

March 2020



Monthly Meeting
March 21st SATURDAY
NEW DATE
Northport Yacht Club
11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.



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.

Set up Fri, April 24th 8:30am, Festival April 25th to 26th.

New Prize for this Year's Summer Raffle



Winner to be drawn at our club's Summer Picnic. Prize is \$200 gift certificate or, cash. Tickets may be purchased from Bob Sewall at the price of \$5.00 each.

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2020 LIGRS Meetings & Events Schedule

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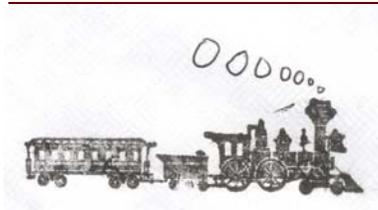
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Date	Program/Notes	Time	Place
Mar. 14, 2020	Modular Display Setup 8:00 AM	11:00 AM—4:30 PM	Bethpage HS
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April 18, 2020	Work Day	10:00 AM	Dan Saporito's
April 25-26, 2020 Setup 24th at 8:30 AM	Arbor Day Ground Display	9:00 AM-5:00 PM	Planting Fields Arboretum
May 2, 2020	BOD Meeting	10:00 AM	Tom Rizzo
May 12, 2020	Work Day	9:30 AM	RMLI Riverhead
May 17, 2020	Monthly Meeting Indoors	11:00 AM	Dino & Kornelia Zilic
June 6-7, 2020 Setup 6/5	Ground Display	TBA	Bayard Cutting Arboretum
June 28, 2020	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Paul & Elizabeth Bonney & Matthew (Jr Member).
July 19, 2020	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Geri Conte & Bill Arndt
August 4, 2020	Work Day	9:30 AM	RMLI at Riverhead
August 22, 2020 SATURDAY	Club Picnic	11:00 AM	Long Island Live Steamers
August, 2020 TBA	Railfest	10:00 AM-4:00 PM	RMLI at Riverhead
Sept. 20, 2020	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Ed & Debra Assaf
Oct. 10, 2020 SATURDAY	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Mike & Kathleen Kmeth

View From The Cab



Well, the fact that Spring is here without Winter is amazing. This the first February since records have been kept that there was no snow, even with this February extra day. I took advantage of one of these nice warm days. The outside was calling me so I went out and trimmed some miniature trees on my layout and leveled some dirt out that I had piled up in late Fall.

Looking around my layout it became frightening to see all the work that is to be done this year. I found a lot of weeds growing already. That's not supposed to happen. But I forgot we didn't have winter this year. Work around layout seems to take longer to do. The fact that lately I seem to be working at half the speed I did 5 years ago doesn't help matters. I have a goldfish pond in the backyard which some day our trains are scheduled to run around. Right now the water is green because of the sunlight and warmer temperatures. If warmer weather continues I will place the pump and UV filters back to have waterfalls flowing and clear the water of green algae. Currently I only have an air pump running. Oh yes, the goldfish said hi.

Another project I started recently, that is currently 20+ years overdue, is making a track connection from my basement to the outside world. In the basement is a 12 foot long shelf 8 tracks wide. This shelf can accommodate approximately 60+ pieces of rolling stock. The problem is that there is a 6 foot gap between shelf and basement window. A door in the basement window was installed about 25 years ago. So now I am in the process of connecting the storage shelf with the door in the window. As I

write, it's about 15% complete. When it's complete it will save me from carrying trains up and out of the basement. I can then just run trains from storage right to the outside.

Can't tell much about the auction, only that it was the same fun we usually have. There were fewer items to be sold. One thing you may not know is that a number of the items sold were club property that was stored in the red trailer. The BOD and membership approved the sale of unused equipment in the trailer. One February day Frank, Bruce and I went to Riverhead and worked on the trailer. Some items were tossed, they were in very bad shape. Bird houses, rolling stock and few engines were all sold at the auction. One building was repaired and returned to the trailer.



