

January 2022

**Next Monthly Meeting on
SUNDAY January 16, 2022
11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
First meeting of the New Year
Location COA**



Annual LIGRS February Auction

Start off the new year by coming down to the **Saturday Feb. 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 ex-

cess trains into cash.

For our train challenged members, clean out that bank account and watch the auction team transform those greenbacks 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.

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..

2021 Annual Photo Contest Winner



All members were asked to vote for their choice of the 2021 contest winner. The winning photo was taken by Sue Cortese

This photo will also be featured on the cover of the LIGRS 2022 Roster.

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2022 LIGRS Meetings & Events Schedule

Date	Program/Notes	Time	Place
Jan. 8, 2022 SATURDAY	BOD	11:00 AM	COA
Jan. 16, 2022	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	COA
Feb. 19, 2022 DATE CHANGE SATURDAY	Monthly Meeting and Auction	11:00 AM	TBA
March 20, 2022	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	TBA
May, 21, 2022 SATURDAY	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Anthony Bliss
June 18, 2022 SATURDAY	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Geri Coney & Bill Arndt
July 16, 2022 SATURDAY	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Jay & Betty Geyer
Sept 17, 2022 SATURDAY	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Mike & Kathleen Kmeth
Oct. 15, 2022 SATURDAY	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Paul & Elizabeth Bonney

What is a Proxy and why is it necessary?

In order to conduct official club business such as the nomination & election of officers, the club needs a quorum 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 or taken from page 10 of this newsletter.

View From The Cab



Closing out 2021 for the club has been an adventure for those helping to setup and run trains at both Old Bethpage Village and at the Cradle of Aviation at approximately the same time. The only difference was that the Cradle display was daytime running and Old Bethpage was evenings. We ran two fantastic nights at old Bethpage and then were closed down because some employees tested positive. Turnout was great for the very short run. I was working the raffle table. Attendees were waiting in line to buy tickets. In those two days we did great.

At the Cradle we usually start our setup at 9:00am; but no, we could not get in this year until 12:00 noon. We were originally to run until January 2nd but we had to close early. We had to be out by the 30th of Dec. This was because the Cradle had another event, more influential than us running trains.

So we planned on take down at 9:00am on the 30th. Well the county decided to give out free test kits for the virus at 9:00am across from the Cradle. The backup of cars was unreal. Take down crew members were calling each other from their cars trying to find a way in. Whatever entrance you tried was the same story. Some went home. I don't blame them. County planning was not prepared for this turn out! By 11:00am all that could get in were present. Our trailer pulled out of the parking lot by 1:40 pm. Some club members couldn't get in for a number of reasons, so other club members helped take their buildings, equipment etc. home for them.

Member turn out at the Cradle was good. The New Lift Bridge showed a lot of interest. There are a few bugs that still have to be engineered out. But that is to be expected with any engineering project of this magnitude.

January 4th, our Old Bethpage crew went back to break down and retrieve their trains. We had to leave our trains there because Old Bethpage Village had been closed.

I would like to thank all members that came out to help setup and take down both Old Bethpage Village and the Cradle of Aviation. Your time and effort are much appreciated. Also a big thanks to all members that came to run trains and interact with attendees at these two shows.



"Interactive trains with younger attendees", a short story.

One day recently at the Cradle I noticed two young boys watching our trains. They were so attentive and behaved so I walked over to them and talked with their mother who was with them. I asked if the boys could help me blow the steam whistle. She said yes. Christopher was 8, Dannell 6. I told them when the train comes around you can help me blow the train whistle. I held the controller and told Christopher to press number 2 on the bottom. Lo and behold the engine whistle was blowing. I repeated for Dannell. The next day guess who was back at the trains. You guess it. Christopher and Dannell. Again I went over to them. Their mom told me that the boys couldn't wait to come back. All they were talking about was that train whistle and that they made it blow. I told them and their mom sorry I didn't have my trains today. All were disappointed. Next, now the third day the boys were back. This time I had my trains and again let them blow the whistle. By the way, they have season passes to the Cradle. They weren't going to be there on the fourth day, they were going to N.J.

What I am trying to get at is this. We need to make our modules and possibly our ground display interactive with kids if we have any chance of enticing them to love trains. We have to show them that there are other buttons to push that can be fun besides their phones.

