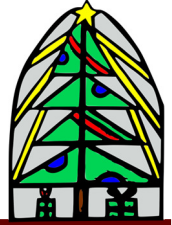
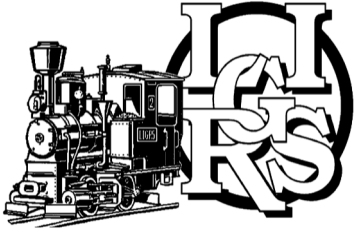


December 2023

Next Monthly Meeting on
SATURDAY January 20, 2024
11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
First meeting of the New Year
Location: Bethpage Senior Center



A Special Christmas Greeting



This may seem like it's a bit dated, it's not! Never too late to look around every day and appreciate how lucky we all are to be in this great club and country.
Happy Holidays to one and all. George

*If you woke up this morning with more health than illness,
you are more blessed than the million who will not survive the week*

*If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment the agony of torture or the pangs of starvation.....
you are ahead of 500 million people in the world*

*If you can attend a religious meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture, or death...
you are more blessed than three billion people in the world.*

*If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back a roof overhead and a place to sleep
you are richer than 75% of the world.*

*If you have money in the bank, in your wallet and spare change in a dish someplace,
you are among the 8% of the worlds wealthy.*

*If your parents are still alive and still married...
you are very rare, even in the United States.*

*If you hold up your head with a smile on your face and are truly thankful...
you are blessed because the majority can but most do not.*

*If you can hold someone's hand, hug them or even touch them on the shoulder..
you are blessed because you can offer God's healing touch.*

If you can read this message, you just received a double Blessing in that someone was thinking of you and furthermore, you're more blessed than over two billion people in the world that cannot read at all.

*Count your blessings and
Remind everyone how blessed we all are!*

Photo Contest Procedures for Voting Dec. 2023

Voting for the overall winner of the 2023 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.

The link was sent from our new official LIGRS mailbox. If you did not receive it let Louise know and it will be resent.

For the new 2024 photo contest entries, please remember to take pictures and send your best picture to Louise Sewall.

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2023-2024 LIGRS Meetings & Events Schedule

Date	Program/Notes	Time	Place
Dec. 22, 2023, Friday Set up	Modular Display	9:00 AM	Cradle of Aviation Museum
Dec.23, 2023 thru Mon. 1/1/24	Modular Display	10:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Cradle of Aviation Museum
Jan. 3, 2024, Wednesday Take Down	Modular Display	10:00 AM	Cradle of Aviation Museum
Jan., 2024	Christmas Party	TBA	TBD
Jan. 20, 2024	General Meeting	11:00 AM	Bethpage Senior Center
Feb. 10, 2024	Annual Auction	11:00 AM	Bethpage Senior Center
Mar. 9, 2024	General Meeting	11:00 AM	Bethpage Senior Center
September 2024	General Meeting	11:00 AM	Ed Assaf
Oct. 13, 2024 SUNDAY	General Meeting	11:00 AM	Mike Kmeth



General Meeting Minutes



LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY INC.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING November 18, 2023

President George called the meeting to order at 11:45am and led the membership in the pledge of allegiance and moment of silence in Memory and in Honor of those who served and are serving in our armed services.

George welcomed us all to our meeting at the Bethpage Senior Center.

We have 24 members present. We have a quorum.

George then asked for a motion to read the October 21st meeting minutes, offer corrections or forego the reading and accept them as written. Bruce made a motion to approve seconded by Ray.

Reports:

Treasurers' Report was read by George.

Current Balance \$9,968 and YTD \$10,008.20.

Membership Report – George read the Membership Director's report that there are 26 individual members 13 family, 7 life, 5 honorary, 4 junior with a total of 68 members.

Program Director – Anthony Marino reported on the success of our club's anniversary trip to ride the Essex dinner train. He proposed that we do it every year. He will investigate dates and if we should also include the riverboat ride.

3 members have volunteered to host meetings next year. Please contact Anthony to confirm months and dates.

He also displayed two large scale turnouts he has purchased from USA Trains. He is happy with the quality and prices.

We will be having our annual holiday party in the beginning of January. Vote was asked on the location. Motion was made by Ray to use a restaurant rather than a catered meal at the Bethpage Senior Center. Seconded by Tom. Approved by membership. Dates will be obtained. Prices and other information will be distributed to the membership.

Photo Contest – Congratulations to Lou Caputal for the November winning photo "Beautiful Night" taken at his "Pop's Trains" layout. A link to the rules is on the LIGRS home page. Please remember to take pictures and send your best to Louise Sewall. The an-

nual winner receives a \$25 check and the photo will be featured on the cover of the 2024 season copy of the LIGRS roster.

Voting for this year's winner will again be held electronically so as to allow all members to vote.

Club Merchandise – Please see Georgiana & Steve for club items such as hats, shirts, jackets, mugs, pins and DVD's. Be aware that the newest patch, commemorating our anniversary are NOT IRON ON.

Aluminum Can Tabs – Please save them to give 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.

Old Business:

Nick reported on the coming displays which have been organized by Ed and himself. Here is a rundown of events through the end of the year:

Sayville Historical Society, 39 Edwards St., Sayville:

Set-up on Tuesday 11/21 at 10am.

Run day Saturday 11/25, 5 to 8pm.

