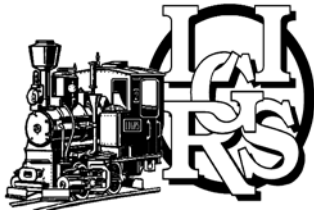


February 2022

**Monthly Meeting**  
**Sunday, February 13, 2021**  
**11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**  
**Old Bethpage Village**  
**Restoration**



*Old Bethpage*  
*Village Restoration*  
*Where history comes alive!*

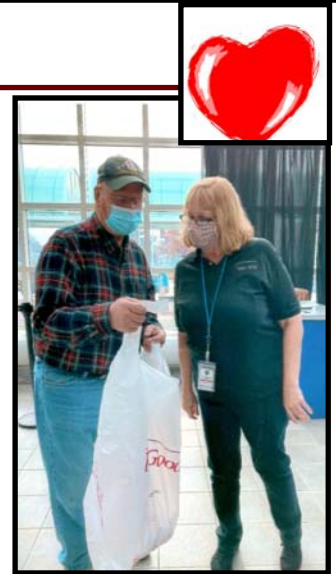


**We Have Winners!**

This winter we held 2 indoor public displays. One at the Cradle of Aviation Museum and one at the Old Bethpage Village restoration. (Layout photos appeared in last month's Sn'C)

Therefore 2 separate raffles were offered to the public. The winning tickets were drawn on December 30th.

In the photo at the right a staff member of the Cradle picked our winner.



And the lucky winner, Ahuva Maytal seen at the left, returned to the COA with her husband on our meeting day to collect her prize. She bought the raffle ticket so her grandchildren could play with trains. She could not



wait to get to get home; her grandchildren were waiting for her. They intend to set the trains up in their basement for when the children come to visit.

The lucky winner from the Old Bethpage Village Restoration drawing was Ro Ennis. She told Mike that night at Old Bethpage that her husband Brian (picture of Brian to the right, he was the one given membership), recently retired and she wanted him to get into a hobby. When she saw the trains at Old Bethpage she thought trains in the Garden would be a good way to go. She and her husband came to Mike's home to pick up the set. While there Mike showed them his very un-finished Garden railroad. They were amazed at what they saw, trestles, bridges, tunnels, building and frozen gold fish pond, etc.

Both winners, according to our new raffle rules were also awarded a one year membership in the LIGRS. We hope see them at meetings in the future.



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY INC.

# Smoke n' Cinders

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## 2022 LIGRS Meetings & Events Schedule

Date	Program/Notes	Time	Place
Feb. 13, 2022 <b>SUNDAY</b>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Old Bethpage Village Restoration
March 19, 2022 <b>SATURDAY</b>	Monthly Meeting and <b>Auction</b>	11:00 AM	Old Bethpage Village Restoration
April, 2022	TBA		
May, 21, 2022 <b>SATURDAY</b>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Anthony Bliss
June 18, 2022 <b>SATURDAY</b>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Geri Coney & Bill Arndt
July 16, 2022 <b>SATURDAY</b>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Jay & Betty Geyer
August, 2022	Summer Picnic		TBD
Sept 17, 2022 <b>SATURDAY</b>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Mike & Kathleen Kmeth
Oct. 15, 2022 <b>SATURDAY</b>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Paul & Elizabeth Bonney
Nov. 2022	Monthly Meeting		TBA
Dec. 2022	TBD		

## View From The Cab



Just think, by the time you read this we will be through approximately 1/3 of winter, summer is getting closer. However the down side is we still face the possibility of the two snowiest months ahead of us, keep those plows and rotaries ready!

January's meeting at the Cradle was a good meeting. I felt the meeting went well. Two new board members were introduced. VP George Stamataides and Membership Director Anthony Bliss. Anthony was busy learning who all our members are, as he is a fairly new member himself, Tom was giving guidance.

We also had the winner of the Cradle raffle come to pick up her train set. The day before, the raffle winner from Old Bethpage came to my home to pick up their set.

The only public event we have scheduled so far this year is a spring show at the Cradle of Aviation. So keep in mind if you could not run your trains on your outdoor layout this winter this is great opportunity to share the track and run your trains at the Cradle. New members, this is a great opportunity to meet established members and run your own trains.

The next two meetings (February and March) will be at Old Bethpage Village in the main building at the back end of their huge parking lot.

Note: when coming into Old Bethpage Village, the sign at the entrance may say "closed" and only one side of the gate may be open. Just drive through that one open side to the end of the road. You will then enter the large parking lot.