If some of you missed our last meeting, Dan announced that he is giving up his Drive-In Movie modular display and is giving it away. If you are interested, kindly contact Dan, it's yours.

I don't know if this newsletter will reach you before the Bethpage show on March 14, 2020. If it does, remember we could use your help setting up, running trains and for the take down. See you there.

Next meeting is **SATURDAY** March 21, 2020. If you can't make it, please remember your proxy, otherwise, see you at the meeting.

Mike Kmeth



Please email dansaporito@outlook.com if interested in the Drive-In Module

From The Secretary General Meeting Minutes



LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY INC. MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING FEBRUARY 22, 2020

just need maybe a few more dollars for the plaque depending on what is picked out. They are working on the Plaque wording. Please send your Pledge money to Dan now. We are expecting the dedication to be in May

May we have a moment of silence for the sudden passing of Joyce Hupe wife of member Ronald Hupe and the Men and Woman who are serving this country and especially for those whose lives were lost protecting our way of freedom.

Show and Event Reviews: None at this time

Upcoming Public Shows:

President Mike Kmeth asked that the meeting be opened @ 12 noon. A motion was made by, Bill Arndt and seconded by Ed Assaf to open the meeting. We had 31 members present, 8 proxies. We have a quorum.

Scout show – This is a table top display. Set up at 9 AM run times 11 Am to 3:30 PM The date is March 7 Please note the new location Church of the Advent @ 555 Advent street Westbury

Bethpage Show - This is a modular show for March 14 Set up is @ 8:00 AM The show starts @ 11 AM to about 4:30PM

Welcome to our February meeting at the Northport Yacht Club. Even though Valentine's Day has passed remember to buy your spouse a train today at the auction.



Trains in the Garden- several members of the club will be doing a power point presentation and train display for the Sayville Garden Society on March 16

A module work day is set for April 18 at Dan Saporito's house @ 10 AM

President Mike then asked for a motion to forego the reading of the January 19, 2020 meeting minutes. Rick Bishop made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Joe DiBenedetto. The motion passed.

Planting Fields Arboretum Arbor Day Festival – Outdoor ground display expected date for set up April 24 @ 8:30 am Show April 25-26. As this is our largest outdoor display we need a lot of members to come out and help.

Treasurers' report - Bob Sewall gave the Year to Date Report as of 2/22/2020 Starting balance \$9,247.37 ending balance \$14,049.98. Bob stated that this final amount also includes the monies that have been collected for the Bob Russo Memorial fund of \$3,860.00 Should anyone have any questions about the club finances please contact Bob and he will be happy to answer any questions you have.

Bayard Cutting Arboretum - Set up Friday June 5 show 6 & 7 Set up date and times TBA.

Membership report was given by Tom Rizzo. No new members this month.

Photo Contest – Congratulations to Bob Sewall for this month's winning photo "Work Engine at Freight Station" taken at the Cradle of Aviation Museum. A link to the rules is on the LIGRS Home page. Please remember to take pictures and send your best picture to Louise Sewall.

Program Directors report – Nick Guarino stated that all of this year's open house meetings have been filled. Nick also explained about member Steve Gitelman's operating sessions on his layout.

Chic Chat Corner – Thank you Louise Sewall for that nice write-up of our Christmas Modular Display at the Cradle of Aviation.

Module Coordinator Ed Assaf stated we have one more module show and that is Bethpage on March 14

Club Resource Librarian – 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 *(continued on next page)*

Bob Russo Memorial Fund – Dan Saporito stated we have enough pledges for the tree and Bench we

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like to borrow from our collection. Nick can bring them to the next meeting for you. Those members that have books please remember to return them.

Dan Saporito is giving up his module drive-in to any member who wants it. Please give him a call and he will explain it all.

Club Merchandise – Please see Georgiana & Steve Gaherty as they have club items for sale, shirts, jackets, hats, coffee mugs & DVDs

50/50 drawing was won by Bruce Kropp \$11 for Bruce and \$12 for the club.

