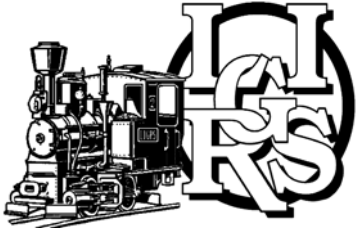
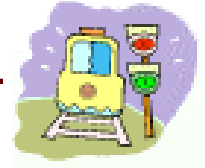


December 2021

**Next Monthly Meeting on
SATURDAY January 16, 2022
11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
First meeting of the New Year
Location COA**



View From The Cab



Look on the bright side, summer is on the way. Look at it this way, by the time you read this December issue we will have passed the shortest day of the year. Days get longer. We can only hope to get out an early spring with longer days and warmer temperatures. Just a thought!

Well if you missed our holiday brunch you missed a very pleasant afternoon at the Snapper Inn. Weather was great, clear, and not cold for December. Our buffet was simpler. Three choices of entrees, all delicious. We were in the same location as in the past, only fewer members were present. 26, usually it's 45-50 before COVID. The buffet was only for our group and set up in our area so we didn't have to walk to the other end of a large room.

In December we have two club events going at the same time. One at Old Bethpage Village (evening indoor display) a first for us. Currently we have 5 tracks with only 4 running. Two are small circles like we had at Sayille in the past. Two are on table top and the third was to be a trolley going back and forth, however, after working on back and forth for over two hours we gave up. and will leave the trolley as a static display.

The second show is at the Cradle of Aviation. There we will have 2 or more new modular displays. One will be a bridge modeled after the Hell's Gate Bridge, connecting LI to the mainland. The second bridge will blow you away. It is a lift bridge. Remember how we had to crawl under the old bridge when it wasn't raised? Well the lift bridge, when in an "up" position raises high enough so that I can walk under and I am 5' 10". I have seen parts of it and last evening I was at Tom's house and was given a demo. This is a piece of engineering and high quality workmanship. It is the combined effort of a few number of club members. excluding myself. A number of parts were made using a 3D printer. The structure is made of aluminum angle and aluminum sheet metal, held together with small nuts and screws, 2-56 or smaller. Currently the team is fine tuning movement up and down. A few of the 3D parts have to be revised and re printed. When at the Cradle, guaranteed it will be a show-stopper.

Just talking with a few of the team members I guesstimate, over 300 man hours have been put into this project so far. Hopefully when the bridge is complete and operating, someone on the team will do a write up on its construction and all the time that went into the building in more detail that I just did. I have word that there is national interest in this future article to be written. *(attracted the attention of the National eNewsletter)*

This fall I am way behind in our fall clean up around the back yard because of other, more important, family commitments. Therefore, once again, the railroad suffers. The only hope is a mild winter and the ground doesn't freeze. On my part wishful thinking.

Check our calendar for run dates and times at both Old Bethpage and the Cradle. Set up at the Cradle will start at 12 noon on 12/20. Club will supply lunch at approximately 1:30pm. Also remember to wear masks, NY State requirement again.

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a Healthy and Happy New Year,
Mike Kmeth



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Smoke n' Cinders



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2021 — 2022 LIGRS Meetings & Events Schedule

Date	Program/Notes	Time	Place
Dec. 17, 2021 through Dec. 21, 2021	Table Top Display	5:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Old Bethpage Restoration Village
Dec. 27, 2021 through Dec. 29, 2021	Table Top Display	5:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Old Bethpage Restoration Village
Dec. 20, 2021 Setup –noon Dec. 30, 2021 Take Down	Modular Display	Running during Museum Hours	COA Run 12/23-29 Closed Christmas
Jan. 8, 2022 <u>SATURDAY</u>	BOD	11:00 AM	COA
Jan. 16, 2022	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	COA
Feb. 19, 2022 <u>DATE CHANGE SATURDAY</u>	Monthly Meeting and <u>Auction</u>	11:00 AM	TBA
March 20, 2022	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	TBA
May, 21, 2022 <u>SATURDAY</u>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Anthony Bliss
June 18, 2022 <u>SATURDAY</u>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Geri Coney & Bill Arndt
July 16, 2022 <u>SATURDAY</u>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Jay & Betty Geyer
Sept 17, 2022 <u>SATURDAY</u>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Mike & Kathleen Kmeth
Oct. 15, 2022 <u>SATURDAY</u>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Paul & Elizabeth Bonney



LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY INC.

