor of our 25th anniversary memories are being printed in the newsletter this year. (see page 8 for this month's memories by Peter Conte.)**

## You are invited to the National Garden Railway Convention

July 4th—10th, 2016

The Bay Area Garden Railway Society (BAGRS) invites you to the San Francisco Bay Area to attend the 32nd Annual National Garden Railway Convention! Register at their website <http://www.ngrc2016.org/>

Check out their Facebook page for more information and lots of photos.

<https://www.facebook.com/NGRC2016/?fref=ts>





## LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY INC.

### MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING FEBTUARY 13, 2016

President Tom Rizzo asked that we have a moment of silence for all the Men and Women who are serving this country and especially for those who lost their lives protecting our freedom. Also, please keep in your prayers the families of Bob Mangelsdorf and Paula Clemente who have passed in the past month.

President Tom Rizzo asked that the meeting be opened @ 12:00 PM. A motion was made by Mike Kmeth, seconded by Kurt Paschke to open meeting being held at Northport Yacht Club. We had 32 members present and 9 proxies. President Tom Rizzo asked then for a motion to forego the reading of the January 17th meeting minutes. Rich McGorty made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Bob Garruba.

**Financial report** No report this month, but if you have any questions please contact Bob Sewall and he will be happy to answer your questions.

**Membership report** was given by Karl Wagner. We have no new members this month.

**Public Relations Committee** Ray Shelton had brought to the last BOD about starting a junior membership with maybe a small fee or none at all. A show of hands from the general membership showed an interest in this. It was asked that the board come up with some rules or guidelines.

**Raffles-** see Richie for tickets for the Gas Station and Barn to be drawn at the Club picnic in August. Also see Richie for the Super 50/50 tickets to be drawn at the Club's Christmas Brunch and the regular 50/50 for today..

#### Shows and events:

**Boy Scout Show** March 5<sup>th</sup> @ 8AM at the Westbury United Methodist Church 265 Asbury Avenue (at the corner of Post Ave. and Asbury) Westbury, New York 11590

**Freeman Railway** Clean-up Date & Time to be announced next month.

**Planting Fields Arboretum Arbor Day Festival-** April 30<sup>th</sup> & May 1<sup>st</sup>, setup Friday 29<sup>th</sup> @ 10AM Tom asked that everyone try to be a part of this annual event. There is no official meeting in April

**Picnic** – The LILS have us on their calendar for our picnic August 20<sup>th</sup> picnic. Our Committee Chairperson is Bob Russo. Please contact Bob if you want to be part of his team and help with this year's picnic.

**Railfest** This year the dates are August 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> at RMLI in Riverhead. We will be running trains both days on the Freeman Railway.

**Queens Botanical Garden-** A dinner is being held Feb 29 time 4pm-7pm. Tickets are \$60.00 each Please see Dan Saporito or the QBG web site.

**Photo Contest** – A link to the Photo contest rules is at the bottom of the LIGRS home page. Congratulations to Richie McGorty and Tom Rizzo for this month's two winning photo. Please get your cameras out and send your pictures to Louise Sewall

**Club Library** - Please email Nick Guarino if you see something you would like to borrow from our collection. A tab to the library is on our home page. We have some new items available, so talk with Nick.

**Club Merchandise** - Please see Georgiana & Steve Gaherty for club items for sale, shirts, jackets, hats & DVDs.

**Aluminum Can Tabs** - Please continue help Ronald McDonald House by collecting the Aluminum tabs, use a magnet to make sure they're not steel and see Red Morgan or the Wagner's when you bring them.

**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** Coffee Cups are being ordered, Anniversary train ride will be Saturday, June 11 on the Essex Dinner Train. Dinner & Train ride is \$80 per person. Checks to be made out to Long Island Garden Railway Society, Inc. Please select your Entrée and mail your selection and check to Dan Saporito.

#### New Business

We have an invitation to the National Garden Railway Convention in San Francisco between July 4<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Their Facebook page and website will be found on our website and in the next issue of Smoke n' Cinders.

As we are always interested in seeing what members have done with this hobby, if you have something you would like to demonstrate, see or e-mail Rich McGorty or Tom Rizzo.

50/50 was won by member George Wecklein. George received \$17.00 and the club received \$18.00

Next meeting- March 20<sup>th</sup> @ Northport Yacht Club

Joe DiBenedetto made a motion to close the meeting seconded by Bruce Kropp. Motion approved. Meeting ended @ 12:30 PM.

