

February 2019

Monthly Meeting and  
Annual Auction  
Saturday, February 16th, 2019  
Northport Yacht Club  
11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.



## Annual LIGRS Auction

See [LIGRS.org](http://LIGRS.org) for a link to the auction rules  
(or see page 7 in this issue)



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.

**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)

## Raffle Winner at the Cradle of Aviation Museum

Winner of the Cradle of Aviation raffle is the Story family. They chose the "Percy and the Troublesome Trucks" Starter Set as their prize, as shown being presented by LIGRS President, Mike Kmeth. We wish them well in their new found hobby



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## 2019 LIGRS Meetings & Events Schedule

Date	Program/Notes	Time	Place
<b>February 16, 2019</b> <b>SATURDAY</b>	Monthly Meeting and <b>Auction</b>	11:00 AM	Northport Yacht Club
<b>March 2, 2019</b>	Scout Table Top Display	Set up 8AM 10AM-3:30PM	United Methodist Church
<b>March 23, 2019</b>	Modular Display	10AM-3:30P	Bethpage High School
<b>March 24, 2019</b>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Northport Yacht Club
<b>April 28-29, 2019</b>	Arbor Day Display	TBA	Planting Fields Arboretum
<b>May TBA. 2019</b>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Georgie & Steve Gaherty
<b>June 23, 2019</b>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Dan Saporito
<b>July 28, 2019</b>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Gerri Cooney & Bill Arndt
<b>August 17, 2019</b> <b>SATURDAY</b>	Summer Picnic no mtg.	TBA	Long Island Live Steamers
<b>Sept. 22, 2019</b>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Bob & Pat Russo
<b>Oct. 20, 2019</b>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Richie McGorty
<b>Nov. 2019</b>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Northport Yacht Club

## View From The Cab



Once again Mother Nature played her hand with our monthly meeting. We had our first non-meeting of 2019.

The New Year was off to a difficult start, caused by a threatened winter storm. Even though we had heavy rain and very high winds Sunday, we missed the snow predicted on the day of our meeting. Although it was listed in all weather predictions, it looked like we were going to have dangerous road conditions. Even going past a local fire station a third mile from my house, there was already a warning posted on their electric billboard about the impending storm on Friday. Having lived in Northport 30 plus years I know hills and ice make for a fast ride downhill.



To have the meeting or to cancel the January meeting was a decision that I had to make a few days beforehand. That Friday, Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> we had a board meeting and the subject of our monthly meeting and the storm came up. With everyone's input I then decided that we had to cancel. The NPYC was called from the board meeting location, giving them notice of the cancellation. NPYC in turn had to cancel cake and bagel orders, etc.. It's disappointing on my part to have to cancel but one has to take a picture of the moment with the

information available and go forward and not look back.

The good news is that we did not get that snow storm and I did not lose power.

There were a few things that were to be brought up at the Jan. monthly meeting but which will now be brought up at our Feb. meeting. For instance, Golden Spike and certificate awards. Maybe I will start the meeting 15-20 minutes before noon and talk faster. **The reason being that our next meeting is our annual auction.**

Please look at the calendar of events to see our upcoming show dates. There are two train events in March in which we will have setups. One is a table top and the other modular. Plan on helping and running your trains as well. Can't run your train outdoors now because you don't want to go out in these Alaskan temperatures? Then running trains at the shows is another option for you.

An important date to remember: the date no one wants to forget, Sat. Feb. 16, 2019 @ NPYC. This is auction day. **Bring money, bring trains, have a wonderful time.** See you all there.

Mike Kmeth

### 2019 Dues Reminder

Please remember to renew your membership to LIGRS. Individual memberships, the 1st member of a household, are \$40 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 **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:

**Tom Rizzo  
32 Semon Road,  
Huntington, NY 11743,**

## From the Secretary January BOD Meeting Minutes



### LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY, Inc. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING JANUARY 18, 2019

Meeting was held at Frank Clemente's house.

