

August 2019

In Lieu of A Monthly Meeting
Come run trains on the Freeman RR
August 24th & 25th

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



IMPORTANT SUMMER PICNIC INFORMATION

(LAST CHANCE)

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

There will be **NO** 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.

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY INC

Smoke n' Cinders

**Represent LIGRS at RMLI's
RailFest 2019**

This year the Railroad Museum of Long Island will be hosting their Annual Railroad Festival on August 24th & 25th.

RailFest will be open to the public beginning at 10am-4pm. Admission adults (13+) \$10.00, children \$5.00 (no entry fee for card carrying LIGRS members). You can help staff the museum's permanent garden railway display dedicated to Ron Freeman, run your trains, promote garden railroading and the LIGRS as well as helping the RMLI. A half/full day of trains, what more could you ask for?

See directions to the museum on page 11



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Date	Program/Notes	Time	Place
August 3, 2019 rain date 8/10	Work Day	10:00 AM	Railroad Museum of LI at Riverhead
August 17, 2019 SATURDAY	Summer Picnic no mtg.	11:00 AM	Long Island Live Steamers
August 24-25, 2019	Railfest	10:00AM-4:00PM	Railroad Museum of LI at Riverhead
Sept. 6, 2019 FRIDAY	BOD	10:00 AM	Karl Wagner
Sept. 14, 2019 set up Thurs or Fri	Kidstock Ground Display	10:00 AM	Clark Botanic Garden
Sept. 15, 2019	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Dino & Kornelia Zilic
Sept. 16, 2019 Monday	Take Down	10:00 AM	Clark Botanic Garden
Oct. 20, 2019	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Richie McGorty
Nov. 2019	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Northport Yacht Club

2019 Dues Reminder

Please remember to renew your membership to LIGRS. Individual memberships, the 1st member of a household, are \$40 per year. Family Memberships for members over 18 years old are \$15 for **EACH** additional member in the same household. Please send a check made out to **Long Island Garden Railway Society, Inc.** (full name please as the bank frowns on "Pay to the Order of LIGRS") for the appropriate amount to:

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View From the Cab



After a few years of procrastination I finally started a major repair on my layout. I'd say about 30% of my layout has to be rebuilt in some manner or another after the weeds are picked: currently weeds are growing faster than I can pick them. You're saying, "What is this project?" Well it's the reseating of two 4 foot parallel tunnels. They were made by me about twenty year ago and installed at that time. However, three of the portals have sunk. On one tunnel, one of the portals sunk over two inches. Trains cannot pass. At first I wanted to blame the sinking on Chip and Dale the Disney chipmunks because we have so many of their relatives in our backyard this past year or two. It turns out they are innocent. I only found a small sign of chipmunks, some very dry leaves (nest?) about a foot down but well above the tunnels. Only one portal is good. The reason that one did not sink is the fact that it is resting on some slate, giving the base of the tunnel a solid foundation. The opposite portal to that tunnel is just resting on soil. The second tunnel, the one that sunk over two inches was entirely resting on soil. I guess over time the soil compressed and the tunnels went down. Now we know why a good foundation is important.



easily. The solution to my tunnel problem is as follows. First, I had to remove all the soil above and in between the two tunnels. That turned out to be more than (50) 5 gallon pails of soil. Second, remove the tunnel, I was still able to lift them. The two section solution was a good choice then and now. Third, was to lay a red brick footing under where the tunnel will rest. This will triple the foot print of where the tunnels will rest and hopefully prevent sinkage in the future. As of this writing, red brick footing has been installed, both tunnels have been positioned on a brick foundation and some soil dumped back. I still have to add the rest of the soil, stonework and place trees that I had to remove just to get at the tunnels. Before this portion of the project is completed I intend to add a waterfall feature to the opposite side of the hill where the tunnels pass through. I only work in the morning to about 10:30 am and then in evenings after 6:00 p because the location is in the sun and I get a very powerful reflection off my neighbor's white vinyl fence that is right next to the work area. For the curious, a picture of these tunnels was on the face page of the 2015 roster.



The reason I procrastinated so long was that I was afraid I could no longer lift the tunnels. I'm 20 years older. When I originally built the tunnels, they were built in two sections, reducing their weight so I could lift and place



Remember there's no meeting in August, only the club picnic. **Did you send in for your tickets yet? If not get going!**

Next meeting will be September 15, 2019 at Dino and Kornelia's house. Looking forward to seeing you all there.



For those that don't have e-mail or didn't read theirs, the following message was sent by e-mail. I'm repeating this important message..

