

December 2019

Next Monthly Meeting on  
**SUNDAY January 12, 2020**  
**Northport Yacht Club**  
**11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**



## A Special Christmas Greeting

I want to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a prosperous and Healthy New Year.



Mike Kmeth

## Upcoming Indoor Exhibitions

- ◆ **Daisy Garden Nursery**, table top display from now until Christmas. M-Sat 9-6 and Sun 9-2. Gillette Ave Bayport NY 11705, it is just on the south side of the tracks on Gillette Ave on the east side. Self running display.
- ◆ **Clark Botanic Garden**, table top display Dec. 14-21, 1pm—7pm each day
- ◆ **Cradle of Aviation Museum**, December 21<sup>st</sup> until January 5<sup>th</sup>. Regular museum hours are from 9:30am to 5pm. The Module Group will be in the atrium right inside the front doors, until New Year's Day. Bring your membership card for admission. (see minutes on page 4 for more information.)

## Robert Russo Memorial

Hi folks, I'm happy to report that because of the generosity of so many who knew Bob Russo, we have reached our goal in pledges for the Memorial Bench and Tree and are moving forward with plans expected to be completed at Bayard Cutting Arboretum next Spring. We are still planning to have a free standing plaque made for which we are awaiting pricing and approval.

At this time we will begin receiving checks for your pledges, and anyone else who wishes to contribute may now do so.

Please make checks payable to **Long Island Garden Railway Society, Inc.** and mail to Dan Saporito 104 Sheffield Ave. West Babylon, NY 11704

Thank you, Regards. Dan Saporito

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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY, INC

# Smoke n' Cinders



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Date	Program/Notes	Time	Place
Dec. 15, 2019	Christmas Brunch	11:30 AM-2:30 PM	The Snapper Inn
Dec. 14-21, 2019 Setup Dec. 12,	Table Top Display	1PM-7PM	Clark Botanic Garden
Dec. 21– Jan. 5, 2020 Setup Dec. 20, 10AM	Modular Display	9:30 AM-5:00 PM Closed Xmas & New Years	Cradle of Aviation (Take down Jan. 6th)
Jan. 10, 2020	BOD	10:00 AM	Lou Cortese
Jan. 12, 2020	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Northport Yacht Club
Feb. 22, 2020 <b>SATURDAY AUCTION</b>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Northport Yacht Club
Mar. 22, 2020	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Northport Yacht Club

**Important Information About The Proxy Form**

**What is a Proxy and why is it necessary?**

In order to conduct official club business such as the nomination & election of officers, the club needs a quorum of 35 members to conduct such business. A completed proxy enables you to participate in voting on club business without being present at the meeting, but still be included towards the required quorum by authorizing another member in good standing to vote your position. This member could be your spouse, another member, a Director at Large or other officer who is willing to cast your vote as instructed on your behalf as though you were present via a completed proxy in their physical possession. This will ensure that there is a proper representation of the membership deciding club business at the meeting.

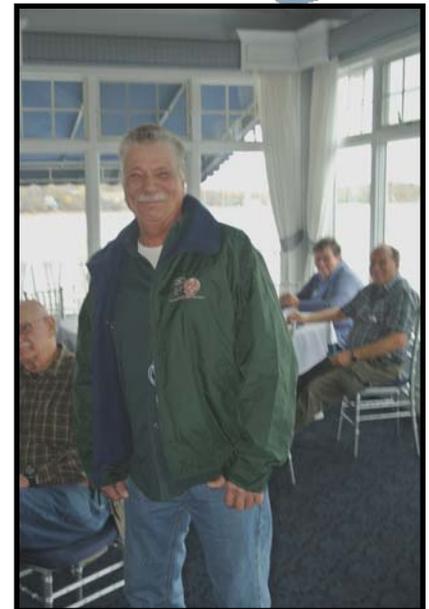
Proxy form may be downloaded from our LIGRS website or taken from page 10 of this newsletter.

# November Elections Meeting



Bruce Kropp modeling our new club jacket.

See Georgie and Steve for ordering and pricing information.



## News from Dave Smith



Here's a photo of a railcar I just completed. It uses a die-cast 1932 Cadillac body with a NWSL power truck under the rear and kit built front truck. Getting this all mounted was a nightmare and then, "How do I power it?"

Ended up using a 7.5 Li-Po battery hidden UNDER the car and just a simple on/off switch rather than trying to make it r/c. Wish I could put sound in it!



The PGRS member who owns the layout runs ONLY live steam and BUILDS his locomotives and rolling stock from scratch. He currently has a series in the magazine "Steam In The Garden" about scratch building a live steam Heisler.

The station in the building has a station sign on it. With a push of an r/c button the sign rotates and the station name changes to another name. He says he did this so that when a train completes the loop it comes into a "new" station.

