

April 2022

No General Meeting in April
Join us to run trains on our
COA Spring modular display
April 14th-20th
Museum Hours—Wear Club Clothing



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY INC.

Smoke n' Cinders

Spring Modular Display

Come out and support the LIGRS layout!

April 14th to 20th

Once again we have been invited to create a modular display with a Spring theme at the Cradle of Aviation Museum. Tuesday April 12, 2022, at 9:00am we have modular setup at the Cradle of Aviation. Come out and help us setup our display. Pizza will be served for lunch.

Volunteers are needed on run days.

Please wear club clothing, hats, name tags etc. to show the public that you are a part of the club.

Bring your trains and have fun running them.

As always the hours are those of the museum. Museum Hours, Tuesday-Sunday, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

MUSEUM OPEN EASTER SUNDAY

Break down will be Thursday April 21, 2022, at 9:00am.

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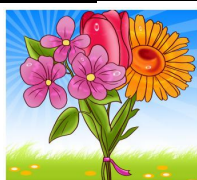
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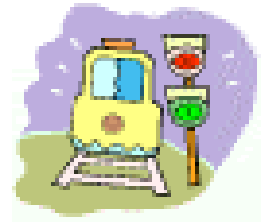


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2022 LIGRS Meetings & Events

Date	Program/Notes	Time	Place
April 14-20, 2022	Modular Display	Museum Hours	Cradle of Aviation Museum
April 12, 2022	COA Set Up	9:00 AM	Cradle of Aviation Museum
April 21, 2022	COA Take down	9:00 AM	Cradle of Aviation Museum
May, 21, 2022 <u>SATURDAY</u>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Anthony Bliss
June 18, 2022 <u>SATURDAY</u>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Geri Coney & Bill Arndt
July 16, 2022 <u>SATURDAY</u>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Jay & Betty Geyer
July 23, 2022	Fun Run	TBA	RMLI Riverhead
August 20, 2022 Rain date 8/21	Summer Picnic	TBA	RMLI Riverhead
Sept. 10, 2022	Fun Run	TBA	RMLI Riverhead
Sept 17, 2022 <u>SATURDAY</u>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	George & Connie Stamataides
Oct. 15, 2022 <u>SATURDAY</u>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Paul & Elizabeth Bonney
Nov. 2022	Monthly Meeting		TBA

View From The Cab



Spring is finally here, and I'm ever so slowly starting to work outdoors on our railroad, there's just so much we have to do, it's nearly like starting over. All trestles' bents (7) have to be rebuilt, bottoms of bents rotted out. Our longest trestle is 16 ft.; I had hoped to start during winter, never happened. Now my first focus is getting our goldfish pond filters repaired and up and running. Currently the pond is green; hopefully the big bird (egret) can't find the fish with the green water. We've caught the big bird a few times looking over the pond. Last year we saw the big bird eat a rather large gold fish.

Beside the trestle bents I have to rebuild one tunnel and build a new key bridge, the original bridge is beyond repairing. Drawings for bridge and tunnel have been completed, now it's to building them. I very much enjoy the building part it's just the other projects around the house get in our way!

Our auction was a big success. We had a good turnout of membership, good supply of items to be auctioned off. Interesting observation, I

watched two of our junior members who were bidding on the same item and their bids kept going up, of course they were checking with their parents as they bid. I enjoyed watching them go at it. Our treasurer will report at the May meeting the results of auction.

I want to thank those members who setup the room for our auction. We got there at 9:30am, and the room was completely setup. Also thanks to all that broke down after the meeting. Tony Marino deserves a big thanks for the hot food he prepared, delish, thanks Tony.

May is our first hosted meeting of 2022. Besides being our first one, it is our first meeting to be held at this member's home to view his layout. As in the past, when it's the first time to view a new layout, turnout is very good, so I expect to see you all there.

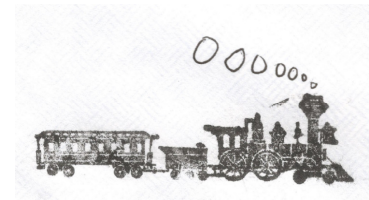
April 14th-20th are run days (closed Easter Sunday) at the Cradle of Aviation, so bring your trains and share the track with other members. Setup is April 12th and break down will be

April 21st.

Always view our calendar of events and locations in S n' C.

See you all at the Cradle.