Minutes of the General Meeting on
November 14, 2021

Mike 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.

The meeting was held at the Cradle of Aviation. President Mike Kmeth asked that the meeting be opened @ 12:00 noon. A motion was made by Bill Arndt, seconded by Bruce Kropp to open the meeting. We had 23 members present, 8 proxies. We have a quorum. Welcome to our November Election in person meeting at the Cradle of Aviation. President Mike gave a big thank you to Anthony Marino and his committee for our food today.

He asked for a reading of the October 16, 2021 meeting minutes or a Motion to accept the minutes as written? Motion Lou Cortest 2nd by George Stamatiades and approved.

All were asked to please check with Tom Rizzo that we have your correct Phone number, e-mail address and your Birthday month.

A reminder as posted in Smoke n' Ciders the club's dues have gone up. The BOD has approved a \$10.00 increase for the individual rate bringing it up to \$50.00. All else stays the same

Elections - The President then designated the ranking officer present (program director Nick Guarino), as specified in Article VI, Section 1, who is not standing for election, to cast one vote for each candidate thereby validating the election of the uncontested nominees to their respective offices. They are the following as nominated at the September meeting and listed in the October issue of Smoke n' Cinders Vice President- George Stamatiades, Treasurer – Bob Sewall, Membership Director – Anthony Bliss, Director at Large – Lou Cortese, Director at Large – Pat Russo Nick Guarino then cast one vote for each candidate making their election official.

Reports:

Treasurer's report – Given by Bob Sewall; 2020-2021 - 4th Quarter starting balance \$9,389.56, Income \$2,334.03, Disbursements (\$1,754.78), Ending balance \$9,968.81, Net

change \$579.25. 2021-2022 – 1st Quarter starting balance \$9,968.81, Income \$892.73, Disbursements (\$1,063.77), Ending balance \$9,797.77, Net change (\$171.04). YTD for FY 2020-2021 - starting balance \$9,698.98, Income \$7,738.59, Disbursements (\$7,468.76), Ending balance \$9,968.81, Net change \$269.83.

Membership report – Given by Tom Rizzo - shows no change in the number and type of members.

Program Director – Nick Guarino confirmed the following upcoming meeting/event dates:

December - Holiday party at the Snapper Inn Sunday on Dec. 5th from 12PM to 3PM is a lunch buffet.

January 8, 2022 - BOD Saturday at COA is confirmed

January 16, 2022 - Sunday General meeting at COA is confirmed

February 19, 2022 - Saturday Auction meeting Location to be confirmed at Wantagh Park waiting on insurance

March 20, 2022 - Sunday Location to be confirmed at Wantagh Park waiting on insurance



The membership present then voted on the Christmas Party menu. The resulting menu is: The appetizer – Baked Clams, The salad course – Snapper Inn Salad with 2 choices of dressing, the Entrees will be Atlantic salmon with Dijon dressing, Chicken Parmesan and Sliced sirloin steak Bourguignonne. All accompanied by fresh seasonal vegetables, herbed roasted potatoes and dinner rolls, coffee, tea and water, The Dessert – brownie ala mode. Results will also be sent to each member via email. **Nick must receive checks (payable to The Long Island Garden Railway Society, Inc.) from those wishing to attend by 11/22 so a headcount can be given to the Inn. After that time the money is non-refundable.**

Module Coordinator -- Ed Assaf reported on the status of the bridge for the modular displays that is being worked on by Tom, Lou and

Anthony Bliss. They also plan to work on the cross over track and George's Hellgate Bridge model is under construction as well. Ed announced that there are currently 3 empty modules, complete with installed track that are available for interested members to decorate. Advice and assistance is offered if needed.

Club Anniversary Celebration for 2021

(30years) – A suggestion was made to hold it at the Christmas party this year as a combination celebration. A vote of those members present agreed that a separate time and place would be more desirable.

Review of Shows & Events: No shows were held since last month's meeting

As a reminder to all members: please when attending any club function, shows, meetings, 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.

Upcoming Shows & Events:

Christmas party – Snapper Inn Lunch will be December 5th.