Amazing fellow and always ready to help!



## LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY INC. MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING NOVEMBER 10, 2019

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

President Mike Kmeth asked that the meeting be opened @ 12:01 PM. A motion was made by Bill Arndt, seconded by Jay Geyer to open the meeting. We had 24 members present, 15 proxies. We have a quorum.

Mike welcomed everyone to the November meeting here at the Northport Yacht Club.

**Elections** –Mike read all the names of the candidates. They are as follows:

Vice President-Steve Gaherty Treasurer – Bob Sewall  
Membership Director – Tom Rizzo Director at Large – Pat Russo  
Director at Large – Lou Cortese

As all were unopposed Mike cast one vote for each.

Mike thanked everyone and the election were closed

President Mike then asked for a motion to read the September 15, 2019 meeting minutes or forego the reading and accept them as written. Bill Arndt made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Bruce Kropp.

### Reports:

**Treasurers' Report** was given by Bob Sewall. First Quarter 2019-2020 Starting balance \$9,247.37 ending balance \$8,883.68 YTD 2018-2019 report as of 9/30/19 starting balance was \$7,171.95 ending balance of \$9,247.37 Please contact Bob and he will be happy to answer any questions you have.

**Membership Report** was given by Tom Rizzo. We have no new members this month.

**Program Directors Report** – Nick Guarino stated so far one member has used the plans that we have. If you want a video or plans just ask Nick and he will bring them to the next meeting for you.

**Modular Coordinator** – Ed Assaf –please see Cradle of Aviation below.

**Bob Russo Memorial Fund** – Nick Guarino gave a report as Dan Saporito is away this week. Nick noted we have pledges for \$5,190. We have enough for the bench and the tree. The dedication is expected sometime in the spring of 2020.

### Upcoming events and Shows:

**Sayville Historical Society** – Nick Guarino noted the dates as follows Set up is November 25 @10 AM the show is Saturday November 30 @ 5 pm – 8 pm

**Daisy Garden** – Dan Saporito, Nick Guarino and Frank Clemente will be doing the set up and take down. This is simply run with an on off switch by Daisy Garden so no one needs to be there each day.

**Clark Botanic Garden Christmas** – Karl Wagner noted the set up should be Dec 12 Show dates Dec 14 thru Dec 21 tentative times 12 noon till 6 PM each day. This is a table top display. Please come and run a train.

**Cradle of Aviation** – Ed Assaf stated set up will be Dec 20 @ 10 AM take down is January 6. Please come with your trains to run and have some fun. All run days should be 9:30 AM to 5 PM except Christmas and New Years Day as they are closed.

**Christmas Brunch** – Bob Sewall noted as of this morning he had 4 people paid but now has 16. We need 35 as the club will have to make up the difference. It will be held on Sunday, December 15th at the Snapper Inn. Buffet served from 11:30-2:30. \$54 per person. Please send checks to Bob Sewall, 29 Locust St., Massapequa, NY 11758. **Write checks to "The Long Island Garden Railway Society, Inc." Checks need to be in the mail with a Postmark no later than Dec 1, 2019**

**Photo Contest** – Congratulations to this month's winning photo was taken by Louise Sewall of a vignette on Dino Zilic's indoor layout. A link to the rules is on the LIGRS Home page. Please remember to take pictures and send your best picture to Louise Sewall.

**Chic Chat Corner** – Thank you Louise Sewall for telling us about yours and Bob's vacation at the Colorado Railroad Museum for a "Gathering of the Geese"

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



## From the Secretary continued

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**Club merchandise** – Please see Georgiana & Steve Gaherty for club items for sale 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

**Veterans** - We wish to recognize and honor LIGRS members who have served during any time or are currently serving. Thank you to our veterans, 13 of them listed in this month's Smoke-n-Cinders news letter. If you were not listed please send your info to Louise Sewall for next year's Veterans Day.

**Food Donation** – Thank you to all who brought food to the November meeting to help others less fortunate than us. As in past years we are gathering donations of nonperishable food items for the Grace United Methodist Church food pantry in memory of our deceased member Doug Smith.

### New Business:

Club items for sale – Please note we have listed in the club news letter items the club will be selling at the auction in February.

Mike spoke about the Split Jaws Company going out of business. The club bought a box just so we have extras for connecting our track.

Karl Wagner stated we received two (2) thank you letters. One from the LILS for our donation from our picnic this past summer and the other from Ronald McDonald house thanking us for our can tab donations.

50/50 was won by Paul Tobin \$10 for Paul and \$11 for the club.

Next meeting is on SUNDAY January 12 @ Northport Yacht Club.

