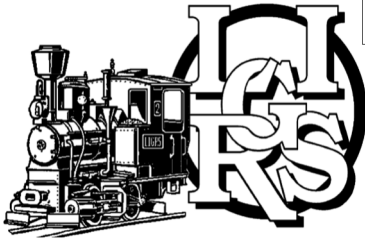


August 2022

**Our Summer Picnic
Come run trains on the Freeman RR
SATURDAY August 20th (rain date 8/21)**

**Griffing Avenue at the Tracks
Riverhead, NY 11901 • 631-727-7920**



Don't Forget

We also have another scheduled fun run date at the RMLI Riverhead
Saturday, Sept. 10 (rain date 9/11)
Priority running will be again be given to those members who do not have home layouts.

A few photos from last month's fun run. We enjoyed sitting in the shade under the canopy on the new cement patio. The RMLI crew surprised us with lunch. After others ran track powered and battery equipment on the 3 tracks Mike ran a super long circus train. Louise had fun testing the 83 interactive buttons on the indoor, air conditioned Lionel layout. Visitors rode on the World's Fair Miniature Park Train



This Year's Club 50/50 Raffle

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

If you need more tickets please contact George at glstama1@earthlink.net

Drawing at our November MEETING

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

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2022 LIGRS Meetings & Events Schedule

Date	Program/Notes	Time	Place
August 20, 2022 Rain date 8/21	Summer Picnic	TBA	RMLI Riverhead
Sept. 10, 2022 SATURDAY	Fun Run (rain date 9/11)	Museum Hours	RMLI Riverhead
Tuesday, 9/13- Thursday, 9/15	Ground Display Set Up	10:00am	Old Bethpage Village Restoration
Sept. 16-18, 2022 Long Island Fair	Ground Display	Restoration Hours	Old Bethpage Village Restoration
Monday, 9/19	Ground Display Take Down	10:00am	Old Bethpage Village Restoration
Sept 24, 2022 Date Change SATURDAY	Monthly Meeting Nominations	11:00 AM	George & Connie Stamataides
Oct. 15, 2022 SATURDAY	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Paul & Elizabeth Bonney
Nov. 12, 2022 SATURDAY	Monthly Meeting Elections	11:00 AM	Wantagh Park Marina Building

Saturday home-hosted meetings have a rain date the following day, Sunday

View From the Cab



August 23, 2022 was a run day on the Freeman Garden RR at the Rail Road Museum of Long Island in Riverhead. Yes it

was hot, very hot in the Sun. Turnout was surprisingly good for such a hot sunny day. We had 9 members show at various times of day mostly in earlier part of day. All three tracks were always occupied by running trains. One item that saved us that hot day was the tent that the museum setup next to the Freeman Railroad. Even though it was hot there was a gentle breeze blowing and under the tent was like it was air-conditioned. Keep that in mind for our upcoming picnic under the tent. Another very nice thing happened on run day was that the museum supplied their entire membership present as well as members of LIGRS with lunch. Two 4 foot heroes, one American and one Italian. See what you missed, you could have run your trains, enjoyed nice

company and had good eats.

Remember Saturday, September 10, 2022 is another run day at the museum. Once again I ask you to come out have fun, run your trains and share the track. This is especially true for members that do not have running layouts at home.

Those of you coming to our picnic bring your trains, besides the picnic we have the Freeman RR availed to our members to run their trains that day.

I have to disclose some disappointing information; two board members resigned in the past few weeks Bob Sewall treasurer, and Frank Clemente director at large both resigned. Frank was our quarter master. He also resigned that position. Ed Assaf had been cross training for the treasurer position over the past few months. He will be interim treasurer until our November elections.

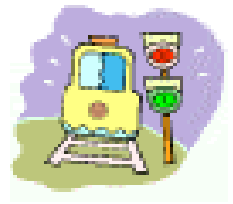
Even more so our September meeting is all that more important. My position of President is up. I can-

not run another term under our "by laws". Karl is not running for secretary personal reasons. All above Bob, Frank, Karl, and myself will continue to be active in club. A few years back a questionnaire was sent to all members. One response questioned that the board controls everything. Well if that person is still in the club, now is the time to change things if you don't like the way things are. Participate in the elections. Let it be known you would like to be on the board.

Hope to see you all at our picnic. Bring your trains!

Always view e-mails and calendar of events for updates and their locations in S n' C.

Mike



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://grli.shutterfly.com/>

More photos will be added as we receive them.

From The Secretary



LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY INC.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING JULY 16, 2022

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 way of freedom.