Old Bethpage Restoration Village- Christmas table top display in the evenings 5 PM - 9 PM for the following dates Friday, December 17th thru Tuesday 21st and also Sunday 27th thru Wednesday 29th. Volunteers are needed to man these evening running times. 2 people are needed each day, one to run trains and one to sell raffle tickets (drawing to be held 12/29). Set up can begin at 9am 11/29 Anthony Marino to confirm, and the take down date is TBD.

COA – Modular display set up is Dec 20th at NOON and Take down Jan 3rd. Run dates to be announced. (*editor's note; Take down changed to Dec. 30th at 9am*)

Sayville Garden Club – "Trains in the Garden" presentation by Dan Saporito on Monday, at noon, January 10, 2022 (Nick will get us the address).

Bethpage HS – 2022 modular display no info at this time.

Boy Scout - 2022 table top display no info at this time. (*cont. next page*)

From the Secretary continued



Photo Contest – Congratulations to Lou Caputzal for this month's winning photo "More of Pop's Trains" which was taken by Lou of his layout. Please remember to take pictures and send your best picture to Louise Sewall. This year's winner will be selected by an electronic vote. Prize is a \$25 check. Louise explained that, like last year, voting will be done electronically. Emails will be sent to all voting members which will contain an attached file with all monthly winning photos identified by number only. It will also contain a link to an online Google site where the voter must enter: their name (so they don't accidentally vote twice), the number of their choice (a small copy of each photo will appear) and then, scrolling down to the bottom, the member must click on the green button which says "submit" in order for the vote to be registered for tallying.

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 club's website. Just contact Nick Guarino and he will bring it to our next in person meeting for you to borrow.

Club merchandise – Please see Georgiana & Steve Gaherty at the next meeting 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 at the next meeting. This collection 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:

Drawing of the BIG 50/50 drum roll please..... And the winner is Tom Rizzo. He will be paid by check at the end of the month. A thank you to George for all his hard work on this new initiative. George also outlined plans for next year's Super 50/50. Amount realized by the club is \$2,065 and of that Tom won \$1,032.50.

A big thank you to our new refreshment committee, Jay, Betty, Bill, Geri, Bruce and Anthony. Special mention to Anthony's great cooking as we enjoyed a hot meal buffet rather than bagels and coffee cake.

Mike directed the attention of all members present to the table where the new bridge project is displayed. It will replace the "drawbridge" of track that previously was installed on our modular displays, enabling members to enter the center of the display area. It will be motorized and may also include sound warnings when operating. The member-

ship was asked to vote to approve an additional \$300 for more materials. Ed made a motion to that effect and the votes were all yeas.

Frank Clemente announced that an inventory of the Green Trailer has been completed and is available to the membership for review. *(Editor's note; The Red Trailer was fully inventoried in September of this year.)*

Veterans – We all gave a hand and a BIG THANK YOU to all our Veterans here today and those listed in this month's issue of Smoke n' Cinders.

Food Donation – Mike expressed a big THANK YOU to those who brought food and cash donations today for the Grace United Methodist Church food pantry in memory of our deceased member Doug Smith. This will help those people less fortunate than us. Thank you to Ed Assaf for bringing the donations to the food Pantry. Ed told us briefly about Doug Smith in whose honor we do this every November.

New Business:

The Railroad Museum of Long Island's monthly news Letter "POSTBOY": Mike read from sections of "The Postboy" a publication of the RMLI in which their president Don Fisher mentioned our club's contributions to the museum and the rebuilding of the Freeman Railway. Mike gave a special thank you to those that worked on this project and to Frank Clemente who spent many working days during the heat of the summer to bring that project to completion.

Our regular meeting's 50/50 Drawing was won by George Stamatades. Congratulations George!

The next BOD meeting will be Saturday January 8 @ 10AM @ COA.

Our next General meeting will be Sunday January 16 @ COA.

Motion to close the meeting made by Bill Arndt, and 2nd by Lou Cortese. Time, 1:10pm

Respectfully yours,

Louise Sewall for Karl Wagner



Annual Auction At February Meeting



Don't forget the annual club auction which will be held on a SATURDAY at the February 19th 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. No trains? No problem. Clean out your bank account and bid on all those trains. 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*.

Trainmasters of Babylon Annual Open House



2022 - Jan. 8 & 9, 22, & 23.

