

February 2018

Monthly Meeting and
Annual Auction
Saturday, February 17th, 2018
Northport Yacht Club
11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.



Annual LIGRS Auction

See LIGRS.org for a link to the auction rules
(or see page 9 in this issue)



Volunteers needed. Try a hand, or is it voice, at being an auctioneer. If you're bashful, you can still 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)

Monthly Photo Contest Winner



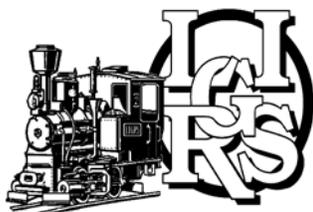
This month's winning photo, was taken by Karl Wagner at the Cortese's.

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2018 LIGRS Meetings & Events Schedule

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Date	Program/Notes	Time	Place
February 10, 2018	BOD meeting, Special	10:00 AM	Frank Clemente
March 3, 2018 setup 8:30 am	Table Top Display	11:00 AM-3:30 PM	Westbury Scout Show, United Methodist Church
March 11, 2018	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Northport Yacht Club
April, 28-29 2018 Set up 4/27 8:30am	Ground Display	11:00 AM — 4 PM	Planting Fields Arboretum
May 5, 2018	Cleanup	10:00 Am	Freeman RW, LI RR Museum of LI Riverhead
May 19, 2018 <u>Saturday</u>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Dino & Kornelia Zillic
June 16, 2018 <u>Saturday</u>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Andrea Bache
July 15, 2018	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Nick & Eileen Guarino
August 18, 2018	Summer Picnic	11:00 AM	LI Live Steamers
August 25-26, 2018	Railfest	10:00 AM	RR Museum of LI, Riverhead
September 16, 2018	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Danny Saporito
October 21, 2018	Monthly Meeting	11:00AM	Bob & Roseann Garruba
November, 2018	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	TBA

View From The Cab



This past Sunday, January 21, 2018, we had our first meeting of the year. Turnout was very good, 38 members in attendance, and I believe, 9 proxies. I felt it was a rather long and intense meeting, due to the subject matter. For those that were in attendance I'm sorry for the repeat. Hopefully those that did not attend and those members we never see will read this.

I talked about the shows we recently had, Sayville, Daisy Garden, Clark Garden, The Cradle of Aviation and Bethpage. Daisy Garden was a self-running set-up during which time we did not need to have members in attendance during its operation, thanks to Dan and Nick's design. Daisy Garden was very appreciative. They made a \$400 donation to the club. The other setups required a good sized crew to set up and some required a little less to run. The bottom line is that we could have more members participating. More members are needed to bring their trains to run on layouts. Also volunteers are needed to help sell raffle tickets. Some days at the Cradle, I could not get there early, and when I did arrive no one was at the raffle table. In that time frame the club lost I guess between \$40 and \$75.

Keep in mind the raffle has proven to be a good fund raiser for the club as well as hands on experience for the little people that win the set. Hopefully they'll love trains like we all do and continue this interest. The club membership is getting older and stiffer, making setups slower and more difficult for some of us. It is getting closer to the time that we will need to make some changes in the future as to the numbers and types of displays that we do. We are displaying more table top layouts which are quicker and easier. One ground layout may not happen this year (Bayard). We don't have the VA anymore, and next year Bethpage is very questionable, there was very low public attendance this year.

Club member Ray Shelton gave a talk on the very subject of the club's aging member and the need for more participation from club members. Ray gave an



example of what membership needs to do. He paraphrased J.F.K. "It's not what the club can do for you, rather what you can do for the club!" I personally like the large modular and ground layouts but I must admit that I do have difficulty getting up from the ground.

There are some other phenomena that are affecting all clubs, and our society in general is called the Millennial generation. They think and act differently than other generations. When you read articles like "Will millennials kill Costco?" you know we're in trouble! It could be one of the reasons that we and other clubs are having trouble attracting new members.

If anyone has any suggestions, please talk with one of the board members. The board will have an unplanned board meeting on February 10th to discuss the above issue.

(see previous page for information)

Now for some talk that is happier.

Remember the big day, **Saturday February 17th** is our auction. Bring train items to sell and money to buy! It is a fun day for all.

Club member Ginny Reilly will give a presentation at our **March 11th** meeting. Subject matter will be on gold mining in the Cripple Creek Mining District, which is in the Colorado Rockies. This will include the various train routes and railroad companies that all endeavored to take gold out. The Cripple Creek Mining District had two standard gauge lines and one 3 ft. narrow gauge line.