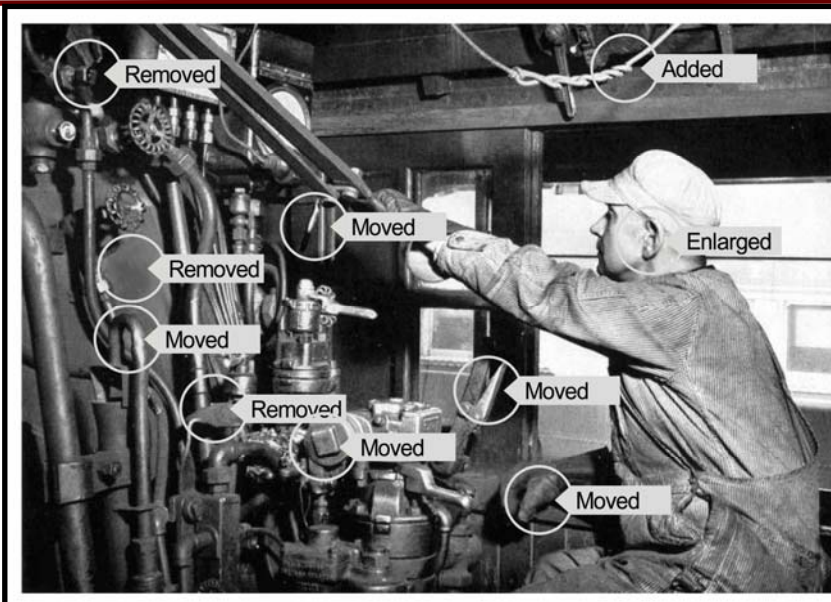
Respectfully Submitted,

Karl Wagner for Nick Guarino, Secretary

Tom's Photo Puzzle (10 solutions on next page)



## Photo Puzzle Solutions



How do you like this new method of displaying the solutions?

## Monthly Photo Contest Winner!



This month's winning photo was taken by Tom Rizzo of a breakdown on the bridge located on his



Sandy River & Penny Copper RR.

## Club Anniversary Dinner Train



Join us as we celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> year on board the Essex Dinner Train Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup> 2016. The train boards at 6:30 pm and departs at 7 pm, returns at 9:30 \$80. per person includes meal, tax and meal service gratuity and train fare. Alcoholic beverages and soda are a separate cost and payable onboard, a gratuity for these beverages is customary (tea, coffee and glasses of water are included with dessert). This is a self-drive trip is about 3 hours driving time to Essex. Please mail your reservation check for \$80. Pp payable to

**Long Island Garden Railway Society, Inc. to Dan Saporito, 104 Sheffield Ave. West Babylon, NY 11704 (Checks must be received by May 25<sup>th</sup>) (Please include your dinner choices.)**

## In Fond Memory of Bob Mangelsdorf



Bob is sorely missed by all LIGRS members. After moving back to Long Island he was always seen participating in club meetings and displays, both indoors and outdoors.

As noted in our Veteran's Salute column in November, Bob served in the Army from '44 to '46.

Again our condolences to his family.



## Annual Auction



Thanks to all who made our annual auction such a success! Even with the single-digit temps. outside and the waters outside whipped to almost ocean-like activity all were warm and happy to participate.

Many thanks to our past president Ed Assaf who stepped up to do a great job as auctioneer.

Link to more photos, courtesy of Rich McGorty.

<https://ligrs2016events.shutterfly.com/>

## For This Year's Summer Picnic Raffle



These attractive structures, barn and gas/service station, donated and built by Steve Borakowski are this year's Summer Picnic raffle prizes. Tickets may be purchased from Richie McGorty.

## Chic Chat Corner



### Attention all "Fairy Gardeners"

No sooner had this "Queen" of procrastination finally put away her fairy garden "stuff" then Tom asked if the "girls" might join the "boys" set up at Planting Fields on April 30<sup>th</sup> as well as Bayard Cutting Arboretum in October. We were such a hit last year - Its was a great event!

Our trusty leader Andrea Backe is away in Florida, but the team could think about this venture, and make a plan. If you think that you might be interested, please call or E-Mail me. ((631) 470-2217, [judyruzzo95@me.com](mailto:judyruzzo95@me.com)). I am a real novice at this so I will try to reach Andrea and discuss her role in the displays. If you might be interested in joining in with us you are welcome.

Let me know-Ideas welcome too.

Judy

P.S. I stopped by Fort Hill Nursery at 188 E. Main Street, Huntington, to check out their new Fairy Garden. They have lots to look at in accessories, and good prices. (I think)



## LIGRS Memories



While waiting for a repair on dental equipment at a firm located on Smith Street in Farmingdale, I decided to take a walk to occupy time, and came upon a store front - THE TRAIN SHOP. On display were these "HUGE TRAINS" that were totally unfamiliar to me. G scale.

Entering, I picked up all the literature I could carry, because I simply had to have what was displayed.

