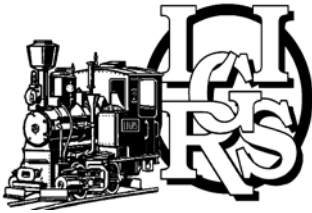


January, 2021

Monthly Meeting  
**SATURDAY, January 16, 2021**

11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.  
Zoom Invites will be sent

zoom



## Zilic Family Awarded a Certificate of Appreciation

President Mike Kmeth presenting certificate of appreciation to Dino, Kornelia and family.

The Board voted early in 2020 to give them this certificate at our club meeting on May 15 at their home, but it was cancelled due to the virus.

The certificate was given to them at their home Dec. 6, 2020



## 2020 Photo Contest Winner



All members were asked to vote electronically for the overall 2020 contest winner. The winning photo was taken by Frank Clemente on his High-view, Overlook & Western RR

As a prize he will be receiving \$25. This photo will also be featured on the cover of the LIGRS 2021 Roster.

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## 2021 LIGRS Meetings & Events Schedule

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<b>Video Librarian</b>	Nick Guarino	(631) 595-2062
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Date	Program/Notes	Time	Place
Jan. 2-3, 2021 Jan. 4 take down at 9am	Modular Display	9:30 AM to 5:00 PM	Cradle of Aviation
Jan. 9, 2021	BOD Meeting	10:00 AM	COA 3rd floor conf. room. Sign in as Volunteer
Jan. 16, 2021 <b>SATURDAY</b>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	ZOOM
Feb., 2021	Monthly Meeting.	11:00 AM	TBA
Mar. 21, 2021	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	TBA

### We still need your proxy forms even for Zoom meetings

In order to conduct official club business such as the nomination & election of officers, the club needs a quorum of 35 members to conduct such business. A completed proxy enables you to participate in voting on club business without being present at the meeting, but still be included towards the required quorum by authorizing another member in good standing to vote your position. This member could be your spouse, another member, a Director at Large or other officer who is willing to cast your vote as instructed on your behalf as though you were present via a completed proxy in their physical possession. This will ensure that there is a proper representation of the membership deciding club business at the meeting. Proxy form may be downloaded from our LIGRS website

## Annual LIGRS February Auction at Northport Yacht Club



Our Board of Directors is currently investigating moving the auction to another month this year. Possibly a different indoor or outdoor location. Stay turned for upcoming announcements.

## View From The Cab



A Happy, Healthy New Year to all our members, their families and friends of LIGRS.

This past week our club has been running trains at the Cradle. This year's layout is a little smaller than previous years' but looks great. A big hand for those that helped with the setup. Membership turnout has been light, 6 to 11 members showed up each day. Even with the light member turnout we have had plenty of trains running. There has not been a single time that no train was running on both tracks, plus a 15 ft. back and forth. We even had two junior members show on two different days to run their trains.

We have a BoD meeting scheduled for Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>. This will be an in-person meeting at the Cradle. They have a beautiful huge Board room and we can use it.

We are also looking into possibly holding in-person monthly meetings at the Cradle. After the January 9<sup>th</sup> BoD meeting I'll be able to give club membership more information on meetings for Feb. thru April. The monthly meeting for January 16<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00am will be a Zoom meeting. The May thru Oct. Meetings will be held at members' homes. All months are booked already!

Another item the club is exploring is having another modular show at the Cradle this spring. They (Cradle) are interested in having us back again. As of now we have no other public shows scheduled. We have been informed that there **will not** be Westbury Boy Scout, Bethpage PTA, or Planting Fields shows this year. I'll keep you posted. There are a few other items in the wind and if they fall into place you will be informed.

A group of clubs on the West Coast are trying to setup an eNewsletter. I have been in touch with them. They are currently asking our club if someone would be interested in participating in a formation committee. If no one on the board wants to help then I'll put out a request to the membership. Another item they need

help with is clubs in NYS & NJ if they are still active. Below is a list of clubs in NYS & NJ. If anyone has information on these clubs please get back to me.

