

February 2020

Monthly Meeting and  
Annual Auction  
Saturday, February 22, 2020  
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 9 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)

## Thanks to all of Our Indoor Holiday Display Volunteers

Cradle			Clark	Sayville
William Arndt	Betty Engle	John Pizzulli	Bob Sewall	Betty Engle
Edward Assaf	Georgiana Gaherty	Walter Poppe	Danny Saporito	Danny Saporito
Richard Bishop	Steve Gaherty	Barbara Poppe	Edward Rusch	Eileen Guarino
Paul Bonney	Jay Geyer	Matthew Poppe	Frank Clemente	Frank Clemente
Elizabeth Bonney	Paul Giorrdano	Thomas Rizzo	Jack Lane	Jane Isaacs
Matthew Bonney	Nick Guarino	Edward Rusch	Jane Isaacs	Jay Geyer
Debbie Brutsch	Ralph Isaacs	Pat Russo	Karl Wagner	Karl Wagner
Louis Caputzal	Jane Isaacs	Danny Saporito	Kathleen Kmeth	Louis Caputzal
Frank Clemente	Michael Kmeth	Bob Sewall	Michael Kmeth	Nick Guarino
Geraldine Coney	Kathleen Kmeth	Louise Sewall	Nick Guarino	Ralph Isaacs
Louis Cortese	Bruce Kropp	Ray Shelton	Ralph Isaacs	Ray Shelton
Susan Cortese	Jack Lane	George Stamatides		Roger Bossert
Matthew Crehan	Joseph Luginsland	David Tulumello		Steve Gaherty
		Karl Wagner		
		Eileen Wagner		

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Date	Program/Notes	Time	Place
Mar. 7, 2020 Setup 8:30 AM	Table Top Display Scout Show	11:00 AM-3:30 PM	Westbury United Methodist Church
Mar. 14, 2020 snow date 3/21	Modular Display Setup 8:30 AM	10:00 AM—3:30 PM	Bethpage HS
Mar. 21, 2020 <b>SATURDAY NEW DATE</b>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Northport Yacht Club
April 25-26, 2020 Setup 24th at 8:30 AM	Arbor Day Ground Display	9:00 AM-5:00 PM	Planting Fields Arboretum
May 2, 2020	BOD Meeting	10:00 AM	Tom Rizzo
May 12, 2020	Work Day	9:30 AM	RMLI Riverhead
May 17, 2020	Monthly Meeting Indoors	11:00 AM	Dino & Kornelia Zilic
June 6-7, 2020	Setup	TBA	Bayard Cutting Arboretum
June 28, 2020	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Paul & Elizabeth Bonney & Matthew (Jr Mbr).
July 19, 2020	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Geri Coney & Bill Arndt
August 4, 2020	Work Day	9:30 AM	RMLI at Riverhead
August 22, 2020 <b>SATURDAY</b>	Club Picnic	11:00 AM	Long Island Live Steamers
August, 2020 TBA	Railfest	10:00 AM-4:00 PM	RMLI at Riverhead
Sept. 20, 2020	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Ed & Debra Assaf
Oct. 10, 2020 <b>SATURDAY</b>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Mike & Kathleen Kmeth

## View From The Cab



I can't believe January is gone and February is here. You know what this means? It's Auction time of the year. So far it looks like we are going to have a busy year with public displays, so please look at the calendar of events posted in this and future Smoke n; Cinders. As of this writing we do not have confirmation of the Boy Scout show in Westbury, or of Planting Fields. We are doing Bayard Cutting on June 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> this could also run into the evening as Bayard has events planned in the evening. I believe this is a Saturday run day. Our Board of Directors (BOD) approved doing Mount Sinai Yacht Club (MSYC) with no date chosen as yet, most likely in July. This is a table top display. Hopefully we will have these dates to publish in the March Smoke n' Cinders (SnC).

