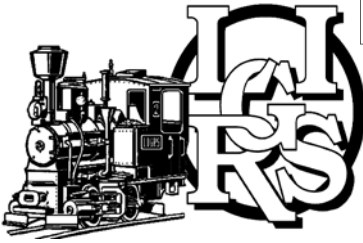


August 2021

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Come run trains on the Freeman RR  
August 28th & 29th

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IMPORTANT SUMMER PICNIC INFORMATION

(LAST CHANCE)

Reservation forms & checks **MUST BE RECEIVED BY AUGUST 11th**

There will be **NO** last minute admission at the door the day of the picnic.

- ◆ Reservation forms for guests of members must include the name of the member who is sponsoring the guests (form on page 7)
- ◆ There is a park regulation that no alcoholic beverages be brought in, served or consumed in the park.



Remembering all the fun!



**This Year's Club 50/50 Raffle**

Long Island Garden Railroad Society's **FIRST ANNUAL HOLIDAY SUPER 50/50** Raffle. \$5.00 each. Limited to 500 Tickets

If you need more contact George at [glstama1@earthlink.net](mailto:glstama1@earthlink.net)

Drawing at our November MEETING

**You've got to be in it to win it!**

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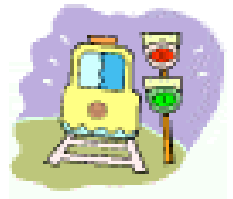
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## 2021 LIGRS Meetings & Events Schedule

Date	Program/Notes	Time	Place
<b>Aug. 21, 2021</b> <b><u>SATURDAY</u></b>	Summer Picnic **	11:00 AM	LI Live Steamers
<b>Aug. 28, 2021</b>	BOD	10:00 AM	RMLI
<b>Aug. 28-29 2021</b>	Run Dates	10:00 AM-4:00 PM	RMLI
<b>Sep. 1&amp;2, 2021</b>	Set Up for Ground Display	9:00 AM	Old Bethpage Village Restoration
<b>Sep. 3-5, 2021</b> (see page 9)	Ground Display Run	10:00 AM-4:00 PM	Old Bethpage Village Restoration
<b>Sep. 7, 2021</b>	Take Down Ground Display	9:00 AM	Old Bethpage Village Restoration
<b>Sep. 11, 2021</b>	Russo Memorial	TBA	Bayard Cutting Arboretum
<b>Sep. 18, 2021</b> <b><u>SATURDAY*</u></b>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Geri Coney & Bill Arndt
<b>Oct. 16, 2021</b> <b><u>SATURDAY*</u></b>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Dorothy Mahan
<b>Nov., 2021</b>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	TBA
<b>Jan. 10, 2022</b>	Garden RR Presentation By Dan Saporito	TBA	Sayville Historical Museum

**\*Saturday home-hosted meetings have a rain date the following day, Sunday**  
**\*\* Subject to pandemic restrictions**

# View From the Cab



I don't know if you saw the article in July 21, 2021 Newsday about large scale trains at Westbury Gardens. Kathleen and I visited the display, it was nice. They had three tracks running, none on the ground. The lowest was about two feet off ground another about a foot above the lowest and the highest was 8-9 feet about the ground. Pictures further back in this issue of "S n C".

There are a lot of events going on in the latter part August and beginning of September, I hope to see many of you at these events.

First is our annual BBQ style picnic Saturday August 21<sup>st</sup>. As of this writing 08-01-21 we only have 17 signed up. Remember its open to all club members, family, and friends. Cut-off date is August 11<sup>th</sup>. We need to plan food requirements. Remember the china men once said no tickie no shirtie. In other words if you hadn't prepaid there is no entrance at gate because we didn't know you were coming and didn't order your food! "Well it's only

one more coming" doesn't cut it because there were 15 other one's before you so now there's 16 people we didn't order food for! So please if you intend on going to the picnic get your money in. Join us for a great day of food and fun riding trains. See in this "S n C" how to get your picnic tickets.

Run days at the Freeman Railroad in Riverhead are Saturday & Sunday August 28 & 29<sup>th</sup>. A few of our members have been working very diligently for the past month or two, redoing all tracks. Most of the straight track is new 5 foot sections instead of the old track which was 1 foot sections. Museum purchased the track we installed. Footing has been placed under tracks and new ballast added. So come on out and run your trains practical for those members that don't have working Garden Rail Roads. On Saturday we will have a Board of Directors meeting under the tent at the Museum, after the boarding I'm sure some will run their trains, I know I will.