Feb. 5 & 6 -Super Bowl Weekend,

All shows run from 11 to 4pm

120 Schmitt Blvd., Farmingdale

No admission charge

See their home page for more information

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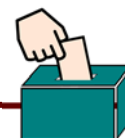
Request from Joe DiBenedetto



I would like assistance from someone with electrical know-how in setting up my new LGB Massoth System. All the switches are set up and all the wires are connected.

Please contact me at 516.804.2529

New Photo Contest Procedures for Voting in 2021



Voting for the overall winner of the 2021 photo contest will be done electronically during the month of December rather than in previous years at our Christmas Party.

An email has been sent to all voting members which contains photos of the monthly winners. Please click on the link provided in the email to vote on your favorite by December 31st in order that the winner may be included in our January newsletter.

For 2022 photo contest entries, please remember to take pictures and send your best picture to Louise Sewall.

Photo Contest Winner for December



This month's winning photo "Under the Bridges" was taken by Mike Kmeth on Lou Cortese's module shown at the Cradle of Aviation display.



Holiday Train Show at the New York Botanical Garden



New York City's Favorite Holiday Tradition is Back!
Saturday, November 20, 2021 – Sunday, January 23, 2022

Tickets Now on Sale

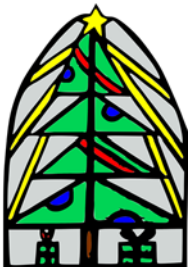
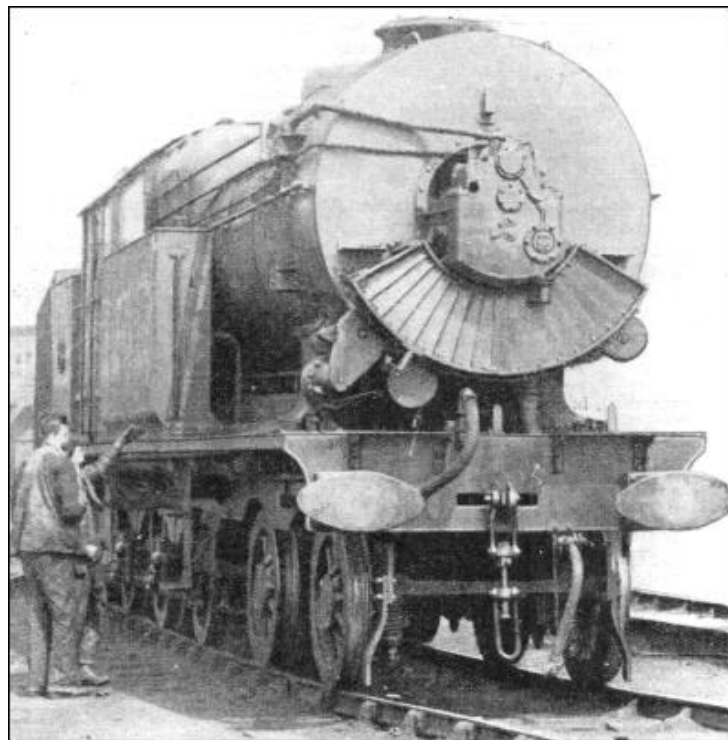
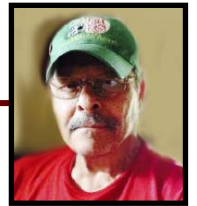
This beloved tradition returns for its 30th year with a miniature wonderland in the warmth of the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory. Marvel at model trains zipping through an enchanting display of more than 175 famous New York landmarks—imagine the Statue of Liberty, Brooklyn Bridge, Rockefeller Center, and other favorites—each delightfully re-created from natural materials such as

pine cones, acorns, and seeds.

You'll also discover a showcase of our very own New York Botanical Garden buildings such as the iconic Haupt Conservatory and—new for this year—the majestic LuEsther T. Mertz Library Building, both designated New York City landmarks.

<https://www.nybg.org/event/holiday-train-show-2021/>

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



2022 Dues Reminder

Send in your 2022 dues so that it may be a "Happy Train Year."

