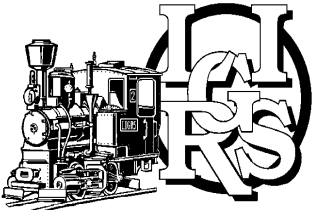
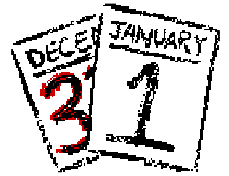


January, 2012



Monthly Meeting
Sunday, January 22nd, 2012
Northport Yacht Club
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



To all members

What name have you given to your layout?

We are adding the layout name information to the club member listing. Please send the information to louisesewall@verizon.net or call 516.541.4837.

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.org

2011 Photo Contest Winner

All members present at the Christmas party voted for their choice of the 2011 contest winner. The winning photo was taken by Mike Kmeth on his Sun Valley Garden Railroad layout. As a prize, Mike has won 2 tickets for our annual Summer Picnic.



This photo will also be featured on the cover of the LIGRS 2012 Roster.

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Smoke n' Cinders

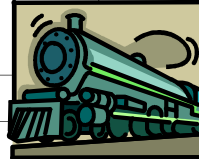


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LIGRS Meeting Schedule

Date	Program/Notes	Time	Place
January 8, 2012	Modular Display	Set up 8 AM	Freeport Recreation
January 14, 2012	Modular Display	Set up 8 AM	Bethpage High School
January 22, 2012	BOD Meeting	9:30 AM	Northport Yacht Club
January 22, 2012	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Northport Yacht Club
February 2012	No Meeting due to construction		
March 25, 2012	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Northport Yacht Club (Annual Auction)
End of April, 2012	Planting Fields in Lieu of mtg. TBA		
May 20, 2012	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Rich McGorty
June 24, 2012	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Rick Padley
July 22, 2012	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Jack Eckert
August 18, 2012	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Jack Lane
September 16, 2012	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Frank Clemente
October 20, 2012 SATUDAY	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	John Hagedorn
November, 2012	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	TBA
December, 2012	Christmas Party	TBA	Christmas Party

From The Cab



I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and I wish all of you, health, happiness, great friends and many opportunities to enjoy trains.

A year ago this was my first column, as I'm writing this I'm reflecting on my wonderful memories from 2011. I've said this several times this past year and it's worth repeating, this organization is like no other and the members are a great bunch. I looked at photos from all our events and I saw so many who joined together freely offering their time and talent. The members worked side by side to promote model railroading and the Long Island Garden Railway Society, each sharing a genuine love of the hobby. Even those who felt they were new at this quickly saw something they could do and jumped right in. I am truly amazed by all of you and have total confidence that this organization will keep moving in a positive direction celebrating many more milestones. To everyone who helped with our displays I just want to say thank you for being a part of a great year.

I would also like to thank the following Board members for accepting another 2 year term, Robert Russo (Vice President), Bob Sewall (Treasurer), Thomas Rizzo (Membership Director), Peter Conte and Michael Kmeth (Directors-at-Large). I look forward to working with these gentlemen who each contribute to our board and hope that together we can explore some fresh ideas and possible trips of interest.

Our Christmas party was a very nice time and a job well done by Richie McGorty. Thank you Richie for all you have done and continue to do. Ray Shelton presented an enjoyable photo PowerPoint presentation of our historic, first time, Bayard Arboretum ground display, Ray has another idea he would like to get started on, Christmas train displays. Please try to take 5 to 10 photos altogether of your Christmas display both overall and close-up and send to Ray by email drrayshelton@att.net or save to a CD and send to him. Thank you Ray.

For Christmas 2012, I would like to see a planning committee formed including Richie to explore our options with hopes of a greater member attendance. Please contact me if you have fresh ideas and would like to help.

The Cradle of Aviation was again a big attraction. We added a new train display table around the base of the Cradle's Christmas tree which gave viewers another moving item of interest. Ed Assaf added the snow scene fin-

ishing touches. Thank you Tom Rizzo and Ernie DeCarolis for all the work you put into building this project. Richie Bishop and Ernie DeCarolis both built amazing new buildings that caught the attention of all who passed by, beautiful work guys, thank you for sharing. Loretta Olenick had sewn the new curtains which look great around the tables, thank you Loretta for all the hard work. Complements were many on the entire display, thank you to everyone who brought their modules and also to all who found the time to help make this another success. We need to either find a new indoor location to house the trailer with the module corners, possibly an empty garage or try to find an enclosed trailer for future events. Please look around your neighborhood and your local listings for a used, good condition, enclosed trailer for sale and contact me with any information.