Mike



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From the Secretary March Auction Minutes



**Long Island Garden Railway Society Inc.
General Meeting and Auction, held at the
Nassau County Wantagh Park Recreation
Center, Saturday, March 19th 2022.**

President Mike Kmeth asked for a moment of silence for the Men and Women who are serving our country and especially for those whose lives were lost protecting our way of freedom.

President Mike Kmeth asked that the meeting be opened @ 11:34 AM. A motion was made by Joe DiBenedetto and seconded by Connie Stamataides. We had 32 members in attendance with 3 proxies.

President Mike Kmeth welcomed the members in attendance to our March 2022 in person meeting and Auction, held at the Nassau County Wantagh Park Recreation Center.

Mike gave a special Thank You to Anthony Marino for providing the luncheon and also for securing the recreation center for the meeting and auction.

President Mike Kmeth asked for a reading of the February 20th, 2022 meeting minutes or a motion to accept the minutes as written. A motion was made by Rick Bishop and seconded by Paul Giordano to accept the February minutes as written.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Bob Sewall gave the 2nd quarter to date starting balance as of 3/19/22 as \$9,968.81 The ending balance was \$8,868.92. Please see Bob if you have any questions regarding the financial report.

Membership Report: Anthony Bliss reported the current membership status as, Individual 24, Family 18, Lifetime 6, Honorary 5, Junior 3, for a total of 74 members.

Program Director Report: Nick Guarino reported the upcoming meeting dates;

April- No general meeting.

April 14th-21st, Cradle of Aviation modular display. Setup date subject to change.

May 21st, Saturday, at the home of Anthony Bliss.

June 18th, Saturday, at the home of Geraldine Coney and Bill Arndt

July 16th, Saturday, at the home of Betty and Jay Geyer.

July 23rd, Saturday, RR Museum of Riverhead,

Club run day.

August 20th, Club Picnic, RR Museum of Riverhead.

September 10th, RR Museum of Riverhead, Club run day.

September 17th, Saturday, at the home of Connie and George Stamataides, **Flanders location**. 267 Longneck Blvd.

October 15th, Saturday, at the home of the Bonney family, Elizabeth, Paul and Mathew.

NOTE: all Saturday meetings have a rain date to Sunday.

Modular Coordinator: Ed Assaf is addressing a date change for our modular setup to **Tuesday April 12th** instead of **Wednesday, April 13th**. He has contacted Planting Fields Arboretum regarding the Arbor Day Festival at the end of April. There is no confirmation regarding this event.

Photo Contest: Congratulation to Lou Caputza for winning this month's photo contest, "I am a lineman for the county". You can view the photo in the March issue of Smoke-n'-Cinders. Please remember to send your photo entries to Louise Sewall.

Chic Chat Corner: You can share any item of interest in this section. Submit your thought and ideas to Louise Sewall.

Club Resource Library: There is a listing of club books, videos and blueprint on the website. Contact Nick Guarino if you are interested in borrowing something.

Club Merchandise: Please contact Georgiana and Steve Gaherty if you wish to purchase any club items, such as hats, shirts, jackets, pins or DVD's.

Aluminum Can Tabs: Please give your can tabs to Eileen and Karl Wagner. The tabs benefit the Ronald McDonald House for Children needing medical treatment. Housing is also provided for the families. Only submit Aluminum tabs not STEEL.

New Business:

A special Thank You to Anthony Bliss who created a new banner to be displayed at club setups encouraging interested patrons to consider joining our club.

The Seawane Country Club, Hewlett Harbor, N.Y.

Several of the board members visited this Country Club on February 23, to see the possibility of doing a ground display in the future. The country club would like LIGRS to do a ground display over the Columbus Day weekend to celebrate pumpkin fest. Nick Guarino showed the membership several photos illustrating where the setup would be housed and the proximity to their club house. The club could receive an honorarium from the country club for our efforts. There were many questions from our members and mixed feeling about doing the set up.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be on Saturday March 21st at the Cradle of Aviation Museum.

The next General Meeting will be on Saturday May 21st at the home of Anthony Bliss.

50/50, Won by Kathleen Kmeth. Kathleen donated her winnings back to the club. The club received \$23.

President Mike Kmeth asked for a motion to close the meeting. A motion was made by Lou Cortese and seconded by Paul Giordano. The meeting ended at 11:50. The auction commenced immediately after the close.