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 tabs are used, NOT STEEL

REMINDER the next meeting is on Saturday March 21 @ the Northport Yacht Club.

New Business:

Dan Saporito was in touch with Linda Dunn and she is selling all of her G scale trains. Dan has some pictures. Give her a call if you wish to buy anything.

Bill Arndt made a motion to close the meeting seconded by Joe Dibenedetto. Motion approved. Meeting ended @ 12:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karl Wagner
Secretary



The 2020 National Garden Railway Convention

Hindsight is 2020... Don't Miss Out.

The Nashville Garden Railway Society is honored to host the 36th National Garden Railway Convention in our beloved Nashville, TN. The event is scheduled to cover the days from May 31st, 2020 to June 6th, 2020. There are tons of exciting things in store for the convention so check out the information here and make your plans... see you in Nashville. <https://ngrc2020.com/>



The Nashville Garden Railway Society has a selection of highly detailed layouts you will be able to tour. On your tours you will see layouts running diesel, steam, and live-steam. The area has layouts with amazing hand-carved rock tunnels and retaining walls, numerous creative elevated track layouts, ground level garden environments, detailed indoor layouts, a botanical garden layout, and even a layout with over 2,000 feet of track – and still growing larger before 2020! <https://ngrc2020.com/pages/layouts>

If you have questions, please contact us at ngrcnashville@gmail.com



February Auction Meeting



Some volunteers preparing the auction items



Members socializing before the meeting



President Mike Kmeth calling the meeting to order



Auctioneer Ed Assaf getting

Reminder



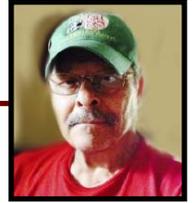
At our January meeting, member Steve Gittleman told those present about his Railroad Operating Sessions. His railroad has 5 operating sessions per year on his approximately 2,000 foot long railroad. Running trains on his system includes trains climbing a 3% grade and going over a helix. The train consists of 20 ore cars filled with stone. They are pulled by 4 locomotives and 1 pusher. Steve's railroad is operated with manual block rule with train dispatch. I believe he said radio communication was used due to the large distance over which trains are operating. Engines are battery powered using AirWire remote control. There is no responsibility for any damage that occurs during operation.

Any member interested in participating in one of the Operating Sessions please contact Steve at steve@mktginc.com.



Steve's home is located in Huntington. Check our online roster for complete address.

Tom's What the Heck Puzzle (solution on next page)



Monthly Photo Contest Winner!



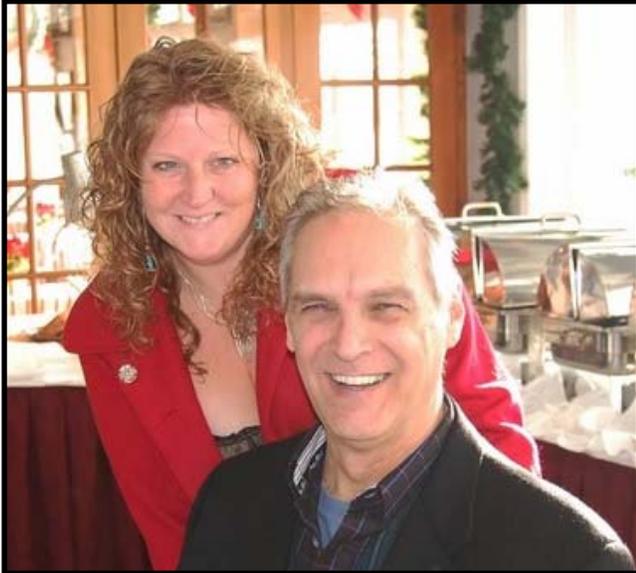
This month's winning photo "Winter with the NY Central" was submitted by Bob Sewall and taken of a vignette on our club's Christmas modular display at the Cradle of Aviation Museum.

