

April 2020

# Arbor Day Festival in Lieu of April Meeting at Planting Fields Arboretum, Oyster Bay HAS BEEN CANCELLED



# ARBOR



## Day Festival

Has been cancelled by Planting Fields  
See next page for other cancellations

### New Summer Raffle Prize

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.



### New Photo Contest Prize

This year's winner will receive a \$25 gift card or cash and the winning picture will be on the club roster.

Send photo entries to [louisesevall@verizon.net](mailto:louisesevall@verizon.net) or by snail mail (see roster for address)



### For Train Trivia Geniuses Only

What is the significance of  
Steam engine #5972?

Submitted by Joe DiBenedetto (*Solution found on page 7*)



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## 2020 LIGRS Meetings & Events Schedule

Date	Program/Notes	Time	Place
April 18, 2020 <b>SATURDAY</b>	Workday at Dan's	Has been cancelled	Has been cancelled
May 2, 2020	BOD Meeting	Has been cancelled	Has been cancelled
May 12, 2020	RMLI Work Day	Has been cancelled	Has been cancelled
May 17, 2020	Monthly Meeting Indoors	Has been cancelled	Has been cancelled
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
July 26, 2020 set up 10AM	Tabletop Display	TBA	Mt. Sinai Yacht Club
August 4, 2020	Work Day	9:30 AM	RMLI at Riverhead
August 22, 2020 <b>SATURDAY</b>	Club Picnic	11:00 AM	Long Island Live Steamers
August 29-30, 2020	Railfest	10:00 AM-4:00 PM	RMLI at Riverhead
Sept. 20, 2020	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Ed & Debra Assaf
Oct. 10, 2020 <b>SATURDAY</b>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Mike & Kathleen Kmeth

## View From The Cab



To all, wishing you're in good health. Please be careful. Remember your social distancing and mask. One of our younger members (under 40 years) has the COVID-19 and his wife has all the symptoms but is awaiting results. They are recovering but it is a slow process. One of my neighbors is a nurse in a local hospital. She told me that the hospital is beyond capacity. The cafeteria for staff and visitors is now full of beds and one of the parking areas may be set up for tents. Sometimes when an ambulance arrives they have more than one person in it. Occasionally it holds an entire family. So be careful. A prayer now and then may help us all. On a brighter side she also said restaurants in the area have been supplying meals for the staff.

All club events to May 31, 2020 are cancelled after that date I will re-evaluate again. Most likely there will be more cancellations. This virus is not going to go away that quickly; we have to be careful for some time yet. Keep up your guard!

**Club events that have so far been cancelled,** April 18<sup>th</sup> work day @ Dan's house, April 25 & 26 Planting Fields, May 2, Board of Directors, May 12 work day at Riverhead, May 17, monthly meeting at Dino & Kornelia's.

Along with our Editor Louise, and various contributors of Smoke n' Cinders we will continue to publish a monthly newsletter. Remember to send in your pictures. Currently they are in short supply. If anyone has a train story that they would like to share with members, please do so. Also, ladies, remember your articles for Chic Chat Corner!

Three years this June, Kathleen and I took a trip to Alaska, 10 days on land, 5 at sea. One of the things we did was ride the White Pass and Yukon narrow gauge RR. Most tourists only ride the last 23 or so miles as we did from Fraser, BC to Skagway, Alaska or the reverse. One day, I was searching on YouTube on our large smart TV and came across a cab ride from Carcross, Yukon to Skagway for approximately 63 miles. The original route went to Whitehorse, Yukon, 110 miles from Skagway. Our bus stopped in the very little town of Carcross for about an hour. Way too short of time for me. As we were leaving, the White Pass was coming into town; our bus driver said she never saw the train coming in, in all the years she was driving to Carcross.

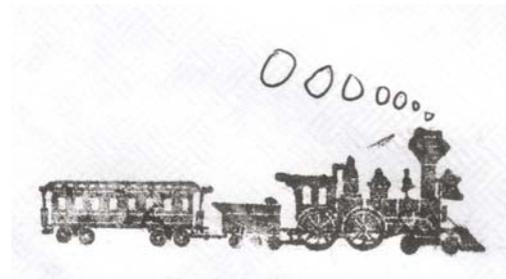
Getting back to the YouTube video, the ride from Carcross to Fraser I felt was more scenic than the last 23 miles. The narrator (British accent) starts off with a few short shots of engines and trains in Skagway and then jumps to Carcross. There he explains that the train in Carcross has a dead engine and they are bringing up a replacement from Skagway. You then see the live engine rearranging the train using a "Y" to do so. Once the consist is assembled we headed down to Skagway. Now we climbed into the cab and begin our ride down to Skagway. The ride will take over an hour. It has the most beautiful scenery, lakes and snowcapped mountains as the train hugs the shore line squeezing between the lake shore and sheer rock all on the other side of the track.



I thought that with all the time everyone has, watching this video may be fun and take our minds off the virus. Being in the cab you certainly see much more than a passenger riding in the coaches. Even if you have been to Alaska very few have ridden to or from Carcross. To view this video I typed in [Cab ride White Pass & Yukon Carcross to Skagway](#) and

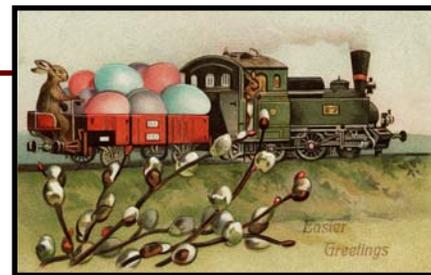
when choices come up look for the one that says [Cab Ride White Pass & Yukon 2015 Alaska](#). Good luck and enjoy. Myself, I'm looking forward to watching it again on the big screen.