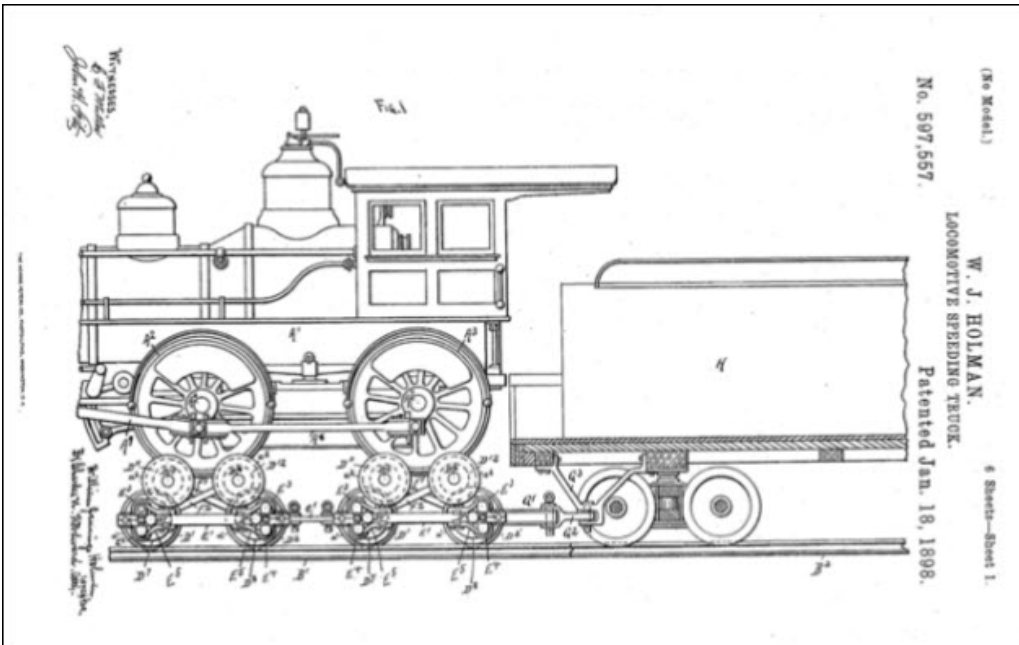
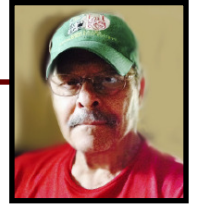
Respectfully Submitted,

Nick Guarino

Program Director



Tom's "Did You Know?"



Although it was built in 1887 and 1897, the Holman train was not created to improve rail travel. Instead, it was built to defraud people of their hard-earned money. In fact, the only difference between the Holman train and other steam trains of the day was that the Holman train had several wheels placed on top of each other.

The wheels served no practical purpose, but its inventors claimed that they made the train run faster. The fraudulent scheme was so sophisticated that the train had its own patent and ran experimental trips. The Holman Locomotive Speed Truck Company, also a fraud, was formed to oversee the train's development.

The company attempted to raise \$10 million by selling fake shares of stock at \$25 per share. Many people fell for the swindle and lost their hard-earned money when the inventors disappeared.

From the Secretary March BOD Meeting Minutes



LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY, Inc. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MARCH 25, 2022 @ COA



Attendance: President Mike Kmeth, Vice President George Stamataides, Treasurer Bob Sewall, Secretary Karl Wagner, Membership Director Anthony Bliss, Program Director Nick Guarino, Directors at Large, Louis Cortese, Frank Clemente, Paul Bonney, Ed Assaf, and member Tom Rizzo.

President Mike Kmeth asked that the meeting be opened @ 10:09 AM. A motion was made by Frank Clemente and seconded by Lou Cortese

President Mike Kmeth asked for a motion to forgo the reading and approve the minutes of the January 8, 2022 BOD. Bob Sewall requested an addendum be add to comply with the NYS rules. Bob passed out the addendum with

an explanation. Lou Cortese made a motion to accept as corrected, seconded by Frank Clemente. Copy of addendum is with the secretary. BOD approved.

President – Mike Kmeth asked about the job cross training. Bob and Ed Assaf have started with the financial end. We need to find someone for the secretary's cross training as Frank Clement felt he has too much on his plate at this time. The same for program director

Treasurer's Report – Bob Sewall gave a synopsis of the report: The 2nd Quarter 1/1/2022 thru 3/31/2022. Starting \$8,287.42 Ending \$8,903.11 Year to Date 2021- 2022 as of 3/25/2022 Starting \$9,968.81 Ending \$8,903.11

Bob stated dues income for this fiscal year was \$2,255.00

Bob noted the IRS opened the website and he was finally able to send the IRS form 990N for the club.