**New event for the club** we have been invited to do a train display at OLD Bethpage Village Restoration, for the Long Island Fair, which has been going on since the 1840's We plan on having two ground tracks and one raised track. Setup will be Wednesday September 1

and September 2 if needed. Run days are Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>, Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>. **Museum is Closed Monday September 6<sup>th</sup> Labor Day.** See map of location of layout below. On setup day we can drive up to setup location. On run days all vehicles have to be out of the display area before 9:30 am and park in the parking lot nearest to the display entrance. Please have some form of club ID, club membership card, hat, shirt, name tag etc. (editor's note see page 9)

Before Corvid 19 they had 6,000 people attending a day. No one knows on how many this year. This event could be great exposure for the club. Here is another opportunity for members to run your trains so come on out and run your trains. Bring your own chairs. Club only has 4, museum doesn't supply any.

September 11<sup>th</sup> Bob Russo memorial tree planting at Bayard Arboretum.

See calendar of events for September meeting.

God bless and please stay safe.

Mike Kmeth



Layout location circled in red between the small lake & number 29, Prime Thimble Factory. Parking will be close to the 2 trees near the flagpole.

Markup courtesy of Tom Rizzo

(Map may be enlarged and better viewed in color on our website newsletter posting)

# From The Secretary



## LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY INC. NOTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING AT JAY GEYER & BETTY ENGLE'S HOUSE ON SATURDAY, JULY 17, 2021

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

President Mike Kmeth asked that the meeting be opened @ 11:58 AM. As we only had 23 present and 7 proxies, not enough for a quorum, this will be an unofficial meeting, notes only.

**President Mike Kmeth** - Welcomed us all to the July meeting at Jay Geyer and Betty Engle's house.

**Treasurers' report** - was given by Bob Sewall. Bob gave a synopsis of the report: The 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 4/1/21 to 6/30/21 Starting balance \$9,234.24 Ending Balance \$9,531.31 YTD as of 7/16/21 Starting Balance \$9,698.98 Ending Balance \$9,531.31. Should anyone have any questions about the club finances please contact Bob and he will be happy to answer any questions you have.

**Membership report** - No report as Tom Rizzo was unable to make the meeting.

**Program Directors report** - Nick Guarino noted the picnic is coming up on August 21. Train run day at RMLI on August 28 & 29

**Modular Coordinator** -- Ed Assaf was unable to make today's meeting.

**Bob Russo Memorial Fund** - The date is Saturday Sept. 11 and rain date is Sunday Sept 12

**Anniversary for 2021 (30years)** - A show of hands showed members were still interested in doing something for the anniversary, maybe in October.

**Show & Event Reviews:** There were no shows or events

### Upcoming Shows & Events Shows:

August 28 & 29 - RMLI Fun run dates for our club. Bring your trains and have a fun time

Mike noted that Frank Clemente has been the main person behind the update co-ordination and repair of the Freeman Railway out at RMLI. Frank would like to thank Anthony Bliss, Lou Cortese, Nick Guarino.

Mike stated as a reminder to all members: please when attending any club function, shows, meeting, please wear something that identifies you as a member, such as a hat, or shirt. At a minimum your Name badge. This will help show the public who we are and see we are part of an organization.

**Picnic** - We are scheduled with Long Island Live Steamers at Southaven County Park for Saturday August 21. Committee Chairperson is Pat Russo. Your reservation form is on Page 8 of the July issue of Smoke n Cinders. Please send your reservation to Bob Sewall no later than August 11th. As a reminder Adult are \$20 pp Children under 13 are \$8 pp and children under 5 are free. Also **NO ALCOHOLIC** beverages due to insurance. PLEASE make your check to LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY INC.



Lou Cortese told us about the Nassau Lionel Operating Engineers July 8<sup>th</sup> Train sales. Yes they had G scale equipment for sale. They are looking to have another sale in August and maybe September.

**Guest Speaker** - Ken Vogel of New Jersey was our guest speaker this month. Ken told us about himself and some possible upcoming plans for the 2024 National Garden Railway Convention. Ken explained how we could become involved as the convention will be here around the Northeast metropolitan centers (Long Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey and Philadelphia). The sharing of tasks of a convention among multiple clubs and venues should make life easier for each club. Ken is still working out more details and he will be keeping us informed as things move along.

