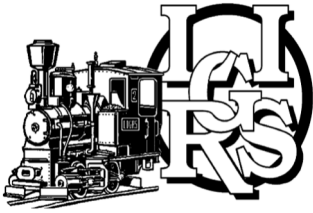


February 2023

**Monthly Meeting**  
**Saturday, February 11, 2023**  
**11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**

103 Grumman Rd W, Bethpage, NY 11714  
*Special video presentation by Bob Sewall*



**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 OBVR picked our winner.



Our annual raffle at the Old Bethpage Village Restoration Candlelight Evenings has been drawn. The lucky winner of the radio controlled Piko starter set raffle at our holiday tabletop display is Anthony Enea. He is very excited to have won the starter set and has since visited our holiday modular display at the Cradle of Aviation Museum assisting members with the work there. He is already an O gauge modeler. Shown here with our then President Mike Kmeth. We wish him many happy hours with his new train set, which he has already set up and is now looking for more track.

Our annual raffle at the Cradle of Aviation Museum has been drawn. The lucky winner of the Piko starter set at our holiday modular display is Dr. Shoshanah Kahn. She is very excited to have won the starter set and is planning to set it up next Holiday season in her office waiting room. Shown here with our Treasurer Ed Assaf. We wish her many happy hours with her new train set.



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.

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## 2023 LIGRS Meetings & Events Schedule

Date	Program/Notes	Time	Place
Feb. 11, 2023 SATURDAY	General Meeting	11:00 AM	Bethpage Senior Center
Mar. 11, 2023 SATURDAY	BOD Meeting	10:00 AM	TBD
Mar. 25, 2023 SATURDAY	Auction Meeting	11:00 AM	Bethpage Senior Center
Apr. 2023	Spring Modular Display	TBA	Cradle of Aviation Museum
May 20, 2023 SATURDAY	General Meeting	11:00 AM	Jim Wellinghoff
June 24, 2023 SATURDAY	General Meeting	11:00 AM	Jay & Betty Geyer
July 22, 2023 SATURDAY	General Meeting	11:00 AM	Paul & Joan Simon
August, 2023	Summer Picnic	11:00 AM	TBD
Sept. 23, 2023 SATURDAY	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
Dec., 2023	Christmas Party	TBA	TBD

## View From The Cab



Hi members and friends of The L.I. GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY!

2023 promises to be a great year for all of us and the club.

This quick report and future posted meeting updates are not meant to save you a trip to club meetings. The hope is they will cause everyone to take a more active part in the club.

We had a great meeting this past Saturday. Building on our past successes as we put forth new and exciting ideas for the club in 2023

To start off the year Ed Assaf was kind enough to host a presentation on Multi-Meter use and Electricity Basics. While it might have been old hat to some it was great for new members and those present. Ed using the analogy of plumbing supply lines to help everyone understand the flow of electricity, made it very interesting. It must be noted that one must never mix water and electricity in real life.

We have had great successes at our public modular exhibits at the Cradle of Aviation, The Old Bethpage Restoration Village, their Candle Lighting Festival and the Cradle of Aviation Muse-

um. These exhibits help the club maintain a great public face as we educate and entertain young and old alike. The exhibits also bring us much needed donations.

The club has a full schedule of events that we hope will be of interest to all. This is our 32nd year of fun and to commemorate the milestone, two years late thanks to Covid 19. You will receive an offer from Anthony Marino to own a Collectible Commemorative Box Car if you haven't already received the details.

The 2023 SUPER BIGBOY Grand PRIZE will be \$5,000 (if all the tickets are sold) All the members are now promoted to Senior TICKET AGENTS for the club. Any TICKET AGENT that sells the winning ticket will receive \$500! If he/she wins with their own ticket, they will receive the \$500 in addition to the GRAND PRIZE. The ticket for this great ride is \$10 roundtrip.

**As we go HIGH BALLING down the tracks on the LIGRS EXPRESS,** Cleanup day at the LI Railroad Museum in Riverhead, will be late April early May. Our liaison Frank Clemente will keep us posted. Cradle Of Aviation is also on tap for late April.

If you haven't seen the lift bridge that was built to enable access to the work area of the modular exhibit, you will be amazed. It raises to just over six feet. Very few members have to bend to go through. A big Thank You goes out to Lou Cortese, Ed Assaf, Frank Clemente, Anthony Bliss, and Tom Rizzo.

The club agreed to donate a granite plaque to the Cradle Of Aviation and Bricks of support at the RMLI in River-

head.

As the old saying goes "you get out what you put in." Please, everyone, can you put in just a little bit more to build up the club? We are putting together a short survey for members to complete ANONYMOUSLY that will help the club. Please take the time to help the board's planning for the future.