Bob also noted the club insurance was paid on 1/26/2022

Bob gave a report on the auction. The club made \$300.00

Membership Report – Anthony Bliss stated we have Individual 24, Family 18, Life 6, Honorary 5 and junior 3 total 74 members

Anthony is looking into the cost of a group texting service.

Program Director – Nick Guarino stated the members request the picnic be held at RMLI on August 20. The museum will be open to the public but the tent area will be just for our use only, Wrist bands will be used for members.

Food will be Heros, maybe Hot Dogs and Hamburgers. Several members will bring salads and desserts. **Tickets must be paid for by July 31**

NO admittance day of Picnic

Modular Coordinator – Ed Assaf – We are looking into some movable dollies to store the modules on while in the trailer. It will make it easier to move them with less damage.

Review Shows & Events: None at this time

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From the Secretary March BOD Meeting Minutes



Upcoming Shows and Events:

COA – April Show set up tentatively for April 12 & 13 show dates April 14 thru 20 Take down April 21. Raffle drawing will be April 21

Planting Fields – Ed Assaf received an email response from NY parks Vinnie Simeone that Planting Fields is doing a very small Arbor Day Festival of only one day. We will not participate this year.

Mount Sinai Yacht Club – Tentatively a yes depending on date and members available to do it.

Fun Run dates at RMLI – July 23 & 24 and Sept 10 & 11

Old Business –

Vertical Lift Bridge for Modules- Lou Cortese will provide Ed with material quantities, Tom Rizzo to provide Ed with design information and Ed Assaf will do a short write up. Pictures will be provided by all for National GR Newsletter.

Frank Clemente asked that a certificate of appreciation be given to the RMLI for their donations to us, the storage of our trailers and the help they gave in working on the layout in Riverhead. Tom Rizzo's personal computer crashed and this program has been lost. Anthony Bliss said he will either make a certificate or a plaque.

George Stamataides to look into what is needed to change our tax status from our current 501(c)(7) to a 501(c)(3) so we may be able to get more benefits as to taxes, donation and

grants. George stated it may cost initially between \$1500 and \$2000. Ed Assaf made a motion for George to continue up to the next step to get more exact pricing of no more than \$2000, motion seconded by Lou Cortese voted 6 for and 2 against Motion approved

Poster - Anthony Bliss made the poster. Size is approximately 2'x4' The poster came out Mint, thank you Anthony Bliss

Trailers: Both Red and Green Trailer have been inspected and registered.

New Business:

A starter set was purchased by the club for the next Raffle at COA.

An LGB Jumbo dead power supply was donated to the club. Frank Clemente will ask a member of RMLI to look at it along with 2 or 3 other club transformers.

Outdoor displays – They seem to be getting too big for the amount of club help we get for set up and run dates. Tom Rizzo's personal computer crashed and this program has been lost. We will have to do them manually for now from the drawings we already have.

The Seawane Country Club contacted us about maybe doing an event for them. Tentatively set for Columbus Day weekend. This brought a lengthy discussion of many different things. Ed Assaf made a motion to send them an honorarium proposal with our needs and requests listed, seconded by Lou Cortese and approved by the BOD. Nick will put something together for the BOD members to review before the end of April

A question was brought up about increasing the money given to hosts for the food and drink at club meeting. After a discussion the BOD felt it was not needed at this time.

Mike brought up the need for the club to purchase a Back and Forth as we keep using different members'. This is used on the modules and table top displays. Anthony Bliss says he uses a photo cell on his layout and displays for year and should still be under \$75. Mike directed Anthony to purchase this item for under \$75

Next Board regularly scheduled BOD meeting will be Saturday September 10, 2022 @ RMLI Frank will confirm with RMLI.

Lou Cortese made a motion to close the meeting, seconded by Ed Assaf. Motion approved

Meeting ended at 1:39 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Karl Wagner
Secretary



Chic Chat Corner - A Blurb from Planting Fields Arboretum



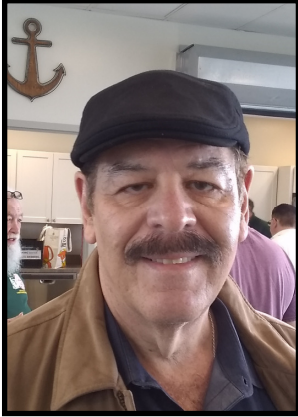
Arbor Day returns to Planting Fields!