Individual memberships, the 1st member of a household, are \$50 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:

LIGRS

PO Box 2002, Massapequa, NY 11758

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

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Photos from our Christmas Brunch at the Snapper Inn



Solution to What the Heck Puzzle

TURBINE DRIVEN, the Ljungström locomotive is capable of a speed of 85 miles an hour. The exhaust steam from the turbine is condensed and used again as feed water to the boiler.

Chic Chat Corner



I don't consider myself a "Party Girl", but I would like to complement Nick for throwing a fantastic LIGRS Christmas luncheon.

Tom and I left home very early on Sunday morning with me grumbling at the early hour. We were the first and only **customers/members** at the Snapper Inn, grumble. Tom had the wrong time thinking it started at 11:00, grumble, grumble.

After I had a nice drink at the bar we settled in to meet the crowd. First to arrive was Joan and Paul Simon. I got to tell my infamous Paul Simon story and felt a little better.

While the group was smaller than usual it gave us a chance to introduce new members like Anthony Bliss, Joan Simon to others. The day was cold but the sun was shining on the water, as always a great view. The food was "great", the service good too and no long line to stand on. In all, a party to remember.

The tip off to a good day, guess who won the big raffle? Tom is going to put part of it to a 3-D printer. Grumble, grumble, grumble! Thanks again, hope next year's party we'll return with all of you safe and sound.

Merry Christmas
"Party Girl", Judy Rizzo



Photos from the November Meeting at the COA



Mike calling the meeting to order (left)

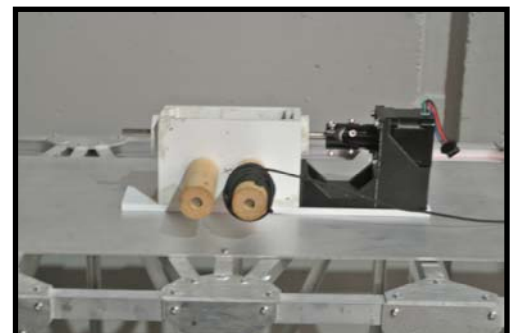
Some early arrivals enjoying the buffet (right)

Anthony preparing the buffet (below)



Members admiring the new bridge project (left)

Motor possibility for raising and lowering the bridge (right)



Member Profiles



Member Anthony Marino has been very active in the club since joining. He is responsible for a number of short vide-

os of our ground display at the last Arbor Day held before COVID. They are posted on our website at Member Info>Members' Layouts>Links to Photos and Videos. <https://ligrs.club/members-layouts/f/links-to-photos-and-videos>

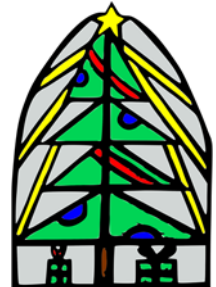
When he was a little boy his grandparents had an apartment in Manhattan right next to the NY Central EL line. He used to sit by the window when visiting them and watch the trains all day long. Both he and his brother set up an HO train layout every year for Christmas and Anthony has been doing it ever since. They also eventually added a Lionel display as well. Final-

ly he decided that he had run out of space in his house and so he purchased a large scale layout to erect in his back yard. He was at a flea market in Bellmore 3 years ago and a vendor had an entire LGB layout for sale. Although it was located in Connecticut it included trains, buildings and tracks (also switches). They were all European so he sold most of the engines and other rolling stock and used the profits to purchase USA trains.

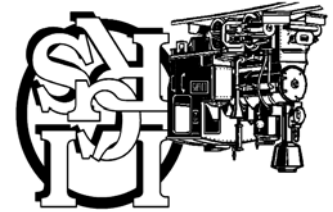
While visiting Trainland the staff suggested that he contact the LIGRS and join our club. He likes to collect trains from the transition period from steam to diesel. His outdoor layout construction began last weekend in the middle of the night. It will be his Christmas display for this year. As all the buildings are plastic they should be fine. He is still getting the LED holiday lights that will go on automatically when it gets dark every evening. He will be able to see it from his porch where he sits every night. He has all the gravel down and has started constructing the mountain. He even has a snow plow and three

battery operated locos.

The track as shown in the photo is behind the garage but will eventually go over his existing pond and then elevate at a 2% grade up to a 2 foot raised larger section around the rest of the fencing in the back yard. He plans to build that section on a water tight deck with storage underneath to store his trains. His garage will continue to be usable as a workspace.



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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to All!