**Photo Contest** - Congratulations to Mike Kmeth for this month's winning photo of "Work train on a trestle" on his Sun Valley Garden Railroad. Please remember to take pictures and send your best picture to Louise Sewall.

**Chic Chat Corner** - Remember you can write about almost anything here at Chic Chat Corner. Send your thoughts to Louise Sewall.

**Club Resource Library** - The list of books, videos and plans are on the clubs website. Just contact Nick Guarino and he will bring it to our next meeting for you to borrow.

**Club merchandise** - Please see Georgiana & Steve Gaherty if you wish to purchase any club items such as hats, shirts, jackets, pins and DVD's

**Aluminum Can Tabs** - Please give them 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 are used NOT STEEL

### New Business:

A big thank you to our member Dave Smith in Fort Mills South Carolina for his article on the 2020 National Convention in Nashville. You can read it in the July issue of Smoke n' Cinders.

Election nominations are coming in September. Up for elections: VP- Steve Gaherty, Finance - Bob Sewall, Membership Director - Tom Rizzo, Director at Large - Lou Cortese, Pat Russo. Look for job descriptions in future Sn'C. We are looking for membership to step up.

50/50 Drawing -- Won by Mike Kmeth. Mike donated it back to the club. Total \$19.00

**Next General meeting will be Saturday Sept 18 at the home of Gerry Coney and Bill Arndt.**

**Reminder there is a BOD meeting is set for Saturday August 28, 2021 @ 10 AM @ the RMLI**

Meeting ended @ 12:38 PM.

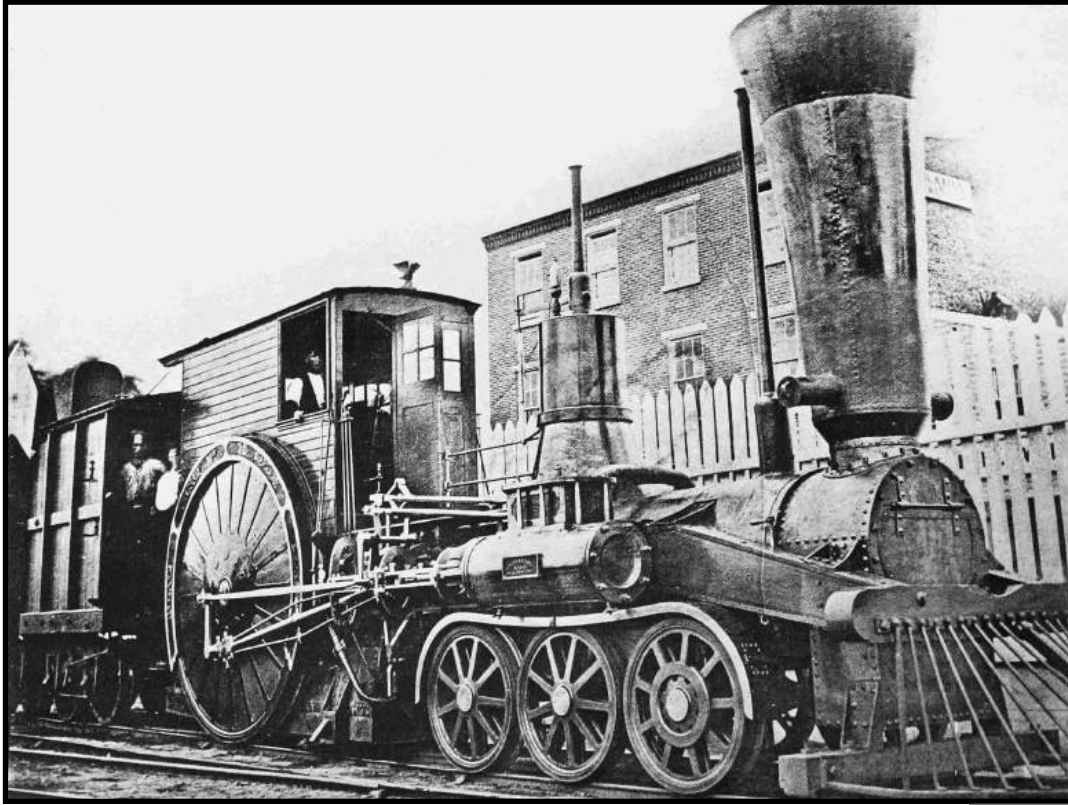
Respectfully Submitted,

Karl Wagner

Secretary

## Tom's What the Heck Puzzle (Solution on next page)

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## Photo Contest Winner

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This month's winner is Bob Sewall for his photo "Steaming Through The Forest" taken of our modular display at the Cradle of Aviation.