I am working on a module and planning to make it interactive. Hoping it will work. Only time will tell.

Check this issue and future issues of Smoke n' Cinders calendars for updates on club events.

Wishing a Healthy and Happy New Year to all.

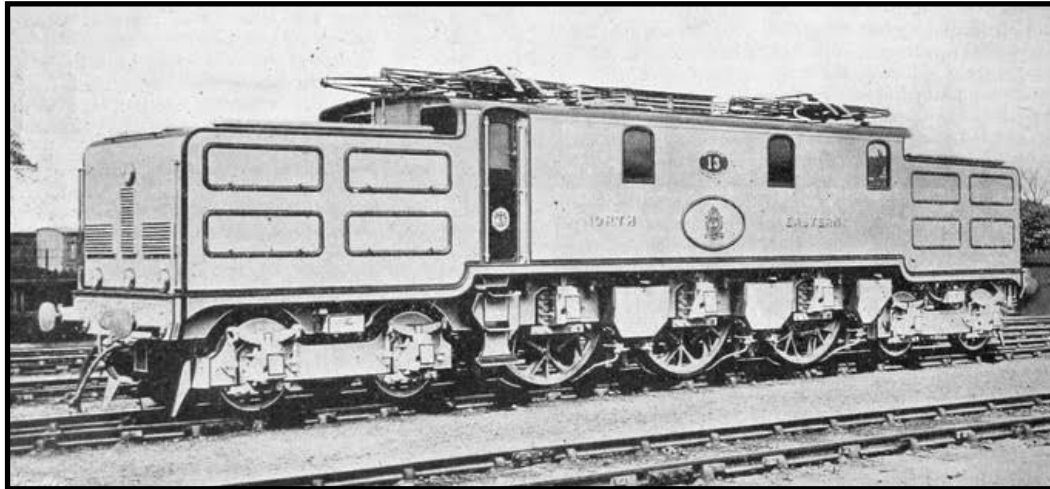
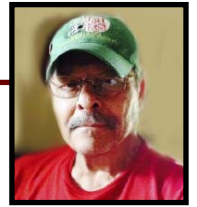
See you all at our January meeting!

God bless and please stay safe,

Mike Kmeth



Tom's What the Heck Puzzle (solution on page 6)



Old Bethpage Village Restoration

Where history comes alive!



Old Bethpage Village Restoration Christmas Table Top Display

Although the number of display days was cut short due to a COVID exposure among the museum staff our display was enjoyed by all who came. Photos were captured from some videos taken by Anthony Marino. Check the following link to get a better idea of the layout setup.

<https://www.facebook.com/anthony.marino.1654/videos/261747542615638/>



More photos on page 5

Christmas Display at Old Bethpage Village Restoration



Similar to our modular display at the Cradle of Aviation Museum, this table top layout consisted of tracks assembled on a number of connected tables, in a rectangle, circling a separate, round table with a Christmas tree in the center and 2 circular tracks running trains around the tree.



And a church with a Nativity Scene next to it.

Volunteers for the Displays

Assaf, Ed	Kmeth, Mike
Caputzal, Lou	Marino, Anthony
Cortese, Louie	Shelton, Ray
Guarino, Nick	Wagner, Karl

To the left are the volunteers that worked at the Old Bethpage Village Restoration display.

To the right are the volunteers that worked at the Cradle of Aviation Museum display.

Bill Arndt	Geri Coney	Tom Rizzo
Ed Assaf	Louie Cortese	Bob Sewall
Rich Bishop	Georgie Gaherty	Louise Sewall
Anthony Bliss	Steve Saherty	Ray Shelton
Matthew Bonney	Nick Guarino	Paul Simon
Paul Bonney	Kathleen Kmeth	George Stamataides
Lou Caputzal	Mike Kmeth	Karl Wagner
Frank Clemente	Bruce Kropp	

Solution to What the Heck Puzzle



Number 13 was the ultimate expression of the North Eastern Railway's electric traction developments in the early twentieth century (see also the Class ES1 shunter and EB1 freight locomotive). Number 13 was an express passenger locomotive designed to haul trains between York and Newcastle. When built it was one of the most modern and powerful electric locomotives in Europe and the first British high-speed electric locomotive built to haul passenger trains on trunk routes.

