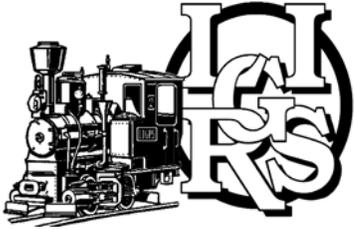


December 2020

Next Monthly Meeting on  
SATURDAY January 16, 2021  
VIA ZOOM

11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Electronic Invites will be sent to all  
voting members.



## 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

- ◆ **Cradle of Aviation Museum**, Setup at 9am December 21<sup>st</sup> as well as the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> will run trains beginning Saturday, 12/26 until January 3<sup>rd</sup> then take down at 9am on Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>.

Regular museum hours are from 9:30am to 5pm. Closed on Christmas Day. The Module Group will be in the atrium right inside the front doors, until New Year's Day.

Bring your membership card for admission.

## New Photo Contest Procedures for Voting in 2020

Voting for the overall winner of the 2020 photo contest will be done electronically during the month of December as we will not be having a Christmas Party.

An email will be sent to all voting members which will contain photos of the monthly winners. Please return your vote for a favorite one by email to [louisesevall@verizon.net](mailto:louisesevall@verizon.net) by December 31st in order that the winner may be included in our January newsletter.

For 2021 photo contest entries, please remember to take pictures and send your best picture to Louise Sewall.

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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY, INC

# Smoke n' Cinders



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## 2020 — 2021 LIGRS Meetings & Events Schedule

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| Date   | Program/Notes       | Time               | Place              |
|--|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Dec. 2020  | No Meeting          | No Christmas Party | See you next year  |
| Dec. 21, 2020 setup<br>Jan. 4, 2021 take down at 9am | Modular Display     | 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM | Cradle of Aviation |
| Jan. 9, 2021   | BOD Meeting         | 10:00 AM           | ZOOM               |
| Jan. 16, 2021<br><b>SATURDAY</b>                     | Monthly Meeting     | 11:00 AM           | ZOOM               |
| Feb. 20, 2021  | <b>Auction Mtg.</b> |                    | TBA                |
| Mar. 21, 2021  | Monthly Meeting     | 11:00 AM           | TBA                |

### We still need your proxy forms even for Zoom meetings

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

Please remember that we also need photos of your layouts for the LIGRS website and a don't forget to begin taking winter photos for entry into the 2021 photo contest.

## Request from Karl Wagner



### Looking for old Smoke N Cinder issues

Hello to all our members.

I started collecting printed copies of Smoke n Cinders going back to the beginning of the club founding in 1991. I have made a lot of progress on this, and with many thanks to Walter Poppe and Richie McGorty I have many issues. Like many of us we sometimes misplace a few issues. I have starting putting together a history of the club with some highlight events. I am hoping to share this next year at our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary with club members. I am still look for the following newsletters:

1991 all

1992 Jan, May, June, Sept, Nov, Dec

1995 April, Dec

1996 Dec

1999 July

2000 Dec

2001 Dec

2002 Dec

2005 Dec

2007 Jan

2008 Jan

2009 Jan

2010 Jan

I will make copies and return them back to you.

Thank you

Your Club Secretary

Karl Wagner

## Photo Contest Winner



This month's winning photo "Drone Shot of Winter Plowing" was taken by Frank Clemente on his "Highview, Overlook and Western Railroad"





## LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY INC. MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING NOVEMBER 15, 2020

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 PM. A motion was made by Bruce Kropp, seconded by Ray Shelton to open the meeting. We had 30 members present, 31 proxies. We have a quorum.

Mike welcomed everyone to the November meeting here at the North Port Yacht Club. The club would like to thank them for letting us use their facility for our meeting. President Mike asked then for a motion to read the October 17, 2020 meeting minutes or forego the reading and accept them as written. Karl Wagner made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Richie Bishop.

### Reports:

**Treasurers' Report** --was given by Bob Sewall. First quarter 2020-2021 (10/1/20 thru 12/31/20) Starting balance \$9,698.98 ending balance \$9,241.67 YTD report as of 11/14/20 starting balance was \$9,698.98 ending balance of \$9,241.67 Bob stated that if anyone has any questions about the club finances, please contact him and he will be happy to answer any questions you have.



**Membership Report** We have one new member Philip Martin.

**Program Directors Report** – Nick Guarino stated all the winter meetings are covered by the NPYC. Nick also stated that the 2021 Spring, Summer and Fall meetings are covered.