Mike Kmeth

SPRING IS COMING

Steve Borokowski has created a short video of a train running on his backyard layout in the Spring. Go to our webpage LIGRS.com to the LIGRS Photo Gallery and members' layouts tab to find the link.

2018 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, Inc.** (full name please as the bank frowns on "Pay to the Order of LIGRS") for the appropriate amount to:

Tom Rizzo
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From the Secretary January Meeting Minutes



LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY INC. MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING January 21, 2018

President Mike Kmeth asked for a moment of silence for member John Barnes who passed away shortly before Christmas, member Tom Dunn who passed away suddenly two weeks ago and support for his wife Linda and son Joe, and for the Men and Women who are serving this country and especially for those whose lives were lost protecting our freedom.

President Mike Kmeth asked that the meeting be opened @ 11:58 AM. A motion was made by, Bob Russo seconded by Chip Sulsenti to open the meeting. We had 38 members present, 9 proxies. We have a quorum.

Welcome to a new year and our January meeting here at the Northport Yacht Club.

President Mike then asked for a motion to forego the reading of the November 19 meeting minutes. Tom Rizzo made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Chip Sulsenti. The motion passed.

Mike welcomed back all Club Board members who were voted in unanimously Bob Russo, Bob Sewall, Tom Rizzo, Lou Cortese, and Pat Russo

Treasurers' report was given by Bob Sewall. Bob read the Annual Report of the Board of Directors of the Long Island Garden Railway Society, Inc. for the 12 month's Fiscal period ending September 30, 2017. Bob then gave the First quarter 2017-2018 report. Starting balance \$5,118.99 ending balance \$5,986.03. Should anyone have any questions about the club finances and reports, please contact Bob and he will be happy to answer any questions you have.

Membership report was given by Tom Rizzo. No new members, but Tom was still collecting dues today for 2018

Program Directors report – Nick Guarino stated that all of next year's open house meetings have been filled and they are; May (Dino Zillic), June (Andrea Bache), July (Nick Guarino), September (Dan Saporito), October (Bob Garruba). Nick also stated that a

card will be distributed or mailed with all the club function dates to put on your refrigerator as a reminder.

Module Coordinator- Thank you to Dan Saporito for being the Coordinator but he is passing the reins to Ed Assaf.

Christmas Brunch – Bob Russo noted we had 46 people and everyone seemed to have a good time. He thanked everyone for coming.

Ray Shelton addressed the club on the topic of: We are getting older and we could use more help doing the shows. Some things as simple as manning the raffle table, talking to the public about our hobby or just watching our stuff to be sure it is safe and the public is safe.

Please try to come out and participate. If not our club may just fold one day



Public Display Reviews – The following updates were given:

Sayville Historical Society –Dan Saporito noted there was a good turn out by the community. The table top display received many good comments by everyone. Thanks to the members who helped set up, took down and ran trains.

Clark Botanic Christmas – Karl Wagner reported that the Winter Wonderland, all five days were well attended by the community. All seemed very impressed. Thanks to all who helped set up, took down, and ran trains.

Cradle of Aviation – Mike Kmeth and Ed Assaf both agreed the show went well but a few days we could have had a little more help watching from the outside and talking to the public. We need people to help with the raffle.

Bethpage – Mike Kmeth and Ed Assaf noted our part went well we had a good setup and take down with running of trains. Unfortunately the show was not well attended.

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Upcoming Shows:

Scout show – This is a table top display on March 3. Set up is @ 8:30 AM and breakfast is served. The show starts 11 AM to about 3 or 4PM

Planting Fields for Arbor Day- The expected dates for the outdoor ground display are April 28 & 29 set up April 27 @ 8:30 AM

Clark Botanic Garden - they are waiting for dates to be approved, May 5 or May 12 (Mothers Day weekend). At Clark the man who was the driving force Kevin Doolan is leaving Clark in one week, so we don't know what will be happening with future shows. We will keep you informed and also read Smoke n' Cinders for updates.

Bayard – Mike noted that in years past we did a fall display but Bayard is no longer advertising and they have no more Fall Festival. The attendance has been poor the last few years. It's a lot of work for poor public attendance. It is likely we may not do it this year.

