

April 2019

Arbor Day Festival in Lieu of April Meeting  
Planting Fields Arboretum, Oyster Bay  
Set up Friday, April 26th 8:30am  
Festival April 27th-28th



ARBOR



Day Festival

Come out and support 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.

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**Summer Raffle Prize**

Winner to be drawn at our club's Summer Picnic. Prize is the Piko #38243 ATSF Camelback 2-6-0 w/Sound, analog and digital operation, 5V Smoke Dual-Mode Sound Decoder. Full functions on DC or DCC.

Tickets may be purchased from Bob Sewall at the price of \$5.00 each.



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## 2019 LIGRS Meetings & Events Schedule

Date	Program/Notes	Time	Place
<b>April 27-28, 2019</b> Setup 4/26 8:30AM	Arbor Day Display	9:30 AM-5:00 PM	Planting Fields Arboretum
<b>May 11th, 2019</b> <b>SATURDAY</b>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Georgie & Steve Gaherty
<b>June 23, 2019</b>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Dan Saporito
<b>July 28, 2019</b>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Gerri Cooney & Bill Arndt
<b>August 17, 2019</b> <b>SATURDAY</b>	Summer Picnic no mtg.	TBA	Long Island Live Steamers
<b>August 24-25, 2019</b>	Railfest	10:00AM-4:00PM	Railroad Museum of LI at Riverhead
<b>Sept. 15, 2019</b>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Dino & Kornelia Zilic
<b>Oct. 20, 2019</b>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Richie McGorty
<b>Nov. 2019</b>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Northport Yacht Club

**2019 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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## View From The Cab



As I said in our March Smoke n' Cinders "View from the Cab" column, I would report back concerning the use of double trestle bents on or outdoor displays. Well here it is. But first a little history for those members who don't know how this controversy came about.

A few years ago one of our club members built a good quantity of double trestle bents (two tracks on one trestle bent); however, they were built without the consent or knowledge of the Board of Directors. A great deal of work was put into this project of double trestle bents. They came out beautiful. They were used once that I can remember and that was at our public display at the Planting Fields Arboretum in Oyster Bay, I believe, in 2017. A great deal of time was spent just in putting these bents up. Also the club does not have the proper radius track to create two parallel tracks on turns, which in turn made assembly difficult at best

Over time, various members of the Board and non-board members began talking about making wood tops for double bents like we have for single bents and buying the specific curve radius track, but nothing came of it. There were others that didn't want to use the double bents at all. Too much trouble setting up without the proper curve tracks.



So at the Board of Directors meeting on January 2019, I brought up the subject of making wood tops for the double trestle bents. That discussion went all over the place and finally a vote was taken by the Board members on the overall use of trestle bents. The majority was not in favor of using the double bents.

Then at the February 16, 2019 auction day, I got out of my van and the member who built the double bents approached me and wanted to show me a wire system to hold the trestles together. At some time in the past year he did approach me about his idea but I kind of put it on a back burner. In the meantime I told him to set up a demo in the NPYC at today's auction because we'd have a good turnout of members. Keep in mind he'd also shown me his car trunk, filled with enough wires to assemble all the double track bents, again without first showing the Board samples of his proposal. He had put a great deal of time and energy into this project.

One of the items on that day's agenda, (before the auction) was the double trestle bents. I brought everyone's attention to the demo display. It looked good and it appeared that it would work. I told everyone present to give it a good look and get back to me with comments, pro or con. One member, during the meeting said he might have the correct curve track and would donate it to the club.

After the auction was over, three members did approach me about the double bents. All were in favor of using the

bents, with some reservations, one being the additional set up time, and the fact that it is getting a lot more difficult for some members to get up off the ground. Another said to just buy the correct curved track needed, as we have the money in the treasury.

Before going further, I would like to give my thoughts on the matter of double bents. I personally like the double bents, they give our layout another dimension, just like tunnels do. Just a plain, single ground loop gets a little boring. But add a little height dimension and the layout then becomes a lot more interesting and then add another double trestle with two trains running below the single trestle and you have something really cool and interesting. However, I still have trouble getting up off the ground. If it were approved I would approve spending money for the track within my allotted limits.

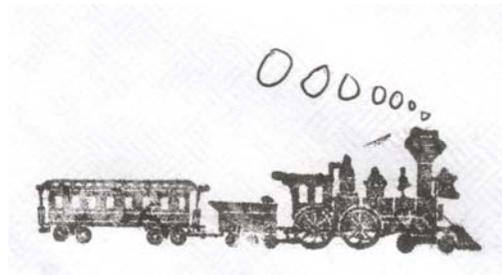
Moving ahead, in the March 2019 Smoke n' Cinders, "View from the Cab" column, I wrote about the double bents and asked members to get back to me, pro or con, with their opinions. As of our March 2019 meeting, no one else got back to me. So at our March meeting I

brought the double bents up for a member vote. The result was that the membership turned down the use of double bents overwhelmingly; note the three members and the member who made the double bents were not in attendance at this March meeting. Even if they were, it would not have changed the outcome. Case closed. Jury dismissed.