**Modular Coordinator** – Ed Assaf stated that we will be doing the COA as planned.

**Bob Russo Memorial Fund** – Dan Saporito stated no changes from last month.

### Upcoming events and Shows:

**Cradle of Aviation** – Ed Assaf stated the dates have not changed, Set up Dec 21, 2020 Take down Jan 4, 2021.

**Photo Contest** – Please remember to take pictures and send your best picture to Louise Sewall. The yearend photo contest will be done on line during the month of Decem-

ber. Check our club web site.

*(editor's note; see page one for updated procedures)*

**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 in our armed forces or are currently serving. Thank you to our veterans, 13 of them were listed in this month's Smoke-n-Cinders news letter.

**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 gathered donations of nonperishable food items for the Grace United Methodist Church food pantry in memory of our deceased member Doug Smith.

### New Business:

Bill Arndt reported the Springfield Train show in Massachusetts has been postponed no new date at this time.

50/50 was won by Geri Coney. Geri received \$16 the club \$16

**Elections** – one vote cast for each uncontested candidate thereby validating the Election of the uncontested nominees. Running uncontested are:

President-Mike Kmeth Secretary –Karl Wagner  
Program Director – Nick Guarino

Candidate running for the contested office of Director at Large. As per the By Laws a simple majority wins. Nominees are:

Bruce Kropp Frank Clemente Paul Bonney

After counting the ballots the Election Committee Chairperson Dan Saporito stated the winners are: Frank Clemente and Paul Bonney

Thank you to Dan Saporito and his committee for conducting and overseeing our elections and a big thank you to all our members who voted. Elections are now closed.

Next meeting is tentatively set for Sunday January 17 SUNDAY @ North Port Yacht Club. Please check our web site as things are changing daily due to the pandemic. A ZOOM BOD is tentatively set for Dec 5 @ 10 AM

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## From the Secretary continued

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John Sulsenti made a motion to close the meeting seconded by Ray Shelton. Motion approved. Meeting ended @ 12:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karl Wagner

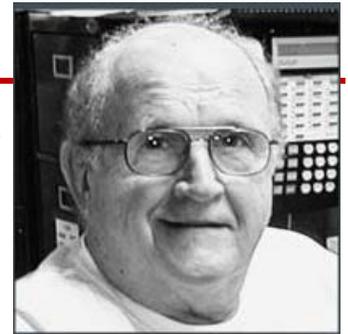
Secretary



## In Memory of Charlie Ro

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Charles F. RO, Sr. Founder of Charles Ro Supply Co. Of Saugus, Dec. 1, 2020. Beloved husband of 64 years to Ruth L. (Tricca) Ro. Loving father of Charles F. Ro, Jr. & his wife Jacqueline A. of Saugus. Cherished grandfather of Katie A. McBride & Kristin A. Ro, & great-grandfather of Riley D. McBride & Quinn J. McBride. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Charles' memory may be made to the U.S. Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, Gift Processing Administrator, 18251 Quantico Gateway Dr., Triangle, VA 22172 or [www.toysfortots.org](http://www.toysfortots.org) Late U.S. Marines Veteran, Korean Conflict.



**Many kind memories and remarks were posted to his obit page online.**

"A real legend in the toy train hobby. I first met him in the 1970's when he came to Nashville with a load of trains for a L.C.C.A. show out on Murfreesboro Road .. It was my first train show and Boy did I get hooked. People like Charlie always had time to talk to train collectors and their friendship shaped the hobby. I enjoyed talking to Charlie on most, if not all, my 70 plus trips to York."

"He was always friendly and accommodating. He would go out of his way to help you out. Another loss to the hobby."

"I always made it a point to at least say "Hi" to (a usually very busy) Charlie at each York since, after 40+ years of doing business with him, he was something like a family member. I made sure to introduce my wife, in her one York visit, to Charlie. When I told her this morning of Charlie's passing, her comment was: 'Just as if we've lost a family member.'"

"Thanks for your contributions to the hobby, Charlie."

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## Trainmasters of Babylon Virtual Open House and Raffle



TMB Model Train Club

**Virtual Open House**

**December 20th, 11am - 1pm**

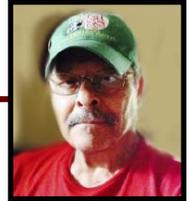
Visit us on Facebook: to attend and to share comments with other viewers

<https://www.facebook.com/TrainMastersLI>

While we're still in the midst of the COVID pandemic we thought it best for our members and our guests to remain safe and do our part keeping us all healthy. In the spirit of the season we would like to share our layout with you and are conducting a virtual open house. We hope to be welcoming guests again next season.

Also offering a Lionel Train Set raffle. To be drawn on December 20<sup>th</sup>.