# What the Heck Puzzle Solution



## Answer:

This monstrosity was another Crampton and was built for the Camden & Amboy railway in the USA in 1850.

## Chic Chat Corner



The Great Pine Railway Comes To Old Westbury Garden OLD WESTBURY, NY — Starting this past weekend, Old Westbury Gardens will be transformed into the Old Westbury Railway, as it hosts a large, outdoor model railroad exhibit for the first time.

The exhibit, the Great Pine Railway, open now and runs through Sept. 6. The large, G gauge model railroad is specially designed for Old

Westbury Gardens, and features [Long Island landmarks](#) to make it unique.

Trains will run along hundreds of feet of brass rail. There are three track loops: the upper track has two bridges that guests can walk under, and two lower tracks. In total, there is more than 220 feet of track.

Viewing of the Great Pine Railway is included with admission to Old Westbury Gardens.

There was a special opening preview for Old Westbury Garden Members on June 17. Tickets are \$14 for adults and \$8 for children. Kids under 8 are free. For more information, visit [the Old Westbury Gardens website](#).

Photos compliments of Mike Iannacone



# Are you coming to the LIGRS ANNUAL PICNIC?

- **Location:** Long Island Live Steamers—  
Southaven County Park  
<http://www.longislandlivesteamers.org/find.php>
- **RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST!** (because this year wrist bands will be issued to all participants)  
**Please respond no later than August 11th**
- **Cost:**
- Adults: \$20.00 Send checks payable to **Long Island Garden Railway Society, Inc.** to Bob Sewall
- Children: Under 13 \$8.00. Children under 5 FREE
- Due to club insurance restrictions  
**Alcoholic beverages** are prohibited at this event
- BBQ style picnic
- **VOLUNTEERS** requested to help with set up and cleanup

**SATURDAY**  
**August 21, 2019**  
**11:00 am**  
**Rain or Shine**



**DETACH** Completed form AND MAIL  
WITH CHECK PAYABLE TO: **Long  
Island Garden Railway Society, Inc.**

**Mail to: Bob Sewall**  
29 Locust St., Massapequa, NY  
11758

No Later Than AUGUST 11  
Questions call  
516.541.4837

**Live Steamers' location has tables and benches  
but... You may bring your own CHAIRS**

MEMBER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$20 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 8 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

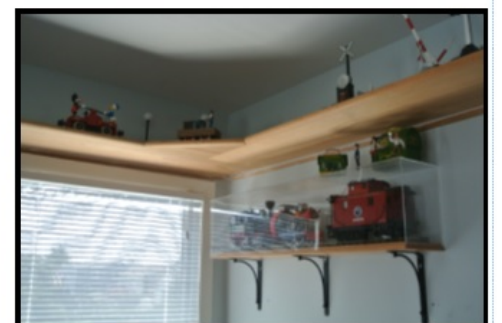
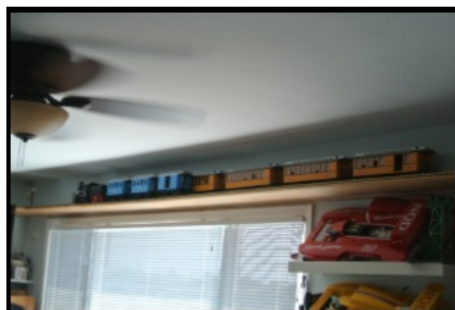
Check Made Payable To: **Long Island Garden Railway Society, Inc.**.. Do not abbreviate!

**Names of those in your party: Need more space? Attach another page.**

*Adults*

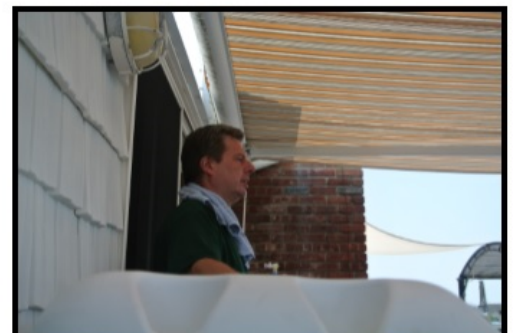
*Children (over 5 yrs.)*


## Photos from July Meeting At Betty Engels & Jay Geyer's



Lovely breeze off the water made us much more comfortable sitting on the shady deck for our meeting.  
Trains both outdoors and indoors to photograph.