Attendance: President Mike Kmeth, Vice President Bob Russo, Secretary Karl Wagner, Membership Director Tom Rizzo, Treasurer Bob Sewall, Program Director Nick Guarino, Directors at Large, Louis Cortese, Frank Clemente, Bruce Kropp, Pat Russo and member John Hagedorn

President Mike Kmeth asked that the meeting be opened @ 10:20 AM. A motion was made by Bruce Kropp and seconded by Tom Rizzo.

President Mike Kmeth asked for a motion to forgo the reading and approve the minutes of the September 8, 2018 BOD. Bob Sewall made a motion for a correction to the minutes and then accept, under membership should read Family 23 and Life 4. Correction made second by Bob Russo, BOD approved.

**Treasurer's Report** – was given by Bob Sewall. Bob passed out several sheets to the BOD. First quarter 2018-2019 Starting balance \$7,171.95 ending balance \$8,379.07 Bob also handed out a spreadsheet and work sheets for YTD and the 2018 BOD Report with comparisons of each year 2012 thru 2018. We are looking very good. A motion was made by Mike Kmeth and second by Tom Rizzo to accept all the reports as written. The BOD approved. E-card Tax filing will be done by Bob as soon as the website is back up and running due to the government shut down at this time. Bob Sewall also request a Petty Cash Voucher be established to be used for minor expenses instead of written a check for each item. The voucher will be signed by both the Club President and Treasurer. Tom Rizzo made the Motion and Pat Russo seconded. The BOD approved.



**Club Insurance** – Bob Sewall reported that club insurance went up \$42.00 for the year, a 10% increase to \$467

**Club Raffles** – Bob Sewall noted we did very well with the Clark Botanic Gardens and Cradle of Aviation Raffles. Bob stated to the board he was changing the wording of the raffle from Outdoor trains to Large Scale. The BOD agreed. A separate sheet will be requested of the raffle winner to sign releasing us from any liabilities for using their picture. The BOD agreed.

**Membership Report** - Tom Rizzo did not have the num-

bers for the member categories but did state we have 11 members that have not renewed membership as of this date.

At this time Mike turned the floor over to member John Hagedorn. John explained a little about Cohen Children's Medical Center Northwell Health.

John asked if we could do some kind of a train show at the hospital for the children, their families and staff of the center. John brought some basic information and the name of a contact person. The BOD agreed to look into doing such a show for them. A committee of Nick Guarino, Lou Cortese and Karl Wagner will look into this.

#### Review of Shows & Events:

Discussions held on each topic.

**Christmas Party** – Bob Russo stated that all went well. The board heard good things from the membership. Karl Wagner asked if something else could be done as he felt it was getting expensive. He asked if maybe baked good could be brought to the December meeting. Nick Guarino will ask NPYC about us bringing in some baked goods. Frank Clemente had a suggestion of a place near him. A committee will be formed to look into it.

**Sayville Historical** – Nick Guarino stated this went well. We did received a donation. We are hoping to do this again next year.

**Clark Botanic Garden** – Attendance was down the first day due to heavy rains. Overall for the 4 days attendance was good but we could have used a few more members to watch the display. It was well received by the community.

**Daisy Garden Nursery** – Nick, Dan and Frank set this up as a Second time display. This was done so it ran when they turned on the lights and stopped when they turned them off, No club members were needed daily. Dan used his personal equipment. Frank brought 2 club train sets to run.

**Cradle of Aviation** – Set up and take down went well but we still need a few more people for the run days. Some days at certain times we only had 4 people. We could use people at the raffle table. The BOD will discuss with *(continued on next page)*



## From the Secretary January BOD Meeting Minutes cont.



Walter Poppe of ways to straighten out his module's inside track.. Once again a few modules need some tender loving care. A suggestion by Tom Rizzo of changing up some of the modules was thought to be a good idea.

Tom will add dimensions, how much wood, steel and tires would cost.

**Bayard Horticultural Display** – Nick Guarino, Dan Saporo, Frank Clemente, Karl Wagner and Mike Kmeth helped with this display of different trains. Nick, Dan and Frank worked on the Power Point presentation of garden with trains. Dan did a great job explaining the various plants that worked well with the train scale. It was well received. The club received a donation.