President Mike Kmeth asked that the meeting be opened @ 12:05 PM. A motion was made by Bruce Kropp, seconded by Patty Russo to open the meeting. We had 27 members present, 3 proxies. We have a quorum.

Mike welcomed us all to our July 2022 in person meeting at the home of Betty & Jay Geysers.

President Mike then asked for a motion to read the June 18, 2022, meeting minutes or forego the reading and accept them as written. Motion was made by Rich Bishop and seconded by Geri Coney to accept the minutes as written.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report -- Bob Sewall gave the 3rd Quarter 4/1/22 thru 6/30/22 starting Balance as \$8,815.20 ending as \$8,754.21 The YTD as of 7/3/22 Starting Balance as \$9,968.81 ending Balance as \$8,754.21 As always any questions please see Bob and he will answer any questions you may have. The report was approved by Bill Arndt, seconded by Patty Russo.

Membership Report -- Anthony Bliss reported: Individual 24, Family 18, Ext Fam 0, Life 6, Honorary 4, Junior 3 Total 74. We also had 2 past members present who have rejoined, John Girolamo and his wife Denise. Good to see them again.

Program Director -- Nick Guarino reported the following upcoming events;

Patty Russo is having an open house to sell train related items on Sunday, July 24th from 10:00am

Our summer picnic will be held at the RMLI of Riverhead on August 20th

We will again be doing a ground display for the Long Island Fair at Old Bethpage Village Restoration on Friday 9/16, Saturday 9/17 and Sunday 9/18. We have 3 set up days planned beginning with Tuesday 9/13-Thursday 9/15 starting at 10:00am. Take down is on Monday, 9/19

The September monthly meeting will be

on Sept. 24th hosted by George and Connie Stamataides' home in Flanders

Our October general meeting will be hosted by Paul & Elizabeth Bonney on the 15th at 11:00am

Saturday, November 12th general meeting will be held at the Wantagh Marina in Wantagh Park from 11:00am-2:00pm. This was arranged by Anthony Marino and is our [election meeting](#)

Shows & Events:

RMLI Fun run dates Saturday, July 23 from 10:00am-4:00pm & Sept 10 -- Bring your trains and have a fun time. The shrubs have been trimmed on the Freeman Railway and priority to run trains will be given to those members who do not have home layouts. The museum will be open to the general public on that day as well.

Picnic -- Saturday August 20 at the Railroad Museum of Long Island. Rain date Sunday 8/21. Cut off for tickets is August 6th Please send your money and registration form to Bob Sewall at the club PO Box. If you would like to volunteer to help, please see Chairperson Frank Clemente. Pricing is same as last year, Adults \$20 pp and Children under 13 \$8 each. We will have heroes, salads, pizza and hot dogs for the kids and some desserts. Bring a small salad and let Frank Clemente know what you are bringing. Please bring some of your trains to run on the Freeman Layout. 13 persons have registered and paid for that day. Please remember to bring friends and relatives to enjoy the train ride and other displays.

Photo Contest -- Congratulations to this month's winning photo "Busy Workers" was taken by Louise Sewall of a vignette on the modular display at the COA. Please remember to take pictures and send your best picture to Louise Sewall.

Chic Chat Corner -- Thank you Louise for your comments about the RMLI. 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, blueprints, and model plans are on the club's website. Just contact Nick Guarino and he will bring it to our next in person meeting

for you to borrow. ligrs.org/memberinfo/resourcelibrary

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

Old Business:

Super 50/50 Chairperson George Stamataides will have tickets soon. Tickets are \$5.00 each.

New Business:

MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE: Please start thinking about officer nominations for our Sept. nomination meeting. The President cannot run more than 6 years, this is Mike's year 6, Secretary Karl Wagner will not be running for that position. Other positions that are up are: Program Director Nick Guarino, Directors Ed Assaf, Paul Bonney(will not run), and Frank Clemente (will not run). Mike asked that people give serious consideration to serving the club in some of these positions and asked for a show of hands if anyone was willing to run.

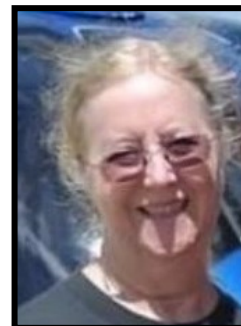
50/50 Drawing Was won by Tom Rizzo which he donated back to the club. The club netted a total of \$19 Thank you Tom.