**To all members please check your email before going to any club event, monthly meeting, public displays and board meetings concerning cancellations, change of time or locations. Those members who do not use email, call me.**

Remember, there is no meeting in April however we have a Garden Railroad display at the Planting Fields Arboretum in Oyster Bay, Sat. & Sun., April 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Set up will be 8:30am on Friday April 26<sup>th</sup>. Come out and help set up and run your trains.

Mike Kmeth





### Long Island Garden Railway Society Inc.

#### Minutes of the General Meeting, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

President Mike Kmeth asked for a moment of silence for the men and women who are serving this country and especially for those who lost their lives protecting our freedom, and for a number of our members who are dealing with serious health issues.

President Mike Kmeth asked that the meeting be opened @12:02 PM. A motion was made by Frank Clemente and seconded by Pat Russo to open the meeting. There were 17 members in attendance with 19 proxies creating a quorum.

President Mike welcomed all the members to our March meeting, and mentioned that this is our last indoor winter meeting.

President Mike then asked for a motion to forego the reading of the February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting minutes. A motion was made by Bob Russo and seconded by Kornelia Zillic to accept the minutes as written. The motion was passed.

Treasurers' Report – given by Bob Sewall. Bob states that as of 3/24/2019 the starting balance is \$7,171.95 with income of \$8,440.18 and disbursements of \$6,345.40 resulting in an ending balance of \$9,266.73. The February 2019 auction resulted in a net income of \$467 for the club.

Membership Report – given by Tom Rizzo. Tom welcomed returning member, Anthony Marino.

Program Director Report – Nick Guarino stated that the date for the Mount Sinai Yacht club table top display is Sunday June 9<sup>th</sup>. There will be an antique auto show in the front parking lot and a christening of the fleet in the rear of the club house. The membership voted NOT to participate in the Mt. Sinai Yacht club display this year.

#### Shows and Event Review:

Scout Show, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at the United Methodist Church, Westbury. President Mike cancelled our participation in the table display due to bad weather. President Mike urges all the members to please check their e-mails for cancellation instructions on the morning of a setup.

Bethpage Modular Setup, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. President Mike commented that there were only 8 members that volunteered for the set up. As a result, set up was completed in 3 ¼ hours. He also mentioned that the pub-



lic participation was lite compared to past years. However, raffle sales were brisk, bringing in \$125. We also sold 2 club videos for an additional \$20.

Planting Fields Arboretum Ground Display, April 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>. Set up on Friday April 26<sup>th</sup>, rain or shine. Breakfast has been served in the past. This is our largest outdoor ground display. Membership participation is very important. Any time that you can spare will be very helpful.

Club Picnic, August 17<sup>th</sup> at Southaven Park. Please save the date. President Mike stated that Karen Connelly will be the chairperson this year. Mike will check with her to see if she is still available. As the date approaches we will be asking for volunteers.

Photo Contest – Congratulations to Paul and Matthew Bonney for the February winning photo entitled, "Baby Its Cold Outside". The photo was taken on their popup backyard layout, The Strong Island Railroad. The popup backyard layout is set up in different locations on their property at different times of the year. Please send your photo entries to Louise Sewall. A link to the rules are on the LIGRS home page.

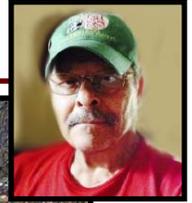
Chic Chat Corner – Thank you to Kornelia Zillic for sharing their family vacation to Germany with us. While in Germany the family went to the International G1 scale meeting at the Technic Museum in Sinsheim. Dino was happy to meet Mr. Andreas Krug, founder and CEO of KM1. Dino enjoyed the precision and attention to detail of the trains produced by the company. We encourage the ladies to submit stories or personal experience to Louise Sewall.

Club Resource Library – Please see Nick Guarino if you wish to borrow books, DVD's or blueprints from the club library. There is a listing on the club website. Nick will bring the items to the next club meeting.

Club Merchandise – Contact Georgianna or Steve Gaherty if you wish to purchase club shirts, hats, pin, DVD's or mugs.

Aluminum Can Tabs – Please give your can tabs to Eileen or Karl Wagner. This helps fund Ronald McDonald House for children needing surgery and their families. The tabs must be aluminum not STEEL.