**Inventory** - Frank Clemente has all Trailer inventory up to date

**Open Houses & Winter Meetings** - Nick stated all meeting are taken. Look in Smoke n' Cinders for all the dates

**DVDs** – We have 12 DVDs left but need to check with RMLI.

### Upcoming Shows and Events:

**Scout Tabletop Display** - March 2 Set up @ 8:30 with breakfast. Take down is around 4 PM The club will monitor attendance to see if this is worth our time and effort to do this again next year.



**Bethpage** – Saturday March 23 Set up @ 8:30am. We will monitor attendance to see if this is worth our time and effort to do this again next year as this is a new date for this show. We will have a raffle in conjunction with the Planting Fields Arbor Day show.

**Planting Fields** – Set up April 26 @ 9 AM show April 28 & 29 Time 11 AM – 4 PM The BOD picked a layout design for the set up. A raffle will be held in conjunction with Bethpage show. As this is our largest outdoor display we need a lot of members to come out and help.

**Picnic LILS** – The club will ask Karen Connolly if she will be the Chairperson. Bob Russo and Pat will work with her. We need to ask Roger Bossert about the ice cream cart again. The club will check if LILS will have us again for the picnic. Bob Sewall suggested a Piko camelback engine as a prize for the picnic. The BOD approved. Bob will purchase it

**Modular Group Green Trailer** – The BOD has approved the expenditure of \$400.00 for Bruce Kropp brought pricing on three different tires and will purchase two (2) new tires (trailer rated) and chains for the trailer. New lugs may also need to be purchased with that.

**Ground Displays Red Trailer** – Bob Sewall, Mike Kmeth & Bob Russo will go to the DMV to get the trailer title put in the club's name. Tom came up with a design for a cart to hold all the track which can be wheeled out of the trailer.

### New Business:

**Overnight trips** – Bob Sewall spoke about an AMTRAK trip

**Self-drive trip** was suggested to the Poughkeepsie Train Bridge over the Hudson which is now a walking bridge.

Next Board meeting will be May 3 or 4th @ Frank Clemente's house, 10:00 AM

Pat Russo made a motion to close the meeting, seconded by Bruce Kropp. Motion approved

Meeting ended at 2:10 PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karl Wagner  
Secretary



## Tom's What the Heck Puzzle (Solution on page 8)



## Monthly Photo Contest Winner



This month's winning photo, Rick McGorty's Hudson Steaming past the Freight House, was taken by Bob Sewall at the LIGRS Cradle of Aviation display.

## Auction Rules

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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. The Treasurer has sole discretion with regard to method of payment, either cash or check, for winning bids and sellers' proceeds.



### **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

## **LIGRS 2019 Raffle Prize! WOW!!**

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Tickets will be going on sale at the February 16th auction meeting, for this 2019 prize, winner to be drawn at our club Summer Picnic. Shown below is the Piko #38243 ATSF Camelback 2-6-0 w/Sound, analog and digital operation, 5V Smoke Dual-Mode Sound Decoder. Full functions on DC or DCC.

Tickets may be purchased from Bob Sewall at the price of \$5.00 each.