Next General meeting will be Saturday Sept 24 at Connie and George Stamataides' home in Flanders

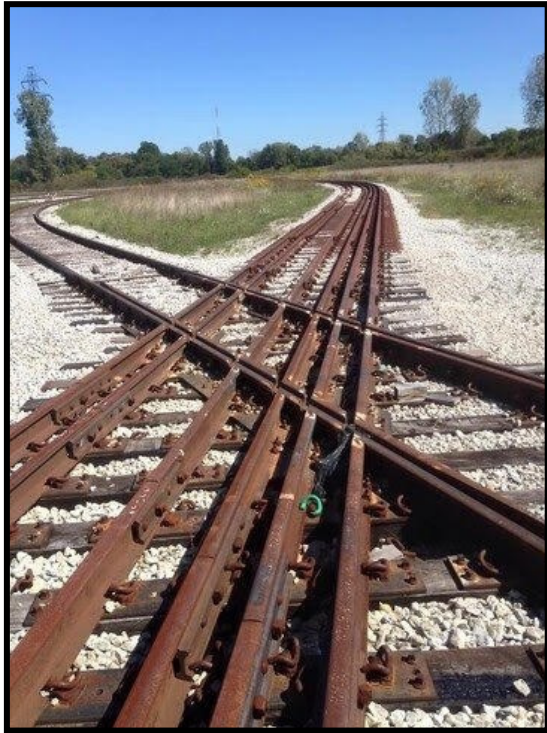
Motion was made at 12:20pm to close the meeting by Tom Rizzo and seconded by Bill Arndt.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise Sewall substituting for Karl Wagner.



Dave Smith's Submission to Tom's What the Heck Puzzle



This appeared on a model train webpage under, "Do you enjoy trackwork?"

The guesses as to where it is actually located was the GE Locomotive test track or a small locomotive builder similar to Brookville.

Photo Contest Winner

This month's winner is Bob Sewall for his photo "Over the Hellsgate Bridge" taken at our COA modular display. The new bridge was modeled by George Stamataides



From The Secretary BOD meeting Minutes



LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY, Inc. EXECUTIVE BOARD ZOOM MEETING JULY 6, 2022

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 @ 7:10 PM. A motion was made by Lou Cortese and seconded by Pat Russo.

President Mike Kmeth asked for a motion to forgo the reading and approve the minutes of the March 26, 2022, BOD. Lou Cortese made a motion to accept, seconded by Frank Clemente. BOD approved.

President – Mike Kmeth asked about the job cross training. Bob Sewall and Ed Assaf have just about completed with the Treasurer's job. Nothing else has been done

Treasurer's Report – Bob Sewall gave a synopsis of the report: The 3rd Quarter 4/1/2022 thru 6/30/2022 Starting \$8,215.20 Ending \$8,754.21 Year to Date 2021- 2022 as of 7/3/2022 Starting \$9,968.81 Ending \$8,754.21

Membership Report – Anthony Bliss stated we have Individual 24, Family 18, Life 6, Honorary 5 and junior 3 total 74 members. No new members.

Program Director - Nick Guarino - Due to a schedule conflict with the Long Island Fair event on September 17th, the General Meeting at George Stamataides needs to be rescheduled to September 10th or September 24th. George agreed to host the meeting on September 24th.

Modular Coordinator – Ed Assaf – We are looking into possibly making our own movable dollies to store the modules on while in the trailer. It will make it easier to move them with less damage. The red and green trailers have been swapped. The Red Trailer is now the Module Display and the Green Trailer is now the Ground Display. Ed requests we by some tie down straps for keeping equipment in place. The board approved \$100.00 for the straps

Review Shows & Events:

COA – Ed Assaf noted the April Show went well no issues. Ed will reach out to them about the Christmas dates

Upcoming Shows and Events:

Picnic - Scheduled for August 20th at RMLI, chaired by Frank Clemente. It was noted, at this time, we only have 5 paid participants signed-up for the picnic. Wristbands will be issued to paid members, family and guests as well as RMLI staff. Food will be heroes and hot dogs will be provided. Voluntary salads will be provided by attending members. Deserts of cookies and some sort of crumb cake will also be provided.

Long Island Fair @ Bethpage Restoration Village Sept 16-18 Set up is Sept 14 & 15 Take down Sept 19 Nick will ask Anthony Marino if he will Chair the event for us and reach out to them about the Christmas dates. We will have a train set raffle. The BOD approved Bob Sewall to purchase 3 sets, one each for LI Fair, Old Bethpage Christmas, and COA Christmas.

Fun Run dates at RMLI – July 23 and Sept 10

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 has the plaque to be given to RMLI Anthony Bliss is working on the etching on the plaque.