At our January meeting, member Steve Gittleman told those present about his Railroad Operating Sessions. His railroad has 5 operating sessions per year on his approximately 2,000 foot long railroad. Running trains on his system includes trains climbing a 3% grade and going over a helix. The train consists of 20 ore cars filled with stone. They are pulled by 4 locomotives and 1 pusher. This reminds me of a train Kathleen and I saw in Stevenson, Washington along the Columbia River. We were walking to town as a freight train approach the grade crossing. We had to wait until the train passed and what train it was! Pulled by two enormous engines, about mid train there were two more engines and after 126 cars there were again two more engines pushing at the end of the consist. Steve's railroad is operated with manual block rule with train dispatch. I believe he said radio communication was used due to the large distance over which trains are operating. Engines are battery powered using AirWire remote control. There is no responsibility for any damage that occurs during operation.



Any member interested in participating in one of the Operating Sessions please contact Steve at [steve@mktginc.com](mailto:steve@mktginc.com). For those that cannot be at Steve's operating session, he is scheduled to host a meeting this year (date and tie has not been finalized). Again keep an eye on the SnC calendar of events.

There were two other issues mentioned at the January meeting that I believe has to be mentioned here again. First, when members attend our public displays they should have on at least one article of clothing or an official club ID pin which will distinguish them as club members and not part of the general public! Second, is to get out and talk to the public. So many times a large percentage of members sit behind the layouts. This is most important at outdoor displays to get out with the public. We need help watching for little hands which seem to want to "pet" the trains as they go by. To those that do go out and talk, I thank you for doing a great job. One observation I made, one of our junior members is out talking to the public the moment he shows up. He loves the trains, and shows that enthusiasm when talking with the public.

Once again, our February meeting is also our great auction day. So bring trains and more importantly money to buy trains. See you all at the February meeting.

Mike Kmeth

### 2020 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:

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## LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY INC. MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING JANUARY 19, 2020

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 freedom.

President Mike Kmeth asked that the meeting be opened @ 12 noon. A motion was made by, Georgiana Gaherty and seconded by Bill Arndt to open the meeting. We had 25 members present, 16 proxies. We have a quorum.

Welcome to our January meeting at the Northport Yacht Club. Congratulations to all Club Board members who were voted in unanimously Steve Gaherty, Bob Sewall, Tom Rizzo, Lou Cortese and Pat Russo.

President Mike then asked for a motion to forego the reading of the November 10, 2019 meeting minutes. Lou Cortese made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Bill Arndt. The motion passed.

**President Mike Kmeth** ask that club members remember to try and wear Club Clothing at all events such as Name tags, Shirts or Hats so people know who the members are at these events.

**Track expense:** President Mike explained our track purchase: This past year the club built new yard modules. All the wood was donated by member Lou Cortese. For this we felt it was important to purchase new track instead of using all small pieces of old track, some from the outdoor layouts we do. So the club purchased new LGB track on e-bay. We also priced it from different hobby stores and found eBay was the best price. As you may know e-bay has a buy it now option, which we used. The total price was \$706.71. This was above the BOD expense limit. As we had no meeting to ask the General membership for approval, we felt the price savings justified the purchase. Frank Clement was asked to do the purchase and has been paid through the club \$500 as allowed by the BOD. We need the general Club Membership to approve the rest of the expense of \$206.71 to be paid back to Frank Clement. The membership was asked for a show of hands to approve the payment to Frank Clemente. It was approved

**Treasurers' report** - Bob Sewall read the Highlights of the Annual Report of Directors for the 12 month fiscal period ending September 30 2019. Bob also gave the First Quarter 10/1/19 thru 12/31/19 for fiscal year 2019-2020 Starting balance \$9,247.37 ending balance \$9,833.90. Should anyone have any questions about the club finances please contact Bob and he will be happy to answer any questions you have.

Bob explained our latest raffles, two at Clark and one at COA that our combined gross receipts were \$1,160.00. The winner was from Clark.

**Membership report** was given by Tom Rizzo. No new members this month. We still have a few members that have not renewed for this year. Please send your dues to Tom Rizzo by January 31, 2020 or as per our By-laws your name will be dropped from the roster.