Take down on Monday 11/27 at 10am

A few more volunteers are needed. Text Nick at 516.808.0838

Bayport - Blue Point Heritage Association, 299 Middle Rd, Sayville:

Set-up will take place on Monday 11/27 immediately following the take down at Sayville Historical Society. (The set-up is a 1mile drive from the take down).

Run days are Saturday 12/2 and Sunday 12/3, 12 to 4pm both days.

Take down on Monday 12/4 10am.

Old Bethpage Restoration Village:

The consensus among those members that have participated in the past is that we do not participate this year for two reasons: first, not enough volunteers; second, the traffic pattern for guests moving through the building was changed last year such that the number of eyes on our display was drastically diminished.

Cradle of Aviation:

Set-up on Friday 12/22 at 9am

Run days are Saturday 12/23 (if possible) through Monday 1/1/24

Take down is Monday 1/2

We have a starter set and raffle ticket will be sold there with the winner drawn after the Cradle of Aviation ends on Monday 1/1/24.

Thanks to Jay and Betty for transporting the tabletop property from Nick's. They will also be bringing trains to run and transformers.

New Business:

Elections were held. According to our by-laws George instructed Anthony Marino (club officer) to cast one vote for each candidate thereby validating the election of the untested nominees to their respective offices.

Super 50/50 – This year's BIGBOY SUPER RAFFLE was drawn by Mike and was won by Rich McGorty who is also the ticket agent who sold that ticket. Rich donated all of his winnings to the club. Thank you, Rich. Total to the club is \$1,840.

Food Donation – Thank you to all who donated food and cash to our annual drive held in memory of Doug Smith. Ed Assaf will deliver to the food pantry.

George announced that we are looking for a new club secretary. This position will begin in January 2024.

Bob is donating a printer to the club in January and asked what is the procedure. George said a receipt will be provided.

George and Ed have discussed the proposal of renting a building for the use of an ongoing modular display. Further investigation shows that most club members live near the Bethpage area. We are asked to report back to them if anyone discovers or is aware of an available rental in that area.

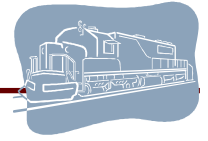
Regular 50/50 was won by Larry Kagan who donated his winnings to the club. Club's total was \$25. Thank you, Larry.

Next General meeting will be held on January 20th at the Bethpage Senior Center.

Nick made a motion to close the meeting seconded by Bruce Motion approved. The meeting ended @ 12:29pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Sewall, in the absence of a secretary

From Patrick Friedmann



LIGRS member and photo contest judge writes about how the model train hobby has expanded in The Villages, FL since he and Kris moved down there.

I took these photos at the indoor train show here in The Villages, FL. When we first got here in 2016 there was no G Scale group. This is a banquet size room..

There was a room like this for **every** scale from z to G with displays just a big as this one.

The "Sawgrass" car is a copy of the Sawgrass Grove real boxcar used as the stage area for one of the band stages.

The bottom HO scale pix I just threw in for the locals.

Please share with the club or in the newsletter.

Patrick & Kristine



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 February 10th meeting at the Bethpage Senior Center.

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*.

December Photo Contest Winner



This month's winning photo "Trains in the Rain" was taken by Anthony Marino of the layout at Old Bethpage Restoration for the LI Fair..



LIGRS Christmas Party



The LIGRS Christmas party will be January 6, 2024 at the Snapper Inn. We will have the same menu we did last year. The price will be \$46 per person. Junior members will not have to pay.

We need to know ASAP who would attend as we must have a minimum of 35 people. Please send an RSVP to Anthony Marino as soon as possible at, AnthonyMarino38@gmail.com

This is the menu; appetizers, baked, clam and penne, al la vodka, Snapper entrées, Simon Vitale sauce, chicken, franchise, and steak Burgundy. Dessert brownie à la mode.

Please send checks to our PO Box, attention, Ed Assaf. LIGRS, PO Box 2002, Massapequa, NY 11758

Sayville Historical Society Table Top Display



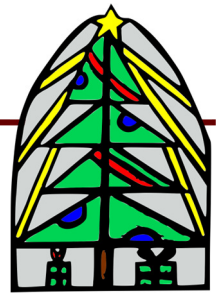
Thanks to the Engels for photos of these 2 back-to-back displays located in Sayville. Many thanks to our set-up and display manning volunteers. They produced the Historical Society display in 1 day for a 1 day run. Then a simultaneous take down and set up for a 1 day display at the Heritage Association.



Bayport - Blue Point Heritage Association Table Top Display



Holiday Train Show at the New York Botanical Garden



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

The *Holiday Train Show* returns bigger than ever with more trains and an all-new, outdoor train display. Start on the lawn to capture your perfect holiday photos at our outdoor mountainscapes and then watch trains zip past nearly 200 iconic New York landmarks under the warmth of the Conservatory. November 17, 2023 – January 15, 2024 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. | At the Garden [Holiday Train Show® » New York Botanical Garden \(nybg.org\)](https://nybg.org)

More Bayport-Bluepoint photos from Mike



2024 Dues Reminder

Send in your 2024 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:

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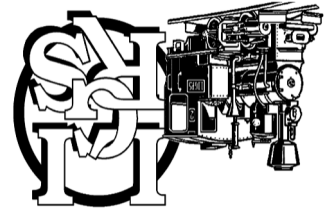
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Many thanks to those members who have already renewed their dues.



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Merry Christmas and a Happy Train Year to All!

