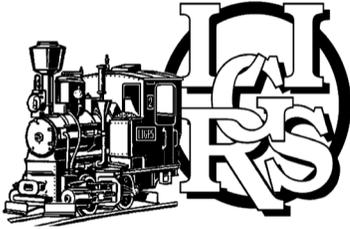


December 2022

Next Monthly Meeting on
SATURDAY January 21, 2023
11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
First meeting of the New Year
Location: Bethpage Senior Center



A Special Christmas Greeting



This is my last View from the Cab as my third term as President comes to an end. According to our by-laws I can only serve three terms. I can say it was an interesting 6 years, sometimes very rewarding and other times frustrating. So now it's time to pass touch to George Stamataides. I thank George for stepping up to the plate as our new President, and the club members give their full support to him. I wish

George well with his new endeavor.

As for me I will take a back seat for now. I will still be active in as many events as I can. I do look forward to enjoying the club and its events. Maybe someday I'll run for a Board position, time will tell.

I would like to thank all those that helped me behind the scenes, particularly Karl who always worked on agendas for meeting and Louise with her devotion to S n' Cs and to put up with me for my last minute articles for S n' Cs.

To all club members and their families, Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

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

Mike Kmeth



Photo Contest Procedures for Voting in 2022

Voting for the overall winner of the 2022 photo contest will be done electronically during the month of December, rather than at the Christmas Party.

An email has been sent to all voting members which contains photos of the monthly winners and a link to an online voting form. Please select your favorite by December 31st in order that the winner may be included in our January newsletter.

For the new 2023 photo contest entries, please remember to take pictures and send your best picture to Louise Sewall.

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Smoke n' Cinders



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2022 — 2023 LIGRS Meetings & Events Schedule

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Club Merchandise Coordinator	Georgie Gaherty	631.549.3933
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Date	Program/Notes	Time	Place
Dec. 11, 2022	Christmas Party	12:00 PM	Snapper Inn
Dec. 21-29 (set up 12/5) (closed 12/24 & 12/25)	Table Top Display	5:00-9:00pm	Old Bethpage Village Restoration
Dec. 21-1/1 closed Xmas (Set up 12/19&20 @10am)	Modular Display	Museum Hours	Cradle of Aviation Museum
Jan. 14, 2023	BOD Meeting	10:00 AM	COA
Jan. 21, 2023	General Meeting	11:00 AM	Bethpage Senior Center
Feb. 11, 2023	General Meeting	11:00 AM	Bethpage Senior Center
Mar. 2023	Auction Meeting	11:00 AM	TBD
Apr. 2023	Spring Modular Display	TBA	Cradle of Aviation Museum
May 20, 2023	General Meeting	11:00 AM	Jim Wellinghoff
June 24, 2023	General Meeting	11:00 AM	Jay & Betty Geyer
July 22, 2023	General Meeting	11:00 AM	Paul & Joan Simon
August, 2023	Summer Picnic	11:00 AM	TBD
Sept. 23, 2023	General Meeting	11:00 AM	Mike & Kathleen Kmeth
Oct., 2023	General Meeting	11:00 AM	Hosts needed
Nov., 2023	General Meeting	11:00 AM	TBD

From the Secretary General Meeting Minutes



LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY INC.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING NOVEMBER 12, 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 @ 11:55AM. A motion was made by George Stamataides, seconded by Bruce Kropp to open the meeting. We had 19 members present, 6 proxies. We have a quorum.

Mike welcomed us all to our November meeting at the Wantagh Park Marina. It was a real nice weather day. Mike asked for a big THANK YOU for all our Veterans who served.

Elections: Nominations were published in the October Club newsletter Smoke n' Cinders as per our by-laws. Mike stated the following: "All persons nominated accepted their respective position, none were contested. Therefore as the ranking officer not on the ballot I cast one vote for each candidate thereby validating the election of uncontested nominees:

President: George Stamataides

Secretary: Patty Russo

Program Director: Anthony Marino

Director at Large: Paul Bonney

Director at Large: Frank Clemente

Director at Large: Ray Shelton

Election are now Closed."