**Our March meeting will be our auction**

**meeting**, so if you have trains to sell, bring them. If you need some trains or train related items bring money. **New members**, this is a good time to pick up deals to expand your layout or start a layout.

**Speaking of meetings, at our January meeting Nick made an announcement that we need new volunteers for the refreshment committee. No one volunteered. Either no one is interested or they didn't hear Nick, I don't know. So I'm going to repeat. We need members to volunteer for the refreshment committee, new volunteers not the same ones (they have done a wonderful job let's give them a break. Most of them have also worked our picnics). If you can help with the refreshments committee please contact Nick.**

**If no one or not enough members volunteer for the refreshment committee then there will be no refreshments at further meetings held at Cradle, Old Bethpage, etc.**

**Please contact Nick if you can help with refreshment committee.**

No refreshment committee then you will have to supply your own!

For meetings held at member's homes, the host will continue to serve refreshment as in the past.

At our January meeting, I don't know if you saw but Anthony Bliss had a partially completed 3D printed diesel locomotive on display. This is the story behind this 3D printing.

Either at our Christmas Brunch, or at our operating days at the Cradle of Aviation, I made a comment to him wouldn't it be neat if we could make a model of the world's largest diesel in G gage. His eyes lit up. Looks like he took the ball and ran with it. The Diesel locomotive DDA40X Centennial is the largest diesel made to date. (See prototype below) It has two 16 cylinder 2-stroke 3300hp diesel engines. It is 98ft long, 40in dia. wheels, carries 8,200 gal. fuel. Like the Big Boys that went before them they have passed into history. I did not have a chance to talk with Anthony about how far he is planning to go with this engine, just make a shell or to complete, with motors, sound, lights, etc. I will update as I find out his plans. I may have to switch from steam to diesel if I can get one of these.

Please review calendar in this issue of Smoke N Cinder for meeting and events.

Remember to volunteer for the refreshment committee! Contact Nick NO COMMITTEE NO EATIE

See you all at our February meeting!

God bless and please stay safe.

Mike Kmeth



## From the Secretary January General Meeting Minutes



### LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY INC. MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING JANUARY 16, 2022

May we have 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 @ 12 PM. A motion was made by Ray Shelton, seconded by Paul Simon to open the meeting. We had 21 members present, 7 proxies. We have a quorum.

Mike welcomed us all to our January in person meeting at the Cradle of Aviation.

President Mike then asked for a motion to read the November 14, 2021 meeting minutes or forego the reading and accept them as written. Motion was made by Ray Shelton and second by Bruce Kropp to accept the minutes as written.

Mike thanked outgoing Vice President Steve Gaherty and Membership Director Tom Rizzo for their service to our club. Mike then welcomed new Vice President George Stamataides and Membership director Anthony Bliss to their new positions.

Mike asked members to please check with Anthony Bliss that we have your correct Phone number, e-mail address and your Birthday month.

Mike stated that program director Nick Guarino will be handing out a questionnaire about the 2022 picnic. Please return to Nick before you leave today.

#### Reports:

**Treasurer's Report** -- Bob Sewall gave the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 10/1/21 thru 12/31/21 starting Balance as \$9,968.81 Ending as \$8,287.42 The 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 1/1/22 thru 3/31/22 starting Balance as \$8,287.42 ending as \$9,587.42 The YTD as of 1/16/22 Starting Balance as \$9,968.81 ending Balance as \$9,587.42 As always any question please see Bob and he will answer any questions you may have.

Bob then read the 2021 Annual Report of the Board of Directors to the membership. George Stamataides made a motion to accept the report as is, seconded by Joe DiBenedetto. Membership approved.

**Membership Report** – Anthony Bliss report-

ed Individual 18, Family 15, Ext Fam 15, Life 7, Honorary 2, Junior 4 We have 3 new members Art Salander and Raffle winners Brian Ennis and Ahuva Maytal.

**Program Director** – Nick Guarino upcoming meeting dates

February 13, Sunday general meeting Location Bethpage Restoration Village  
March 19, Saturday Auction & General Meeting Location Bethpage Restoration Village. This meeting starts 11:30 AM sharp Auction immediately following

Nick noted that all meetings at members' houses for 2022 have been taken already. Nick also stated that if someone will be unable to Host, he has someone waiting in the wings.