Our guest speaker Ken Vogel engaged us with his proposed plans for an East Coast combined hosting of the National Garden RR Convention in 2024.





# An Exciting New Opportunity For Advertising Our Club



## Old Bethpage Village Restoration

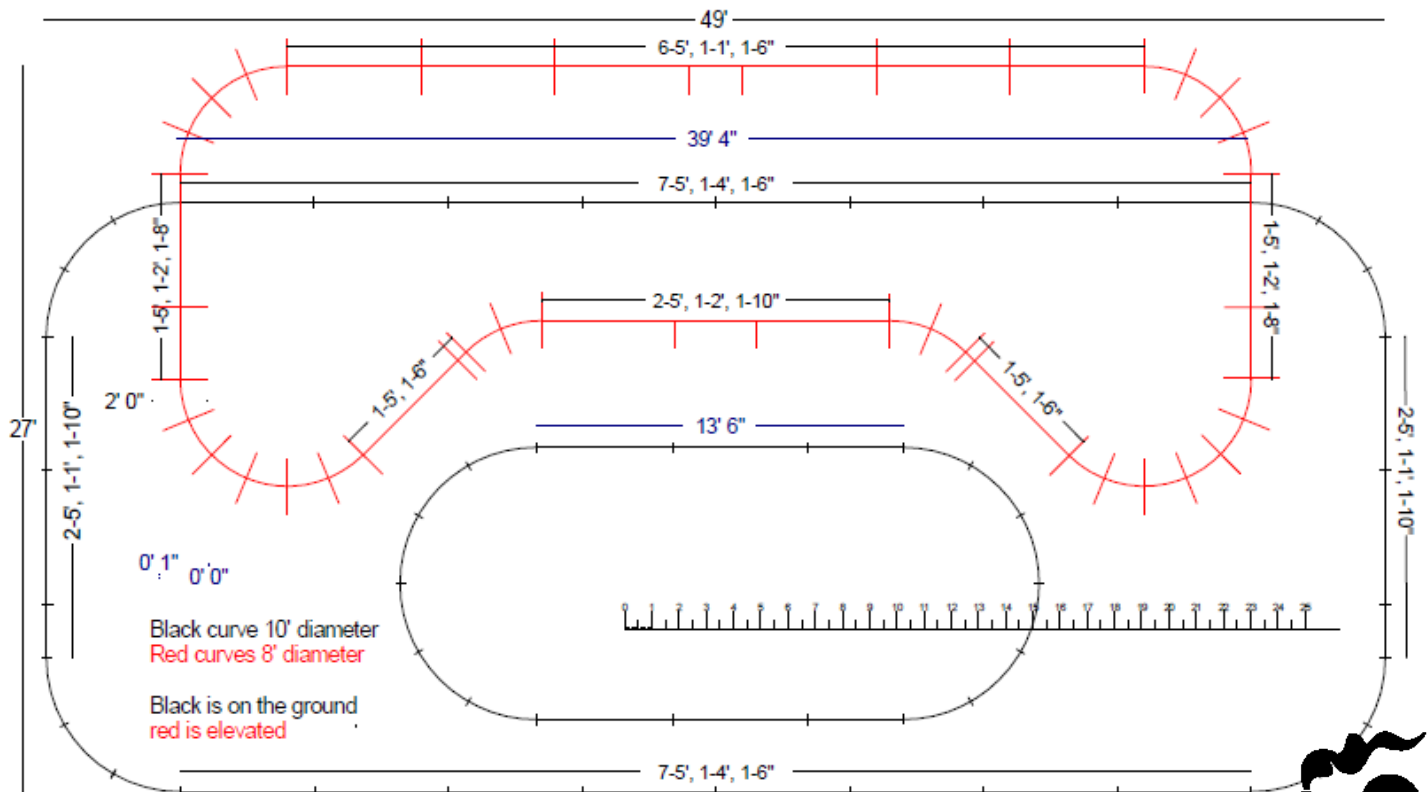
*Where history comes alive!*



We have an excellent opportunity to show the public what our club is about when, in conjunction with the Long Island Fair we man one of our inspiring ground displays. This fair typically draws thousands of families from the Island and the City. A large turnout of LIGRS volunteers, wearing identifying club apparel etc. is needed to make this first time display a club success. MUST SHOW CURRENT MEMBERSHIP CARD FOR FREE ENTRY PLUS ONE GUEST

If you can come by 9:00am you can drive your vehicle to the site to drop off your trains and then move the vehicle to a special parking lot which must be done before 9:30 am. Fair entry to club members is free. Please bring your own chairs. (See page 2 for dates)

Layout plan, as outlined in View From the Cab is shown below and created by Tom Rizzo.