**Program Directors report** – Nick Guarino stated that all of this year's open house meetings have been filled. Next month's meeting is here at the NPYC on Saturday February 22 our yearly Auction. Nick stated we received corporate passes from Planting Field Arboretum for 2 adults and 4 children and Parking. Any club member can use them. Please call Nick if you wish to use them.

**Bob Russo Memorial Fund** – Dan Saporito stated we have enough pledges for the tree and Bench we just need maybe a few more dollars for the plaque depending on what is picked out. Please send your Pledge money to Dan now.

### Show and Event Reviews:

Daisy Garden – Nick Guarino stated it went very well. We received a \$400 donation check from Daisy Garden. Dan Saporito sent a thank you already.

Sayville Historical - Dan Saporito noted all went well. We had about 11 members show up for the set up and almost as many for the take down. Thank to all who helped. On behalf of LIGRS Dan Saporito sent thank you letters to Sal's Pizza for the donation of pizzas for the Sayville set up crew and a thank you was sent to Patrick Calabrese for use of his backdrop at Sayville. A thank you letter will be going out to Sayville Historical society for their generous donation. We are looking forward to the event in 2021. Bob Sewall noted they sent us a \$100 dollar donation. Karl Wagner to write Thank you letter

Christmas Brunch – Nick Guarino stated that all went well. The board heard good things from the membership. We had 42 adults and 1 child Snapper Inn did not charge for Pat Russo or the child. This year's Brunch we a trying for December 6

Clark Botanic Garden – Winter Wonderland. Karl Wagner Table Top – the weekend attendance was good as Clark had events planned for both Saturday and Sunday. The other days with no events planned the attendance very poor (3 days 22 total). Next year the BOD recommends we only do the weekend unless they have events planned for during the week. We also need a few more people as most days we only had 3 people and 4 to 5 would be ideal

Cradle of Aviation – Ed Assaf noted we ran trains for 15 days and basically had no problems. Everyone enjoyed the run days. Only issue was we had the same one or two people show up each morning at 9 am to start everything going. We really could use some more membership participation. The rest of the day we usually had enough members. This year the dates are Dec 21 set up and take down Jan 4, 2021 (continued on next page)





# From the Secretary January Meeting Minutes cont.



## Upcoming Public Shows:

Scout show – This is a table top display. We do not have a confirmed date. We believe it will be March 7 It is at the United Methodist Church, 265 Asbury Ave, Westbury Look for more info in Smoke n Ciders and at next month's meeting

Bethpage Show - This is a modular show for March 14 Set up is @ 8:30 AM The show starts 11 AM to about 3 or 4PM

Planting Fields for Arbor Day- The dates for the outdoor ground display are April 25 & 26 set up April 24 @ 8:30 AM

Bayard Cutting Arboretum – Mike noted we have a tentative display date for an outdoor show on June 6&7 Set up TBA

**Photo Contest** – Congratulations to Mike Kmeth for being the overall winner selected at our Christmas brunch for last year's best photo. Mike will receive 2 free tickets to our 2020 picnic. Congratulations to Eileen Wagner for this month's winning photo of her grandson Jake watching the trains at Daisy Garden. As information this year's winner will receive a \$25 gift card and the winning picture will be on the club roster. A link to the rules is on the LIGRS Home page. Please remember to take pictures and send your best picture to Louise Sewall.



**Club Resource Librarian** – The list of books, videos and plans are on the club website. Please call or e-mail to Nick Guarino if you see something you would like to borrow from our collection. Nick can bring them to the next meeting for you. Those members that have books please remember to return them.

**Club Merchandise** – Please see Georgiana & Steve Gaherty as they have club items for sale, shirts, jackets, hats, coffee mugs & DVDs

**Chic Chat Corner** – We had no article for last month. Remember ladies you can write about anything. So ladies just send something to Louise Sewall for the Chic Chat Corner.