Their home page with more information <https://tmbmodeltrainclub.com/>



### 2021 Dues Reminder

The quote from the *Tale of Two Cities* by Charles Dickens seems to sum up 2020 perfectly, "It was the best of times and it was the worst of times...". LIGRS managed to get through the first half of our fiscal year before the pandemic forced us to curtail our activities. While we were able to resume in person meetings, it looks like the pandemic will force us once again to suspend activities. However, the expenses necessary to maintain LIGRS membership services (internet, newsletter, insurance, maintenance, etc.) continue. Unfortunately, our usual public fund raising activities have been curtailed, therefore it is essential that our membership continue to support LIGRS by renewing their dues for 2021 so that we can experience the "best of times" once again without seriously draining the club's treasury. Send in your 2021 dues so that 2021 may be a "Happy Train Year."

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:

**Many thanks to those members who have already renewed their dues.**

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

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Thursday, November 12, 2020 – Sunday, January 31, 2021  
For Members & Patrons | At the Garden  
Bronx Community Partner Preview Day: Wednesday, November 11  
Member, Patron, and Corporate Member Access: November 12–January 31  
Bronx Community Partner Days: December 10 & January 17

Members Only Experience the Magic of the *Holiday Train Show*

<https://www.nybg.org/event/holiday-train-show/> click here for tickets

With tickets and capacity very limited due to enhanced safety protocols that include social distancing, the only way to see this captivating display is as a Member, Patron, Corporate Member, or Bronx Community Partner.

Marvel at model trains zipping through an enchanting display of famous New York landmarks—imagine the Statue of Liberty, Brooklyn Bridge, Rockefeller Center, and other favorites—each delightfully re-created from natural materials such as birch bark, acorns, and cinnamon sticks.

NYBG is pleased to be able to present this beloved, 29-year tradition as an expression of appreciation to our Members and our Bronx community for their loyalty and support.

### Know Before You Go

Many holiday traditions will look different this year, and the *Holiday Train Show* is no exception. Here's what you can expect:

- **Access to the exhibition is limited.** Access to the *Holiday Train Show* will be limited to Members, Patrons, Corporate Members, and Bronx Community Partners this year due to safety protocols that include social distancing.
- **Advance tickets are required.** Walk-up tickets are not available. Be sure to bring your tickets, Membership Card, and Parking Pass.
- **One visit per Member household.** With capacity reduced by more than 75%, this gives as many people as possible the opportunity to enjoy the *Holiday Train Show* this season.
- **Members can purchase guest tickets.** If you'd like to bring additional guests, [upgrade your Membership](#), or purchase up to four tickets for friends and family.
- **Stroller parking is outdoors.** Strollers are welcome on Garden grounds, but are not permitted inside the Haupt Conservatory. Outdoor, uncovered stroller parking is provided near the entrance to the *Holiday Train Show*.

## Solution to What the Heck Puzzle

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German narrow gauge steam locomotive making a troop run directly behind the Western Front in the spring of 1917.



## Chic Chat Corner



### A new WNC Arboretum video made in August 2020

From Dave Smith

An email containing a video of the NC Arboretum Railroad was sent by one of the PGRS members. I may have told you the story that when the layout was first conceived it was dictated that it would represent typical North Carolina history. One day while running a Thomas locomotive a PGRS member was told by the director of the Arboretum in no uncertain terms that Thomas DID NOT belong on a historically correct display! So the member removed Thomas and that was that EXCEPT, parents began to complain to the Arboretum staff and director that their kids came SPECIFICALLY to see Thomas and his friends run. If that wasn't allowed they wouldn't be coming back. So, the director goes to the PGRS member in charge of running trains and tells him, "When you guys run trains PLEASE have at least one Thomas related train running!"

So much for "historically correct"! LOL

I had always hoped that the LIGRS could have had a similar layout at one of the fine Arboretums on Long Island. Alas, it was not meant to be!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MQn2P01d5As>



## From the Secretary - BOD Meeting Minutes



**LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY, Inc.**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD ZOOM MEETING DECEMBER 5, 2020**

Meeting was held using Zoom.

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, Pat Russo, And Members Louise Sewall, Ed Assaf and Paul Bonney

President Mike Kmeth asked that the meeting be opened @ 10:08 AM. A motion was made by Tom Rizzo and seconded by Bruce Kropp.

President Mike Kmeth asked for a motion to forgo the reading and approve the minutes of the September 12, 2020 BOD and October 17, 2020 BOD. Pat Russo made a motion to accept as is, seconded by Lou Cortese. BOD approved.

**President** – Mike Kmeth – Discussion was held about having in person meetings for Jan, Feb and March. It was decided not to have a Jan meeting at Northport Yacht Club but to have a Zoom meeting on Saturday January 16 @ 10 AM Feb and March will be discussed at the next BOD in Jan.

