

November 2011

Monthly Meeting
Sunday, November 20, 2011
Northport Yacht Club
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY INC

Smoke n' Cinders

*****OOPS!!!*****

Save the new date for the Long Island Garden Railway Society

Annual Christmas Party

Saturday, December 10, 2011

1:00 o'clock p.m.

Northport Yacht Club

11 Bluff Point Road

Northport, N.Y. 11768

\$45 per person, \$23.00 for Children (under 5 free)

Please send your Reservations and Checks to
(payable to *Long Island Garden Railway Society Inc.*)



Rich McGorty,
14 Charles St
N Valley Stream, NY 11580
by **December 4th**



Don't forget the annual club auction which will be held at the March meeting.

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, or excess cash into trains. (A win-win event!)

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*.



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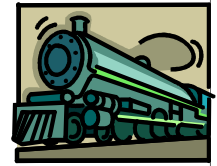
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LIGRS Meeting Schedule

Date	Program/Notes	Time	Place
November 12, 2011	Modular Display	Set up 8:00 AM	Northport VA
November 20, 2011	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Northport Yacht Club (Swap & Shop)
December 10, 2011	Christmas Party	1:00 PM	Northport Yacht Club
December 19, 2011	Modular Display	Set up 2:00 PM	Cradle of Aviation Museum
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)

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From The Cab



We had a very busy October and I cannot be more delighted and proud of what we presented to the public at Pumpkin Fest and The Bayard Fall Festival. The weather was better than we could have hoped for both events, which made it that much more enjoyable. I attended a review meeting at Bayard last week and received so many complements from the Director and Staff as well as from members of the Horticultural Society and Dahlia Society. Frank Clemente called me after hearing from Cornell Gardeners who also enjoyed our display. For our first time at The Bayard Cutting Arboretum we presented something that far exceeded their expectations, which was enjoyed by close to five thousand visitors. I had an idea of what I thought the layout might look like and explained it the morning of setup. Our members put together a greater display than I imagined, from the road, one's interest was captured and continued all the way in. I would like to say thank you. Both events were a great job done by all involved and we certainly have many people talking about trains, Garden Railroading and the Long Island Garden Railway Society.

We also had our meeting at the home of Walter and Brenda Pepper, another nice day and a good turnout, thank you both for hosting. The Railway is progressing, ran well and looks like something I would enjoy seeing again as it nears completion. I love how every railway is so unique, each one a different personal interpretation, adding to the enjoyment of the meetings at members' homes.

At my home the D&P Railway hadn't had a train running for a few weeks, so much of the ground cover had overgrown the rails. I finally trimmed the right of way and enjoyed a successful run. In the weeks ahead I'll be busy transplanting and picking up the leaves with the Leaf Vac. and preparing for winter. Inside I have a few projects planned, sound for my O-4-0, MU jumpers and plugs for the engines without them. I found the same plugs that Aristo uses for MU. I ordered from AllElectronics.com the

catalog # is CON-240 \$1.35 each pair + \$7 S/H. When I was first getting into G Scale I asked a dealer about the MU plugs, wondering if I had a jumper connecting two engines together would they have power pickup from all axels? I was told no that's just for a battery connection so I never gave it another thought till I recently tested the Aristo plug and found it read track voltage. Anyway, lesson learned, that members of this club are a great resource and some selling the product may not be as knowledgeable as we assume.

November seemed like it was so far off. Time is flying by and in a few weeks we'll be busy with our modular display at the VA Nursing Home. We're setting up Saturday 9/12/11 at 8am. If you're free to lend a hand then please join us.

I hope to see everyone at our November 20th meeting/Swap&Shop at the Yacht Club. This is also our Election meeting so please try to attend and if you cannot please sign a Proxy and give it to someone who can represent you at the meeting.

I was reading the December 11 issue of Garden Railways and was happy to see that Nancy Norris included Ed Assaf's Between Here and There Railway in the Greening your Railway, Borrowed scenery article, on page 29 is a photo with a reference to it on page 27. Congratulations Ed.