Daisy Gardens – Dan Saporito reported this was new for us this year. Dan, Frank Clemente and Nick Guarino set up some circles at the nursery and had it set to be unmanned. It turned on and off with their lights. They ran for about a month. Dan passed around some pictures. The owner of Daisy Gardens gave the club a generous donation. Dan asked that the donation go to buy things for the table top displays as we do these more and more. It would be nice if club members go to see Daisy Gardens

A Request from Louise Sewall 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..

Club Librarian report – The list of books, videos and plans are on the club website. Please call or e-mail to Nick Guarino if you see something you would like to borrow from our collection as he can bring them to the

next meeting for you. Those members that have books please remember to return them.

Club Merchandise - Georgiana & Steve Gaherty are here so please see them if you ordered anything. Anyone wishing to purchase club items for sale, shirts, jackets, hats, coffee mugs & DVDs please see Georgiana. We have a number of 25th Anniversary mugs for sale, \$3.00ea or 2 for \$5.00

Chic Chat Corner – Thank you to Eileen Wagner for your December article. Eileen made some of the cookies, they are on the table. Remember ladies you can write about anything. So ladies just send something to Louise Sewall for the Chic Chat Corner.



Aluminum Can Tabs – Please see Eileen & Karl Wagner This helps fund the Ronald McDonald House for Children needing surgery and their families. Please check them with a magnet as only Aluminum are used, NOT STEEL

New Business:

Work session at Riverhead Saturday May 5. We will be cleaning up at Riverhead, weed, trim trees and bushes that were not done last year. Time to be announced.

Post Card - As Nick Guarino mentioned earlier we will be distributing a postcard to all members of the club. On it we will have all the dates of all club functions, meeting and shows. This is being done so you can put it on your fridge and have a convenient way to know our dates. Some members may not be reading their emails from the club.

ICE – “In Case of Emergency” we need another phone number to contact a family member if an emergency should happen to one of our members while at a club function. A sheet is being passed around. PLEASE be sure to fill it out before you go home or email it to Tom Rizzo.

Bob Sewall asked for anyone who can help with the auction next month to please see him.
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Karl Wagner spoke about helping out Linda Dunn as her husband just passed suddenly. Maybe we could take a collection or donation, something to help. We will speak to Linda about what to do.

York Large Scale Train Show is March Friday 30 & Saturday 31

50/50 drawing was won by Geraldine Coney. \$21 for her and \$21 for the club

The next meeting is the club Auction set for **Saturday**

February 17 At the Northport Yacht Club
11:00 AM

Ed Assaf made a motion to close the meeting seconded by Chip Sulsenti. Motion approved. Meeting ended @ 1:07 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karl Wagner

Secretary

From the Secretary BOD Meeting



LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY, Inc. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING JANUARY 20, 2018

Meeting was held at Mike Kmeth's house.

Attendance: President Mike Kmeth, Secretary Karl Wagner, Membership Director Tom Rizzo, Treasurer Bob Sewall, Program Director Nick Guarino, Directors at Large, Louis Cortese, Frank Clemente, Bruce Kropp.

President Mike Kmeth asked that the meeting be opened @ 10:00 AM. A motion was made by Nick Guarino and seconded by Tom Rizzo.

President Mike Kmeth asked for a motion to forgo the reading and approve the minutes of the September 9, 2017 BOD. A motion was made by Lou Cortese, seconded by Frank Clemente to approve the minutes. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report – was given by Bob Sewall. Bob passed out several sheets to the BOD. First quarter 2017-2018 Starting balance \$5,118.99 ending balance \$5,986.03 First Quarter report did not include COA and Raffle. Bob also handed out a spreadsheet with comparisons of each year 2013 thru 2017. We are looking very good. All reports were reviewed and accepted. E-card Tax file was done by Bob in Janu-

ary.

Membership Report - Tom Rizzo submitted 36 individual, 24 Family, 2 extended, 4 Life, 7 Honorary, and 3 Junior

Club Insurance – Bob Sewall reported that club insurance went up \$5.00 for the year

By laws - Karl Wagner to send the approved changes made at the September 2017 meeting to Tom Rizzo for typing and Louise Sewall will post the finished copy on the web site.

Request for Participation Form – Nick Guarino has sent the Form to be completed by Tom Rizzo with Club Logo.

Heavy weight Cars – BOD has decided to sell them at the club auction with proceeds going to the club.

Christmas Party - All went well. The board heard many good things from the membership. The Board agreed to do this again in Dec.

Advertisement – Susan and Lou Cortese have been given the responsibility of club advertising. Should anyone be contacted by, for example; News 12 or Newsday please refer them to Susan and Lou.