We are looking into asking guest speakers to our meetings such as Train Professionals, Attorneys, Accountants, Investment Counselors and anyone else the membership might want to attend our meetings. Don't hesitate to recommend a subject that might be of interest to the members. It doesn't have to be train orientated.

At the next general meeting each member will receive a handmade tissue box cover all the way from Singapore! Perhaps TWO!

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the February meeting.

George L. Stamataides



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After the business section of the meeting Bob Sewall will be showing a YouTube video about the Rio Grande Southern Rail Road and the creation of the Galloping Geese. Particularly the history of Motor #2. Produced by the Colorado Railroad Museum.

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# From the Secretary January General Meeting Minutes



## LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY INC. Review of Shows & Events:

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING  
JANUARY 21, 2023

New president George L. Stamataides called the meeting to order at 12:02 PM. And led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance in Memory and in Honor of those who served and are serving in our armed services.

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

George then asked for a motion to read the November 12, 2022, meeting minutes or forego the reading and accept them as written. Motion was made by Bruce Kropp and second by Joe DiBenedetto to accept the minutes as written. Motion approved.

George thanked outgoing President Mike Kmeth and Membership Director Nick Guarino, and Secretary Karl Wagner for their service to our club. George then welcomed new Secretary Pat Russo, Membership Director Anthony Marino, Director at Large Ray Shelton and appointed new Vice President Lou Cortese and Director at Large Tom Rizzo.

### Reports:

**Treasurers' Report** -- Ed Assaf -- Highlighted the 2022 Annual Report of Directors

This was approved by the BOD.

YTD FY 2022-2023 as of 1/21/23 starting @\$9,968.81 ending this morning @\$11,361.88.

The BOD had approved the a donation for a brick in support of the RMLI Engine 39 fund which has been purchased.

The Club is also looking to do the same at the COA.

**Membership Report** -- Anthony Bliss did not attend no report was given.

**Program Director** -- Anthony Marino noted the date for the club auction will be Saturday March 25. Auction & General Meeting location will be the Bethpage Senior Center

This meeting starts 11:30 AM sharp with auction to immediately follow.

Sayville Historical – due to the low turnout of people we will look at this again.

Christmas party went well as always, everyone enjoyed the food and camaraderie.

Bethpage Restoration Village Christmas Program and Christmas COA - Ed noted we made a profit on both raffles totaling \$820 plus another \$117 in donation. We did good. We still could have used more club volunteers at both events.

**Photo Contest** – Congratulation to the first winning photo of the new year “Diesel in Town” was taken by Lou Caputal on his layout “Pop’s Trains” A link to the rules is on the LIGRS home page. Please remember to take pictures and send your best to Louise Sewall.



Pattie Russo and Louise Sewall will look at our rules for the photo contest and see if they need a change.

**Club Merchandise** – Please see Georgiana & Steve Gaherty for club items such as, hats, shirts, jackets, mugs, pins and DVD’s.

**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:**

Anthony Marino talked about the Club’s 30th Anniversary for the Essex Dinner Train and/or Steamboat ride. Anthony had some informational packets he made about it or you can look on their web site. 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.

A tentative date is October 7. It is cooler and

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If we do the 20 or more people, we can book early and work out a payment plan.

<https://essexsteamtrain.com/>

Anthony also talked about a train car produced by Charles Ro.

### **New Business:**

**TAX STATUS** - George talked about the club becoming a 501c3 corporation for taxes. A discussion was held – ED Assaf made a motion to put into SNC that the club expend \$1,800 towards the filing for the 501c3 and a vote be held at the March meeting. Pattie Russo seconded the motion and the membership approved.

Louise gave Mike Kmeth a calendar with some of his best pictures that he has submitted over the years. Louise reminded all of us that you can make your own calendar on Shutterfly

George will look into maybe bringing in a guest speaker such as a lawyer, Tax consultant, Elder Attorney, Therapist or Nutritionist. Anyone have a suggestion for a speaker of interest please contact George.

**Super 50/50** – This year’s BIGBOY SUPER RAFFLE if all the tickets are sold will be \$5,000. The tickets will be \$10 per ticket AND The Long Island Garden Railway Society Ticket Agent (Seller) will be awarded \$500 for selling the winning ticket. The seller’s prize will come out of the club’s profit. Drawing will be at the November Meeting

Ed Assaf noted that Lou Cortese is working on a possible new design for a quicker and easier way to mount and set up the modules.

50/50 was won by Jay Geyer \$15 for Jay and \$16 for our club.

Next General meeting will be Sunday February 11 at Bethpage Senior Center

Connie Stamataides made a motion to close the meeting seconded by Lou Cortese. Motion approved. Meeting ended @ 1:04 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karl Wagner, For Pat Russo Secretary



## Important New Club Updates/Projects for you to know about



At our January meeting, Anthony Marino talked about our Club's 30th Anniversary celebration planned for the Essex Dinner Train and or Steamboat ride. Anthony had some informational packets he made about it or you can look on their web site. (URL below) They are not the same trains. The dinner train is a diesel train with dining cars. The steam train and river boat trips 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.