Our Christmas Party is scheduled for Saturday December 10th, not Sunday. Richie McGorty tried to finalize the party details only to find that the Yacht Club never made the date change and another party was already booked for Sunday. Richie feels terrible about this as do I and I apologize for the changes and confusion especially if you now cannot attend.

If you have an idea that might benefit LIGRS, please email me. danny.saporito@verizon.net

Dan Saporito





My column for this month, titled APPLE TRIVIA, was information found on the computer by my daughter, Bobbie, under the heading of Google. Remember, an apple a day keeps the doctor away. Here are some juicy facts to know and tell.

Apples are pome fruits, a botanical classification meaning "fleshy fruits." Pears and quince are also pome fruits, as opposed to stone fruits, fruits with "stone" pits, like peaches, plums and cherries.

The word pome comes from the French word pome (which means apple, also the root of Pomona, the goddess of fruits). Interestingly, the French word for potato is pomme de terre, or "apple of the earth." The science of apple growing is called pomology (can you guess why?).

The Number Five

The number five is important in the world of apples, and not just because apple is a five letter word. Apple blossoms typically form in clusters of five an apple blossom as five petals. Red Delicious apples usually have five bumps (lobes) on the base of the apple. The "star" you see when you cut an apple in half is due to the fruits five seed cavities. Each cavity has the potential for 2 seeds, thus 10 seeds per apple are the norm.

Annual Crop Drop

Today the annual crop grown in the U.S. states averages over 200 million bushels.

Apple Varieties

2,500 varieties of apples are grown in the United States and 7,500 varieties of apples are grown throughout the world.

Apple and Air

25 percent of an apple's volume is air. That is why they float.

Apple Trees

Some apple trees will grow over forty feet high

and live over a hundred years.

Apple Consumption

The average U.S. consumer eats about 19 pounds of fresh apples a year - about one apple per week.

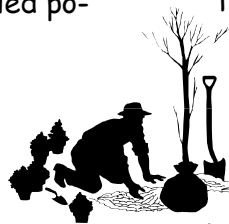
Apples and Roses

Apples are a member of the rose family.

The Garden of Eden

We'll start from the beginning: According to the Bible, Eve's inability to resist an apple's allure led to humanity's fall from grace.

Long before apples were cultivated, it is believed they grew wild in Central Asia and China, as well as in Southwest Asia, where biblical historians place the Garden of Eden



Apples Throughout History

The Stone Age peoples of Europe cultivated apple trees. In 3000 B.C., the ancient Lake Dwellers of northern Italy and Switzerland also grew apples. The Greeks and Romans both cultivated apples. When the Romans conquered England (first century B.C.) they brought the art of apple cultivation with them. The Spaniards brought apples to Mexico and South America. The Pilgrims of Massachusetts Bay Colony planted apple seeds in 1629. Pioneers brought apple trees west. Indians planted trees from seeds they had received at white settlements.

Iroquois Indians

To the Iroquois Indians, the apple tree is the central tree of heaven.

Johnny Appleseed

Johnny Appleseed spent 49 years of his life in the American wilderness planting apple seeds to fulfill his dream of a land where apple trees blossomed everywhere and no one was hungry.

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LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OCTOBER 16, 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. We also remember Pete Conte's mom who passed away this week.

President Dan Saporito asked that the meeting be opened @ 12:10 PM. A motion was made by Jay Sulsenti, seconded by Ray Shelton to open meeting being held at Walter & Brenda Pepper's house. There were 34 members present.

Dan thanked Walter and Brenda Pepper for hosting today's meeting.

President Dan Saporito asked then for a motion to forego the reading of the September meeting minutes. Tom Rizzo made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Ray Shelton. Minutes accepted.

Finance Report - Bob Sewall read the Finance report. The closing bank balance as of Sept 30, 2011 was \$3,772.24 Bob commented that we are over the upper limit by \$142.24 Bob is taking a look at this for the BOD. Should anyone have any questions please call Bob.