President Mike then asked for a motion to read the Oct 15, 2022, meeting minutes or forego the reading and accept them as written. Motion was made by Tom Rizzo and seconded by Ed Assaf to accept the minutes as written. Approved

Reports:

Treasurers' Report – Ed Assaf the YTD as of 11/11/22 Starting Balance as \$9,968.81 ending Balance as \$9,413.55 If you have any questions, please see Ed and he will answer any questions you may have.

Membership Report – Anthony Bliss stated we have Individual 25, Family 20, Life 6, Honorary 5, Junior 4 No new Members

Program Director – Nick Guarino Stated the following meeting dates:

December 11- Christmas Party at the Snapper Inn



2023 schedule

BOD meeting on January 14th, 2023, @ COA board room.

January 21 – First General meeting @ Bethpage Senior Center 10 AM – 2PM

February 11 – Bethpage Senior Center 10AM – 2PM

March – Date & location to be confirmed.

Please see Nick if you wish to host a meeting for 2023. Months still open: October

Review of Shows & Events: None

Upcoming Displays and Events:

Sayville Historical– Tabletop display - Saturday November 26 from 4PM to 8PM Set Up Tuesday November 22 @ 10 AM

Old Bethpage Restoration Village Winter Program – Dec. 21 through Dec. 29. Closed for Christmas Eve and Day Dec. 24 & 25 – Time 5PM – 9 PM Set up date Dec. 5 @ 10 AM, more dates if needed.

Cradle of Aviation –Set up Monday Dec. 19 & 20, run dates Dec. 21 thru Jan.1/23 take down Tuesday Jan. 3. Closed Christmas Day.

Basically, the same as last year.

Photo Contest – Congratulations to Louise for this month's winning photo "From the Tunnel to the Bridges" was taken at our October meeting. Great new layout by the Bonney family, still the Strong Island Railroad. 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 –Take a look in Smoke n' Cinders at a short narrative with daily pictures by member Dave Smith of his trip on the Canadian based Rocky Mountaineer. Sounds like a great trip. Remember you can write about almost anything here at Chic Chat Corner. Send your thoughts to Louise Sewall.

Club Resource Library – Nothing currently

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 tabs are used, NOT STEEL.

Good and Welfare – If you know of someone in the club who is sick or has a baby or wedding, please let Eileen Wagner know so she can send a card from the club.

Old Business:

Food Donation – Ed Assaf Thanked all you who donated food this year for the Grace United Methodist Church food pantry in memory of deceased member Doug Smith.

From the Secretary continued



Donations were brought to the November meeting. Cash donations were also accepted

New Business:

Anthony Marino talked about the Club 30th Anniversary. He passed out some information about the Essex Dinner Train and the Essex Train and Boat ride.

The Dinner train is on weekends only it cost \$100.00 per person If we have a group of 20 or more people, they will give us 10% off.

The steam train and river boat combination is \$40.00 per person. If we have a group of 20 or more people, it will cost \$25

They are not the same trains. The dinner train is a diesel train with a dining car. The steam train and river boat are separate. So, in one day we could do the steam train and river boat in the morning and then the dinner train at night. We could time it so we go from one to the other or we can give ourselves time in between.

Anthony stated he was advised the best time of year to go would be the end of September through October. It is cooler and the Fall foliage is magnificent.

If we do the 20 or more people, we can book early and work out a payment plan. You can also see information on the internet at <https://essexsteamtrain.com/>

A 30th anniversary club car from USA Trains is a choice of a Refrigerator car or a reefer being \$55 and \$50 but we would need to order 100 cars.

Frank Clemente, being the Quartermaster said he has finished the inventory of both trailers and the tabletop display and has the copies if anyone wants to see them.

