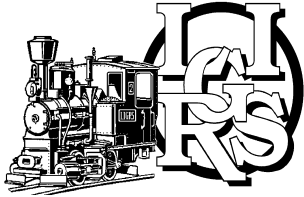


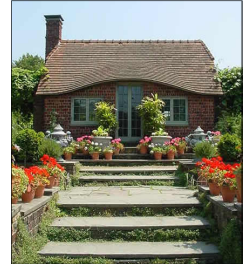
March 2011



Monthly Meeting
Sunday March 20th
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.

Display is in lieu of a monthly meeting.

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 April 29th at 10am, Festival April 30th & May 1st

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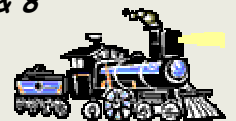
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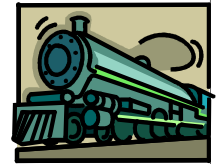
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LIGRS Meeting Schedule

Date	Program/Notes	Time	Place
March 20, 2011	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Northport Yacht Club
April 2011	In lieu of April Monthly Mtg	See page one	Planting Fields/Arbor Day
May 22, 2011	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Rich McGorty
June 26, 2011	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Rick Padley
July 16, 2011 <u>Saturday EVENING</u>	Monthly Meeting	TBA	Ken Strafford
August 21, 2011	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Karl Wagner
September 18, 2011	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Bob Russo
October 2011 TBD	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	TBA
November 2011 TBD	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Northport Yacht Club

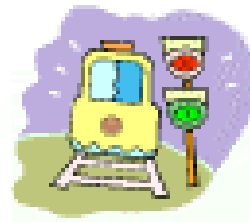
View From The Cab

It was like a switch was thrown, I was really thinking this winter was going to keep dumping snow right into summer and just like that February gave us an unusual much needed break with a few very warm days. Desperate to run a train, I ran outside and used a trenching shovel to clear the snow that was left on the track down to the solid Ice between the rails. The next day the ice was melted, I grabbed the leaf vac, cleaned up the whole railway and sent out the M.O.W. train to shine up the rails. I'm like a new man, I know it's not spring yet but it felt so good to get out there. The next day the winds delivered the neighborhood leaves all over the tracks followed by 3 inches of fresh snow. The snow is gone for now with nothing in the five day forecast and the railway is again cleaned and ready. The days are getting longer and I'm feeling good knowing I'll soon be out there trimming, transplanting and watching the railway come alive again.

Since I'm focused on Spring, our March meeting is on the 20th, first day of Spring. Our fellow member Steve Borakowski, who is President of the Long island Bonsai Society, will show us and speak about an Azalea that will look great on our railways. He also plans to display his latest building under construction and will explain how he goes from idea or picture to the present. Steve can also answer questions about building materials and what might stand up better outside. Hope to see everyone at the Yacht Club.

April brings us to Arbor Day; we'll be setting up our annual ground display for the Arbor Day celebration at Planting Fields on Friday April 29th at 10am. Running trains Saturday and Sunday, taking down Sunday later in the afternoon. We can always use an extra hand so please come out, enjoy the outdoors, some time with friends and help however you can.

Planting Fields Arboretum
State Historic Park
1395 Planting Fields Road
Oyster Bay, NY 11771 (516)
922-9200



Our Auction ran smooth as usual following the February meeting with a nice variety of items. This is the first year since I'm part of this club that Richie McGorty was out of town and wasn't outbidding everyone. Robert Russo did his usual wonderful job as Auctioneer. A lot of work went into preparing and managing the Auction and special thanks goes out to all who helped make it happen especially Bob and Louise Sewall and relief auctioneer Dave Smith.

The Essex Connecticut Dinner trip is planned for June 11th to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of LIGRS. We'll enjoy a relaxed ride and a 4-course meal along the Connecticut River aboard a restored 1920's Pullman car. Peter Conte is accepting checks in the amount of \$70. Per person payable to The Long Island Garden Railway Society Inc. Mail to **Peter Conte PO Box 1052 Shoreham, NY 11786**. This is for the dinner and train ride. Transportation will be additional, please let us know if you would like to join us but would not be driving so we can plan on reserving vehicles. Carpooling is also an option.

Finally, if anyone has an idea that might benefit LIGRS, please email me.

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Dan Saporito





Myths and Facts Continued:

Myth#4: If you leave town during winter the birds that rely on the food from your feeders will die.