Membership Director Tom Rizzo had one new member for this month, Nick Guarino. Please remember next month starts membership dues time again.

Pumpkin Fest and Bayard Arboretum Dan commented the ground displays were events we should be proud of. A special thank you to all of our members who gave their time to make these events a complete success. Both displays were great and the joy that was seen on the visitor's faces made these worth the effort. Bob Russo will be looking at the Pumpkin Fest display for next year, if they can clean it up a little before we start to set up. This way we don't have to do it. We made club history with the 1st time Bayard display which Ray Shelton photographed and at a later date he hopes to put together a Power Point for us to enjoy. Dan heard back from Frank Clemente that over 5,500 visitors attended Bayard over the 3 days. Nelson Sterner, the Director of Bayard thanked Dan several times over the weekend and said they would like to have us back. We bought a half page ad in their Journal which I have if anyone would like to take a look. Dan noted that we all realize that all of our displays are a lot of work but we really are giving this club tremendous exposure as well as promoting our hobby. People love to see trains.

Thomas Fun Weekend - Dan heard back from Don Fisher that the weekend was outstanding. Did anyone make it out there? Two transformers on the Freeman Railway are not operating and Karl Wagner is seeing if they are repairable, sev-

eral of the engines in the shanty are also not operating and we need to see if any of these belong to us before we attempt to repair. Dan will check with RMLI about ownership

Medford Nursing Home had approached a member about doing a show. Bob Russo will check out the size and location of the area for display.

Club Inventory - Richie McGorty, John Sakel, Dan Saporito and Tom Rizzo to get together to inventory all club assets.

Elections- the November 20th meeting is our Election meeting and needs to be a business meeting as per our By-Laws. Please try to attend or print a **proxy** from the November Sn'C and give it to someone attending the meeting.

Food Drive - In memory of past member Doug Smith, we will be collecting nonperishable food items at the November 20th meeting, donations go to the Grace United Methodist Church.

Swap & Shop - is also planned for the November 20th meeting following the Elections.

Honorary Member- Dan sent a letter to Charlie Ro informing him of his honorary membership, Dan has a copy available if anyone would like to see it.

Christmas party - is Sunday December 11 at noon. Look in the November Sn'C for reservation information. (**Secretary's note: date and time has changed back to Saturday December 10 @ 1 PM sorry for the confusion**)

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

Open House dates- All dates for next year 2012 are officially taken so start thinking of planning for 2013

20th Anniversary- We still have some Anniversary items; please see Ernie DeCarolis for cars. Also see Georgiana & Steve Gaherty - Anniversary Pins and clothing, they have other club non-anniversary items as well, clothing & DVDs.

Silent Auction- Dave Smith, Peter Conte, Ernie DeCarolis and Mike Kmeth we have 5 items today, bidding will close at the end of the meeting. Good Luck.

Twin Forks - chapter of the NRHS has added a link to our web site under **Friends** and there is a link to them on ours under the **Interesting Stuff** tab.

Photo Contest - grab your cameras and click away then send your railway photo to Louise Sewall. A link to the Photo contest rules is at the bottom of the LIGRS home page. Mike Kmeth had a unique photo in this month's Sn'C of a chipmunk greeting the train. Congratulations Mike. (*cont. Page 8*)

Take A Look



Newest station model created by Steve Borakowski and displayed at the October meeting.



Photo Contest Surprise! Surprise! It's a Tie!

It's a Photo Finish!