Bruce Kropp made a motion to close the meeting seconded by Lou Cortese. Motion approved. Meeting ended @ 12:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karl Wagner, Secretary

## Addendum

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### **LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY, Inc. EXECUTIVE BOARD EMERGENCY MEETING NOVEMBER 10, 2019**

Meeting was held at Northport Yacht Club directly after the General meeting.

Attendance: President Mike Kmeth, Vice President Steve Gaherty, Secretary Karl Wagner, Membership Director Tom Rizzo, Treasurer Bob Sewall, Program Director Nick Guarino, Directors at Large, Louis Cortese, Frank Clemente, Bruce Kropp.

President Mike Kmeth asked for the Board of Director to meet for the sole purpose of discussing track for the new modular yard. We need this in time for Christmas show @ The Cradle of Aviation. It was agreed upon to price and if it was a good price to purchase 4 boxes of LGB track, 6

pieces in each box, for a total of 24 pieces. The BOD Agreed with this.

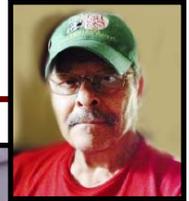
Next Board meeting will be Friday January 10 @ Lou Cortese's house, 10:00 AM

Emergency meeting was then closed.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karl Wagner  
Secretary



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



**REMINDER:** A link to our Proxy Form can be found on the home page of our website, LIGRS.org. If you are unable to attend any monthly meeting, please be sure to fill one out and give to our president or a BOD member to ensure a quorum so that an official business meeting may be held.

### 2020 Dues Reminder

Why not renew your membership to LIGRS before the busy holiday season?

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 **“The 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:

Questions? Contact  
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## Holiday Train Show at the New York Botanical Garden



### New York City's Favorite Holiday Tradition is Back

November 23, 2019—January 26, 2020

<https://www.nybg.org/event/holiday-train-show/>

Enchanting model trains zip through a display of 175 landmarks, each re-created with bark, leaves, and other natural materials—all under the twinkling glow of the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory. Marvel at G-scale locomotives humming along among familiar sights such as the Brooklyn Bridge, Statue of Liberty, and Rockefeller Center on nearly a half-mile of track. The recent exhibition expansion continues with more trains and making their debut this year are showcases Central Park, with its iconic landscape fashioned in mosses and hollies, and architectural treasures such as Belvedere Castle.

### Solution to What the Heck Puzzle



Haliburtan mud car. (mud probably means sludge from refining process.)

### Annual Auction At February Meeting



Don't forget the annual club auction which will be held on a **SATURDAY** at the February 16th meeting.

Join the entire auction team for another great LIGRS Annual Auction. Don't have room for all of those new trains? The LIGRS Annual Auction is the perfect solution. So clean out the attic, closet, basement and/or garage and bring all those unwanted train related items to February's Annual LIGRS Auction or donate them to the club. Watch the LIGRS auction team perform its magical alchemy by transforming those excess trains into cash, or excess cash into trains. (A win-win event!)

The auction is a wonderful event that combines aspects of *Let's Make A Deal*, *The Price Is Right* along with a bit of *Family Feud*.

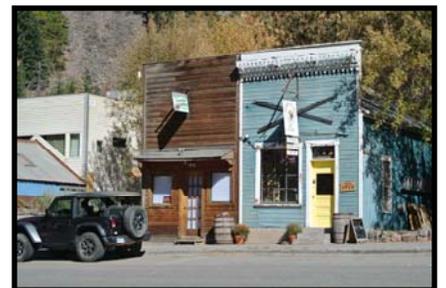
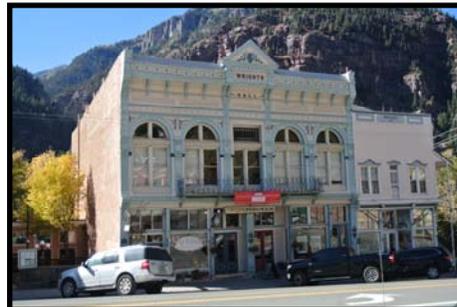
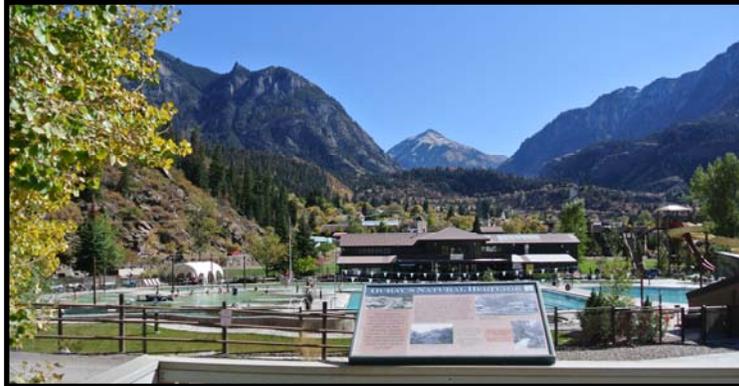
## Chic Chat Corner