FACT: Research has proven this one wrong. Scientists have shown that chickadees for example, will eat only 25% of their daily winter food from feeders. They find the other 75% in the wild. In addition, with so many people feeding them nowadays, birds in your yard will simply fly to a nearby neighbor to get their food until you return home.

MYTH #5: All hummingbirds migrate south for winter.

FACT: Though most hummingbirds species in North America do migrate south for the winter, the Anna's hummingbird remains on its West Coast breeding grounds.

MYTH#6: Birds always migrate in flocks.

FACT: Though many birds migrate in flocks - other species migrate alone.

The most amazing example of this is a juvenile hummingbird that has never migrated before, yet knows when to fly, where to fly, how far to fly and when to stop. And it does this all alone.

MYTH#7: Migration means north in the spring and south in the winter.

FACT: Some birds migrate to higher elevations in the spring and down to lower elevations in the winter. Examples include rosy finches and ptarmigans in the West.

MYTH#8: Bird's feet will stick to metal bird feeders and suet cages.

FACT: Most suet cages have a laminated covering, so you don't have to worry about bird's feet sticking to it. But in general, their feet can endure cold weather. Birds have a protective scale like covering on their feet, and special veins and arteries that keep their feet warm.

MYTH: #9: Peanut butter will get stuck in bird's throats, and they will choke.

FACT: Peanut butter is very nourishing food for birds, especially in winter when the production of fat is important to their survival. The myth that it will stick in their throats simply isn't true.

MYTH#10: American goldfinches are bright yellow year-round.

FACT: As fall approaches, American goldfinches lose their bright-yellow plumages, replacing them with feathers that are a dull, brownish-green. Many people don't recognize these birds in winter even though duller-colored birds are still at

the feeders. They assume that their "wild canaries" have migrated south for winter.

MYTH#11: Woodpeckers drill on house siding in winter for food or to create nesting cavities.

FACT: Though there are cases where woodpeckers find food in wood siding (and may even nest inside the boards), nearly all the drilling in late winter is done to make a noise to court mates. This is their way of singing a song to declare territory.

I have selected these myths and facts from the magazine, Birds and Blooms. This is a fascinating magazine with page after page of gorgeous photos of gardens plus unbelievable pictures of birds in all their glory.

MYTH#12: If you have warm water in a birdbath when the temperature is below freezing, birds will bathe in it and get their feathers wet.

FACT: Birds will drink from a heated birdbath, but if the temperature is well below freezing they will not bathe in it and get their feathers wet. If you're still worried offer the birds warm water to drink but make it too deep or inaccessible for the birds to bathe in.



As many of my readers know, I have been a bird lover as far back as I can remember. There is a bird station in my rear yard where you will find almost everything to attract the birds. A few bird houses are at various heights to attempt to attract the preferences of the different species, various types of feeders, and, of course, the bird bath. In season, I have placed a chair in a convenient spot complete with binoculars for observing the birds from the courting stages (the males showing off with all kinds of antics to impress the females), and both contributing in collecting nest building materials for creating the "home" for the future family.

Finally the nestlings leave their egg homes to chirp for food as both parents participate with their job of hunting for food and water for feeding them. This is a sight to behold. Their little mouths are open constantly until dusk. Then the activity ceases until the break of day. The finale is when the parents decide to begin to teach them how to fly by fluttering their wings, if necessary actually pushing them out of the bird house. Now, "you had better get those wings moving or you'll hit the ground".

Scatter seeds of kindness everywhere you go;
Scatter bits of courtesy watch them grow and grow.
Gather buds of friendship; keep them till full-blown;
You will find more happiness than you have ever known.

From the Plant Man

From the Secretary



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

President Danny Saporito asked that the meeting be opened @11:54 AM. A motion was made by Mike Kmeth, seconded by Bob Garruba, to open the meeting at Northport Yacht Club. There were 37 members present.

President Dan Saporito asked for a moment of silence to remember our men and women in uniform who gave the ultimate sacrifice to protect our way of life.

Dan asked for a motion to forego the reading of the January meeting minutes. Joe DiBenedetto made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Rich Bishop. Minutes accepted

Bob Sewall read the Finance report. Closing Bank balance was \$4,399.30 Bob commented that we are above the club limit but this is normal as we just collected the majority of the club dues and have had no real expenses yet for the year. Should anyone have any questions please call Bob and he will answer any questions.

Membership Director Tom Rizzo had no new members for this month.