Letter to Seawane country club stating that we cannot do the display will be sent out next week.

Anthony Bliss looked into getting a Back and Forth for a trolley for table top displays. BOD approve Anthony to purchase the unit and wires, diodes and necessary item. Expenditure up to \$100.00

An LGB Jumbo dead power supply was donated to the club. Frank Clemente asked a member of RMLI if they could look at it along with 2 or 3 other club transformers. All were found to be not worth fixing or parts could no longer be purchased. BOD told Frank to dispose of them. As we need power supplies for outdoor and table top display (several members have been bringing their personal power supplies to events) Bob Sewall made a motion to purchase

2 of the 10Amp supplies from Charlie Ro. Motion was seconded by Ed Assaf. BOD approved expenditure of up to \$500.00. Ed to call and order.

Web Master Status - Trish Iannacone never responded to the letter that was sent to her regarding establishing Louise Sewall as the new webmaster. Tom Rizzo is in the process of learning to be her back-up.

Christmas Party – Nick was asked and accepted to be chairperson. Nick to look into two possible venues, Snapper inn and Milleridge Inn.

New Business:

Question was brought up about our club sponsor a brick in support of RMLI engine 39 fund raising. After a discussion Lou Cortese made a motion that we sponsor one (1) brick at a cost of \$100. Motion seconded by George Stamataides. Motion passed

Second Annual 50/50 BOD approved George Stamataides to run the 50/50 same as last year \$5 per ticket

George Stamataides to look into what is needed to change our tax statues 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 \$2,000, The Board of Directors voted to move ahead with LegalZoom at a cost of \$795 to secure the tax exempt status. If we are rejected their fee will be refunded. Motion seconded by Lou Cortese voted 6 for and 3 against and 1 abstained. Motion approved.

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

Nick Guarino made a motion to close the meeting, seconded by Frank Clemente. Motion approved

Meeting ended at 9:02 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Karl Wagner, Secretary



July Meeting Photos held at Jay & Betty Geyer's



A lovely time was had by all, sitting on their large, covered deck overlooking the bay with the breezes blowing.

Jay & Betty have done more work on their outside raised layout. Tom and Nick worked the controls for a time.



Some photos to the left of their inside layout.

And they still have rolling stock displayed in another room on a track raised up by the ceiling. Sorry the lighting did not permit a better photo.

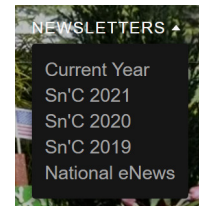


Chic Chat Corner



A new YouTube channel is now being offered by the Garden Railroading eNews group. Their bi-monthly newsletters are published on our LIGRS.org website at LIGRS.org>Newsletters>National eNews.

They also have a Facebook page that contains great g scale train layout photos and videos. Look for it at “gardenrailroadingenews”



GARDEN RAILROADING NEWS

Now on YouTube

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Our new YouTube channel will feature photo journals and videos of the wonderful World of Garden Railroads.

The first post—images of many of the railroads open in Denver—was viewed 450 times in its first week.

We will also post short videos of individual garden railroads. The first video from Jess Hughes is up now!

If you are interested in a wider platform for short videos of your garden railroad, contact Mick Spilsury at marketing@grnews.org.

Videos less than 3 minutes are ideal. We will rarely post a video longer than 5 minutes.

You can find the channel at

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmuyDnk2QRy1e1Q1AMFXrJw>



LIGRS Annual Picnic
Saturday, August 20th 11:00 a.m.
Railroad Museum of Long Island
416 Griffing Avenue
Riverhead, New York



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.