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From the Secretary BOD Meeting cont.



Post Card - Nick Guarino suggested a post card be mailed to members with club meeting dates and events to be on it. Members can have it on their refrigerators for quick reference. This may help meeting attendance and remind members of event dates.

Review of Public Displays – Discussions

Sayville Historical – This went well, we were notified they are sending a donation.

Clark Botanic Garden – This went well for all 5 days but we could have used a few more people to watch the display. It was well received by the community. We were notified that Kevin Doolan, our contact person, is leaving. Karl Wagner will find out who is replacing Kevin.

Daisy Garden Nursery – Nick passed some pictures around. Nick, Dan and Frank set this up as a first time display. This was done so it ran when they turned on the lights and stopped when they turned them off, No club members were needed daily. Dan used his personal equipment.



Cradle of Aviation – This went well but we still need a few more people. Some days at certain times we only had 4 people. We could use people at the raffle table. Nick Penza's 2 modules will be returned to him. Paul Giordano and Karl Wagner to make 3 modules each and will see if they have enough to build two ½ modules needed for the yard.

Freeport – We did not to do this show this year.

Bethpage – This went well but we still need a few more people. Public turnout was very poor. We need to review for next year if this is worth our time and effort.

Upcoming Shows and Events:

Scout Tabletop Display - March 3 @8:30 set up with breakfast take down 4 PM

Planting Fields – Set up April 27 @ 8:30 AM show April 28 & 29 Time 11 AM – 4 PM

Clark Botanic Garden – Tentative date May 5 & 6
Want to see it they have a date in the Fall instead.

Riverhead – Tentative cleanup date May 5 @ 10 AM

Bayard – Nick told us that they will no longer advertise events and that they no longer have the Fall Festival since attendance has been very poor. Should we do this in Sept. this year? Discussion held, table to next meeting.

Museum Row – Mike was contacted by the people that run Nunley's Carousel about maybe doing an outdoor display. Mike to investigate.

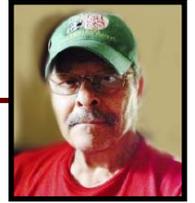
Picnic LILS – We will ask Bob Russo to chair this again. Need to ask Roger Bossert if we can use his pot again if not club will buy one. We are waiting on a date from LILS.

Track and Power Supplies for table top displays – Dan Saporito has been graciously loaning us his own track for Daisy Garden Nursery. Karl Wagner requests the club buy some small power supplies for these as we keep using all our own personal ones. Karl Wagner will research and get pricing for next BOD meeting. Frank to check if we have more spare track.

Modular Group Green Trailer – The roof has been sealed along with the front seam which was leaking. This was all done while the trailer was at Dan Saporito's house. Karl Wagner suggested we run Velcro along the complete front of each module. Karl will contact Dan Saporito as to what side of Velcro we have on each module.

Ground Displays Red Trailer – we will look into cleaning this trailer when we do the Riverhead clean up. Need to scrap items. *(continued on next page)*

Tom's Cryptic Puzzle (Solution on page 10)



Below is a cryptic definition for something related to Railroading.

Change the letters to find the answer in the sentence below. (In this example: (ZFONZUFROXY = RAILROADING)

The seventh letter "G" in the seventh word and all other instances of the letter "G" is correct in the sentence below.

CUR BCRRH WHDXT MUVXU XYAAVRB CUR WRYAVJG FDVJVJG CUR EVBCDJ
ADQ YJQ CUR HVCCHR

RJQ DS CUR XDJJRXCJVJG ADQ. CUR XADBBURYQ VB SVCCRQ WRCMRRJ
CMD BHVQRWYAB BD YB CD

IYVJCYVJ CUR YHVGJIRJC DS CUR EVBCDJ ADQ MVCU CUR XRJCRA HVJR
DS CUR XOHVJQRA.



From the Secretary BOD Meeting Cont.

Open Houses & Winter Meetings - Nick stated all meeting are taken and the dates are all in Smoke n' Cinders.

Reward points – Several Board members received negative feedback from club members about this idea. The Board decided to table this idea indefinitely.

DVDs – Need to check with Georgiana Gaherty. Ask Georgiana to sell the rest of the coffee mugs \$3 ea or two for \$5

New Business:

ICE – In Case of Emergency – Karl Wagner brought this up as a safety item for the club. Should a member get sick during a meeting or event and they have to go to a hospital. Do we have a family contact? Tom Rizzo will create a sheet for members to fill out for this info. Only the Board members will have this info.