Dan spoke about the 20th Anniversary. We only have 27 cars on the list we need 60. Please see Bob Russo and sign up for a club car by the end of March. Rich McGorty is talking with Charlie Ro to see if we have any other option for the quantity or do we have to cancel. Georgiana Gaherty has a few pins left to sell from the original order. Dan asked that members sign up for the Essex Dinner Train Ride for June 11. Please see Pete Conte to sign up for the Essex Dinner Train Ride, \$70.00 in advance. Transportation will be extra or you can always go on your own.

Dan noted that the Club Publication Policy will be posted on the web site after the next BOD. The Club Roster will be on the secure part of the web site. Once it is posted an e-mail will be sent to members with the password.

Dan stated that the BOD will be listing Don Bender's gift in Smoke n' Cinders as per club by-laws prior to auctioning them off in the future.

Photo Contest: Louise Sewall noted she only had 2 photos for the month so far. So let's get the photos to Louise for the contest.

Dan read a letter from Helen Oest and family thanking the club for the touching dedication of the plaque in John's memory. John had many trains in many scales. His G scale trains will be posted on the club web site under the Market Place section. Should anyone wish to purchase any they can contact the family.

Dan stated that Arbor Day will again be at Planting Fields. Set up will be on April 29 at 10 AM. The run date is Saturday April 30 and Sunday May 1 which we will also take everything down at 5 PM Bring your own trains if you want to run them and enjoy the day with us.

Dan noted that this year we were asked to do a Module display for the Air Power Museum in Farmingdale. Unfortunately the date fell on the same weekend as our display for Planting Fields. Maybe we can do the show next year if the date is different.

It was announced that Georgiana and Steve Gaherty have a new Granddaughter. A big round of applause was given for the Gaherty's. Georgiana has pictures.

Bob Sewall explained the rules for today's Auction.

The next BOD will be March 5 @ 10:30 Am @ Pete Conte's house. A member may attend but please call either Dan or Pete so we know how many people will be there.

The next General meeting is Sunday March 20 @ 11 AM @ Northport Yacht Club.

There is **NO MEETING IN APRIL**

50/50 was won by member Walter Coleman. \$19.00 for Walter and \$19.00 for the club.

Joe DiBenedetto made a motion to close the meeting seconded by Mike Kmeth. Motion approved. Meeting ended @ 12:09 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karl Wagner,

Secretary

Member Profiles



Featured member Walter Coleman has always been interested in trains. As a child he had a few sets that his father bought him. Walter moved on to HO modeling when he got older, then lost interest for a few years.

He just started getting re-interested in the hobby when his grandson was born 4 years ago. Although he did have an HO layout, now there is very little left as he has been selling the HO items to go larger.

Walter had been getting Garden Railways magazine for quite some time. When he went to an HO show 2 years ago in Nortport which was held at a church he ran into a LIGRS member who told him that he should go over and check out the LIGRS at the yacht club. Walter was given the date for the next meeting which he attended. When he met Tom Rizzo, they discovered that they live just down the street from each other. Tom has been inviting Walter to go and see his layout. (Any member who have not visited Tom's layout, check out the photos posted on LIGRS.org and be amazed.) Steve Borakowsiki gave Walter a DVD that he had produced showing his garden railway. Walter said he was just

blown away by it.

The Coleman family has recently moved into their current home and have not yet set up an outdoor layout so for now he lays down a temporary one for his grandson and then takes it up again. For the grandson he has been collecting Thomas engines and now owns Percy, Thomas and has James on order. For his permanent layout, Walter has stainless steel track and an engine collection which includes Forneys and a Consolidation. He plans on scratch building rather than using kits. He has had much experience building doll houses and furniture for his daughter so large scale building will be no problem, it's just a natural progression. He plans on letting his imagination go wild.

This summer he and his wife took their grandson to the LIGRS picnic at the Long Island Live Steamers and the little guy loved it.

Walter belongs to the Long Island Antique Tools Association and does timber framing demos for their functions. He also does blacksmithing demonstrations at the Museums at Stonybrook.

Photo Contest Winner

Snow slide covering the tracks



This month's winning photo was take by Dave Morrison of his Long Island Midland Rail Road

ATTENTION Club Property For Sale

In accordance with By-Law Article XII, following is a list of Club Property which the Board of Directors has decided to dispose of. Information regarding the date which this property will be made available and the terms of sale will be posted at a later date.