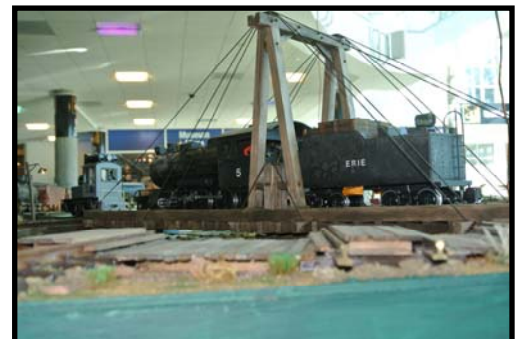
Christmas Modular Display at the Cradle of Aviation



New model of Hell's Gate Bridge courtesy of George Stamataides



Extension of the yards and the turntable



Engine on the turntable



New drawbridge construction working fine

Christmas Display at the Cradle of Aviation



Reyna Machado posted the following comment and photo on our LIGRS Facebook page.

“Thank you for a beautiful display and letting my boys press the button on the remote control. They loved it! “



Her boys appear in the photo to the left.



New model of the Long Island Duck under construction by Paul Simon



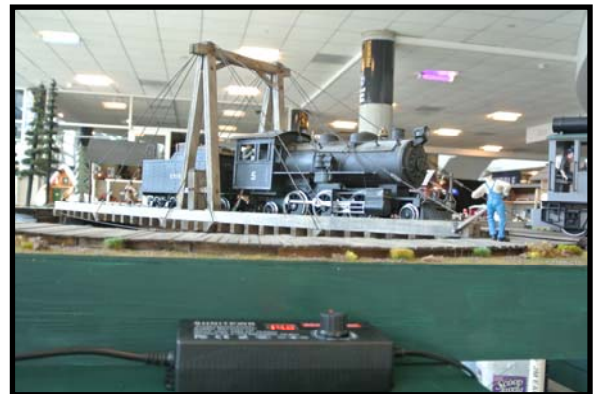
Close up of the structure hiding the raising and lowering motor on the new draw bridge



More engines on the turntable



Ed Assaf and Steven Perez testing the raising and lowering mechanism.



Chic Chat Corner

Happy New Year Ladies (and gents)! As you can see our annual photo contest has a winner, Sue Cortese. Her winning photo will appear on the next updated Roster.

Just thought I would review some of the contest rules with all of you.

The rules are posted on our website, under the Forms, Rules & Policy tab. As a brief reminder, all photos submitted must be of a member's railway or club display, taken by a member or immediate family member and limited to one entry a month. Non-winning photos may be re-submitted. Therefore I have contacted the members who have already given me a number of photos to be held "in the wings" and asked for their decision regarding resubmission of any of them.

Our judges Kris and Patrick have been generously faithful in applying their professional expertise in picking us a winner every month. I just spent a few minutes re-reading an article that Patrick wrote a

few years ago titled "Photo Taking Ideas". There are many good ideas in the article but the one that stands out in my mind is the desirability of photographing the scene by getting low and putting the viewer into the scene. His remarks about the winning photo taken by Elizabeth Bossert in 2012 says, "The composition is outstanding. The inclusion of foreground middle ground and background is terrific. The property fencing is gone and I really feel like I'm standing track side."

I will look to see if I can reprint his entire article in a future Sn'C this year to inspire you. In the meantime, check out the Shutterfly site that I created showcasing our past monthly photo contest winners. You may even want to order a custom made calendar for 2022 which includes your favorites.

<https://grli.shutterfly.com/91>

One of my problems when trying to capture the perfect train shot is that my camera is not fast enough to prevent an out of

focus picture. (Definitely not a potential winner). Patrick points out that the host will be glad to stop a train for you. He also hints that it would be nice to gift a copy of the shot to that cooperative host.

Louise Sewall



Photo Contest Winner for January 2022



The first winning photo of the new year "Didn't His Mommy Teach Him Not to Play on the Train Tracks?" was taken by Mike Kmeth on his Sun Valley Rail Road

Get your photos in for next month's contest!

See slideshow of all monthly winners for 2021 on our LIGRS website at "Member Info>Photo Contest Winners" or use the link below.