## LIGRS Layout Photos Calendar

Would you like a calendar with photos of LIGRS layouts? Check out our Shutterfly site. There are photos posted which have been submitted over the years to our photo contest. Even the ones that didn't win are amazing!

On Shutterfly you can create and order your own custom calendar. (Three different types are offered)

<https://grii.shutterfly.com/>

More photos will be added as we receive them.



**LIGRS Annual Picnic**  
**Saturday, August 21th at 11:00 a.m.**  
**Long Island Live Steamers**  
**Southaven County Park, New York**



**Directions**

The Long Island Live Steamers track is located in Suffolk's Southaven County Park. The park is roughly bordered by the Long Island Expressway to the north, Sunrise Highway to the south, William Floyd Parkway to the east, and Gerrard Road to the west. The LILS entrance and parking lot is accessed via Gerrard / Carpluk Memorial Road. Gerrard Road was recently renamed Howie Carpluk Memorial Road, in memory of FDNY Lieutenant Howie Carpluk. Signs at both ends of Gerrard Road now read Howie Carpluk Memorial Road.

**From Long Island Expressway**

Use Exit 67 (Yaphank Avenue). Turn south on Yaphank Avenue to Gerrard / Carpluk Memorial Road (second left after bridge over LIRR tracks). Turn left on Gerrard / Carpluk Memorial Road. The LILS driveway is approximately 1 mile down on the left and parking is the first right after entering the driveway.

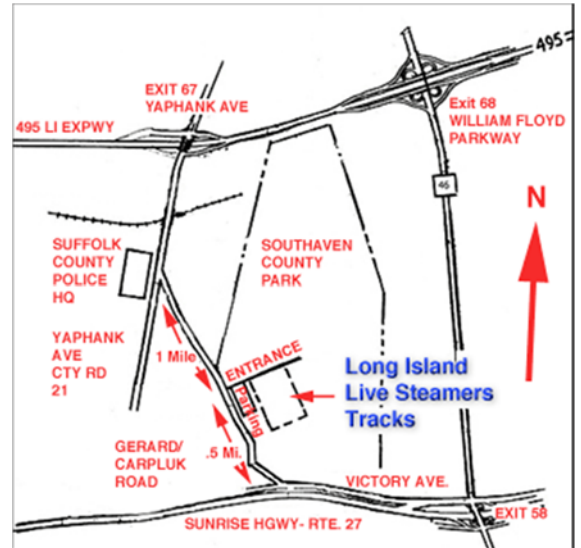
**From Sunrise Highway**

**From the east:**

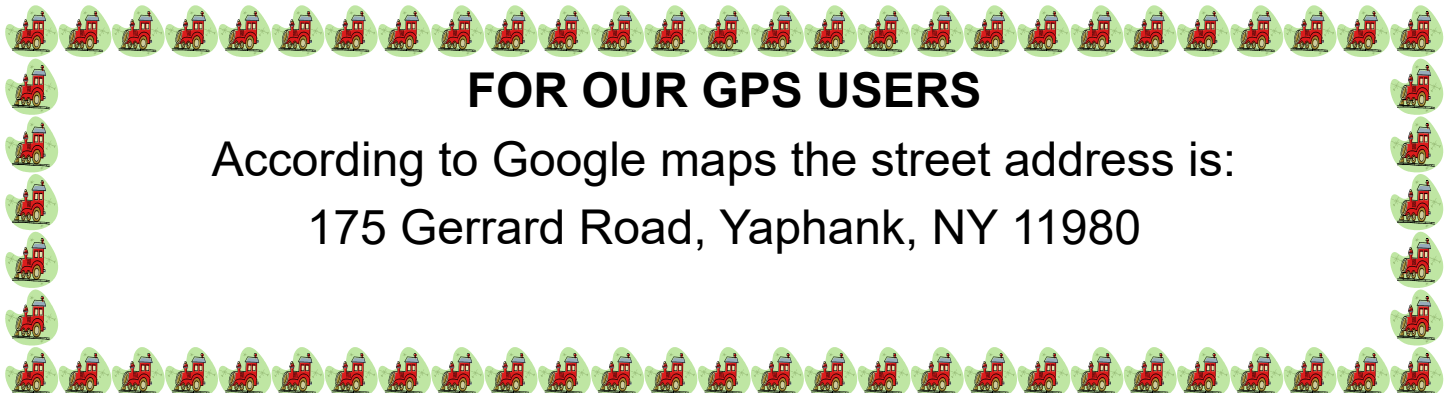
Use Exit 58 - William Floyd Parkway North. This exit ramp leads to Victory Drive. Make a left and continue over William Floyd Parkway. Just past the main entrance for Southaven County Park is Gerrard / Carpluk Memorial Road. Make a right on Gerrard / Carpluk Memorial Road. The LILS entrance is approximately 1/2 mile on the right.