What the Heck Puzzle Solution

This 30,000 lb. car was used to calibrate scales that weighed freight cars. Later test weight cars went to 80,000 lbs, and today's scales are computerized.



Chic Chat Corner - Moved away but not forgotten



Many thanks to Kris and Patrick for so faithfully judging our photo contest every month.

Also from Florida, Pete Conte sends regards to his friends. He loves to have LIGRS visitors. This photo and greeting is courtesy of Dan Saporito taken during his recent trip.



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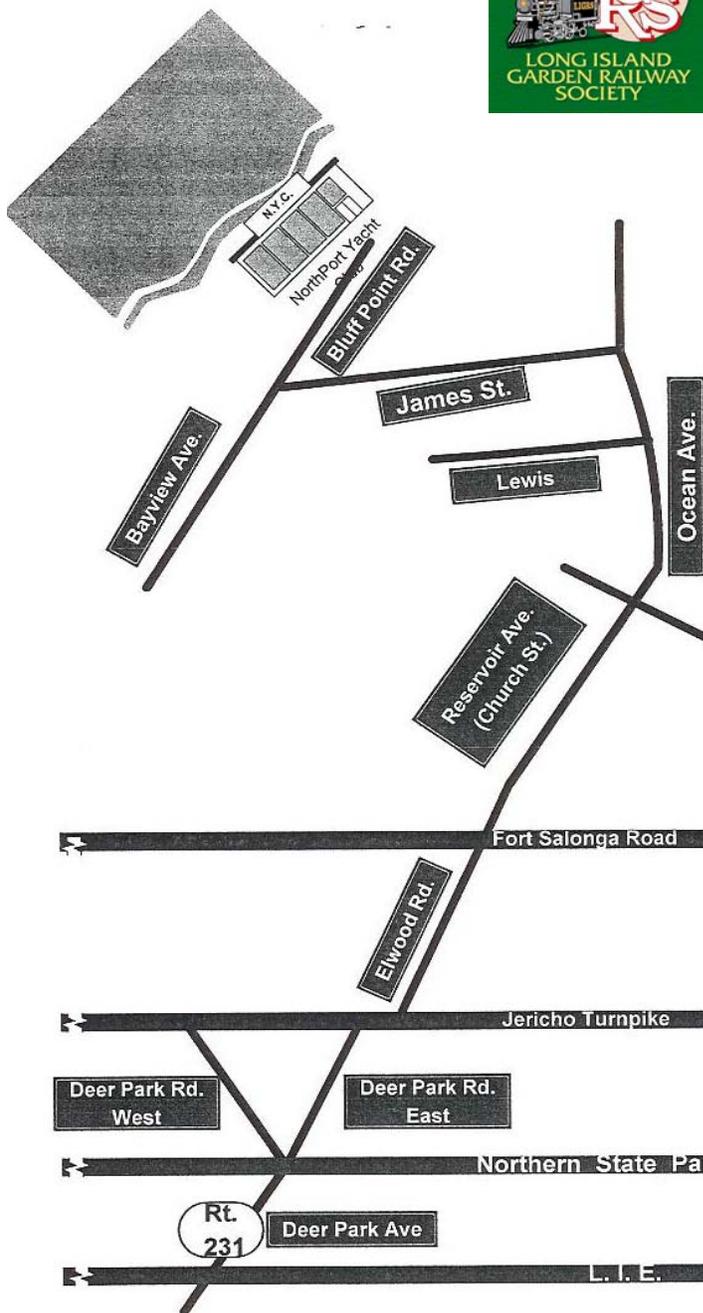


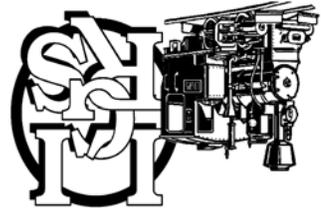
Turn by turn directions:

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, 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.





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Happy St. Patrick's Day!