<https://ligrs.club/photo-contest-winners>

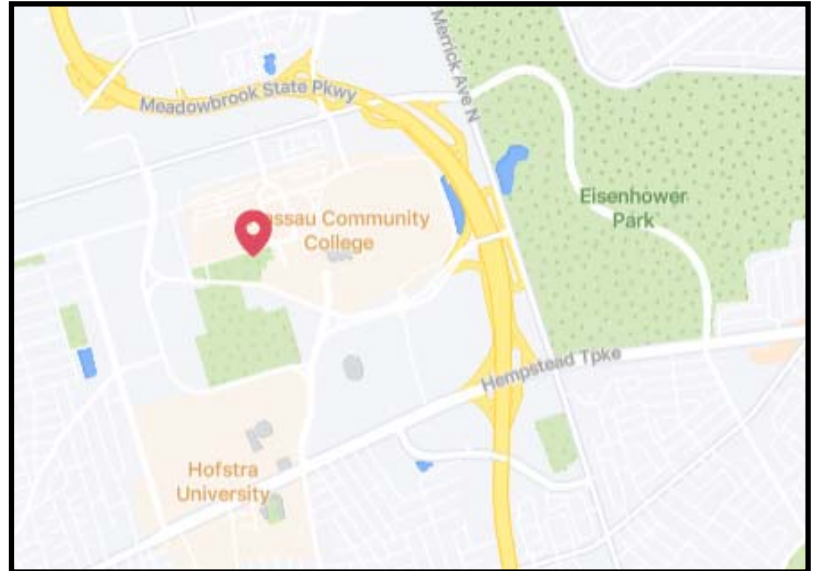


SATURDAY January 16, 2022
11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
First meeting of the New Year
Location COA

<https://www.cradleofaviation.org/>

Driving Directions Meadowbrook Parkway to exit M4, follow signs to Museum Row which will put you on Charles Lindbergh Blvd, stay on Charles Lindbergh Blvd. to the second traffic light and turn right into the parking lot.

MASKS REQUIRED



2022 Dues Reminder

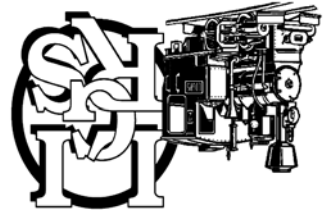
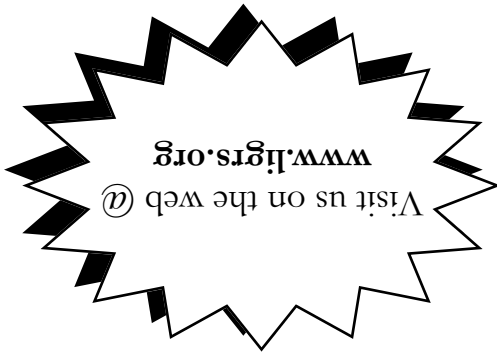
Why not renew your membership to LIGRS before the busy holiday season? Individual memberships, the 1st member of a household, are \$50 per year. Family Memberships for members over 18 years old are \$15 for **EACH** additional member in the same household. Please send a check made out to **Long Island 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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REMINDER:

A link to our Proxy Form can be found on the home page of our website, 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.



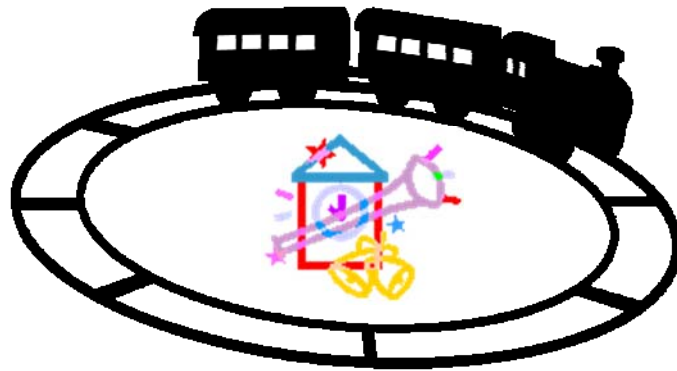
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January marks the start of not only a new month but a new year! Cheers to new beginnings, fresh starts and 365 days of opportunity and possibility!



Happy 2022!