Garden Railroaders of Northern NJ,  
Pocono Mountain Garden Railway Society,  
South Jersey Garden Railway Society,  
Central NY Large-Scale Railway Society,  
Genesee G Gauge Railway Society,  
Hudson Valley Large Scale Railroad Club,  
Southern Tier garden Railway Society,  
Westchester Garden Railway Society,  
Finger Lakes Live Steamer Society.

Membership dues are due for the 2021 season. Please send your membership checks to Tom Rizzo.

**Any current member's check that is not post-marked by January 31, 2021 will be dropped from the roster!** As of Jan. 2, 2021 15 or more members still have not renewed their membership. If you love the club and want to keep going, please renew as soon as possible. As you can see we do not have any shows scheduled for 2021 therefore we do not have income from donation cans or our train raffle so dues are very important this year. Thank you BoD.



I would like all members to look over their information as listed in the roster. For example, home address, telephone etc. Some members do not use or have a home phone as they now use a cell phone. If you find something is no longer correct please let tom know before the new roster is released on or about February 1<sup>st</sup>.

God bless and please stay safe.

Mike Kmeth



Please remember don't forget to begin taking winter photos for entry into the 2021 photo contest.





## Moynihan Train Hall



The Moynihan Train Hall will be the future home of Amtrak in New York City. Scheduled to be opened January 1, 2021 it is billed as “A new, modern experience for the busiest train station in the Western Hemisphere.”

The Moynihan Train Hall is located directly across from New York Penn Station at 8th Avenue in the historic James A. Farley Post Office Building.

To better serve Amtrak intercity customers and commuter rail passengers, Amtrak, in partnership with Empire State Development (State of New York), is expanding its passenger services into the new Moynihan Train Hall to improve passenger comfort and security.

### Enhanced customer amenities include:

- A grand and spacious train hall featuring a sky lit atrium
- Dedicated customer waiting areas
- A combined ticketing and baggage area
- Improved passenger comfort and security
- Accessibility for customers with disabilities
- Complimentary WiFi in all customer spaces

Dedicated lactation lounge for nursing mothers

### New Metropolitan Lounge

The Moynihan Train Hall will include a Metropolitan Lounge (formerly ClubAcela), a premium lounge space providing travelers with a high-quality experience, including:

- Priority boarding
- Expanded food and beverage offerings
- Family waiting area
- Dedicated customer service agents
- Private restrooms
- Complimentary WiFi

Go to the link below for FAQ and fly-through animation display of the expected amenities.

<https://www.amtrak.com/moynihan-train-hall>

And to this link for a CBS, 7 minute report after opening day. <https://www.cbsnews.com/video/inside-nycs-ornate-new-penn-station-train-hall/#x>

# Solution to What the Heck Puzzle



A weird subway entrance, looking like a train bursting through the sidewalk from below, is located in Frankfort. Architect Zbigniew Peter Pininski reported he felt inspired by surrealist René Magritte.

## Cradle of Aviation Display



Bill Arndt	Lou Caputzal	Kathleen Kmeth
Edward Assaf	Frank Clemente	Bruce Kropp
Richard Bishop	Gari Coney	Anthony Marino
Paul Bonney	Louie Cortese	Danny Saporito
Elizabeth Bonney	Matthew Crehan	Bob Sewall
Matthew Bonney	Steve Gaherty	Louise Sewall
Roger Bossert	Nick Guarino	Ray Shelton
Debbie Brutsch	Michael Kmeth	George Stamataides
		Karl Wagner

And many thanks to our Cradle of Aviation volunteers.



## January's Photo Contest Winner

The first winning photo for the new year by Louise Sewall whose photo "Bike Tour By The Tracks" was taken on the Bonney's layout the "Strong Island Railroad" during our club meeting hosted by them as first time hosts.