Modular Coordinator – Ed Assaf stated that the Cradle of Aviation Christmas Display went very well on our end with Lift Bridge being the main new attraction.

We did have plenty of help setting up and taking down. Public attendance was not as good as in other years. Ed thanked all of the members who came out to help.

#### Review of Shows & Events:

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.

Christmas Brunch – Mike thanked Nick Guarino for all his time and work on getting this done for us at the Snapper Inn so we all had a good time.

Cradle of Aviation – see modular Coordinator report above.

Bethpage Restoration Village - Table top display in the evening 5 PM- 9 PM. We only had the first two days and then they closed it down due to employees testing positive for covid. The display was nicely done by Nick Guarino, Karl Wagner, Lou Cortese,

Frank Clemente, Lou Caputzal, Ed Assaf, Ray Shelton, Anthony Marino and Mike Kmeth. For only two day the Raffle did fantastic.

**Sayville Garden Club** – Trains in the Garden January 10, 2022 this was CANCELLED

#### Upcoming Shows & Events:

**Bethpage HS** – March 2022 modular display no info at this time

**Boy Scout** – March 2022 table top display has been CANCELLED

**Cradle of Aviation Spring Display** – Tentatively April 13 to April 21

Ed Assaf is still waiting for confirmation on the dates for Planting Fields. More information to follow.

**Photo Contest** – Congratulations to Susan Cortese for her picture to be the overall winner for 2021 And congratulations to Mike Kmeth for the first winning photo of the New Year "Didn't His Mommy Teach Him Not to Play on the Train Tracks?" of a squirrel taken on his Sun Valley Rail Road. Please remember to take pictures and send your best picture to Louise Sewall.

**Chic Chat Corner** – Louise Sewall wrote about past members Patrick and Kristine and some of the helpful hints they have given our photographers. Louse will in the future reprint their complete article. Remember you can write about almost anything here at Chic Chat Corner. Send your thoughts to Louise Sewall.

**Club Resource Library** – Nick noted we received a new LGB catalog. The list of books, videos and plans are on the clubs 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 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 are used NOT STEEL (*cont. next page*)

## From the Secretary January Meeting Minutes cont.



### Old Business:

none

### New Business:

A motion was made by Ed Assaf recommending Past President Dan Saporito a Lifetime membership for all his outstanding service to the club. Motion was seconded by Ray Shelton. Show of hands Motion Passed.

Bob Sewall spoke about some train trips members may be interested in:

### \*\*Rail Trips 2022 offered by Deep River Rail Ventures

### Proof of COVID vaccination / booster is required for all trips

Trip 1: CHICAGO to NEW ORLEANS ROUND TRIP. May 4 to May 11, 2022 with private rail cars BLUE RIDGE CLUB & BERLIN. FARE: \$3,500 / person, double occupancy. \$5,600 / person, single occupancy

Trip 2: CHICAGO to DENVER ROUND TRIP.

July 23 - 31, 2022. Exclusive Colorado "Rio Grande" Rail Tour with private rail cars BLUE RIDGE CLUB & BERLIN. FARE: \$6,999 / person, double occupancy, \$11,850 / person, single occupancy

NOTE: We are keeping a list of Solo Travelers that would be willing to room with another Solo Traveler (of same gender) to keep the price point lower than traveling alone

Trip 3; CHICAGO, ALBUQUERQUE, KANSAS CITY, ST LOUIS, CHICAGO ROUND TRIP. October 6 - 15, 2022 with private rail cars BLUE RIDGE CLUB & BERLIN. Full Itinerary & Pricing to be announced

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LIGRS) or Montreal or a stop in between (\$300 per person - proceeds to LIGRS) on October 8th or 9th (exact date to be determined). Food and beverages served on board are included. Participants will need to make their own return trip arrangements. Email [louisesevall@gmail.com](mailto:louisesevall@gmail.com) for more information and updates. Trip is tentative and subject to change or cancellation.

50/50 was won by Joe DiBenedetto. \$9 for Joe and \$10 for our club.