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**TAX EXEMPT STATUS** - George talked about the club becoming a 501c3 corporation. A discussion was held regarding this option – Ed Assaf made a motion to put into Sn'C that the club expend \$1,800 towards the filing for the 501c3 and a vote on this filing and funding be held at the March meeting just before the auction.

In addition, you all have received a flyer from George L. Stamataides and Anthony Marino soliciting your interest in purchasing custom painted 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary cars. In summary, the prices are estimated to be \$50 for a custom painted steel sided box car and \$55 for a custom painted refrigerator car if we order 100.

Prices change depending on the number of cars we order. Please complete the form even if you check no and bring the completed form to the February meeting or e-mail Anthony Marino with the count @ [anthony-marino38@gmail.com](mailto:anthony-marino38@gmail.com)/ Please put in the subject "30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Car".

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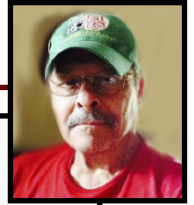
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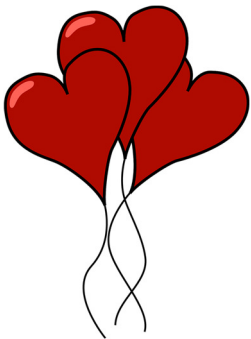
## Solution to What the Heck Puzzle

NS rail train dropping new rail at Logansport, IN.

Tom's "What the Heck?" (solution on previous page)



Monthly Photo Contest Winner



This month's winning photo, "Double Header over the Trestle", was taken by Louise Sewall of Louie Cortese's past module at a COA display/

## Our 2023 Auction Next Month



Start off the new year by coming down to the **Saturday Mar. 25th** 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 listed below and also 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)**

1. Each auction participant, seller or buyer, must purchase an auction paddle.
2. A unique item number identifies each auction item.
3. There are no minimum bids; the highest bid purchases the item regardless of amount.
4. The owner of the item can bid until their desired price is reached. (If the owner's bid is the highest bid, the item is a "buyback").
5. Each item auctioned is subject to a commission based upon the Commission Fee Schedule. "Buybacks" are subject to commission of 50% of the Commission Fee Schedule.
6. Any unclaimed items will be returned to their owner, commission free.
7. The Auctioneer's decision in determining the winning bidder is final.
8. All items are sold "as is, where is". LIGRS does not guarantee the suitability or condition of any item auctioned.
9. The Treasurer has sole discretion with regard to method of payment, either cash or check, for winning bids and sellers' proceeds.
10. **GOOD LUCK, HAPPY BIDDING and HAVE FUN!**  
Some auction items may be offered as lots which consist of multiples of the same or related items (e.g. track, switches, same road name passenger cars, etc.) offered from the same seller. The winning bidder will have the option to purchase one or more of the items at their winning bid price. In the event the winning bidder does not purchase the entire lot, the runner-up bidder will be offered the remaining items in the lot at the runner-up bid price. In the event the runner-up bidder declines any or all of the remaining lot, the remaining items will be up for re-bidding. This procedure will be observed in order to facilitate auction timeliness as well as provide the most equitable price to the seller. The difference between the winning bid and runner-up bid is in effect a premium for the winning bidder to select which items of the lot that they wish to purchase. 'Like items' from different sellers will be offered as separate items

# January Meeting Photos



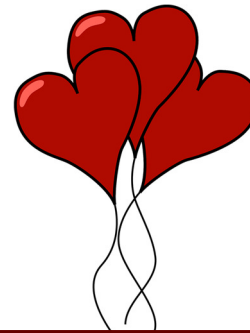
Our new president George L. Stamataides running the meeting in our lovely, large new space. (Thanks to program director Anthony Marino)



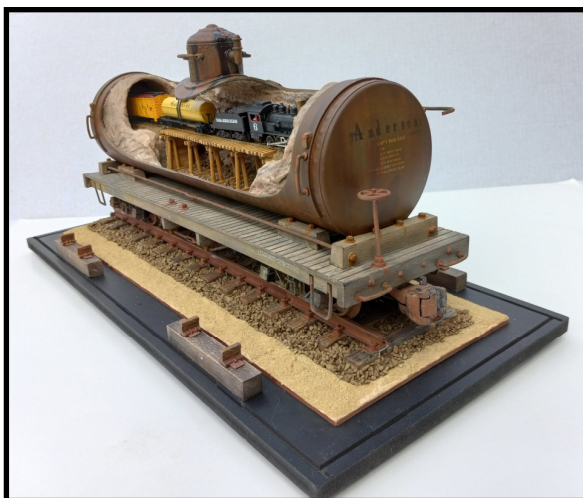
Ed Assaf gathering members for his hands on display of the use and operation of a digital voltmeter.