In addition, in accordance with By-Law Article XII assorted pieces of track used for outdoor events stored in the club trailer are planned for future disposal.
(list continued on next page)

Locomotives					
Tag #	Road	Style	Manufacturer	Model #	Condition
L-3	RGS	10 Wheeler	Bachmann	91242	? Needs work
L-5	Milwaukee	Rail Bus	Delton	2264M	? Does not run
L-6	NYC	GP7	USA Trains	R22102	OK
L-10a	PRR	Pacific Loco	AristoCraft	ART 21401	? (Needs cleaning)
L-10b	PRR	Pacific Tender	AristoCraft	ART 21801	Both trucks broken
L-11	United Traction Co.	Street Car	Bachmann	93938	OK (needs cleaning)
Rolling Stock - Freight					
Tag #	Road	Style	Manufacturer	Model #	Condition
F-1	Ballantine	Tank Car	AristoCraft	ART 41327	OK
F-2	Schlitz	Tank Car	AristoCraft	ART 41328	OK
F-4	Doublemint	Reefer	Bachmann	93253	OK
F-5	Ely-Thomas Lum-	Flat w/ Logs	Bachmann	93527	OK
F-6	Saturday Evening	Steel Box Car	AristoCraft	ART 46042-1	OK
F-7	U.P. Tiffany	Reefer	Bachmann	93225	OK
F-8	Golden Leaf	Covered Hopper	AristoCraft	ART 41206	OK
F-10	PRR	Wood Side	Bachmann	93314	OK
F-11	NYC	Tank Car	AristoCraft	ART 41602	OK
F-12	Gerber Foods	Reefer	AristoCraft	ART 46217	OK
F-13	B&O	Flat Car	AristoCraft	ART 46308	OK
F-14	Hormel	Steel Reefer	AristoCraft	ART 46214	OK
F-15	REA	Flat Car	Aristo/REA	REA 46301	?
F-16	MK&T "The Katy"	Stock Car	Bachmann	98117	OK
F-18	GM&O	Gondola	Aristo/REA	REA 41005	?
F-19	CSX	Center Beam	USA Trains	R-17410	OK
F-21	Farmers Co-Op	Covered Hopper	AristoCraft	ART 41606	OK
F-22	Lackawanna	Steel Box Car	AristoCraft	ART 46012	OK
F-23	Southern Pacific	Stock Car	AristoCraft	ART 46113	OK
F-24	Texaco	Tank Car	Bachmann	No Label	OK
F-25	PRR	Stock Car	Bachmann	Box Labeled Flo & Cripple Creek 93344	OK
F-27	Saturday Evening	Steel Box Car	AristoCraft	ART 46040-3	OK

ATTENTION Club Property For Sale (Cont.)

Rolling Stock - Passenger & Caboose					
Tag #	Road	Style	Manufacturer	Model #	Condition
P-4	PRR	Streamline Passenger	AristoCraft	Box end missing	OK
P-5	PRR	Steel Caboose	Aristo/REA	REA 42104	OK
P-6	PRR	Wood Side Coach	Aristo/REA	REA 31151	OK
P-7	Southern Pacific	Wood Side Coach	Aristo/REA	REA 31006	OK
P-8	PRR	Wood Side Combine	Aristo/REA	REA 31001	OK
Miscellaneous					
1 Bag of Passenger Platform parts					
3 Bags of miscellaneous parts					
1 Box of magazines					

20th Anniversary Club Dinner Train Trip

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When making the group reservation, members must indicate their dinner choice of either; Chicken, Salmon, or Prime Rib (vegetarian meal available by special request).

Following are links to the Essex Train website and other attractions in the area.

- <http://www.essexsteamtrain.com/> Essex Steam Train and Riverboat
- <http://www.danbury.org/DRM/> Danbury Railway Museum
- <http://www.ct-trolley.org/> Connecticut Trolley Museum
- <http://www.bera.org/> Shoreline Trolley Museum
- <http://www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?A=2716&Q=325204> Gillette Castle State Park
- <http://www.mysticseaport.org/> Mystic Seaport
- <http://www.foxwoods.com/default.aspx> Foxwoods Resort/Casino