**Treasurer's Report** – was given by Bob Sewall. Bob gave a synopsis of the report: Year to Date 2019-2020 as of 9/30/20 Starting \$9,247.37 Ending \$9,698.98 The 1st Quarter 10/1/20 -11/30/20 Starting \$9,698.98 Ending \$9,805.96

**Membership Report** - Tom Rizzo – No updated report at this time. Tom will be sending e-mails to members that

have not paid.

Update about new lap top. Tom will be sending program info to Louise.

**Program Director** – Nick Guarino: A discussion was held about the club Library. Nick noted VHS tapes and books are not being used. The BOD decided to auction off at upcoming meetings several VHS tapes and books each meeting. Nick to pick them out. What is not sold will be donated to RMLI, OBRM and Local libraries. We will keep all Plans, Drawings and DVD's at this time

**Bob Russo Memorial Fund** – No new info at this time.

**Anniversary for 2021 (30years)** – No new info at this time.

### Upcoming Shows and Events:

**Daisy Garden** – Canceled for this year

**Clark Botanic Gardens** – Karl Wagner was asked to help them with their outdoor display. Karl will assist them.

**COA** - As of this time Set up is Dec 21 and Take down Jan 4 Ed Assaf to keep in contact with the COA.

**Auction** – BOD would like to move it to later in the year, maybe outdoors at RMLI

**Bethpage** - Modular display: No info at this time.

**Boy Scout** – Table Top: No info at this time

**Freeport** – Modular Display: No info at this time

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# From the Secretary - BOD Meeting Minutes Continues



## New Business:

Thank you to Bruce Kropp for your four years as a member of the Board of Directors.

Ed Assaf was asked if he would look into the availability of the Planting Fields for future in person meetings. Nick Guarino will check with Bayard and Karl Wagner will check with Clark for in person meetings also.

Bob Sewall stated the 990N report will be done in January when the tax website opens up.

Bob Sewall is working on the Annual Report of the Board of Directors.

It was noted that long time Honorary member Charlie Roe passed away.

Ed Assaf stated that he will be taking the Drive in modules from Dan Saporito and will be checking on the possible relay needed for the yard bridge module.

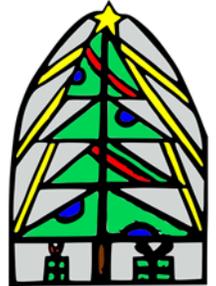
Bob Sewall brought up the topic of fund raising for the club. More will be discussed at the next BOD.

Next Board regularly scheduled BOD meeting may be an in person at Clark botanic Gardens or will be a ZOOM meeting January 9 at 10:00 AM. Info to be sent in an e-mail.

Pat Russo made a motion to close the meeting, seconded by Lou Cortese. Motion approved

Meeting ended at 11:35 AM

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karl Wagner  
Secretary



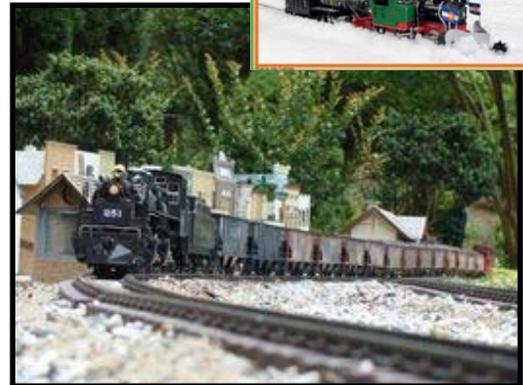
## Garden Railroading eNews Facebook Page

The west coast group that is publishing a new national newsletter also has a Facebook page which is open to all. There are already many interesting photos, videos etc. posted there. Take a look.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/gardenrailroadingenews/>

**Scott Williams** of the Piedmont Garden Railway Society posted; "We've also got this crazy, 'mad-man' in the Piedmont Garden Railway Society, his name is Les Knoll from Denver NC. He actually thinks that you can operationally run Live Steam on your Garden Railroad, or anyone else's layout for that matter, by using Radio Control servos. Witchcraft!!! And you know what??...he's right!!! You may have seen his awesome articles in Steam in the Garden. Here's some shots from his layout...He's built most of his steamers from scratch."

I love his shot of the roundhouse all lit up for an evening run.



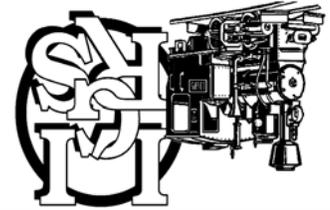
Scott Williams

New Member · 18h · 🌐

My buddy and clubmember Randy Theis is working at Biltmore Estate this year to keep their garden trains running throughout the winter. We had a HEAVY frost here in WNC yesterday. Biltmore is running track power and this is what he found yesterday when he showed up and how he solved the problem. He calls it the RT3000.



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