**From the west:**

Use Exit 57 - Horseblock Road West. The cloverleaf will take you over Sunrise Highway. Just past the westbound entrance to Sunrise is Victory Drive. Make a right and watch for our sign to your left at Gerrard / Carpluk Memorial Road. Turn left on Gerrard / Carpluk Memorial Road. The LILS entrance is approximately 1/2 mile on the right.



<http://www.longislandlivesteamers.org/about.php>



**FOR OUR GPS USERS**

According to Google maps the street address is:

175 Gerrard Road, Yaphank, NY 11980

**Directions to the RMLI Riverhead  
Fun Run Days August 28th & 29th**  
Griffing Avenue at the Tracks • Riverhead, NY 11901•  
631-727-7920

<http://www.rmlI.us/RMLI/Welcome.html>



### Directions to the Riverhead Site

The Riverhead Visitor's Center is located at 416 Griffing Avenue, just north of the railroad tracks. It is accessible by railroad, bus and, automobile.

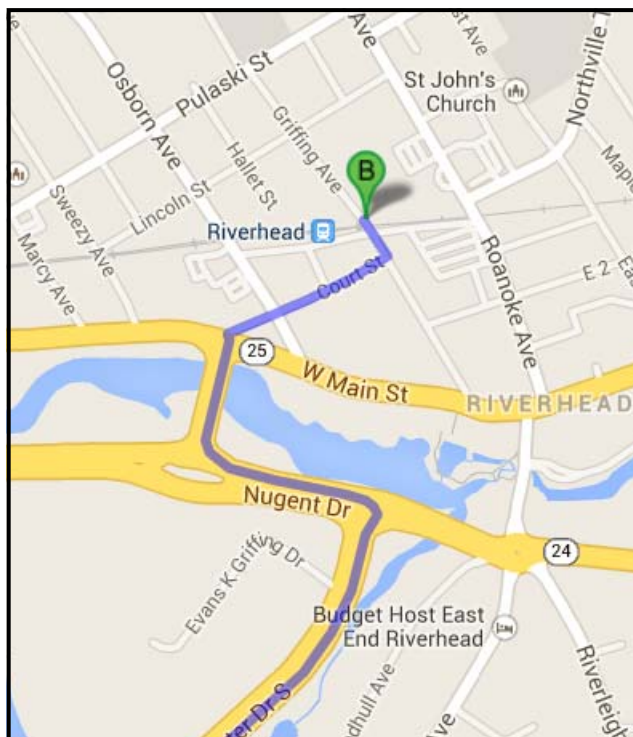
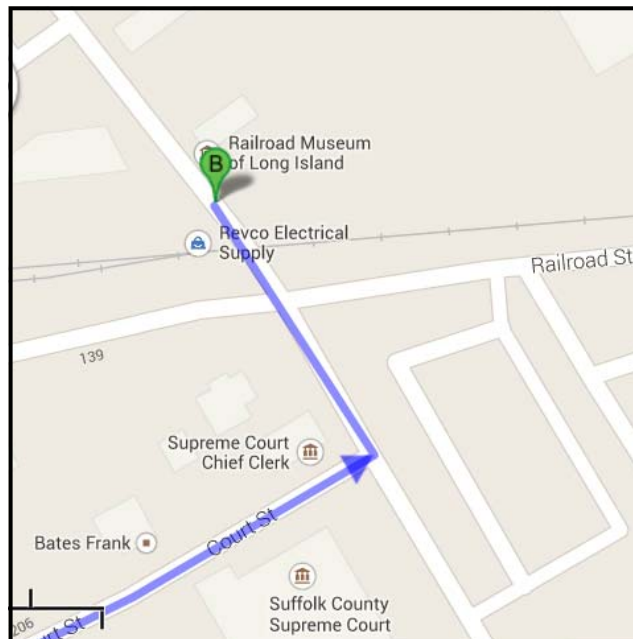
**By Long Island Rail Road:** Take the train to the Riverhead station. The museum restoration site is directly across the tracks and across Griffing Avenue from the station. For schedule and fare information, you may call the LIRR at (631) 231-LIRR or visit their web page.