We invite you to join us in the celebrations on Saturday, April 30. The Family Festival will run from 10AM-4PM, with a \$25 fee per car. We will be offering a fun-filled day of activities to celebrate the importance of trees and promote environmental conservation. Even Smokey the Bear will be in attendance! With over 4,000 tree specimens, 80 magnolias and 13 Long Island Champion trees on our Olmsted-designed landscape, we're excited to offer an experience that engages our community and inspires preservation of this important natural resource.

Unfortunately, this year's Arbor Day celebration at the Planting Fields Arboretum will only be held for one day. LIGRS will not be setting up any kind of display but feel free to bring the family to enjoy this day.



Member Profiles



Art first encountered the LIGRS when he came with his granddaughter to see our Christmas display at the COA. He had been toying with the idea for a garden RR layout at the side of his house. That day

he spoke with club members and decided to join them. He played around a little bit with HO and N and O during the pandemic for his granddaughter but his interest in G grew out of viewing Disney's layout and the one at Longwood Gardens.

He found our auction meeting really interesting. For \$40 he bid on and won a Bachmann starter train set but the weight was broken off inside the engine. After fixing it he decided to

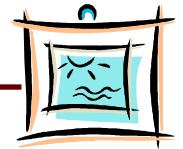
make the engine battery powered. "Battery power is easier in G scale rather than O." Just this past week end he made it remote and battery powered. The new remote he purchased is a much simpler remote to operate but with more sophisticated features than the original. Company is called G Scale Graphics and it is the Rail Boss Four, with a transmitter and receiver. Very impressed, the whole thing was under \$250. The train is now set up temporarily in his den.

This weekend he will be putting down an outdoor plywood base to start the layout in his yard on the side of the house. Shaped like eyeglasses, 30' long and 8' wide with 2 tracks going around with cross overs. He already has some brass and some steel track which will all be spray painted with rust oleum. Then he plans to spread gravel around to look like a roadbed. An estimate is that he will need at least 230'. Art likes all trains but this layout will be around the late 1930s pre WWII, with steam and a some diesel. Late 1800s he finds

too limited. He already owns a couple of period model cars too that will be placed on the completed layout. He bought one building at the auction but as the track layout develops he will then will decide what to do as far as more buildings. Maybe adding some over under track and/or mountains first.



Monthly Photo Contest Winner



This month's winning photo, "Battery converted Lionel 4-4-2 Atlantic New York Central with Red Boxcars" was taken by Anthony Bliss on his "Bliss Valley Railroad"



March Auction Meeting Photos



A great day in a lovely location.
Many thanks to our very capable auctioneer Ed Assaf.

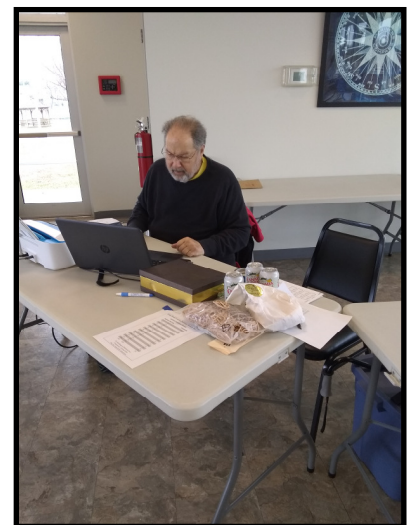


We enjoyed the hot meal provided by
Anthony Marino.

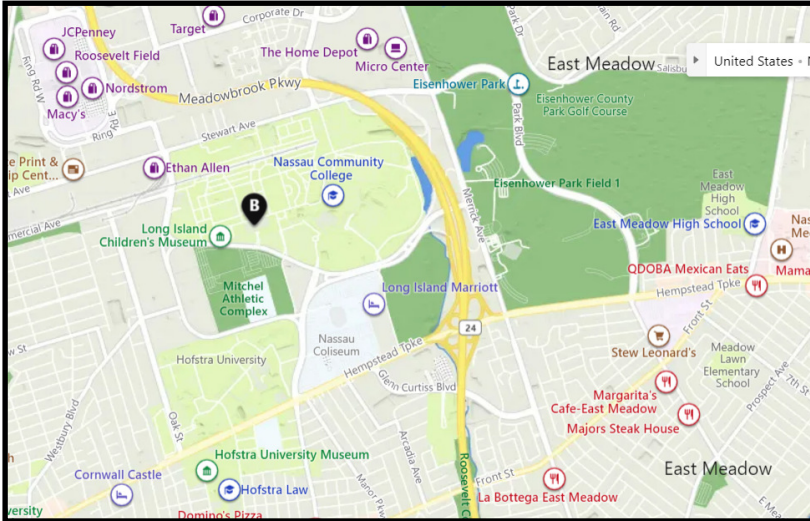
Bidding also got heated. Good fun!