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## From the Secretary Continued

### New Business:

New PowerPoint Presentation – Dan Saporito created a 45 minute PowerPoint presentation entitled, "Gardening with Trains". This presentation is designed to illustrate the use of trains in a garden landscape and also to target groups other than garden railroaders. He recently presented the lecture to the Bayard Cutting Arboretum Horticultural Society. There are two additional lectures scheduled in the future. The Asharoken Garden Club on August 9<sup>th</sup>, and the Sayville Historical Society on March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020,

The Oyster Bay Rail Road Museum, has contacted Dan Saporito regarding the building of a permanent outdoor garden railroad. The museum will build a raised bed and supply all the necessary equipment to fabricate the railroad. Dan will keep the membership informed as plans for this project unfold.

Bob Sewall informed the membership that there is a private rail road car trip from NYC to Pittsburgh PA on Memorial Day weekend. Meals will be served on the

train but accommodations for two nights in Pittsburgh are your responsibility. For additional information contact Bob Sewell.

President Mike asked the membership to consider the use of double trestle bent in our ground displays. Mike called for the membership to vote on this matter. The membership voted NOT to use the double bents in future ground displays.

50/50 drawing was won by Pat Russo, \$8 for her and \$9 for the club.

The next meeting is May 11<sup>th</sup> at the home of Georgianna Gaherty's home. There is no April meeting.

Tom Rizzo made a motion to close the March meeting seconded by Georgianna Gaherty. The meeting ended @ 12:46 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Nick Guarino

Program Director (Secretary Du Jour)



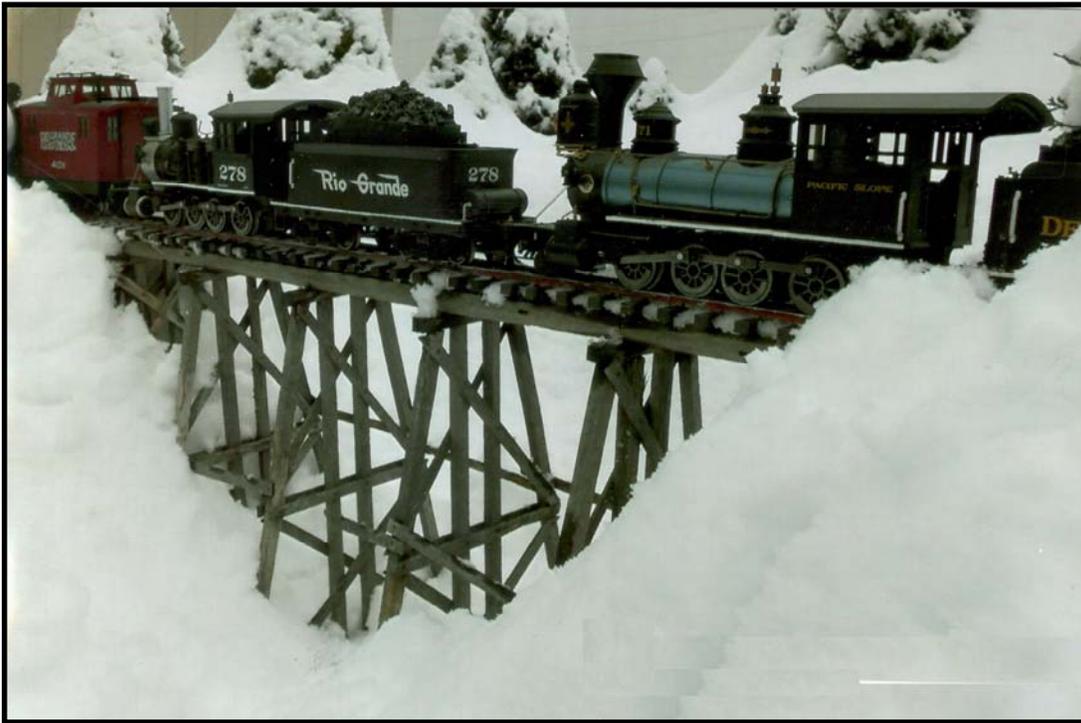
## Solution To What the Heck Puzzle



### Answer

Target-carrying cart in Royal Australian Armoured Corps Tank Museum, Puckapunyal, Victoria, Australia.

## Monthly Photo Contest Winner



This month's winning photo, "Double Header Snowplowing on the Highline" was taken by Mike Kmeth on his Sun Valley Garden Railroad

## Chic Chat Corner



We were watching a recording of the show *Mega Machines* the other day.

This particular show was called "Monster Train" and featured a Canadian SD70 locomotive pulling one of the largest trains in the world, a 1.6-mile-long monster hauling 24,000 tons of iron ore through the wilderness. We saw many of the issues faced by the "driver" of the train as he successfully navigated hills and track problems on the way, assisted remotely by a dispatcher and a track inspection crew.

One of the problems that he had to avoid, besides rockslides etc. was causing track burnout. We decided that we would not want his job.