Mike Kmeth



## Bonney Family Easter Layout

The Bonney family kept entertained by setting up this temporary Easter layout in their yard.

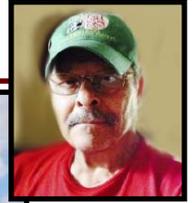


So colorful and fun for the kids as well.

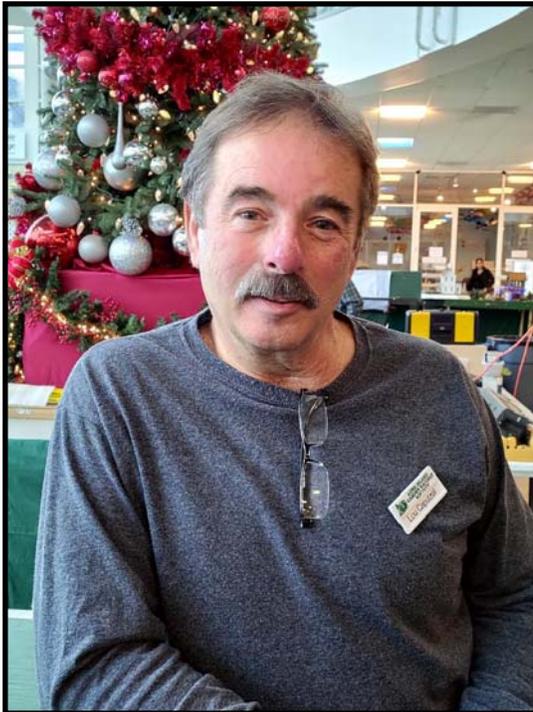


Any photos of what you have been doing this month?





## Member Profiles



This month's profile is of member Lou Caputal. Years ago he had bought a starter set and set up a layout around the pond in his back yard. The track that came with the set eventually rotted away so he put the set away and forgot about it. Lou is a member of the Long Island Live Steamers and last summer he saw us at our picnic which we held there. And it clicked with him. He always wanted to play around with a garden railroad so he came down to a meeting and talked with some of the guys. He also attended our annual auction.

He bought more equipment on eBay and lots of track from Linda Dunn. Now his layout has expanded to going around the gazebo. Every day in this nice weather he is outside putting sidings up and adding to it. He just bought a Piko steam engine and so far has 3 buildings.

His grand kids love it play with it. His buildings are just odds and ends and the station has a European look. He brought out two buildings today and asked the kids where to put them. It has turned out to be a wonderful hobby for him and his family.

## Chic Chat Corner



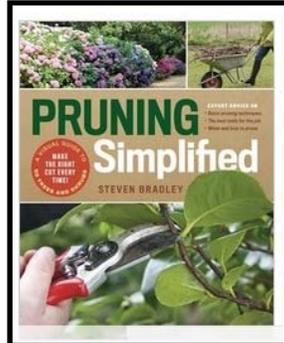
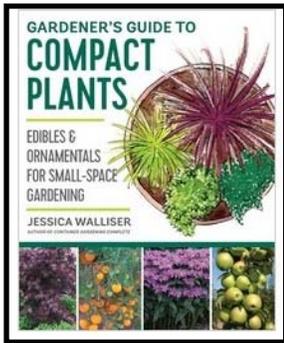
I was checking my email just before preparing this month's issue of Sn'C and discovered mail from Garden Railways Magazine. During this time they have unlocked some content on their webpage that can be viewed without a subscription.

For those who like videos, in the Model Railroader Video Plus section there are 42 episodes featuring Drew Halverson and friends on their travels to see real life railroads, with many behind-the-scenes visits.

<https://mrv.trains.com/search?q=drew+halverson>

The Garden Railways section offers links to publications. The ones that really interested me had to do with gardening. (See photos)

<https://grw.trains.com/magazine/subscriber-extras>



As usual I also visit Facebook daily to see what all of my friends and family are doing. Everyone is trying to stay busy, even if it is just binge watching shows. But past member Steve Borokowski was still thinking about his layout and has posted a few updated photos. I loved his latest structure.

Louise Sewall



## 2020 Garden Railway Convention Update



"We are monitoring all COVID-19 Information. At present, the Opryland Resort is still holding all events slated for May and beyond.

This means all parties are accountable for room reservations, including NGRC 2020. (We are hopeful the convention goes on, and ask all folks to stay healthy so we can celebrate the event together.)

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."

(Information copied from their convention website. Follow this link to keep updated.

<https://ngrc2020.com/> )

## Solution To What the Heck Puzzle

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### Answer

Spreader - Either for spreading dirt and ballast along the side of the tracks or for pushing snow. Worked on the Alaska Railroad for a few years.

## Monthly Photo Contest Winner

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This month's winning photo, "Night Operations" was taken by Steve Gittelman on his Chichester and Sweet Hollow RR

## Quiz Solution

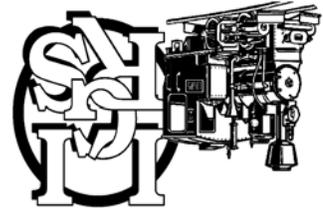
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Steam engine #5972, in real life, is **5972 Olton Hall** a preserved [Great Western Railway Hall class](#) locomotive.

In the *Harry Potter* films, the locomotive is depicted pulling the [Hogwarts Express](#), a fictional train, made up of four (later five) [British Rail Mark 1](#) carriages. Scenes were filmed at [King's Cross railway station](#), pulling out of track 9<sup>3/4</sup>, the [Glenfinnan Viaduct](#) and the [North Yorkshire Moors Railway](#) — along with internal scenes on board the train.





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