**Aluminum Can Tabs** – Please see Eileen & Karl Wagner This helps fund the Ronald McDonald House for Children needing surgery and their families. Please check them with a magnet as only Aluminum tabs are used, NOT STEEL

## New Business:

**Club Anniversary for 2021 (30 Years).** We would like 2 members to work with 3 of our BOD for ideas for our 30 Anniversary. It could be one thing or many things. Our 3 BOD members are Pat Russo, Lou Cortese and Karl Wagner. Our past two big anniversaries for 20 and 25 years were club cars and the Essex dinner train. So do we have any volunteers?. No one Volunteered so Mike asked that if you want just contact the BOD

Work day for making roadbed for our ground display was tentatively set for March 14 but as we are doing the Beth-

page HS show we will have to pick another date. More info to follow next month.

Work days for Riverhead are tentatively planned for Tuesday May 12 @ 9:30 and Tuesday August 4 @ 9:30we need member help for both of these days.

As Information The East Coast Large Scale Train Show will be in Timonium Maryland Friday March 13 @ 9am till 5pm and Saturday March14 @ 9am till 4pm There is NO SHOW AT YORK PA

Dan Saporito is giving up his module drive-in to any member who wants it. Please give him a call and he will explain it all.

Next month starts our Summer Picnic Raffle for a \$200 gift card. Bring your money and see Bob Sewall.

If you're thinking of taking a rail trip see Bob Sewall as he has some literature on these trips. There are some coming up in May and June.

50/50 drawing was won by Dan Saporito \$13 for Dan and \$13 for the club. Dan donated his share back to the club Thank you Dan.

A module work day is set for April 18 at Dan Saporito's house @ 10 AM

Member Steve Gittelman stated he runs operating sessions on his layout and explained it. Tom Rizzo will send out an email with a short explanation of how it all works.

**REMINDER the next meeting is the club Auction set for Saturday February 22 @ the Northport Yacht Club. Meeting starts at 12 noon with the auction immediately after that. We need volunteers to help with the auction. Please contact Bob or Louise Sewall if you want to assist.**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Karl Wagner

Secretary





## From the Secretary BOD Meeting Minutes

### LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY, Inc. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING JANUARY 10, 2020

Meeting was held at Lou Cortese's house.

Attendance: President Mike Kmeth, Vice President Steve Gaherty, 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

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

President Mike Kmeth asked for a motion to forgo the reading and approve the minutes of the September 6, 2019 BOD. Pat Russo made a motion to accept as is, seconded by Lou Cortese. BOD approved.

**Treasurer's Report** – was given by Bob Sewall. Bob passed out several sheets to the BOD to support our "Annual Report of Directors" which was approved by the BOD. First quarter 2019-2020 Starting balance \$9,247.37 ending balance \$9,833.90. We are looking very good. E-card Tax filing was done in Jan. online. Bob Sewall also noted that the Petty Cash Voucher is working well. Bob noted some recent extraordinary expenses such as Badges \$502.14(90 regular & 10 Golden) Track purchase paid so far \$500.00 Green Trailer tires \$250.00 some anticipated future expenses Red Trailer tires \$250.00 Balance on track purchase \$206.71 and Club contribution to the Robert Russo Memorial Fund \$500.00

**Club Raffles** – Bob Sewall noted we did very well with the Clark Botanic Garden's (2 events Sept & Dec \$645.00) and Cradle of Aviation (\$515.00) as one Raffle. Replacement train estimated to be between \$200 and \$250

**Picnic Raffle**- a suggestion was to do a gift card this year as it may appeal to more people, motion by Pat Russo for a \$200 gift card(Visa) seconded by Bruce Kropp approved by the BOD

**JELSMAGraphics** – (our clothing supplier) Bob noted he had been having some issues of not receiving all the invoices of orders that were placed. This has been reviewed with Georgiana and the invoices have finally been paid. Hopefully they will now send all invoices to Bob Sewall.