I would like to welcome two new members, Andrea Backe who jumped right in and helped with set-up at the Cradle, she is very interested in starting her own railway and we look forward to the updates and seeing her at future events. Also a longtime friend of mine, Tom Aidala who lives up in Schenectady NY. Tom has indoor G scale and is looking to build a reliable Catenary system, anyone with information on this please send it to me and I'll send it up to Tom.

As always I look forward to seeing everyone at the meetings and events, look for information as well as other schedules and event dates in Smoke 'n Cinders as they become available.

We're getting ready for our modular setups, Freeport January 8th and Bethpage January 14th. This is a great way to run trains in the winter and extra hands are always welcome so mark your calendar and come on down. Also our Auction is approaching in March, look around and see if have any train related items you might want to put up for bid. Just a reminder there is no February meeting due to Yacht Club renovations. Finally, if anyone has an idea that might benefit LIGRS, please email me. danny.saporito@verizon.net



Dan Saporito



We, in fact, the entire world is subject to change. Examples are the changes of the seasons, changes in the government, changes in the economy and the changes in the weather conditions etc.

Perhaps the most outstanding one for me was when on July 2nd my very precious, loving, beautiful wife, Edie, joined the Lord. Words cannot describe how much I miss her. We did everything together. It is strange how numbers can be. We are married fifty eight years. If you reverse the numbers, that is my age.

A personal change is one that I decided to change my name from Bob to Bobby. And one night when I couldn't fall asleep, my thoughts became a question. What am I doing living here on Long Island when my family is living in North Carolina? So, while driving in my truck, my son, Bruce, had been in the center lane of traffic, when I said, "I'm going to drop a bomb. I'm moving to North Carolina?" With that being said, he moved over to the right hand lane, slowed down and said, "What did you say?" So, I repeated my remark. He acted pleasantly surprised and questioned me as to the reason for my decision. For me that was easy to answer. I exclaimed, I'm living on Long Island and my family is located in North Carolina. That is, in my opinion, a No, No."

Bruce and y daughter, Bobbie, along with a realtor friend, found a home that turned out to be perfect for me in every way. The couple currently living there is in the process of moving out. The latest news from Bruce is that all the paper work has been completed.

Outside my home here in Wantagh a POD is parked waiting to be loaded with everything that I will be bringing to my new home. My new address is 158 Picardy Court, Kernesville, NNC 27284, to be effective after Jan. 18th. To view my new home you can use your computer and click on Google using the above address. An aerial view will also appear. My

home is the only one with a shed in the back corner of the rear yard. The court, unlike the cul-de-sac in my home in Wantagh, is a long ways court, my home being located about in the center. Anyone interested in seeing it on their computer will find it in the aerial view. It is the only one with a shed in the rear corner of the backyard.

Packing, packing and more packing has been keeping me super busy these past weeks. Trying to decide what to bring or leave behind amounts to some tortuous thoughts.

I will never forget attending my last meeting of the Long Island Garden Railway Society. They presented me with a Life Long Membership!!! They recalled my handmade gifts for each member that were on the tables at every Northport Yacht Club Christmas Party. This tradition has been continued by Rich McGorty in a BIG way. Because I brought a truck, loads of plants for everyone to chose from, member Bob Gibney, editor of the newsletter at that time, gave me the title of "Plant Man" what has persisted to the present day. They also recalled that I brought plants a gifts to give to every hose and/or hostess who held meetings at their homes.

To have seen so many club member friends for me was to say the least overwhelming, especially since it was my last time with them. My emotions got the best of me.

I recall my many blessings and daily give thanks. I am grateful to the club for giving the opportunity to write my monthly column. This has not been a chore but rather it has been a privilege.

To EVERYONE, may you enjoy a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

From Bobby Weschler,
The Plant Man



From the Secretary



LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING NOVEMBER 20, 2011

President Dan Saporito asked for a moment of silence for the men and woman who are serving this country and especially for those whose lives were lost protecting our freedom.

President Dan Saporito asked that the meeting be opened @ 12: 30 PM. A motion was made by Joe DiBenedetto, seconded by Jay Sulsenti to open meeting being held at Northport Yacht Club. Membership Director Tom Rizzo noted we have 43 members present plus 8 proxies making this an official business meeting.

President Dan Saporito noted we just observed Veterans Day and wanted to say thank you to all the Veterans of the Long Island Garden Railway Society. A member Veterans list was published in Sn'C, if you served and are not on the list please contact Louise Sewall. President Dan Saporito asked then for a motion to forego the reading of the October meeting minutes. Rich McGorty made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Joe DeBenedetto. Minutes accepted.

President Dan Saporito turned the meeting over to Ernie DeCarolis Chairman of this year's nominating committee for officers. Ernie asked Secretary Karl Wagner to read the names of the nominated officers, all running unopposed.

Vice President - Bob Russo; Treasurer - Bob Sewall; Membership Director - Tom Rizzo Director at Large - Pete Conte; Director at Large - Mike Kmeth

As per the Club By-Laws, Secretary Karl Wagner cast one vote for each nominated officer.

