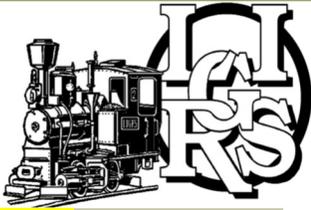


April 2023



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY INC.

# Smoke n' Cinders

## No General Meeting in April

Come and support the club display at Planting Fields Arboretum for their Arbor Day weekend Festivities —  
Wear Club Clothing

Bring trains to run and cameras for entries to our photo contest.



**April 29-30th**  
**10:00 am to 4:00pm**



# 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.

**Set up Thurs. 4/27 & Fri. 4/28, 10:30am,**  
**Festival April 29th to 30th, 10:00am – 4:00pm \$20 per car for non-club members.**

<https://plantingfields.org/happenings/arbor-day>

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## 2023 LIGRS Meetings & Events

Date	Program/Notes	Time	Place
Thurs. 4/27 & Fri. 4/28 SETUP	Ground Display	10:00AM	Planting Fields Arboretum
Apr. 29-30, 2023 Run Days	Ground Display	10:00AM – 4:00PM	Planting Fields Arboretum Arbor Day Celebration
May 20, 2023 SATURDAY	General Meeting	11:00 AM	Jim Wellinghoff First time host
June 24, 2023 SATURDAY	General Meeting	11:00 AM	Jay & Betty Geyer
July 22, 2023 SATURDAY	General Meeting	11:00 AM	Paul & Joan Simon First time hosts
August, 2023	Summer Picnic	11:00 AM	TBD
Sept. 23, 2023 SATURDAY	General Meeting	11:00 AM	Mike & Kathleen Kmeth
Oct., 2023	General Meeting	11:00 AM	Hosts needed
Nov., 2023	General Meeting	11:00 AM	TBD
Dec., 2023	Christmas Party	TBA	TBD



## View From The Cab



Well, summer is just about here and a lot of things for the club are heating up besides the weather. Being president of the club has a lot more to it than I thought. I'm learning faster than a BIG BOY with a full head of steam rolling downhill. I have been and am president of several organization including civic, business, public institution, and a local development coalition. These organizations require a strictly business attitude, structured with a pressured atmosphere.

Allow me to tell you what I have learned and still learning about being president of our club in this very short time and this is truly exciting. Working with a great bunch of members that are to a large extent planning to have mountains of FUN and how to plan for more of it. There is

no doubt that a little sprinklings of business is applied to the mix which helps makes it all work. The auction meeting was a ton of fun that generated over \$2,000 in sales and laughs. Lest I forget, a great brunch with new and familiar friends.

In order to continue planning for more fun we will need some help from every member so we can do more for the members. By June you will all get a request for you to invest 15 minutes of your time. in the best interest of the club.

We will be mailing a survey that will help all of us to know what you think is important for the club, you and the members. The survey will come via USPS with a return self-addressed envelope guaranteeing complete anonymity. With your response the board will make every effort possible to use your input to build a bigger and better club for the future. Not everyone and everything is perfect, but working together there is no doubt in my mind that we will get very close.

Please keep in mind, while having fun, we are also an instrument of education for adults of all ages and

children of all ages. Please don't lose sight of how important the things are that we do for the community in today's world. The latest and future great fun things are listed elsewhere in S n' C so keep on reading there's more to come.

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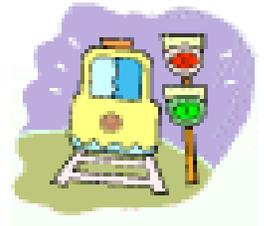
The Long Island Garden Railway Society will make you an offer in JUNE you can't refuse. So get ready!

What's the offer? It's simple. **YOU** have been designated an official **Ticket Agent** for the club.

Your duties will require you to sell the winning ticket, and if you do, you **will receive \$500** in this year's \$10,000 BIG BOY 50/50 RAFFLE. The winner will be selected at the November meeting just in time for the holidays.

Start getting your list of potential winners together. We will be mailing out 10 winning tickets to each member so if your list goes beyond 10 let us know and we'll send you what you need and the best of luck to all.