**JLSRR** – LIGRS Web page – email was sent by Bob Sewall to Jonathan Landon ( a former member) requesting him to remove the LIGRS link from his web page as it is very old. Karl Wagner to follow up with a formal letter.

**Club Insurance** – Bob Sewall gave Karl Wagner the updated insurance papers for this year.

**Membership Report** - Tom Rizzo individual 56 Family 24

Life 6 Honorary 6 Total Households 80 Junior 6 Total membership 97 A total of 27 members have not renewed membership as of this date.

Discussion for a new membership laptop was tabled till next BOD

**Review of Shows & Events:** Discussions held on each topic.

**Christmas Party** – Nick Guarino stated that all went well. The board heard good things from the membership. We had 42 adults and 1 child. Snapper Inn did not charge for Pat Russo or the child. Income \$2,241.00 expense \$2,224.87 net \$16.13. This year's Brunch we are looking at December 6

**Sayville Historical** – Nick Guarino stated this went well. We had good club support from the membership for set up, take down and run date. We did receive a donation. We are hoping to do this again next year.

**Clark Botanic Garden** – Attendance was down the first day due to heavy rains. The second day was well attended, the rest of the days not very well as Clark had no events planned. The BOD recommends we run only on their event days this year.

**Daisy Garden Nursery** – Nick, Dan and Frank set this up. People enjoyed the display. We did receive a donation. We are hoping to do this again next year.

**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. 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.

**Upcoming Shows and Events:**

**Scout Tabletop Display** – March 2

**Bethpage** – TBA

**Planting Fields** – Tentative Set up April 23 @ 9 AM Tentative show April 25 & 26 Time 11 AM – 4 PM As this is our largest outdoor display we need a lot of members to come out and help.

**Picnic LILS** –TBA

**Modular Group Green Trailer** – 2020 Registration and inspection have been completed, new tires installed and ownership and registration to Bruce Kropp.

**Ground Display's Red Trailer** – Title transferred to LIGRS, original papers to Karl Wagner, 2020 registration to Mike Kmeth. Awaiting for new tire installation and then 2020 inspection.

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## From the Secretary BOD Meeting Minutes cont.

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

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

**DVDs** – We have very few left

### **New Business:**

**Anniversary for 2021 (30 years)** - BOD committee volunteers are Pat Russo, Lou Cortese and Karl Wagner. We will ask the general membership for 2 more people.

**Riverhead clean up** - Dates are tentatively scheduled for May 12 @ 9:30AM rain date May 19 and second clean up date is August 4 @ 9:30AM

**Planting Fields** – Nick Guarino explained we received a letter with complimentary tickets to their events for our members to use. They may be used over again. Nick will hold them and if a member wants to use them, please

contact Nick. They are first come first serve.

**Overnight trips** – Bob Sewall spoke about an AMTRAK 3 day trip to Montreal.

The BOD will ask Ed Assaf to contact the Cradle of Aviation if we could keep the Green trailer on their property (currently stored at member Dan Saporito's house). Karl Wagner will ask Clark Botanic Garden about keeping the Red Trailer on their property (currently stored @ RRMLI)

Next Board meeting will be May 2 @ Tom Rizzo's house, 10:00 AM

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

Meeting ended at 3:02 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Karl Wagner

Secretary



## Raffle Winner at the Cradle of Aviation Museum



We have the winner of our last raffle of 2019. Drawing was held at the Cradle of Aviation on 1/1/2020. The winner was Stephanie Franco of Oceanside. She really purchased the ticket in September at Clark Botanic Garden for her 3 1/2 year old son Donovan Henry. Donovan and mom were not available for a picture when the set was delivered. She chose the Piko Starter Set as their prize. Have fun with your new train set Donovan.

## Robert Russo Memorial

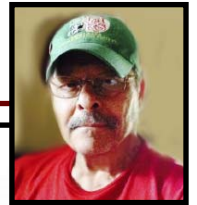
Checks are currently being collected for the Robert Russo Memorial, we are hoping to still raise funding to cover the ground plaque, anyone interested, please make check payable to **Long Island Garden Railway Society, Inc.** and mail to **Dan Saporito 104 Sheffield Ave. West Babylon, NY 11704**

Any amount over will help provide refreshments at the Memorial Service in May, date to be announced.