Ray Shelton requested time at our next general meeting to address the club about aging and membership as we are all getting older.

Modular wiring diagram – Several members requested a diagram so they can help at setups. Tom to draw it up. It will be kept with the transformer.

Hicks - Lou Cortese will look into contacting Hicks Nursery for maybe a spring, summer or fall event display. We had done this many years ago.

Overnight trips – Bob Sewall spoke about a trip to upstate New York.

Next Board meeting will be April 14th @ Bruce Kropp's house, 10:00 AM

Nick Guarino made a motion to close the meeting, seconded by Bruce Kropp. Motion approved

Meeting ended at 2:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Karl Wagner
Secretary

Auction Rules



1. Each auction participant, seller or buyer, must purchase an auction paddle.
2. A unique item number identifies each auction item.
3. There are no minimum bids; the highest bid purchases the item regardless of amount.
4. The owner of the item can bid until their desired price is reached. (If the owner's bid is the highest bid, the item is a "buyback").
5. Each item auctioned is subject to a commission based upon the Commission Fee Schedule. "Buybacks" are subject to commission of 50% of the Commission Fee Schedule.
6. Any unclaimed items will be returned to their owner, commission free.
7. The Auctioneer's decision in determining the winning bidder is final.
8. The Treasurer has sole discretion with regard to method of payment, either cash or check, for winning bids and sellers' proceeds.



GOOD LUCK, HAPPY BIDDING and HAVE FUN!

Some auction items may be offered as lots which consist of multiples of the same or related items (e.g. track, switches, same road name passenger cars, etc.) offered from the same seller. The winning bidder will have the option to purchase one or more of the items at their winning bid price. In the event the winning bidder does not purchase the entire lot, the runner-up bidder will be offered the remaining items in the lot at the runner-up bid price. In the event the runner-up bidder declines any or all of the remaining lot, the remaining items will be up for re-bidding. This procedure will be observed in order to facilitate auction timeliness as well as provide the most equitable price to the seller. The difference between the winning bid and runner-up bid is in effect a premium for the winning bidder to select which items of the lot that they wish to purchase. 'Like items' from different sellers will be offered as separate items

Thank You to Daisy Garden Nursery



The Long Island Garden Railway Society proudly displayed operating trains in a holiday setting from Thanksgiving through Christmas at **Daisy Garden** (Gillette Ave. Bayport, NY 11705)
A greatly appreciated Thank You to Tom Stemler and the staff at Daisy for this opportunity and for their very generous donation to this organization. Members please visit Daisy for your gardening needs to show our appreciation.

Dan Saporito

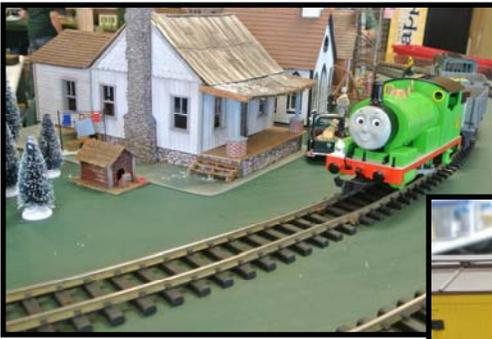
<http://daisy-garden.com/>



Bethpage Modular Display Volunteers



Many thanks to all of our hard working volunteers and others who stopped in.



Edward Assaf	Nick Guarino	Thomas Rizzo
Richard Bishop	Michael Kmeth	Danny Saporito
Louis Cortese	Bruce Kropp	Bob Sewall
Steve Gaherty	Joseph Luginsland	Louise Sewall
Robert Garruba	Richard McGorty	Ray Shelton
Roseann Garruba	John Pizzulli	Karl Wagner



Solution to Cryptic Puzzle

Answer:

THE STEEL BLOCK WHICH CARRIES THE BEARING JOINING THE PISTON ROD AND THE LITTLE

END OF THE CONNECTING ROD. THE **CROSSHEAD** IS FITTED BETWEEN TWO SLIDEBARS SO AS TO

MAINTAIN THE ALIGNMENT OF THE PISTON ROD WITH THE CENTER LINE OF THE CYLINDER.