George



## From Kris Bosworth one of our photo contest judges



I have just opened my Tamron social media page where I would love to see your photos, help you with photo questions tell you about Tamron products and promotions, and more. Follow my page [TamronTech Kristine | Facebook](#)

*Editor note: Kris and her husband Patrick are long time LIGRS members. They hosted a few meetings at both of their Long Island homes where they had created 2 different garden railway layouts. I remember, in particular the event at their first home where they served us "Hobo Stew" (such creative folks). After moving to Florida they continue to serve the club using their technical photographic skills to judge our monthly photo contests. This Facebook page is an extension of her new position with Tamron.*



# From the Secretary March Auction Minutes



## LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY INC.

### MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING MARCH 25, 2023

President George Stamatiades led us all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

May we have a moment of silence for the Men and Women who are serving this country and especially for those whose lives were lost protecting our way of freedom.

President George opened the meeting @ 11:40 AM. We had 32 members present and 3 proxies. We have a quorum.

George welcomed us all to our March Auction meeting at the Bethpage Senior Center.

George then asked for a motion to read the February 11, 2023, meeting minutes or forego the reading and accept them as written. Motion was made by Paul Giordano and second by Joe DiBenedetto to accept the minutes as written. Motion approved.

#### **Reports:**

**Treasurers' Report** -- Ed Assaf highlighted the YTD FY 2022-2023 as of 3/11/23 starting @\$9,968.81 ending this morning @\$13,116.77. Report was approved.

**Membership Report** -- Anthony Bliss stated he had the new membership cards so please see him for your new 2023 laminated card. The new Roster will be posted end of March.

**Program Director** -- Anthony Marino

April -- Planting field is going to happen but we need lots of help.

May 20 -- Saturday @ New Member and first-time host James Wellinghoff.

June 24 -- Saturday Jay & Betty Geyer.

July 22 -- Saturday @ first-time host Paul & Joan Simon.

August -- No meeting Scheduled.

September 23 -- Saturday Mike & Kathleen Kmeth.

Note Anthony stated we still need a host for October.

#### **Review of Shows & Events: None**

#### **Upcoming Displays and Events:**

COA -- April Not this year

Planting Fields -- Set up will be April 27 and 28 Show dates are Saturday Sunday. April 29 and 30 take down right after the show on Sunday.

**Club Merchandise** -- Please see Georgiana & Steve Gaherty for club items such as, hats, shirts, jackets, mugs, pins and DVD's.

**Aluminum Can Tabs** -- Please save them to give to Eileen & Karl Wagner. This helps fund the Ronald McDonald House for Children needing treatment and their families. Please check them with a magnet as only Aluminum tabs are used, NOT STEEL.

#### **Old Business:**

Anthony Marino talked about Club 30th Anniversary for the Essex Dinner Train

A date is October 14 on the 11:30 AM train. It is cooler and the Fall foliage is magnificent. As of today we have 21 people signed up. We are sending in the down payment so please send in your checks for \$90 pp. (*editor note: send checks to the club mailbox. LIGRS, PO Box 2002, North Massaqua, NY 114758*)

<https://essexsteamtrain.com/>

#### **New Business:**

**TAX STATUS** - George talked about the club forming a 501c3 corporation for taxes. A discussion was held -- a vote was taken and passed in favor of forming a 501c3 and spending the \$1,800 to proceed.

George thanked Anthony Marino and Bruce Kropp for taking care of today's special food, bagels, hero's, salad, cookies. coffee and assorted drinks.

50/50 winner this month was Bob Sewall, \$17 for Bob and \$18 for the club.

Next General meeting will be Saturday May 20 at James Wellinghoff's house. Directions can be found in Smoke n' Cinders.

Meeting ended @ 12:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karl Wagner

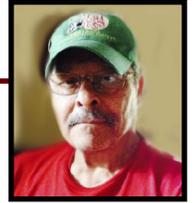
Acting Club Secretary



## **NOW ON TO** **THE AUCTION**



## Tom's "What the Heck?" (solution on next page)



### A sharing from Dave Smith



I've been into On30 for a few years. Here's a portion of my layout in our bonus room. On30 is a GREAT scale to work in! There's quite a large number of VERY GOOD modelers in this scale. One thing I like is the number of O scale building kits available while the trains themselves, like our large scale trains, are narrow gauge and smaller than regular O scale.

Art Sheridan is into O scale Lionel, MTH and those trains. Very impressive stuff but larger than On30.



## Chic Chat Corner



I keep finding interesting things on the GRnews page on Facebook. Members/ contributors post many photos and some videos from their layouts. The latest one to interest me was submitted by Lex Parker. His layout is not G scale but On30. It is a lovely, very detailed creation with many vignettes.

The latest post contained photos from his album "Coaling tower and sand house album"

The one photo from this album that drew my attention was this one of an ash pit. Don't ask me why.