Thank you. Dan Saporito



## Tom's What the Heck Puzzle (Solution on page 10)



## Monthly Photo Contest Winner



This month's winning photo, Work Engine at Freight Station, was taken by Bob Sewall of the modular layout at the Cradle of Aviation Museum



## Auction Rules



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



## Modular Group Request from Danny Saporito

Hi Folks, Our Drive-in was created by Tom Rizzo and has been operating on the Modular setups since 2009, Tom passed it to me in 2010. A larger screen was added in 2011 along with the playground and food concession stand with help from Loretta Olenick. Nick Guarino has been helping me with setup and take down since 2012. It's now time for a new owner with fresh ideas and since I'm often away and plan to be away next Christmas visiting my family, I realize it is time to pass it on. If anyone is interested, Please email [dansaporito@outlook.com](mailto:dansaporito@outlook.com)



## Chic Chat Corner



I have to share these photos and story description with all those who were unable to attend our club's modular group's annual Christmas Display at the Cradle of Aviation this past holiday season.

It was so exciting to see the addition that members have been working on this past year. As you can see, a sizable yard with multiple tracks for setting up consists is now a reality. And what a time save for those running trains this time.

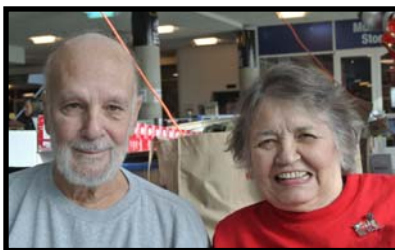
In addition, Tom Rizzo constructed a partial transfer section. This operates like a turntable for placing cars on different storage tracks and bringing them out again to change out those that are running on the main tracks. Although Tom would like to see some additional changes to his workmanship I was very impressed with the result of his and the other members' craftsmanship.

Thanks so much guys.

Louise Sewall



## Member Profiles



### Jay Geyer and Betty Engle Member Profile

Betty is a docent at the Cradle of Aviation. She had become acquainted with LIGRS through our yearly Christmas modular set up. She and Jay are both interested in several scales of trains. In fact, most years they remove all of the furniture from their living room and set up a huge layout for Christmas on the floor. This also includes a model of the Disney Monorail and trolleys. They have even expanded it partially into their den. I understand it is quite noisy. Whenever asked what they want for Christmas they tell people to give them G scale buildings.

From following our club on Facebook and the Web they discovered our annual Auction meetings in February and came last year. They were delighted to discover such a friendly group and decided to join.

Betty was sharing that when she was a child they had a Christmas train set however, only her brother was permitted to play with it. She was told that trains were for boys only. Another female member of the club shared a similar experience in her childhood. So of course they both now have trains of their own!

We are very glad to welcome them as members.

## Solution to What the Heck Puzzle



An early Pennsylvania Railroad ballast cleaning train, photographed somewhere on the New York division in 1933. These trains had to move slowly, but precisely, and could not be spotted by a locomotive, so the locomotive and tender ran up ahead of the parked train, paying out a cable attached to the reel on the near end of the first car. The locomotive then stopped, acting as an anchor, while the train was gradually drawn forward by the electrically-powered reel.