Next General meeting will be Sunday February 13 at Bethpage Restoration Village

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Karl Wagner

Secretary



## Chic Chat Corner – A blast from the past

*A while ago a member told me that he would like to see some old "Organic Gardening" columns reprinted in the newsletter. They were written by a long time member Bob Weschler who has since passed away. I thought that this one was particularly appropriate as it was published in January. Enjoy!*

### HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!

May this coming year prove to be the best one ever. Now as you enjoy reading Smoke n' Cinders, thanks to our new editor, Louise Sewall, it is time to reflect back on the successes & the failures regarding the total garden picture around your home &, of course, especially the garden railway. Needless to say, a hearty thank you to our former editor, Trish Iannacone. Taking over from Bob Gibney, our editor for it seems like forever, was not an easy task, but she did it. During the winter months when there is no snow on the ground, it is actually a good time of the year to check on whether or not some plants will require trans-

planting in the early spring. Despite proper pruning, some trees and shrubs may have become too large for their present locations. Also there may be a need for a change in texture or in color in some areas. Perhaps too many of one variety would attract more interest if the textures were varied, i.e. switch some broad-leaf evergreens to conifers or the other way around. With so many different shades of green. blue, yellow, & gray, & many combinations available, there is no reason to have a monotonous garden. How about a garden bed composed of various only red flowering varieties and/or the same for blue? A mass planting of flowers as described above can be very impressive in the garden beds around the home. It is also a marvelous way to attract birds.

If you have room in the railway garden, plant a small, irregular shaped area of the same variety of miniature trees to create a forest like effect. What makes it even more effective is when the train passes behind the forest & is hidden from view

for a few moments.

Take note of some of the perennials that may have spread over their original boundaries & are now invading other plant's territories. By simply dividing them, you have solved the problem & at the same time you now have some plants to give to others. Hey, that's what our club is all about, i.e. sharing plants & knowledge.

At many homes, after a while, the front foundation plantings have grown much too large, sometimes covering up the windows, etc. It may be time for their complete removal & to start over again, this time with dwarf varieties.

Do you have the space & the time required to create a water feature in your existing garden, i.e. a waterfall, stream, & a pond with fish and water plants? If you had a vegetable garden with many varieties or if you just had planted a few tomato plants in the ground or in large containers, you probably were aware of the fact that this was a VERY poor year for tomatoes. *(continued on page 9)*



# From the Secretary BOD Meeting Minutes

LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY, Inc.  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING JANUARY 8, 2022

Attendance: President Mike Kmeth, Vice President George Stamataides, Secretary Karl Wagner, Treasurer Bob Sewall, Membership Director Anthony Bliss, Program Director Nick Guarino, Directors at Large, Louis Cortese, Frank Clemente,

President Mike Kmeth asked that the meeting be opened @ 10:10 AM. A motion was made by Frank Clemente and seconded by Lou Cortese

President Mike Kmeth asked for a motion to forgo the reading and approve the minutes of the August 28, 2021 BOD. Lou Cortese made a motion to accept as is, seconded by George Stamataides. BOD approved.

**President** – Mike Kmeth said thank you to Tom Rizzo for his 14 years and Steve Gahrerty for all their time and efforts that they have put into this Board of Directors for our club. Mike then introduced and welcomed our new Vice President George Stamataides and Membership Director Anthony Bliss for taking on these two vital positions to our club.

Mike then asked about the job cross training. Bob and Ed Assaf have started with the financial end.

**Treasurer's Report** – Bob Sewall gave a synopsis of the report: The 1st Quarter 10/11/2021 thru 12/31/2021 Starting \$9,968.81 Ending \$8,287.42 The 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 1/1/2022 thru 3/31/2022 Starting \$8,287.42 Ending \$9,292.42 Year to Date 2021- 2022 as of 1/6/2022 Starting \$9,968.81 Ending \$9,299.42

Bob noted that as of December 31 2021 we had a paid membership of 5 lifetime, 15 individual and 22 Family. This gives us 42 members which then as per our By-Laws translates to a meeting Quorum of 11 members needed to hold an official meeting for the year 2022

Bob brought to the attention of the BOD that there was a problem in the Finance Policy Account Balances in maintaining the Business Checking Account balance be-

tween \$2,000 and \$3,000 when he sometimes has to write a check (example Christmas Party) for over \$1,000 Bob recommends we change the limits to \$2,000 and \$4,000. George Stamataides made a motion to make the change as recommended, seconded by Lou Cortese. BOD approved.

Bob submitted the annual Report of Directors' report. This was discussed and accepted by the Board.

Bob noted he would have filed IRS form 990N for the club but again the web site was down. He will check the site each day and file accordingly.

Bob noted that there were changes by Bethpage Federal Credit Union. Bob read the Corporate Resolution at which time George Stamataides made a motion to accept the changes and was seconded by



Frank Clemente. BOD approved. Bob then made the necessary changes on their paperwork with all the appropriate signatures.