Wantagh Park & Marina Community
Room



**COA Spring modular display
April 14th-20th
Museum Hours Tues.— Sunday 10:00am to 5:00pm — Wear Club Clothing**



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For direction specific to your location use the link provided below.

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The Garden Railroading eNewsletter Information

Since the Nov-Dec 2020 first issue was ePublished our LIGRS club has been in contact with the West Coast group that began this project. They send us a link to their bi-monthly eNewsletter which serves all G scale hobbyists across the USA as well as Canada and some of Europe. The newsletter has, in the past, included reprints from our Smoke n' Cinders contributors.

As each new issue is received a link is posted on our LIGRS.org website and a "heads up" email distributed to all members that it has arrived. We hope you all have been enjoying this large (40 pages or so) informative publication. To locate it on our website go to Newsletters>National eNews (see picture to the right)

We have recently received an email from the new East Coast Rep. of this group. His message follows. Please feel free to respond to him. He also has a Facebook page. The publication also has a Facebook page "GRNews" where modelers from all over have been posting photos and videos. If you are on FB please take a look.

I am the east coast representative for GR News, the digital garden railroading magazine. I hope you are familiar with our product. It is totally written by large scale model railroaders for large scale model railroaders. Best of all it is FREE! We just released a second 2022 issue a couple weeks ago. our web page with the current and past issues can be found at <https://www.grnews.org/>

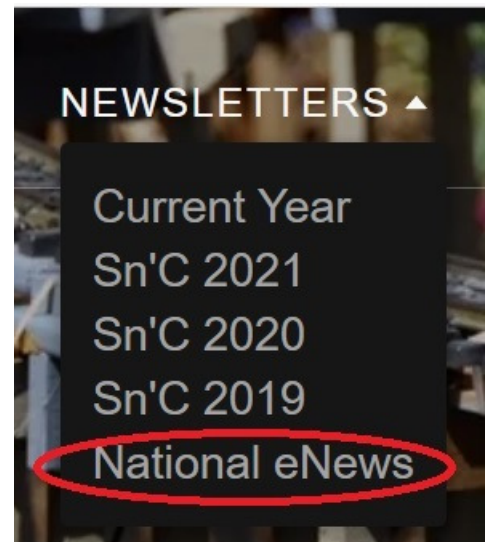
I was wondering about your group. About how many members do you have? Are you able to distribute our link to them so they can all read our magazine (maybe through a newsletter or email communications). Did any of your group attend the recent ECLSTS?

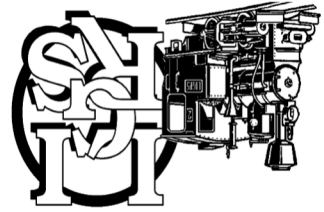
I have been in garden railroading since 1992. I enjoy attending the national conventions and was co-chairman for the 2018 convention held in Atlanta. My garden railroad was featured in the June, 2018 issue of the old Garden Railways magazine. I am a member of the Georgia Garden Railway Society and I enjoy our hobby. I also volunteer with the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum and am chairman of the Chatsworth Depot, a 1905 L & N depot owned by the local historical society. My phone number is 706-581-5482.

I look forward to future contacts and would love to hear about your group and the activities you are all involved in.

Happy Rails To You,

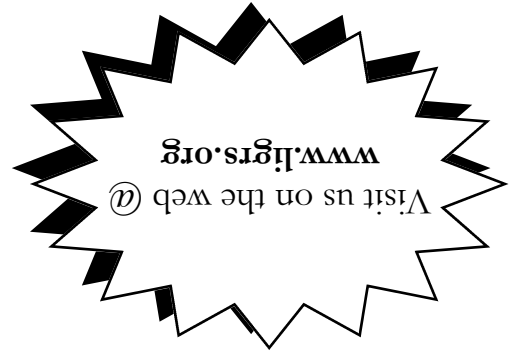
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