Chairmen Ernie DeCarolis then closed the Elections

President Dan Saporito then thanked all the Officers who have returned to serve this organization for another two years.

Finance Report - Bob Sewall read the Finance report. The opening bank balance as of Oct 1, 2011 was \$3,772.24 The check book as of Oct 30, 2011 was \$4,787.47 Should anyone have any questions please call Bob.

Membership - Director Tom Rizzo had no new members.

Member Dave Smith wanted everyone to know that Pete Connors fell and is in a wheel chair at this time but hopes to be out soon.

Food Drive - just a reminder, in memory of past member Doug Smith, we are collecting non-perishable food items today, donations go to the Grace United Methodist Church food pantry.

Swap & Shop - after the meeting closes walk around the room and see if there's something you just have to have and if you're selling, good luck.

Silent Auction - 5 items are on display and bidding will close soon after the meeting.

Christmas party - is Saturday December 10th at 1pm and approaching quickly. The cost is \$45.00 Children \$23. Under 5 free, Richie McGorty is accepting checks for reservations today, or you can send your reservations and payment by mail to Richie.

Modular events - (Tom Rizzo) The dates are posted in Sn'C Northport VA Nursing Home- was cancelled do to construction and we were notified only 2 days before that they wanted to put us in another room that was too small. I hope no-one made a trip there.

Cradle of Aviation- Setup Monday Dec. 19th 2pm for 2 weeks

Freeport - January 8th

Bethpage- January 14th.

*We need to either look for another dry location to store the Module corners or possibly consider purchasing a 2nd enclosed trailer. If anyone knows of a location or a decent enclosed trailer please get in touch with me (Tom) or a board member.

Annual Auction - will be at the March 25th meeting. The Yacht Club will be closed for kitchen renovation in February.

Open House dates - have been booked for next year. Thank you everyone who volunteered to host a meeting. (continued on page 9)

Member Profiles



This month's featured member, Nick Penza, discovered the LIGRS when reading *Garden Railways Magazine*. He noticed the local address and telephone number and called Tom Rizzo. Tom encouraged him to come on down to the meetings.

Nick has always been a big train collector. He has had an O gauge collection from the time he was 3, courtesy of his uncle and his father. He has memories of his uncle and father under the layout board fussing with the wiring. He and his brother were like the kids in the Adam's family and ran trains until they crashed. Amazingly his original set survived and is now showcased.

Nick has an O gauge layout and formerly belonged to a club in West Babylon. The club had to move frequently to other locations so it was too much trouble to continue with it. His layout is in a loft area above the garage. It models the late 40s and early 50s. Although it was never completed it has been rebuilt a number of times. He has amassed a pretty big collection over the years. But he finds the larger trains more interesting. He never knew trains could run outside. He has enjoyed the layouts that he has seen at meetings, the photos displayed and the guys explaining "how to" projects, as well as combining the hobby with gardening. As one ages it is the perfect size to work on as the eyesight goes and one is not as nimble with the hands so large scale easier to work with, (As Joe DiBenedetto says). Mostly Nick enjoys the club, saying that the knowledge and the talent of the members is something special. Everybody talks trains, there is a lot of camaraderie.

He started a G gauge layout out in the back yard. Over 2 years the space has been set apart and he started laying out track. It was first designed on paper. He acknowledges that it's not a perfect plan but it is a start. He has brass, LGB and AristoCraft stainless track.

The inventory software on his computer shows that he now owns 35 engines. Towards the colder months and in the Fall he enjoys working with his trains more than during the summer. He has a few houses that he built. Some are nicer and others will be background decorations. The layout will have 2 separate lines.

He has 2 modules. Both have 1½ foot extensions with scenery on them that slides back into place. One has an engine work house/storage facility made by LBG. There are sidings with some fixtures, a fuel tank for the diesels which he made from an old tank car. He just finished making a billboard that lights up. It will have a small vignette in front which includes a motorcycle cop talking to a young kid. He usually throws a bunch of other stuff on them at the last minute.

He was always mechanically inclined. After a back injury that restricted some of his train related activities he is now collecting and rebuilding trains, using eBay purchased parts. He went to rebuilding because he can sit at the work bench. He builds engines and keeps them or sells them online. He even has a painting spray booth set up. He also enjoys putting sound systems in and changing the road names. Flat cars that are whimsical, like the ones that Richie made for the Christmas party appeal to him. He just loves to relax, reach into the box of parts and build a train.

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2012 Dues Reminder

Why not renew your membership to LIGRS before the busy holiday season? Individual memberships, the 1st member of a household, are \$30 per year.