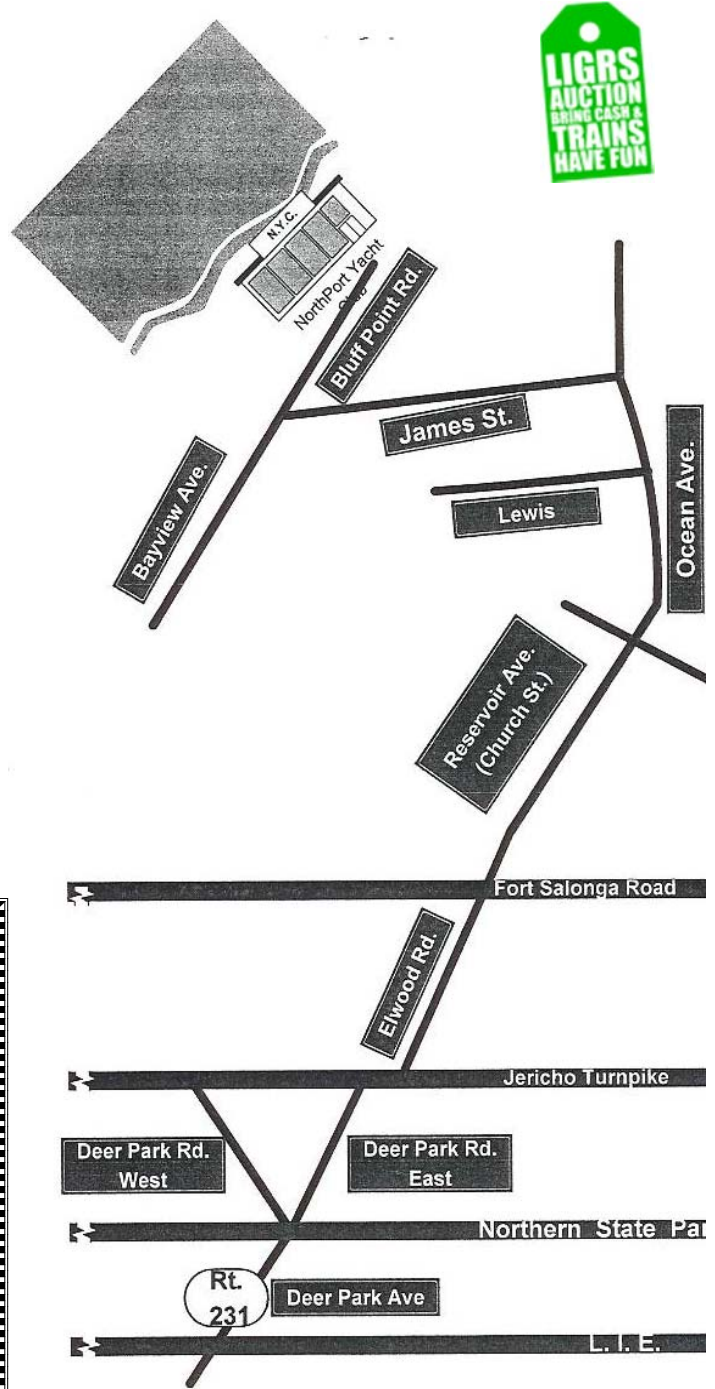
**Directions to the Northport Yacht Club**  
**Monthly Meeting & Annual Auction**  
**Saturday, February 22, 2020**



**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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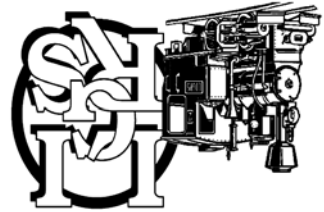


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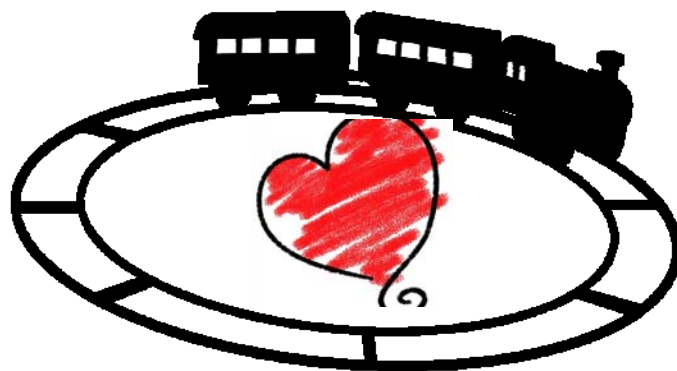


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**Happy Valentines Day!**