## Links to This Year's Cradle Of Aviation Videos

Member Anthony Marino used his GoPro to produce videos of some of the vignettes and trains running at the COA modular display. These links are also posted on our website. Look in the Member Info tab under Members' Layouts.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q9XlwfZxTrk&feature=youtu.be>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l8hxgT1Yw5w&feature=youtu.be>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CzkXdCyo3Qg&feature=youtu.be>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sn\\_VjWE8K8E&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sn_VjWE8K8E&feature=youtu.be)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EjggKge9RuU&feature=youtu.be>

## Thank You for Your Generosity



12/15/20  
Dear Ed + Members of the  
Long Island Gravel Railway Society,  
We at Grace Methodist Church want  
to thank you so very much for your  
extremely generous food & monetary  
donation. Our members so appreciate  
your ongoing donations year after year.  
This year is especially important  
due to the pandemic and all the  
tragedy and unemployment it has  
caused!  
May God bless you all.  
Warm Regards,  
Lynn Sgro, Co-Chair Food Pantry

We received this thank you note from the pantry of the Grace United Methodist Church. It was in response to our food and cash donations which were collected at our November meeting and hand delivered by Ed Assaf. We make this appeal for donations every year in memory of departed member Doug Smith.

## Chic Chat Corner

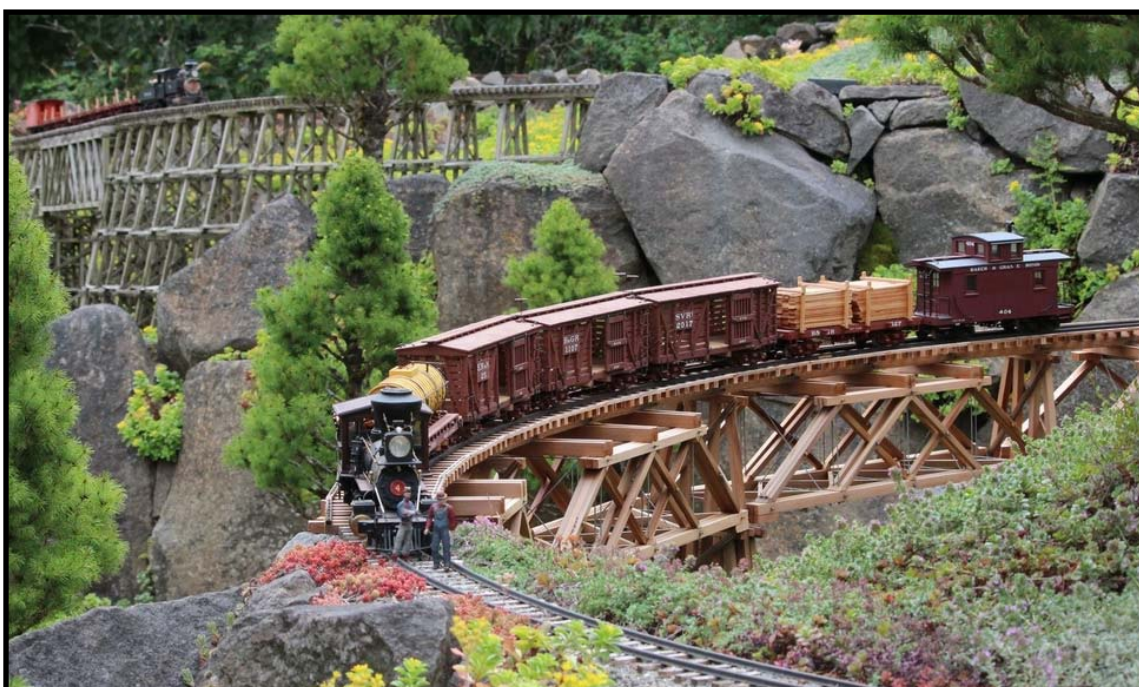


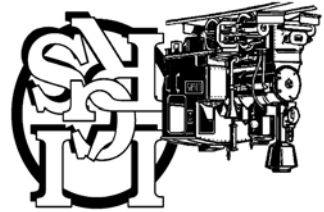
I am still enjoying the photos and videos posted on the GRNews Facebook page.

This new one was posted by Gary Lee from Oregon. "The engineer and fireman pose in front of #4 on a newly completed 4-span viaduct near Windy Point Junction on the Baker & Grande Ronde Railroad."

How inspiring!

Louise Sewall





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**There are far, far better things ahead than any we leave behind  
C.S. Lewis**



**Happy and Safe 2021!**