I have been informed by a few members that they have received a strange e-mail requesting a donation to some organization or a telephone call, saying to call me, urgent. In cases, either e-mail or call, they were not from me. Please be alert to these falsehoods. If it's a call you should recognize my voice. On e-mails, when in doubt call me, leave a message. I'll get back to you.

Mike Kmeth

From The Secretary



LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY INC. MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING JULY 28, 2019

President Mike Kmeth asked for a moment of silence for the passing of our dear friend Bob Russo and 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 @ 12:05 PM. A motion was made by, Tom Rizzo and seconded by Bruce Kropp to open the meeting. We had 28 adult members present, 11 proxies. We have a quorum. We also had 2 junior members and several visitors from the Bayard Cutting Arboretum Horticultural society. Welcome everyone to our July meeting. A big thanks to Geri and Bill as first time hosts of a monthly meeting.

President Mike Kmeth asked for a reading of the June 23, 2019 meeting minutes or a Motion to accept the minutes as written? Richie McGorty made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Steve Gaherty. The motion was passed.

Treasurers' report was given by Bob Sewall. Bob gave the YTD 2018-2019 report as of July 28. Starting balance \$7,171.95 ending balance \$9,049.22 Fourth Quarter balance 7-1-2019 thru 9-30-2019 starting balance \$9,311.09 ending balance \$9,049.22. 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 was given by Tom Rizzo. We have two new members Ralph and Jane Isaacs.

Program Directors report – Nick Guarino stated that all of this year's open house meetings have been filled. Two are filled for next year so start thinking if you would like to host a meeting.

Module Coordinator – Ed Assaf had nothing to add at this time.

Bob Russo memorial Fund – Dan Saporito informed us that we have just over \$2000 so far. Our goal is to purchase a bench (approx \$3500) and maybe a tree (approx \$1500) for Bayard cutting Arboretum in Bob's name. Please send your written pledge to Danny.saporito@verizon.net or mail it to: 104 Sheffield Avenue, West Babylon NY 11704

Trip to Pittsburgh – Louise Sewall spoke about the interesting trip on restored PRR passenger cars July 12, 13 & 14 that 8 of us from the club took.

Upcoming Events:

Club picnic is August 17 SAVE THE DATE. As of today we have only 18 people signed up. Last date to sign up is August 11. There will be no paying at the door day of the picnic. We need some more volunteers to help our Chairperson Karen Connelly. A volunteer meeting will be held at Karen's house on Wednesday, Aug 14 @ 1 pm. Members please fill out completely the Picnic form in the newsletter and mail it with your check to Bob Sewall. Please send in no later than August 11. This year we will be using wrist bracelets. They will only be given to those whose names appear on the Picnic form, so please be clear as to how you fill it out. Adults \$18 Child \$9 under 5 years old is FREE Volunteers will be charged \$9. This year's raffle is a Piko Camelback with sound. Read more about it in Smoke-n-Cinders.

RailFest @ Riverhead RailRoad Museum- August 24 & 25. Come out and run your trains. Mike spoke about doing repairs to the east wall of the layout. We have a work day scheduled for August 3 rain date August 10 at 10 AM. Please come out to help.

Clark Botanic Garden – Kidstock (music and family festival). We will be doing an outdoor display on Saturday, September 14. Set up will be Thursday or Friday before @ 10 AM depending on the weather. Take down will be Monday @ 10 AM, look for more info in Smoke n Cinders.

Photo Contest – Congratulations to this month's winner, Mike Iannacone of the Sumpter Valley RR crossing the river on our modular group's Christmas display at the Cradle of Aviation. Please send your picture to Louise Sewall. Even if it's an old one. A link to the rules is on the LIGRS Home page.

Club Resource Librarian – The list of books, videos and plans are on the clubs website. Please ask Nick Guarino and he will bring it to the next meeting for you to borrow. Nick is looking into posting some of the clubs drawing on the web site in the future. If you have borrowed a book, plans or a video please remember to return it so others can use it also.

Club Merchandise – Please see Georgiana & Steve Gaherty for club items for sale such as shirts, jackets, hats, coffee mugs & DVDs.

Chic Chat Corner – Ladies you know you can write about anything. Guys can send something in too. So ladies and gentlemen just send something to Louise Sewall for the Chic Chat Corner. (*editor's discretion*)

Aluminum Can Tabs – Please see 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.

New Business:

Mike has been informed by several members that they either received an e-mail or phone call from him about money. THESE ARE BOGUS do not respond to them. If in doubt call Mike directly.

Mike received an e-mail from a Randy Graboski. He is selling a number of European Style buildings. Mike has pictures and his phone number if anyone is interested.