Photo at the right was taken by Rich McGorty at the Bayard Cutting Arboretum club display



Above photo of his new engine, was taken by Ken Stafford on the KenUnky RR

Thank You to Pumpkin Fest 2011 Volunteers



<i>Set Up</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Sunday</i>
Richard Bishop	Frank Clemente	Richard Bishop
Frank Clemente	Peter Conte	Frank Clemente
Peter Conte	Jack Eckert	Peter Conte
Ernie DeCarolis	Susan Eckert	Ernie DeCarolis
Jack Eckert	Robert Garruba	Marie DeCarolis
Artie Johnsen	Richard McGorty	Artie Johnsen
Richard McGorty	Loretta Olenick	Michael Kmeth
Loretta Olenick	Thomas Rizzo	Kathleen Kmeth
Thomas Rizzo	Danny Saporito	Richard McGorty
Robert Russo	Kenneth Strafford	Loretta Olenick
Danny Saporito		Walter Pepper
Kenneth Strafford		



Odds and Ends

Food Donations Needed

As in past years we are gathering donations of non-perishable food items for the Grace United Methodist Church food pantry in memory of deceased member Doug Smith.

Donations should be brought to the November meeting.

Cash also accepted.

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:
(631) 470-2217
tomjudyriz@optonline.net

Member Profiles



New member Nick Guarino, found out about LIGRS through an accidental encounter with Danny Saporito. He had always loved trains and like others, had Lionel as a child, which he saved and gave to his son. His son started collecting. When the son was about 20 they went to a meeting of the Central Operating Line in Lake Ronkonkoma. The son joined that club.

His son had asked for a train layout in the garden but Nick thought, "Dopey kid, you can't do that." He was surprised when Dan told him you **can** have a garden railway.

Previously, his son had inspired him to create a Christmas layout. It takes up 1/3 of the living room. They had to move a lot of the furniture out. They went to Home Depot and bought plywood. The son now lives in Queens and wanted it to resemble an elevated subway system. They used both Lionel and LGB as the son has many trains which include a bunch of subway trains. Their layout has elevated lines, buildings below, with streets and street lights and lots of houses. It takes about 2 weekends to assemble and disassemble each year. They experience it as a real bonding event between the 2 of them. Nick really got into the landscaping/decorating aspect of the hobby, which has become a labor of love..

3 years ago he, his wife Eileen, son and daughter went to a LIGRS open house at Danny's house. They were just amazed.

His wife loved the koi pond. She stopped right there She had been lovingly asking for a fish pond for the past 30 years. The rest of the family continued on to see the train layout but she stayed. Later Nick asked Dan to help build a koi pond and he

did. Nick thought he would hate it but has come to enjoy it a lot. Nick likes the train part of garden railways but loves the gardening part of it. The family loved the scale of the plants and seeing the trains disappearing behind the trees and coming back out.

Nick has cleared a portion of their back yard. When Dan comes to visit he says, "You know a train layout would be really perfect here." However, Nick still works full time and is aware of the work involved in a layout. He has helped Dan clean up and prepare his layout for running. So an outdoor layout is a future plan.

Nick and Eileen are members of the Bayard Horticultural Society and this past October was his first opportunity to participate in the setting up of a LIGRS display there. He thought he would be just an observer but soon joined the team. He noticed that we were all like a bunch of busy ants, all coming together. He observed the teamwork in amazement. No one quibbled or argued. He did a lot of work, was exhausted and was just amazed to see how well it came together. All of the members are very friendly. No one is afraid to say hello and greet new people.

So now he is a member and has also enrolled Eileen. She has always been interested in trains because of their son's involvement. They bought the club video and went to some open house meetings. He especially notes Steve Borakowski's amazing buildings, the talent of the club members, the gardening aspect and the intermingling of the different related clubs. They also attended the 20th anniversary dinner train event and had so much fun, such a good time.

Although he does not yet have an outdoor layout they do have a huge layout in the basement that his son built.

From the Secretary continued

Apple computers, if anyone is having trouble opening Sn'C with an Apple computer please talk with Louise Sewall.

Dave Smith attended a figure painting class last month, Dave, what did you think about the program and is this something you would like to demonstrate to the membership at a future date?

Aluminum Can Tabs, (not steel) please continue to collect the tabs and see Red Morgan when you bring them.