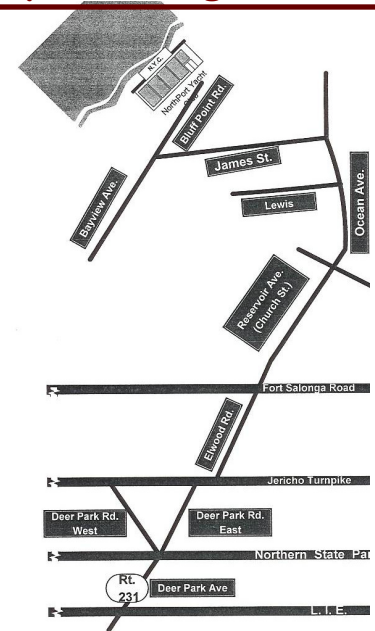
Directions to the Northport Yacht Club – Monthly Meeting

Sunday 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



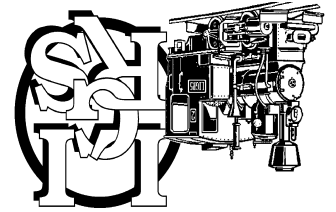
Changes to LIGRS Publication Distribution Policy

LIGRS Publication Distribution Policy

The purpose of the LIGRS Publication Distribution Policy is to establish a uniform set of policies and procedures governing the publication and distribution of various club documents pertaining to club newsletter, By-Laws, Membership Roster, policies, website features, notices, promotional materials and other materials for the benefit of the membership as well as promoting the mission of the organization.

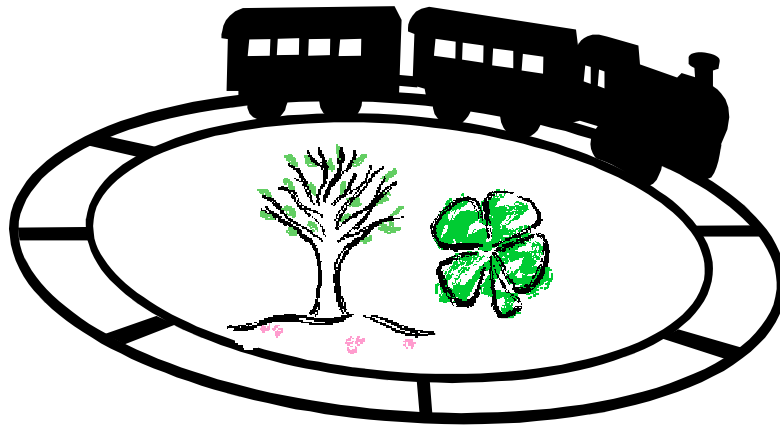
It is furthermore intended to do so in a cost effective manner to minimize the resources necessary to carry out this policy. Wherever reasonable and practical, the club will utilize electronic means to distribute club materials to its membership as a primary method of distribution. Electronic means shall be defined as using the Internet to distribute information in the form of e-mail or an e-mail link to the LIGRS website where the information is posted. Electronic means shall be employed for each member who has registered an e-mail address with the club's Membership Director. Members not possessing an e-mail address or not wishing to participate in the electronic distribution process may do so by omitting or unregistering an e-mail address when submitting membership information to the Membership Director. Members not receiving electronic distribution will receive comparable printed materials to the extent feasible and practical. Some reminders or other timely notices may not be available in printed form due to timely distribution constraints.

- **Newsletter:** Members will be notified via registered e-mail when newsletter is available on the website and a printed copy mailed to non-registered email member's postal address.
- **By-Laws:** Shall be posted on the website where new and existing members may reference them. Members not having a registered email address may request a printed copy of the By-Laws from the Membership Director.
- **Membership Roster:** An electronic version will be available on the website Members only section about mid-March by the Membership Director. Members not having a registered email address may receive a printed copy of the Roster from the Membership Director by request. New members will initially be provided a printed copy of the most recent Membership Roster by the membership Director upon joining the club.
- **Website Features:** Features such as Newsletter Photo Pages, LIGRS Marketplace, LIGRS Photo Gallery, Member Layouts, Club Policies as well as other miscellaneous materials/categories shall only be available on the club's website.
- **Reminder Notices:** shall primarily be distributed in electronic form. A printed copy mailed to a non-registered e-mail member's postal address will only be made for significant situations, time permitting.
- **Emergency Notices:** Circumstances concerning last minute venue changes, funeral arrangements and similar urgent situations shall be disseminated via the Emergency Phone list to be maintained and distributed to members of the BOD by the Membership Director.
- **Promotional Materials:** in as much as this category is directed to non-members, only printed materials will be distributed.



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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!