Pod cast – Mike did a podcast about our club on July 16. As soon as he knows when it will air he will send out an e-mail. 50/50 drawing was won by our host Geri Coney, Geri got \$12 and the club got \$13.

NO Meeting in August

The next meeting is set for Sunday, Sept 15 @ Dino and Kornelia Zilic's house. Please do not arrive before 11 AM. Remember there is almost no parking at their house, so try to carpool.

Joe Dibenedetto made a motion to close the meeting seconded by Tom Rizzo. Motion approved. Meeting ended @ 12:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karl Wagner

Secretary



Last Chance to Win

Winner to be drawn at our club's Summer Picnic. Prize is the Piko #38243 ATSF Camelback 2-6-0 w/Sound, analog and digital operation, 5V Smoke Dual-Mode Sound Decoder. Full functions on DC or DCC.

Tickets may be purchased from Bob Sewall at the price of \$5.00 each.



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://qrli.shutterfly.com/>

More photos will be added as we receive them.

What the Heck Puzzle Solution



Answer:

Bethlehem Steel Co Hot Metal Car No. 1271.

Chic Chat Corner



Just displaying a few of the photos from the trip on the Broadway Limited that 4 of our club couples took last month. We met in Penn Station and boarded the 3 restored Pullman cars.

Our cars, which were connected to the Amtrak Pennsylvanian were disconnected at the Pittsburgh station. Some of us had bedrooms on the



Authentic Pullman meals from the era were served. Staff and crew dressed in period costumes.



cars, others stayed at a local hotel. (All part of the trip.)

Folks lined up with cameras at many of the stops



Photos and videos taken by passengers and photographers along the way are displayed at:

<https://www.broadwaylimited1949.com>



along the way.



Videos were taken as we traveled on HorseShoe Curve

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: \$18.00 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 17, 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 \$18 =	\$ _____
Number of Children: _____	\$ 8 =	\$ _____
Check Made Payable To: Long Island Garden Railway Society, Inc. . Do not abbreviate!		
<u>Names of those in your party:</u> Need more space? Attach another page.		
<i>Adults</i>		<i>Children (over 5 yrs.)</i>
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Photos from Geri Coney & Bill Arndt's July Meeting.



The meeting was held in their lovely, shady yard. The layout is well under way and set upon a high table top, painted and preserved from the weather. (See Jack Lane in the photo below to the left for an idea of the height.)



A close up of some of the Lego cars that were first displayed at Planting Fields this year.

Geri worked very hard in all the heat of the past few days to get the layout and yard ready for our meeting.



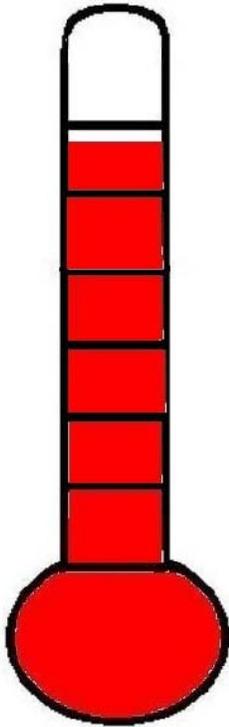
Geri's pride and joy, the orange and yellow, Southern Pacific Daylight



We also viewed Bill's indoor layout and extreme Lego collection

Bob Russo Memorial Fund

Pledge O Meter



\$3,500
\$3,000
\$2,500
\$2,000
\$1,500
\$1,000

Thanks to our membership, pledges are pouring in. We have already reached the amount of \$2,2900, towards the memorial to be installed at the Bayard Cutting Arboretum. The LIGRS goal is to raise sufficient funds to purchase either a \$3,500 Memorial Bench or a \$1,500 Memorial Tree in Bob Russo's memory. At this time LIGRS is only requesting a pledge be made with the final determination made at the November meeting as to which memorial will be dedicated. Actual fund collection will take place once the total pledge amount has been determined along with the actual memorial cost. PLEASE DO NOT SEND MONEY AT THIS TIME BUT...

Please submit your written pledge to Danny Saporito at the address on the form below.

Can we count on you to make it happen!

Robert Russo Memorial Pledge Form

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Pledge Amount: \$ _____ .00

Mail completed form to: **Danny Saporito**
104 Sheffield Avenue,
West Babylon, NY 11704.

Or email the above information to him at:
danny.saporito@verizon.net

Photo Contest Winner

This month's winner is Louise Sewall for her photo Old Cars and Trains taken of Geri Coney's layout.





LIGRS Annual Picnic
Saturday, August 18th 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.