Family Memberships for members over 18 years old are \$10 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
32 Semon Road
Huntington, NY, 11743,



Questions? Contact Tom Rizzo at:
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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!

Ray Shelton is working on a PowerPoint presentation, showing our Christmas Displays. Please try to take 5 to 10 photos altogether of your Christmas display, both overall and close-up and send to Ray by email drrayshelton@att.net or save to a CD and send/give to him.

If you do not have digital copies, please mail photos to Louise Sewall (address in the roster), who will scan them, send the files to Ray and return your originals.

Photo Contest Monthly Winner



This month's winning photo was taken by Mike Iannacone and PhotoShopped by Tom Rizzo of Ralph Kaiser's blacksmith shop which appears on the Modular Group's displays.

Annual LIGRS February Auction at Northport Yacht Club



Start off the new year by coming down to the **March 25th** LIGRS meeting at **11:00 am**, and join the entire auction team for another great LIGRS Annual Auction. 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*. Not to be out done, we even have a touch of karaoke, where you can 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.

Cradle of Aviation Displays

I would like to personally thank all the members of the Module Group, and all the members that manned the display over the past few days. It was really a great show with a great bunch of guys, and girls, that did a great job.

Thank you, Tom - Module Coordinator



Directions to the Northport Yacht Club



Monthly Meeting

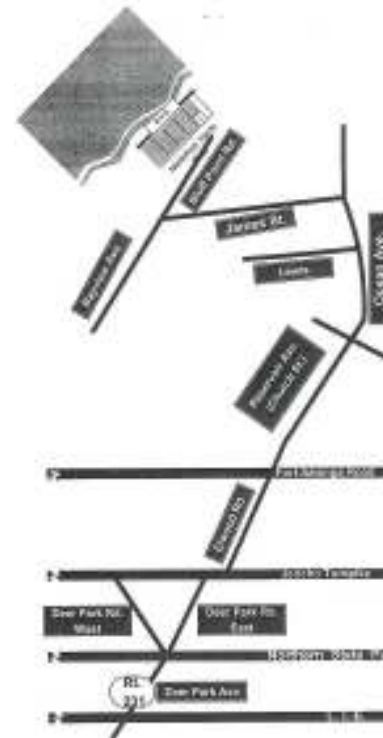
Sunday, January 23, 2011



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.

631-261-7633



From the Secretary continued

Club Merchandise - Please see Georgiana & Steve Gaherty for anniversary and non-anniversary club items.

Photo Contest - A link to the Photo contest rules is at the bottom of the LIGRS home page. The winning photo for the year will be judged at the Christmas Party. The judges decided it was a tie this month, 1st time this happened, congratulations Richie McGorty and Ken Stranford for their winning photos this month.

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 when you bring them. Thank you everyone for your involvement.

Steam Town - Peter Conte and Robert Russo are exploring a trip in the Spring and possible bus options.

Train Collection for sale - Dan was contacted about an entire collection of G scale trains. He has the list of the collection items if anyone is interested.

50/50 was won by member Red Morgan. Red received \$18.00 and the club received \$18.00



New Business - none

Next meeting - Next meeting- January 22nd, (Sunday) 11am Northport Yacht Club, there is also a Board of Directors meeting before at 9:30am. Please let a Board member know if you would like to sit in at the Board meeting.

Member Jay Sulsenti wanted everyone to know that the West Island Model RR Club was having the next three weekends as an open house. All are welcome

Ray Shelton made a motion to close the meeting seconded by Nick Penza. Motion approved. Meeting ended @ 12:40 PM.

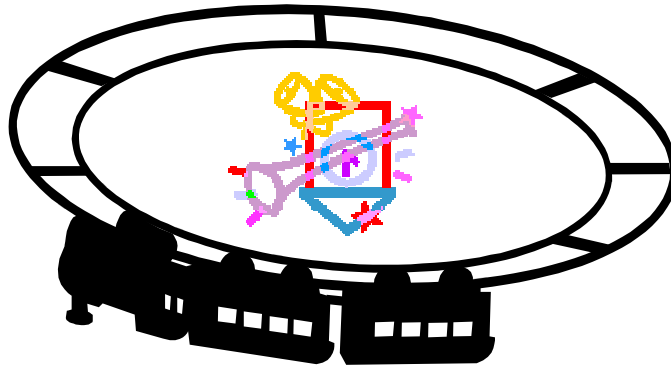
Lets all do some Swap & Shop and last call for the Silent Auction.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karl Wagner

Secretary

Happy 2021!



Youth is when you're allowed to stay up late on
New Year's Eve. Middle Age is when you're forced to.

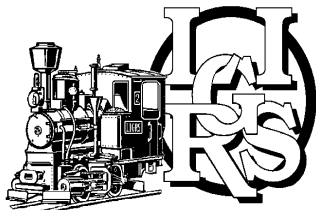
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