# Bethpage Modular Display Photos and Thank You



We had a great day at Bethpage. Although some of the module members that usually come were not able to attend this year, with creativity we created an amazing display that was enjoyed by the public. Thank you to all of this year's volunteers.



Edward Assaf  
Frank Clemente  
Lou Cortese  
Sue Cortese

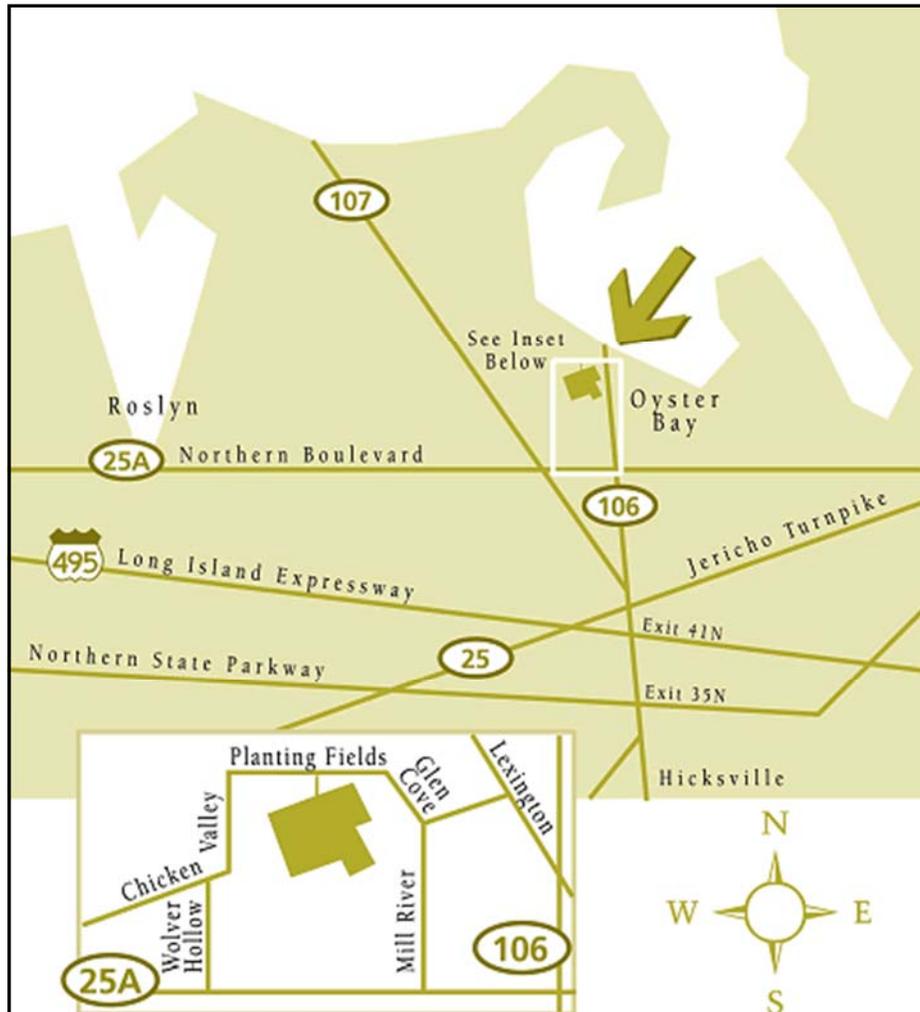
Nick Guarino  
David Morrison  
Thomas Rizzo  
Edward Rusch

Danny Saporito  
Bob Sewall  
Louise Sewall  
Ray Shelton  
George Stamatides

# More Photos from the Bethpage Display

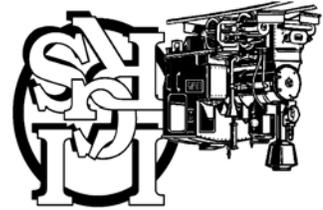


**Directions to the Planting Fields Arboretum, Oyster Bay**  
**Setup Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am**  
**Run trains Saturday and Sunday April 27<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 — 5:00**



**Turn-by Turn Directions:**

Long Island Expressway to Exit 41 North or Northern State Parkway to Exit 35 North. Proceed north on Route 106 towards Oyster Bay. Turn left onto 25A Northern Boulevard. Make first right onto Mill River Road. Follow green & white signs to the Arboretum on Planting Fields Road.



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“Spring is made of solid, fourteen-karat gratitude, the reward for the long wait. Every religious tradition from the northern hemisphere honors some form of April hallelujah, for this is the season of exquisite redemption, a slam-bang return to joy after a season of cold second thoughts.”

— Barbara Kingsolver, [Animal, Vegetable, Miracle: A Year of Food Life](#)

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