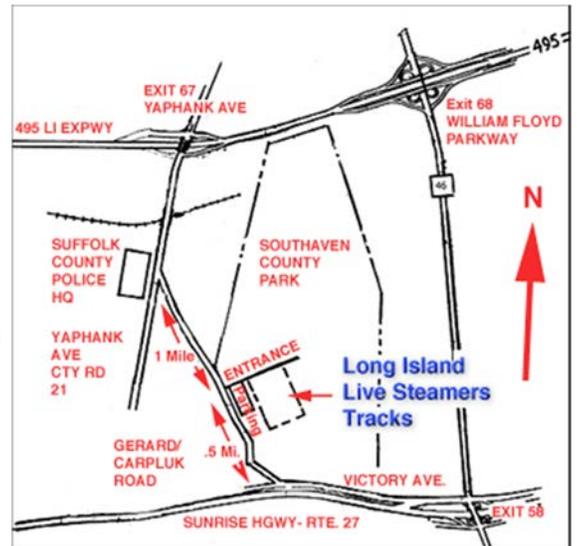
From Sunrise Highway

From the east:

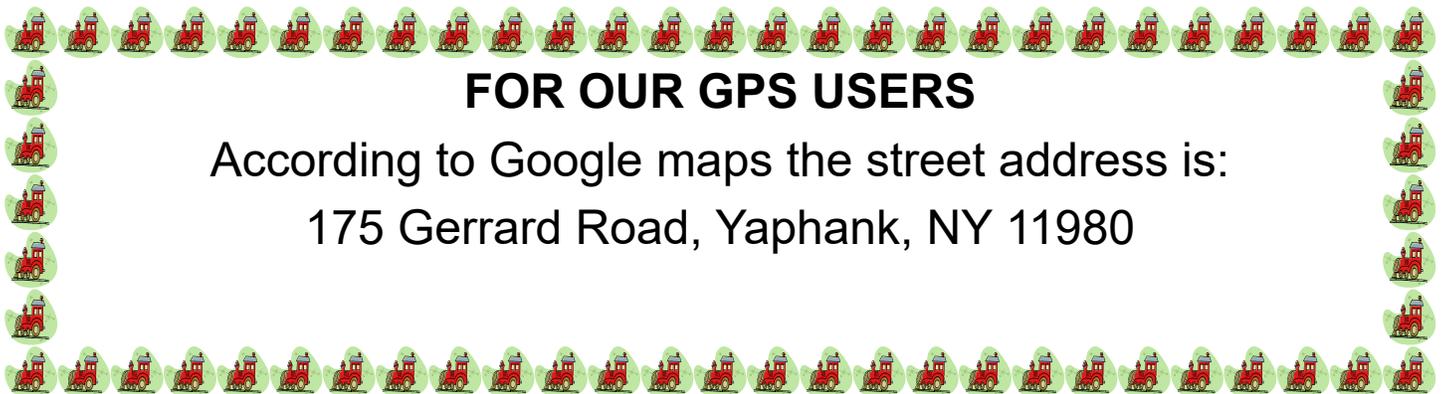
Use Exit 58 - William Floyd Parkway North. This exit ramp leads to Victory Drive. Make a left and continue over William Floyd Parkway. Just past the main entrance for Southaven County Park is Gerrard / Carpluk Memorial Road. Make a right on Gerrard / Carpluk Memorial Road. The LILS entrance is approximately 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
Griffing Avenue at the Tracks • Riverhead, NY 11901•
631-727-7920

[http://www.rmli.us/RMLI/Welcome.html](http://www.rmlి.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.