Modular events- Tom Rizzo Coordinator. The dates are posted in Sn'C:

Northport VA Nursing Home - November 12th setup 8am:
Cradle of Aviation- Setup Dec. 19th 2pm for 2 weeks:

Freeport - January 8th:
Bethpage- January 14th

Steam Town? Peter Conte? Show of hands showed more interest for the spring of 2012 but if anyone wants to go now let us know what your thoughts are about your trip.

50/50 was won by member Jack Eckert. Jack received \$16.00 and the club received \$17.00

New Business: none

Next meeting - November 20th, (Sunday) 11AM Northport Yacht Club.

Tom Rizzo made a motion to close the meeting seconded by Jay Sulsentti. Motion approved. Meeting ended @ 12:52 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Karl Wagner, Secretary

Thank You to Bayard Cutting Arboretum Volunteers



Set Up

Frank Clemente
Ernie DeCarolis
Jack Eckert
Robert Garruba
Frank Gerken
Bob Gibney
Nick Guarino
Arnold Ing
Artie Johnsen
Richard McGorty
Loretta Olenick
Thomas Rizzo
Robert Russo
Danny Saporito
Ray Shelton
Kenneth Strafford

Saturday

Richard Bishop
Babette Bishop
Frank Clemente
Nick Guarino
Arnold Ing
Artie Johnsen
Richard McGorty
Loretta Olenick
Thomas Rizzo
Robert Russo
Danny Saporito
Ray Shelton
Kenneth Strafford

Sunday

Steve Borakowski
Daria Bossert
Frank Clemente
Robert Garruba
Nick Guarino
Michael Kmeth
Kathleen Kmeth
Richard McGorty
Loretta Olenick
Walter Pepper
Brenda Pepper
Thomas Rizzo
Robert Russo
Danny Saporito
John Jay Sulsent
Eileen Guarino

Columbus Day

John Jay Bird
Richard Bishop
Roger Bossert
Frank Clemente
Robert Garruba
Roseann Garruba
Nick Guarino
Michael Kmeth
Richard McGorty
Helen Nelson
Loretta Olenick
Thomas Rizzo
Robert Russo
Pat Russo
Danny Saporito
Kenneth Strafford
Karl Wagner





A Salute To Those Who Served Our Country



On the occasion of Veteran's Day, and on behalf of Uncle LIGRS we would like to thank all club members who have proudly served in the United States armed forces.

Our apologies if we left anyone out, please send your name, branch of service and years served to Dave Smith.

What is a Proxy and why is it necessary?

In order to conduct official club business such as the nominations for officers, the club needs a quorum of 35 members to conduct such business. A completed proxy enables you to participate in voting on club business without being present at the meeting, but still be included towards the required quorum by authorizing another member in good standing to vote your position. This member could be your spouse, another member, a Director at Large or other officer who is willing to cast your vote as instructed on your behalf as though you were present via a completed proxy in their physical possession. This will ensure that there is a proper representation of the membership deciding club business at the meeting.

NAME	SERVICE	YEARS
Jay Bird	Air Force	76-03
Richard Bishop	Navy	66-69
Steve Borakowski	Navy	68-72
Jerry Cedar	Navy	44-53
Peter Conte	Army	52-54
Ernie Decarolis	Navy	61-63
Joe Dibenedetto	Army	58-60
Jack Eckert	Air Force	70-74
Steve Gaherty	Air Force	67-94
Paul Holmes	Army	61-64
Ralph Kaiser	Army Air Corp	43-45
Donald Maines	Air Force	48-52
Richard McGorty	Army	65-69
Red Morgan	Air Force	49-53,56-60
Rick Padley	Air Force (SAC)	49-52
Bob Russo	Navy	54-58
John Sakal	Air National Guard	52-85
Bob Sewall	Air Force	62-66
John Sulsentti	Navy	77 -81
Bob Weschler	Army	45-46

Proxy Statement Form — May be used for Nov. Mtg Business

PROXY --- LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY

I _____, a member of the Long Island Garden Railway Society, hereby nominate and appoint _____, my true and lawful attorney with power of substitution, for me in my name, to vote as my proxy, at the Business Meeting of Members of said LIGRS to be held on _____ at _____, upon any and all matters which may be presented, considered and voted upon at said meeting, as fully and with like effect as I might or would have done if personally present, hereby ratifying and confirming all that my said attorney may do in my name, place and stead. I hereby revoke any proxy or proxies, heretofore given by me to any other person or persons whatsoever.