Bob also noted the club insurance cost went down a few dollars to \$468 and will be paid on 1/26/2022

**Membership Report** – Anthony Bliss stated the transition between Tom and himself is moving along. Anthony will be handling all the record keeping and Tom will do all the printing as needed for the first year.

**Program Director** – Nick Guarino will contact Anthony Marino about food committee.

January 2022 BOD Gen Sunday 16 @ COA

February 2022 Saturday 19 Auction meeting @ Wantagh Park (editor's note; Date and location change to February 13<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY at Old Bethpage Restoration Village)

March 2022 Sunday 20 @ Wantagh Park (editor's note; Date and location change to March 19<sup>th</sup> SATURDAY at Old Bethpage Restoration Village)

**Modular Coordinator** – Ed Assaf – Unable to make meeting.

## **Review Shows & Events:**

Again wearing of club clothing, hat, shirt etc. came up. We need to do a better job.

**Christmas party** – Thank you to Nick Guarino for handling everything for the club so we would all have a nice luncheon. Comments received were all positive. Karl Wagner will print out pictures for next year's monthly winners from the photo contest.

**Bethpage Restoration Village**- Thank you to Nick Guarino for coordinating this new event for us. Set up dates were Nov 29 and Dec 6 & 13 Run dates were only Dec 17 & 18 then covid shut them down. Take down Jan 4 went smoothly. Raffle, we did very well for the two nights they were open. We will look into purchasing an LGB auto reverse? We will be taking from the module group some of the joiner clamps, maybe 30? Karl Wagner to check the power supplies as there were some issues of working properly?

**COA** – Thank you to Ed Assaf for coordinating this yearly event. Set up was Dec 20 and take down was Dec 30 attendance did not seem as good as past year and the raffle was very small. We will look into purchasing more "over the rail joiners" for the yard?

## **Upcoming Shows and Events:**

**Sayville Garden Club** – Trains in the Garden Monday, January 10, 2022 **CANCELED**

**February 19 Saturday** - Auction meeting at the Wantagh Park Building (editor's note; Date and location change to February 13<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY at Old Bethpage Restoration Village)

**March 20 Sunday** - Meeting at the Wantagh Park Building (editor's note; Date and location change to March 19<sup>th</sup> SATURDAY at Old Bethpage Restoration Village)

**Bethpage HS** - No information at this time  
**Scout Show** – We have been informed there will be none in 2022

**COA** – April Show? Waiting on info for dates. (continued next page)



## From the Secretary BOD Meeting Minutes cont.

**Planting Fields** – Ed Assaf waiting on information should be April 30 & May 1

### Old Business –

Winner of raffle to get one year free membership in LIGRS? Yes this has been done.

On raffle ticket add the wording; *Winner to make arrangements to pickup train set.* Has this been done? Yes

Mike had concerns of contacting the winner. The BOD agreed that for a 30 day period after the drawing Mike will continue to try and contact them. After the 30 days, if no contact then another winner shall be drawn.

**Trailers:** The BOD agrees the trailers need to be switched around as the number of modules has been enlarged and needs more trailer space.

**Modular Display Green Trailer** - Need inspection before April. Lou and Frank to look into getting this done with Bruce Kropp

### New Business:

Vertical Lift Bridge for Modules- Tom Rizzo, Lou Cortese, Ed Assaf, Anthony Bliss. Lou Cortese to put a fact sheet together and maybe a write up for National GR.

An LGB Jumbo dead power supply was donated to the club. Karl Wagner to look to see if it is worth fixing.

Poster - see example supplied, do we want one made? Anthony Bliss will take care of this. Size will be approximately 2'x4'

**Picnic** – in 2021 we lost money, discussion. Do we want to have a picnic in 2022?

Nick will make a questionnaire for next meeting to help give BOD direction from membership. Questions location, type of food

**Outdoor displays** – They seem to getting too big for the amount of club help we get for set up and run dates. We will have Tom down

size them by about 1/3.

A country club contacted us about maybe doing an event for them. This brought a discussion of how many run days minimum, dates and times, how far is it to travel, do we charge per day? This was all tabled till we get an actual request.

Mike was asked by a former president, should we have a plan for the demise of the club? BOD felt we were not near that time yet so this was tabled.

George Stamataides to look into what is needed to change our tax status so we may be able to get more benefits.

Frank Clemente asked that a certificate of appreciation be given to the RMLI for their donations to us and the help they gave in working on the layout in Riverhead. BOD agreed.