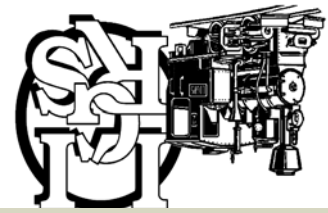
**From Western Long Island:** Take the Long Island Expressway eastbound to Exit 72, NYS Route 25 East (Main Street). Follow Route 25 approximately three miles. Turn left onto Griffing Avenue and proceed for two blocks. The museum is on the right just over the railroad tracks.

**From the North Fork:** Take NYS Route 25 through downtown Riverhead. Turn right onto Griffing Avenue and proceed for two blocks. The museum is on the right just over the railroad tracks.

**From the South Fork:** Follow local roads to the Peconic Avenue traffic circle in Riverhead. Proceed north on Peconic Avenue to Main Street. Turn left for one block and then turn right onto Griffing Avenue and proceed for two blocks. The museum is on the right just over the railroad tracks.

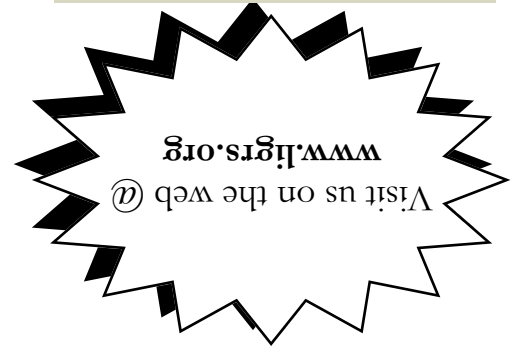
Parking is available on site and the museum building and grounds are handicapped accessible. The rail cars have limited access.)



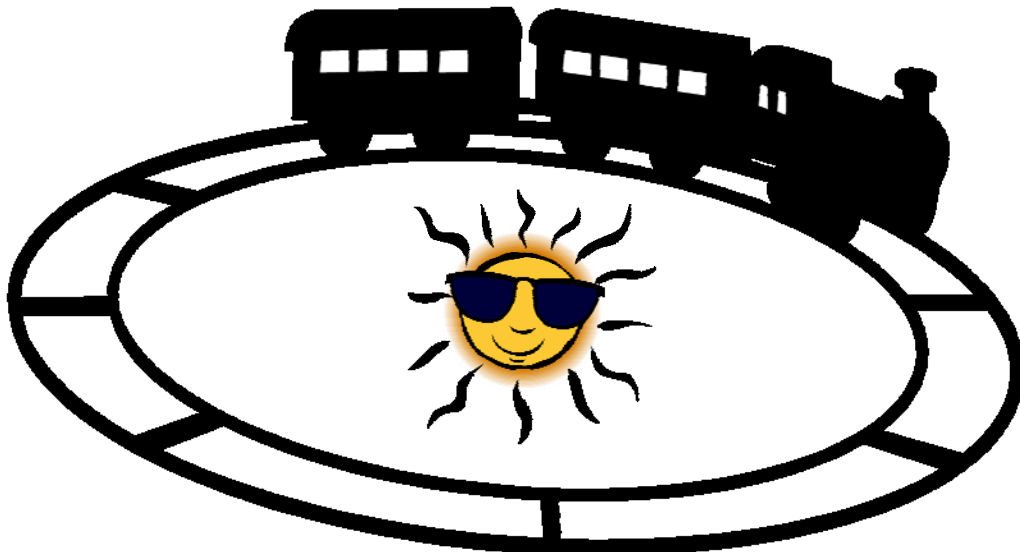


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