Mike Kmeth being presented with a 2023 calendar featuring many of his winning photo contest photos.



## Chic Chat Corner



The Following URL is an interesting item where a modeler modeled a N scale train inside a Bachmann big hauler tank car. The completed project image is worthy of a look see.

<https://www.trains.com/mrr/how-to/build-model-railroad/bachmann-big-hauler-birthday-train/>

The article was written by Bud Sanders and titled **“A large scale tank car model was cut open to display an N scale train”**

It was built for the grandson of a friend and inspired by a photo of the child who is a very young train lover.







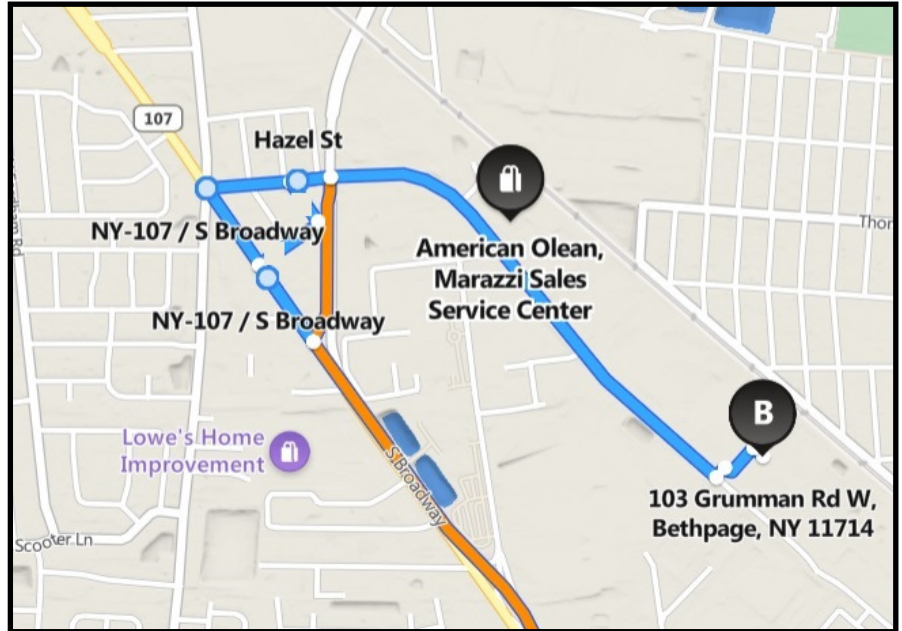
**Directions to February Meeting**  
**SATURDAY the 11th, 2023 : 11:00am**  
**Location Bethpage Senior Center,**  
 103 Grumman Rd W, Bethpage, NY 11714



**Directions:**

**From the LIE or Northern State Parkway**

Take the exit for Rt 107 South  
 Continue South until Hazel St. then turn left  
 Hazel St. becomes Grumman Rd W  
 Senior center is on the left, set back from the road but has a large blue sign at the driveway entrance



**From Southern state or other points South**

Take the exit for Rt 135 North  
 Turn off at the ramp for exit 7W, West towards Hempstead  
 Turn right on rt 107 Hicksville Rd.  
 Continue **North to Hazel St and turn right**  
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**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.

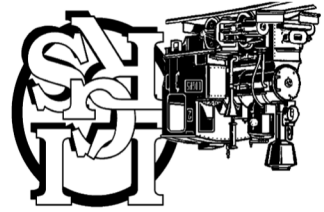
Please send a check made out to "**The Long Island Garden Railway Society, Inc.**" (full name please)) for the appropriate amount to:

LIGRS, PO Box 2002, Massapequa, NY 11758

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

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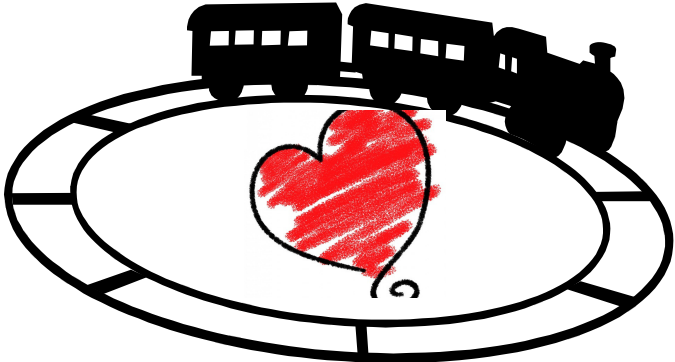


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**Happy Valentines Day!**