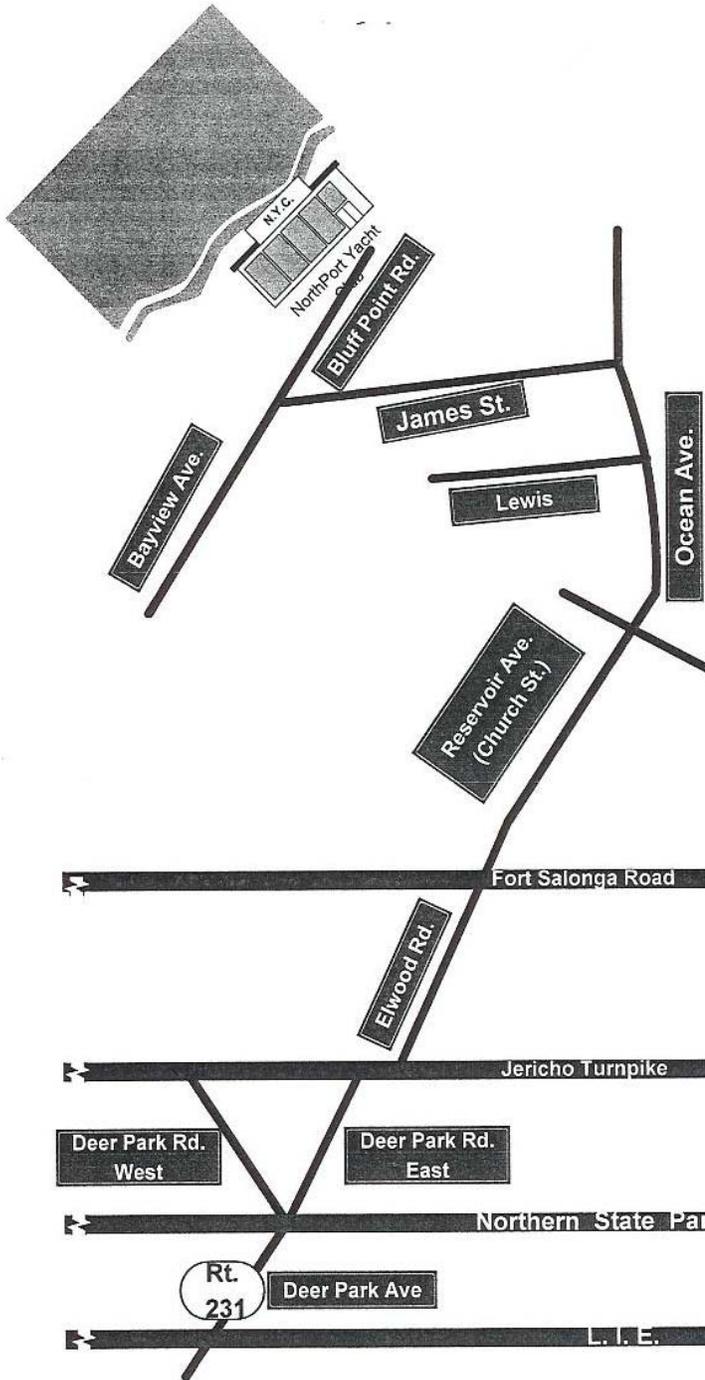
On our trip to Colorado we visited the town of Ouray. It is famous for its many hot springs. I took a photo of the public one but the hotels in town also have them.

many restored old-time buildings. They reminded us of the Hallmark buildings that are sold as Christmas ornaments.

While driving down Main Street we were struck by the



# Instructions to the Northport Yacht Club Monthly Meeting on SUNDAY January 12th



## Turn by turn directions:

Take the LIE or Northern State Parkway to Deer Park Ave (Rte. 231) north.

Bear right onto Deer Park Road East. Merge onto Jericho Tpke. (Rte. 25) and make the next left onto Elwood Road.

Elwood changes into Reservoir Road and then into Ocean Ave.

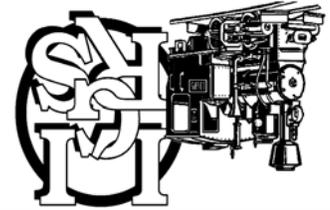
Make a left on James Street and follow to Bluff Point Road and make a right.

Northport Yacht Club is on the left.

631-261-7633

Please remember that we also need photos of your Christmas layouts for the LIGRS website and a don't forget to begin taking winter photos for entry into the 2019 photo contest.

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**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to All!**