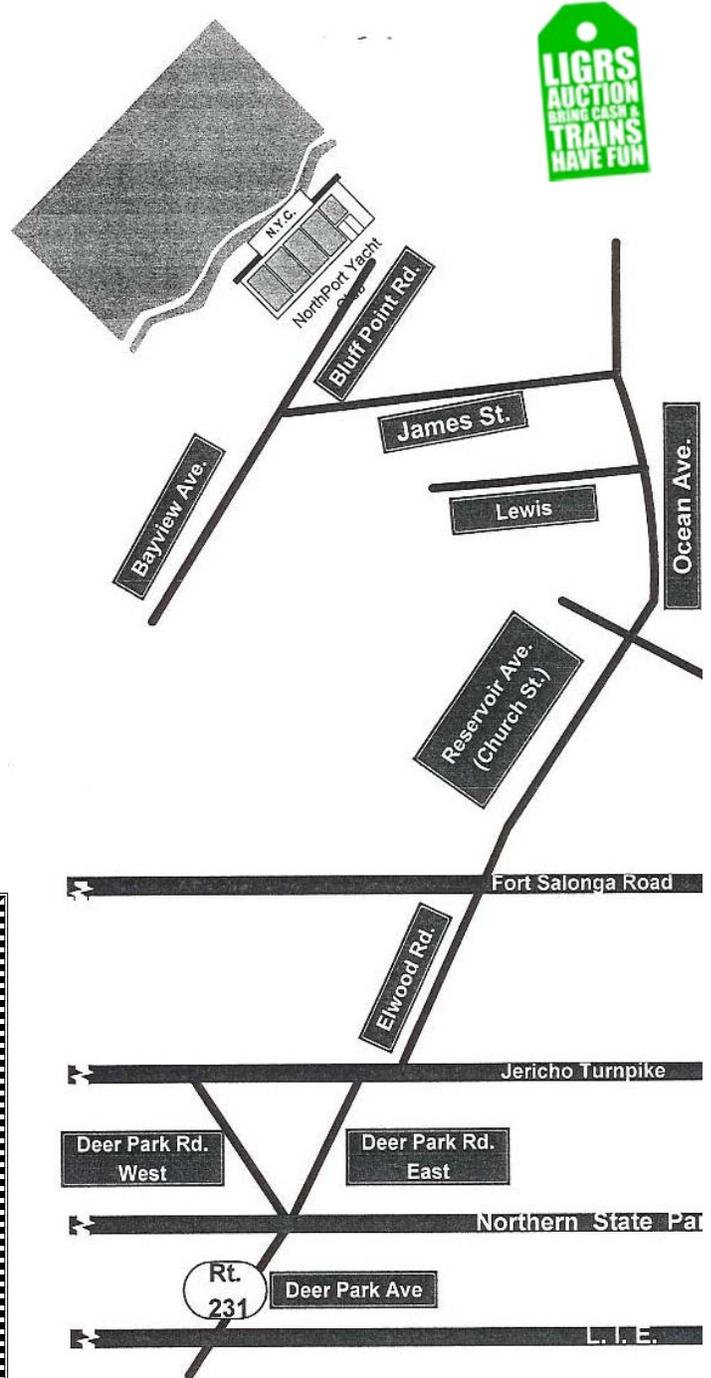
Directions to the Northport Yacht Club
Monthly Meeting & Annual Auction
Saturday, February 17, 2018



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.

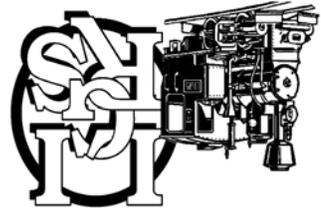
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REMINDER:

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.

See our distribution policy on the home page of LIGRS.org

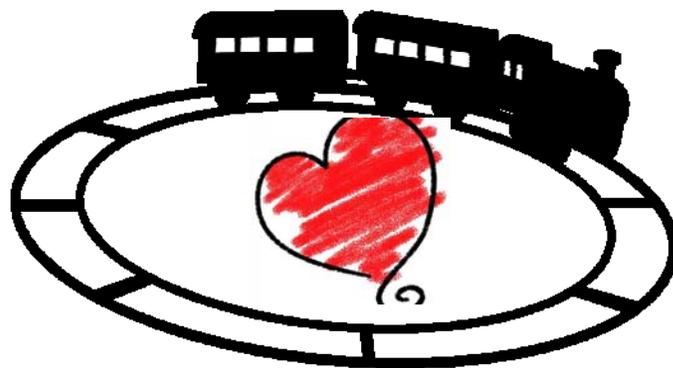


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Happy Valentines Day!