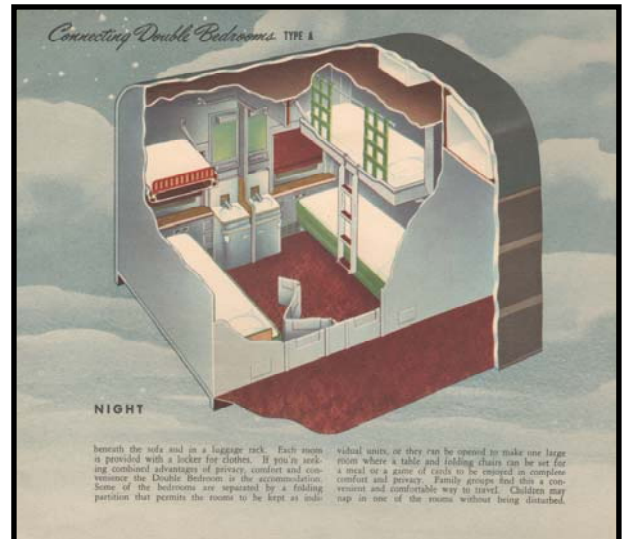
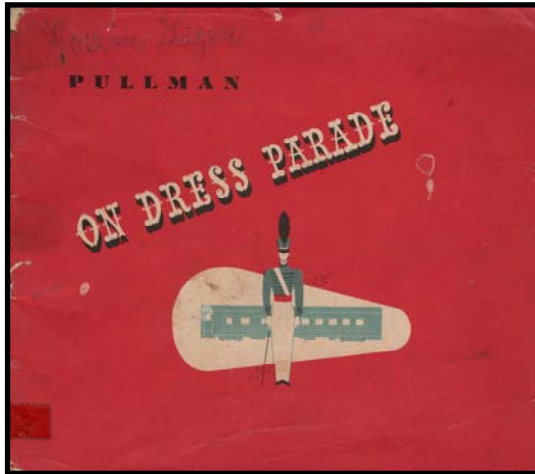
## Chic Chat Corner



My love for train travel was sparked when one day, as a child, I was exploring boxes in our family home's basement and came across an advertising booklet, published in 1948, for Pullman travel. I still have that old publication which included drawings of the different types of sleeping accommodations on a Pullman train. The pages on the left displayed the daytime set up and on the right hand pages were displayed the sleeping set ups. It just looked like so much fun and for years I had a desire to travel by train, sleep in my own room and experience "Dinner in the Diner." As many of you know Bob and I have had quite a few opportunities to do just that in the last few years. I have scanned the entire booklet and posted it on our website on the "Interesting Things" tab. There you can open the pdf file and enlarge it so that all of the text becomes more easily readable. Enjoy!

Louise Sewall

These are some sample pages. Apparently copies of this publication are still available, both on Amazon and on other sites. Who knew?



## Solution to What the Heck Puzzle



Back at Yverdon, these strange things are used to carry standard gauge freight wagons on the metre gauge line, they are loaded by use of special ramps.





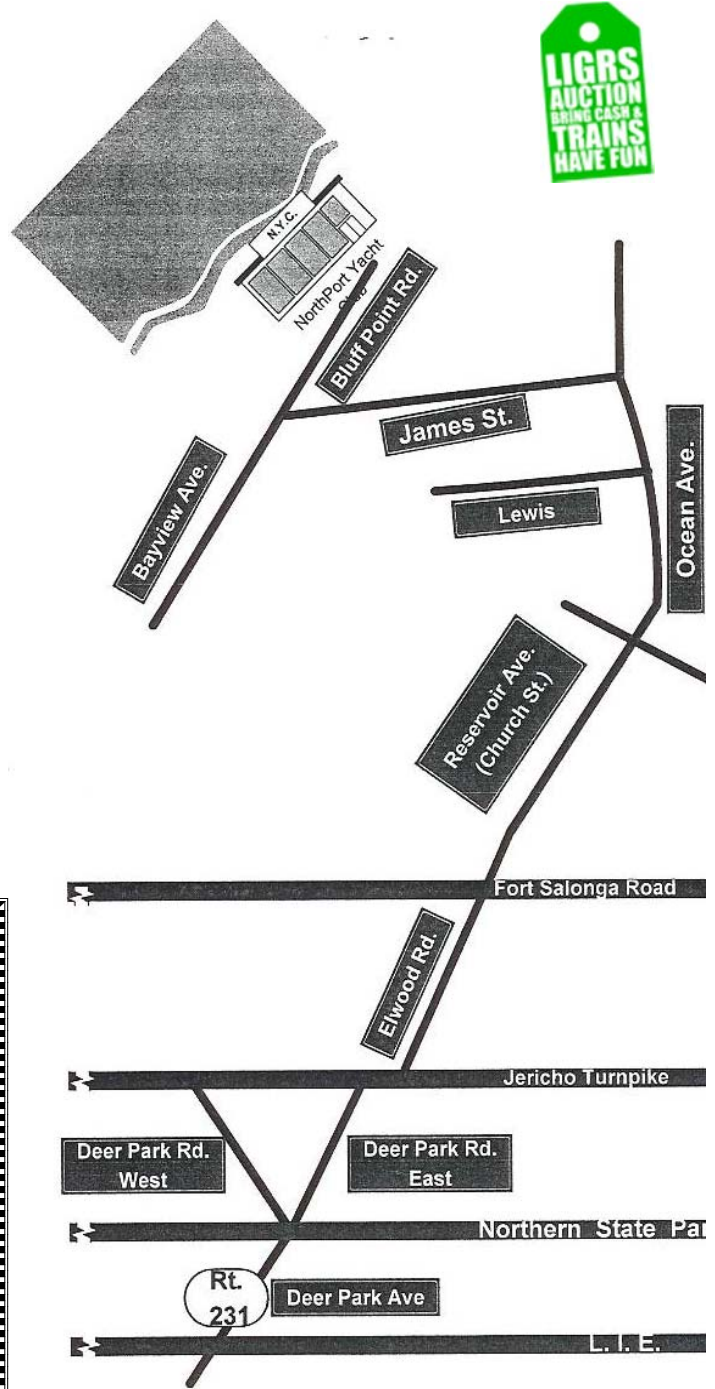
**Directions to the Northport Yacht Club**  
**Monthly Meeting & Annual Auction**  
**Saturday, February 16, 2019**