A letter was received from the RMLI about our donation of an "O" scale Lionel #6-24111 Swing Bridge.

A thank you letter was send by Nick Guarino to Mr. Patrick Calabrese for lending us the use of his handmade lighted village backdrop for use at our Bethpage Restoration Village Candle Light Festival

**2024 Convention** – discussion was tabled permanently.

Next Board regularly scheduled BOD meeting will be Saturday March 26 2022 @ TBA

Lou Cortese made a motion to close the meeting, seconded by Frank Clemente. Motion approved



Meeting ended at 1:20 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Karl Wagner

Secretary



### 2022 Dues Reminder

Please remember to renew your membership to LIGRS. 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. Thank you to all who have already sent their checks.

Please send a check made out to **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



## Tom's "Did You Know?"



"The longest stretch of completely straight track in the world is in Australia. It's part of the [Trans-Australian Railway](#), and crosses the Nullarbor Plain for 478 km (297 miles), not deviating even slightly. It can even be seen from space, according to former [astronaut Andy Thomas](#): "It's a very fine line, it's like someone has drawn a very fine pencil line across the desert."

Originally built as part of an incentive program to encourage citizens of far-flung Perth (and Western Australia as a whole) to join the newly formed Commonwealth of Australia, the Trans-Australian Railway is part of the Indian-Pacific line, a service that runs between Sydney and Perth. A one-way trip takes between 65 and 70 hours, depending on scheduling, and it's widely accepted as one of the great railway journeys of the world.



## Possible Rail Trips (more information in View From The Cab page 3)

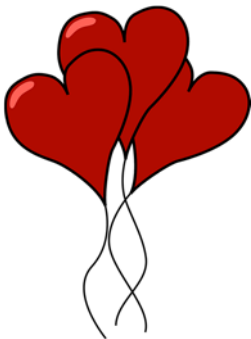


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## Monthly Photo Contest Winner



This month's winning photo, "Auto Workshop By The Tracks", was taken by Louise Sewall of a module section at our winter display at the Cradle of Aviation Museum



## Our 2022 Auction Next Month



Start off the new year by coming down to the **Saturday Mar. 19th** LIGRS meeting at **11:00 am**, and join the entire auction team for another great LIGRS Annual Auction.

**Consider assisting as an alternate auctioneer.**

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.

For our train challenged members, clean out that bank account and watch the auction team transform those green-backs back into magnificent trains. 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**. Come down early and lend a hand logging in auction items, become a **"Vanna"** for a day by displaying items or help out with the auction items. Volunteers needed. Try a hand, or is it voice, at being an auctioneer. If you're bashful, you can still come down early and lend a hand logging in auction items, become a **"Vanna"** for a day by displaying items or help out with the auction items. Please contact Bob Sewall at (516) 541-4837 if you can lend a helping hand at the auction.

The Auction Rules are posted on our website  
[LIGRS.com](http://LIGRS.com)>Member Info>Forms, Rules&Policy>LIGRS Rules



**Attention Sellers: Anyone planning to auction 12 or more items, please contact Bob Sewall to arrange to pre-register your items before the date of the auction meeting. (Not the day of the auction)**

## Chic Chat Corner continued



If you were able to harvest even a few good tomatoes, consider yourself among the few lucky ones. Some gardeners experienced a season without any tomatoes!!! Although my tomato plants were not as productive as in most previous years, I did have enough tomatoes for daily salads, etc. & enough to make many quarts of sauce. Was it due to the compost? As the years pass by, it is amazing to see how a given season can be a productive one for some vegetables, etc. & not for others. Then in another season, it can be completely reversed. Nature has a habit of acting in unexpected & in mysterious ways. The poor productive year for tomatoes was caused in part by Late Blight, a fungus disease that thrives under cool, humid weather conditions. It causes dark, watery spots on the fruit. Also Blossom End Rot is caused by uneven water ab-

sorption by the plants which makes black sunken spots on the fruit. To prevent this from happening, make sure the soil has good drainage, sufficient calcium & contains plenty of composted organic matter. Blossom Drop is caused by temperatures below 55 deg. f. & over 90 deg. f. for several hours at blossom time that usually results in no fruit set or a poor set, or is the cause of fruit deformities, i.e. large scars. Extended rainy periods are also a factor. So as you can see, when we grow vegetables, we are at the mercy of the weather.