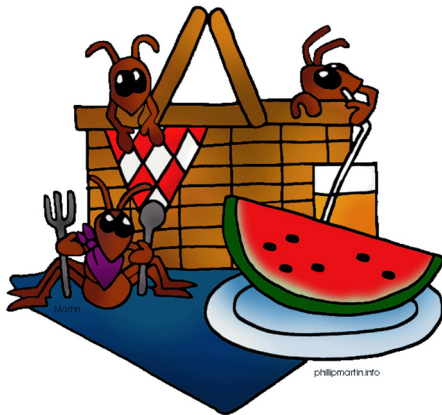
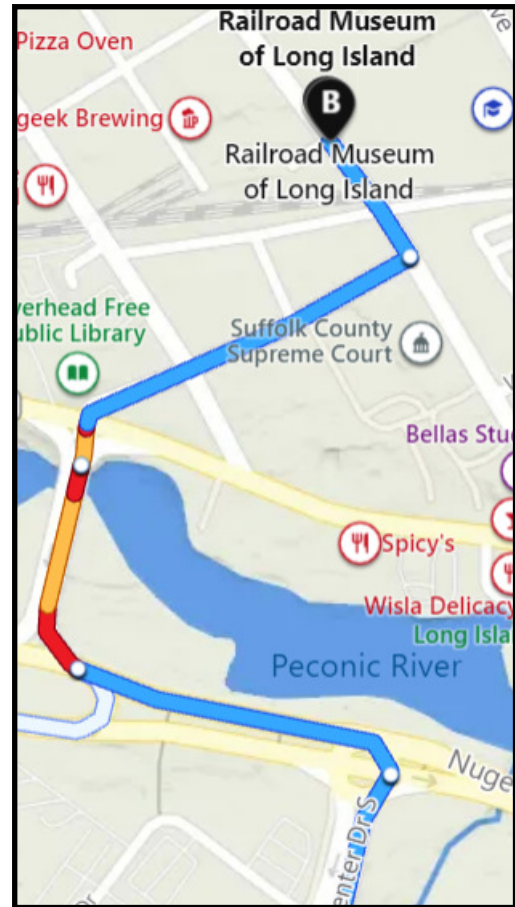
By Long Island Rail Road: Take the train to the Riverhead station. The museum restoration site is directly across the tracks and across Griffing Avenue from the station. For schedule and fare information, you may call the LIRR at (631) 231-LIRR or visit their web page.

From Western Long Island: Take the Long Island Expressway east-bound 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.

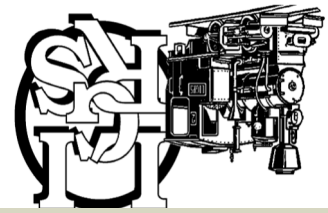
From the South Fork: Follow local roads to the Peconic Avenue traffic circle in Riverhead. Proceed north on Peconic Avenue to Main Street. Turn left for one block and then turn right onto Griffing Avenue and proceed for two blocks. The museum is on the right just over the railroad tracks.

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



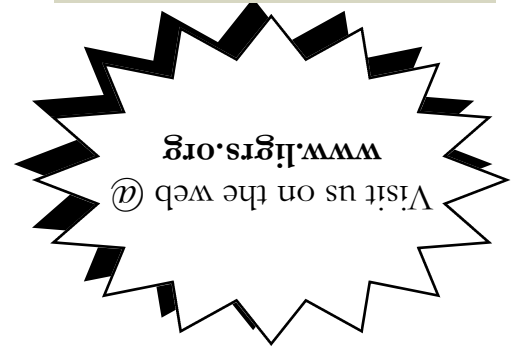
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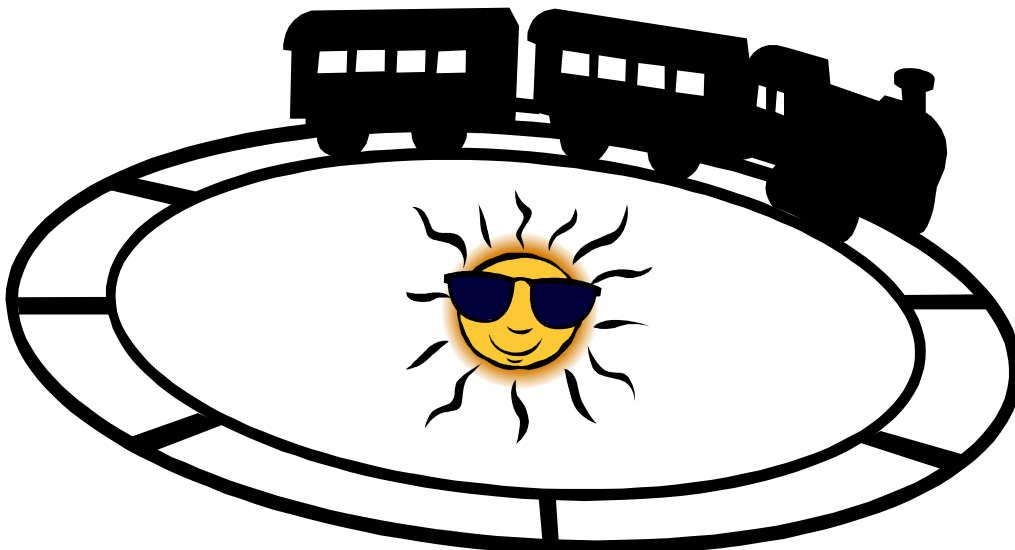


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