**Turn by turn directions:**

Take the LIE or Northern State Parkway to Deer Park Ave (Rte. 231) north. Bear right onto Deer Park Road East. Merge onto Jericho Tpke. (Rte. 25) and make the next left onto Elwood Road. Elwood changes into Reservoir Road and then into Ocean Ave. Make a left on James Street and follow to Bluff Point Road and make a right. Northport Yacht Club is on the left.

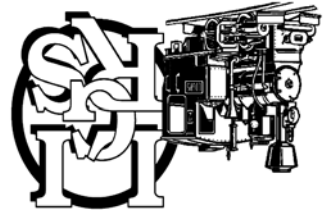
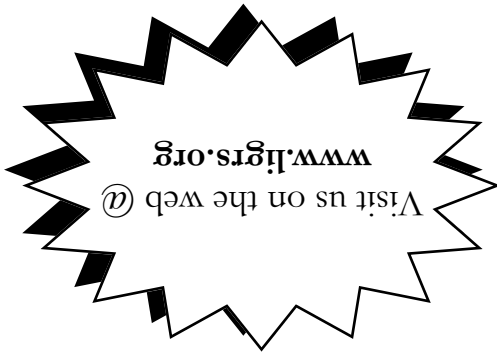
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**REMINDER:**

A link to our Proxy Form can be found on the home page of our website, [LIGRS.org](http://LIGRS.org). If you are unable to attend any monthly meeting, please be sure to fill one out and give to our president or a BOD member to ensure a quorum so that an official business meeting may be held.

See our distribution policy on the home page of [LIGRS.org](http://LIGRS.org)

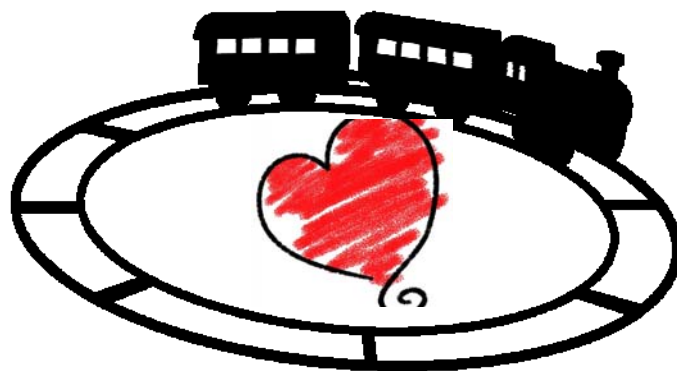


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**Happy Valentines Day!**