If you have a FB account you might want to try to visit him on his personal page.

[Lex Parker's D&RGW Model Railroad](#)



## What the Heck Solution



CP 3716-G2 is pulling two 456457 series CP ballast hoppers 300 feet, where ballasting a new set of tracks is needed.

## Monthly Photo Contest Winner



This month's winning photo, "Two Engines" was taken by Karl Wagner



## 2023 National Garden Railway Convention Information



**38<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL  
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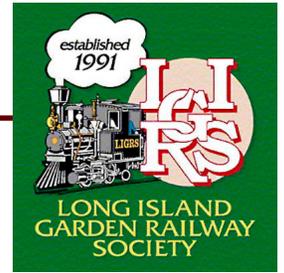
Many vendors reported record one day sales  
In 2016 we had almost no following on social me-  
dia:

Now we have 2,500 followers

Using social media, we aim to break our own public  
day attendance record this year



# March Auction Meeting Photos



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



We enjoyed the bagels as we came in and the heros with Connie's Greek salad after the meeting and just before the auction began.

Bidding also got heated. Good fun!



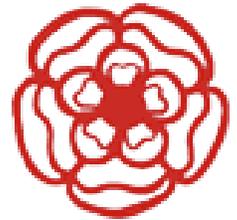
Many thanks to the volunteers who made things run smoothly.

And thanks to all of the sellers and bidders for their patience and consideration of us and each other.

Tony Enea	Ed Assaf
Georgie Gaherty	Fred Bossert
Pat Russo	Bruce Kropp
Tom Rizzo	Bob Sewall
Connie Stamatiades	Louise Sewall

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**Directions to Planting Fields**

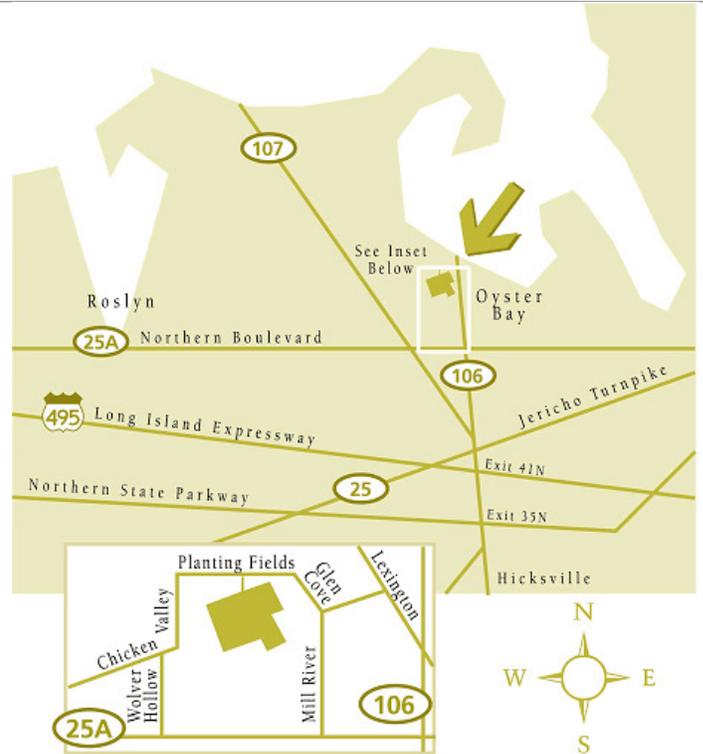
Planting Fields Arboretum State Historic Park  
1395 Planting Fields Road  
Oyster Bay, NY 11771

**By Car:**

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.

**By Train:**

Oyster Bay is the last stop on the Oyster Bay line of the Long Island Railroad. Planting Fields is approximately 1 ½ miles west.



**THERE ARE NO PETS ALLOWED IN THE PARK**

**2023 Dues Reminder:** Send in your 2023 dues so that it may be a “Happy Train Year.”

Individual memberships, the 1st member of a household, are \$50 per year.

Family Memberships, for members over 18 years old are \$15 for **EACH** additional member in the same household.

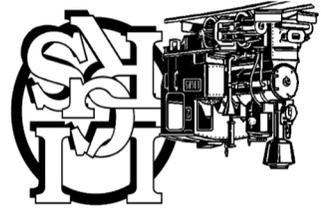
Students, age 18-22 is \$25.

Please send a check made out to “**The Long Island Garden Railway Society, Inc.**” (full name please)) for the appropriate amount to:

LIGRS, PO Box 2002, Massapequa, NY 11758

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