Dated _____

Signature _____

Address _____

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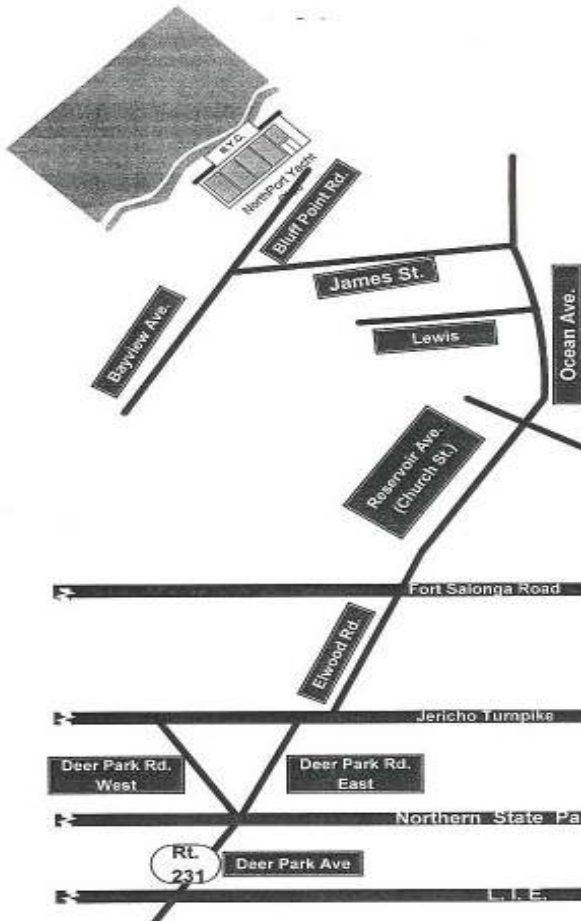
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631-261-7633



ORGANICALLY SPEAKING continued

Born John Chapman September 26, 1774, in Massachusetts, Johnny created apple orchards in Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio. There is no way to estimate how many millions of seeds he planted in the hundreds of nurseries he created in the territory lying south of the Great Lakes and between the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. More than 200 years later, some of those trees still bear apples.

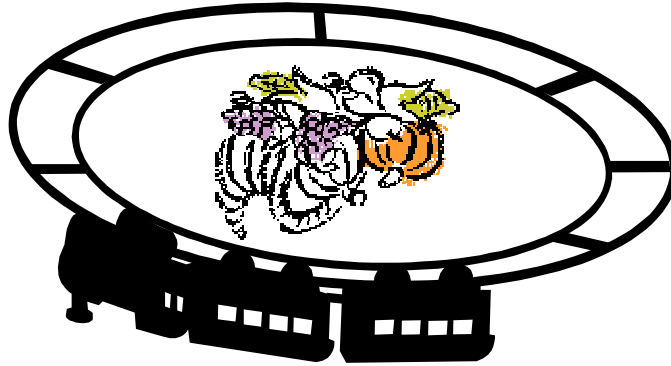
Are you ready for more trivia? October this year

had 5 Sundays, 5 Mondays, and 5 Saturdays. This happens only every 823 years!!!

Appreciation is like salt --- a little goes a long way to bring out the best in us.

From the Plant Man.

Happy Thanksgiving!



We give thanks for unknown blessings already on
their way
~Ancient Chant

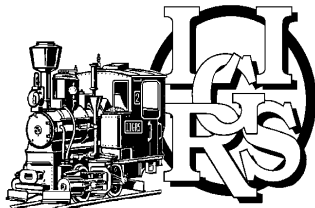
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