### **GARDENING CHORES FOR JANUARY & FEBRUARY**

Check out the seed, bulb & plant catalogues. Enjoy, but try not to over order, admittedly not easy to do. They are beautiful to look at, uplifting, & inspiring, a

kind of preview to spring. Turn the indoor plant pots  $\frac{1}{4}$  turn every couple of days. By doing that, you avoid the plants getting that reach-for-the-light-look. Water ONLY when the surface of the soil appears dry to the touch, NOT because it is Friday. Over watering is the number one killer of indoor plants. Do not fertilize indoor plants until the end of February or early March  
"Experience is that marvelous thing that enables you to recognize a mistake when you make it again." Franklin P. Jones

From the Plant Man



# January Meeting Photos



We also displayed this sign by the entrance to the public room where the meeting took place to let COA visitors know what group was attending.

Please remember to wear your identifying hats, shirts etc. to all meetings and displays as well.



Anthony Bliss displayed an engine model that he is currently 3D printing. He happily answered all member queries regarding the construction, type of glues used, etc.



Tom Rizzo displayed the crane that he is designing and 3D printing for use on our modular display in conjunction with the new lift bridge. It's construction also makes use of 3D print technology.

**Directions to February Meeting**  
**February 13, 2022 11:00am**  
**Old Bethpage Village Restoration**  
**1303 Round Swamp Rd, Old Bethpage, NY 11804**

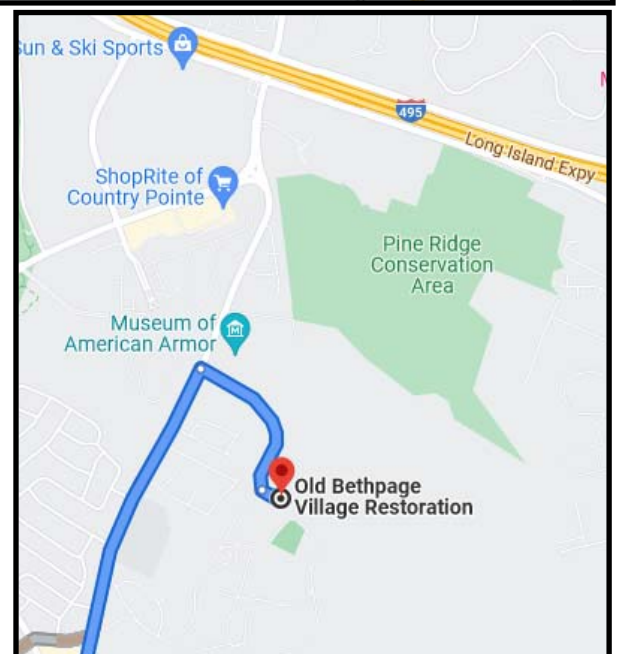
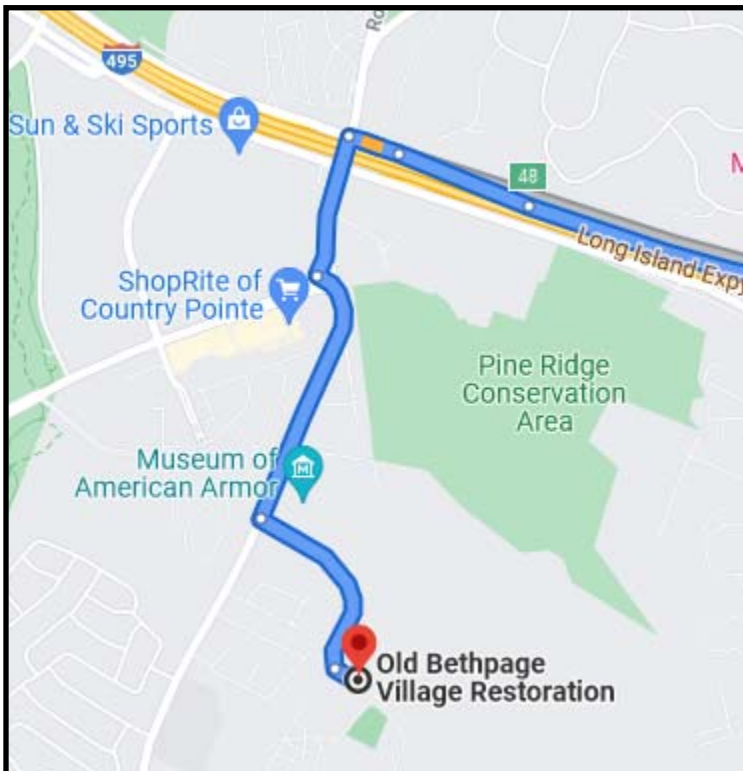
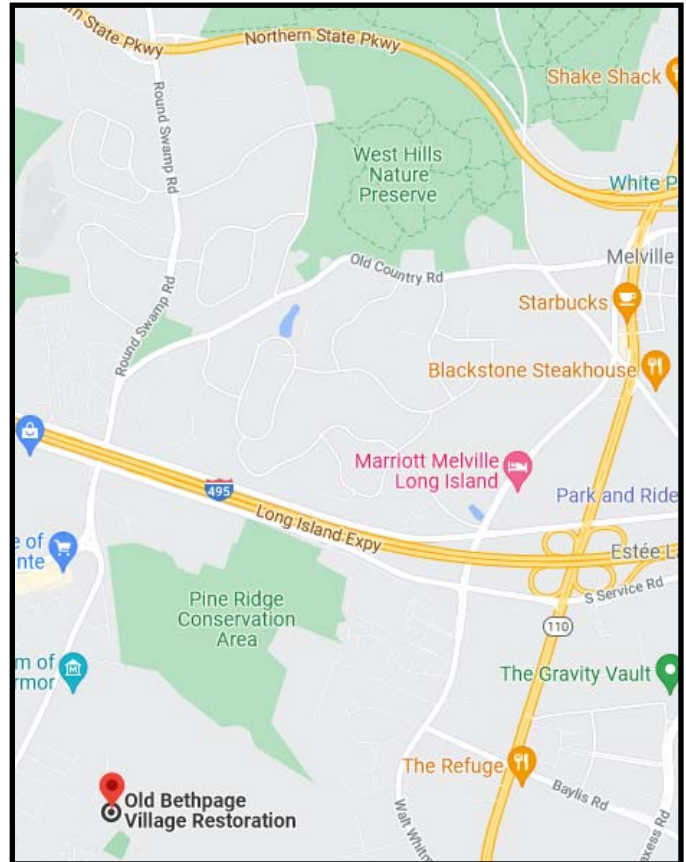