50/50 was won by John Girolamo His winnings were \$10 and the club received \$11.

Congratulation to our yearly Super 50/50 winner, Bob Sewall. He won \$1,050

BOD meeting on January 14, 2023 @ COA @ 10AM If any members wish to attend please let Ed Assaf know you will be coming

Next General meeting is Saturday January 21, 2023 11 AM @ Bethpage Senior Center.

Tom Rizzo made a motion to close the meeting seconded by Bruce Kropp. Motion approved. Meeting ended @ 12:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karl Wagner

Secretary



Trainmasters of Babylon



2022 Show Dates

Nov. 26 & 27

Dec. 10 & 11

11am-4pm

2023 Show Dates

Cancelled

**They lost their
Lease and must move**

What You Will See

A 4000 sq ft model railroad with 10 trains running on 19 scale miles of track, our famous underground subway system and our operating logging line. Prepare to be amazed!

Also see the famous train layout that was featured in the Blue Comet episode of the Sopranos.

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

Prepare Your Equipment and Cash for the Annual Auction



Don't forget the annual club auction which will be held on a **SATURDAY** at the March meeting. (date and location TBA)

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***.

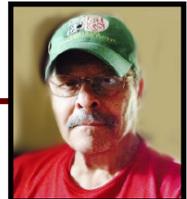
Photo Contest Winner



This month's winning photo "A New Main Street" was taken by Sue Cortese of Louie's newest module at the Cradle of Aviation display.



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



2023 Dues Reminder

Send in your 2023 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.

Students, age 18-22 is \$25.

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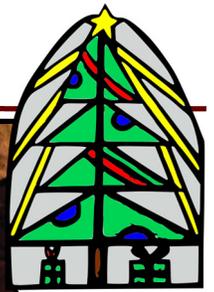
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**Many thanks to those members who have
already renewed their dues.**



Holiday Train Show at the New York Botanical Garden



New York City's Most Beloved Holiday Tradition Is Back!

NYBG's *Holiday Train Show*—a favorite holiday tradition—has been making memories for over 30 years! See large scale trains zip through an enchanting display of more than 190 replicas of New York landmarks, each delightfully re-created from natural materials such as birch bark, lotus pods, and cinnamon sticks.

Plus, take in NYC's largest outdoor holiday light experience at *NYBG GLOW*, returning for its third year with even more illuminated displays. Thousands of dazzling, energy-efficient lights and whimsical, picture-perfect installations reflect the surrounding gardens and collections, creating a spectacle not to be missed. These special evenings feature music, experiences, food, and more—making for the ultimate night out this season.

November 19, 2022 – January 16, 2023, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. | At the Garden

[Holiday Train Show® » New York Botanical Garden \(nybg.org\)](https://nybg.org)

Photos from the Tabletop Display at Sayville



Looks like the guys had a great time setting up and running this tabletop display for the annual one day display in Sayville. (*More photos on page 9*)



Solution to What the Heck Puzzle



A High Rail Truck owned and operated by Georgetown Rail Equipment Company, (GREX), is seen performing track inspection duties on the BNSF Front Range Sub at Longs Peak, CO.

Chic Chat Corner from Dave Smith



I attended a NMRA convention held in Charlotte but didn't have any exciting photos to share.
Attended two clinics.

How to make wire armature trees (*photo below*) and
Using the Cricut cutter.

Both interesting.

Donated some old HO scale stuff for sale.

I liked this diorama of painter Hopper's Nighthawk Café



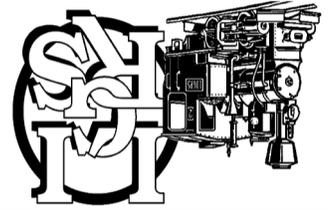
Sayville Historical Society Table Top Display



And Saint Nicholas enjoyed the trains too.



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Merry Christmas and a Happy Train Year to All!