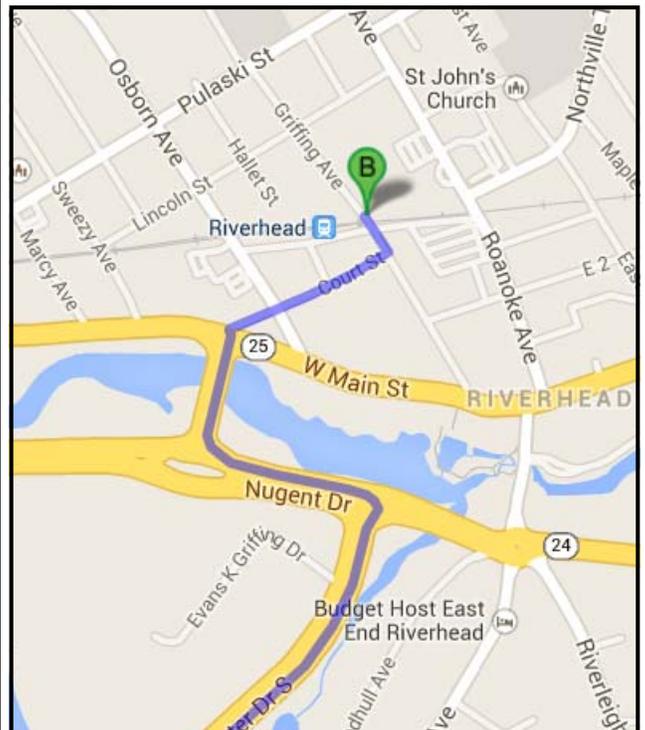
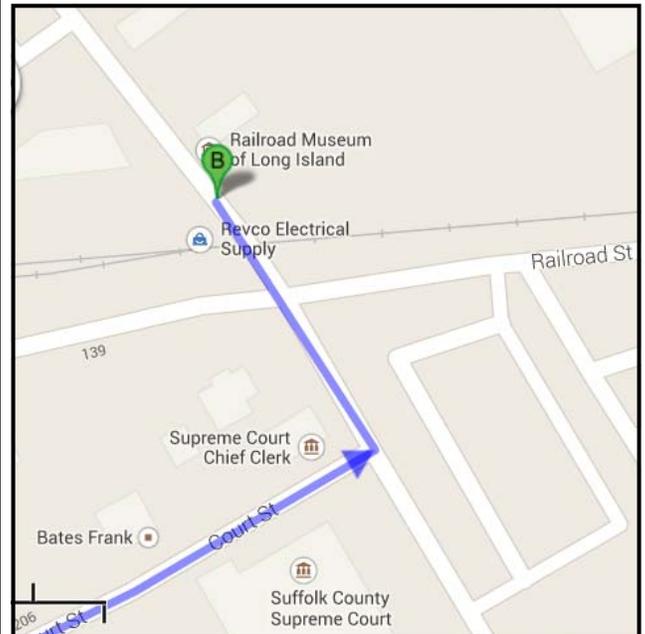
By Long Island Rail Road: Take the train to the Riverhead station. The museum restoration site is directly across the tracks and across Griffing Avenue from the station. For schedule and fare information, you may call the LIRR at (631) 231-LIRR or visit their web page.

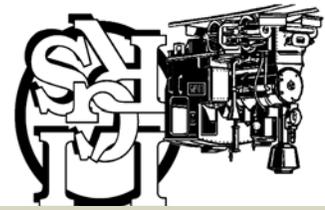
From Western Long Island: Take the Long Island Expressway eastbound to Exit 72, NYS Route 25 East (Main Street). Follow Route 25 approximately three miles. Turn left onto Griffing Avenue and proceed for two blocks. The museum is on the right just over the railroad tracks.

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.)





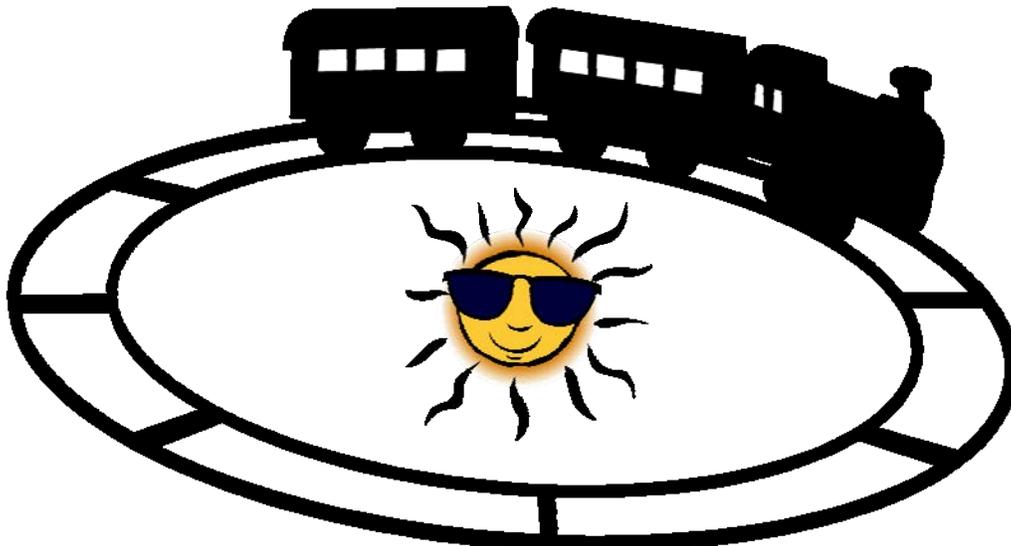
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I need summer to be longer
so I have more time to do nothing.



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