No basement, attic, or garage space to accommodate this newly acquired treasure. Fashioned a table I could lift up/down (think garage door, yes on a track with a hand crank and cable from the ceiling to lift and lower it).

Fast forward, while discussing hobbies with a patient, model trains were mentioned and she had a friend who knew Ray Shelton. We were introduced by a phone call.

My first LIGRS meeting was at Bob Gibney's. I did not know a single person present, nor did I know about G scale or that you could run them in a garden.

Hard to believe, but I won the 50/50 that day and I still think it was a set-up. Everyone was friendly, cordial and willing to answer any and all questions

Anything I know about the hobby was gleaned from this unique talented group.

Pete Conte



## Monthly Meeting March 20th

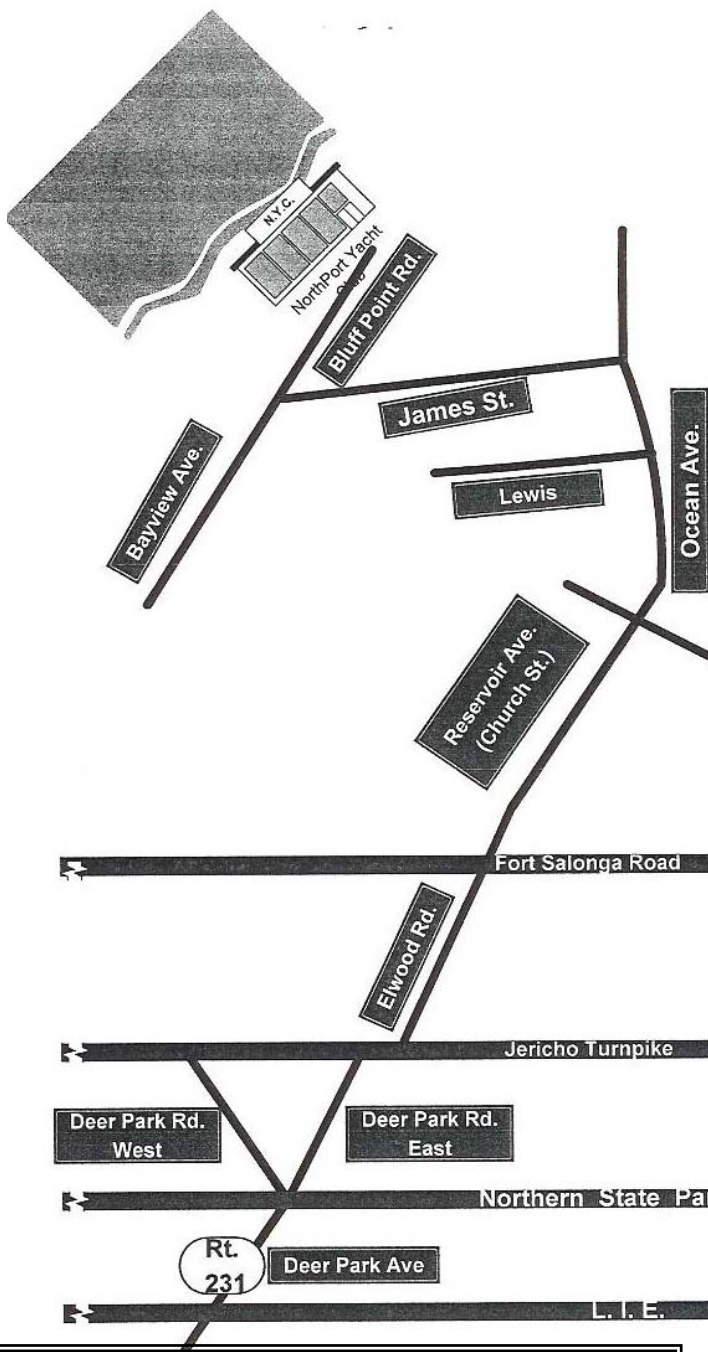
### Turn by turn directions:

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, then Church and finally 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. 631-261-7633



### REMINDER:

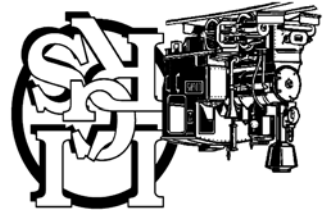
A link to our Proxy Form can be found on the home page of our website, LIGRS.org. If you are unable to attend any monthly meeting, please be sure to fill one out and give to our president or a BOD member to ensure a quorum so that an official business meeting may be held.



### 2016 Dues Reminder

Please remember to renew your membership to LIGRS. 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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St. Patrick's Day is an enchanted time - a day to begin transforming winter's dreams into summer's magic. ~Adrienne Cook

**Happy St. Patrick's Day!**