**From the North**

Follow I-495 W to N Service Rd in Melville. Take exit 48 toward Round Swamp Rd/Old Bethpage/Farmingdale. Left into the restoration property.

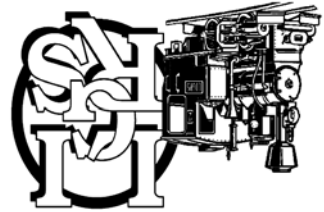
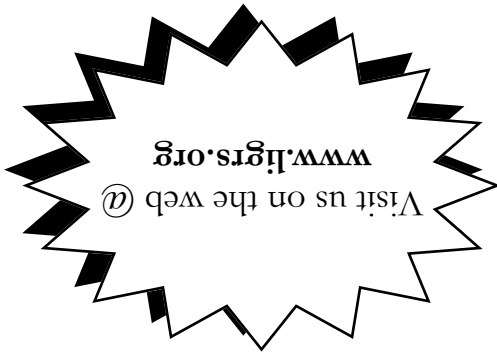
Or take Northern State Parkway to the Round Swamp Rd exit south.

**Note:** when coming into Old Bethpage Village, the sign at the entrance may say “closed” and only one side of the gate may be open. Just drive through that one open side to the end of the road. You will then enter the large parking lot.



**From the South**

Your GPS may bring you from the south using other main streets that connect with Round Swamp Road

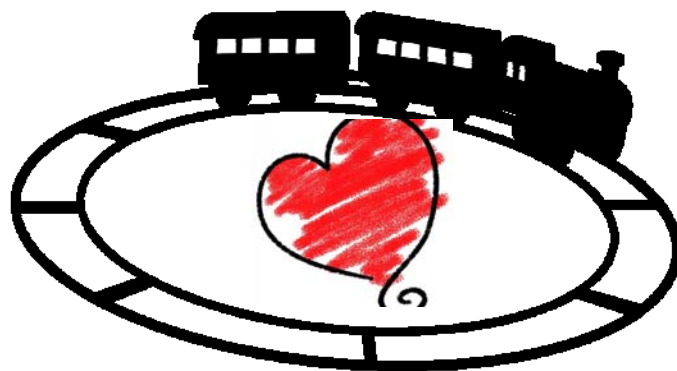


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**Happy Valentines Day!**