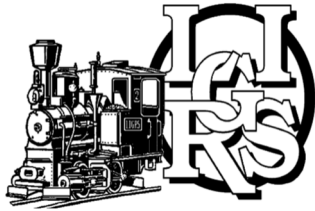


January 2024

Next Monthly Meeting on SATURDAY January 20, 2024  
 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.  
 First meeting of the New Year  
 Location Bethpage Senior Center  
 103 Grumman Rd W, Bethpage, NY 11714



## Annual LIGRS Auction



Start off the new year by coming down to the **Saturday Feb. 10th** 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 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.

Please contact Paul Simon at (631) 499-3872 if you can lend a helping hand at the auction.

**Attention Sellers:** Anyone planning to auction 12 or more items, please contact Paul Simon or Tom Rizzo to arrange to pre-register your items BEFORE the date of the auction meeting..

## We Have A Winner!



Our annual raffle at the Cradle of Aviation Museum modular display has been drawn

The lucky winner of the radio controlled Piko starter set raffled at our ground display is Christopher Lordahl, shown here with member Mike Kmeth. We wish him many happy hours with his new train set. As the winner, he also has been given a free, one year membership in the LIGRS

This photo will also be posted on the LIGRS.org homepage.

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## 2024 LIGRS Meetings & Events Schedule

Date	Program/Notes	Time	Place
Jan. 20, 2024	General Meeting	11:00 AM	Bethpage Senior Center
Feb. 10, 2024	Annual Auction	11:00 AM	Bethpage Senior Center
Mar. 9, 2024	General Meeting	11:00 AM	Bethpage Senior Center
September 2024	General Meeting	11:00 AM	Ed Assaf
Oct. 13, 2024 SUNDAY	General Meeting	11:00 AM	Mike Kmeth

## Thank You Anthony

As you can see we will be in need of hosts for some of 2024. Please contact Anthony Marino, our program director, and be the first to claim your preferred month. We are looking forward to seeing your wonderful layouts and socializing with you.

Many thanks to Anthony for the great job he has been doing in securing our cold weather, indoor meeting areas and also for all the hard work in setting up our special events and trips.



## View From The Cab



Wishing everyone a Happy and Healthy 2024.

Well, here I am sitting in the Cab of the LIGRS Express looking up the track and sounding the horn to clear the way for 2024. Wondering what's in store for us as we move up the tracks? I hate going down anywhere, we should all love going up all the time. We must also avoid negative sidings as we move up the tracks. We should never go into one even if the switch is trying to switch us in. Our team will stop the train and get our great crew over to the switch and do all we can to reset it in the right direction, UP the tracks only. We have many choices as far as sidings and stations to reach.

Working together we can take the LIGRS express to any destination we please in 2024 and beyond. We have all the right equipment and crew to get to our destinations.

Now, where is it that we want to go and how do we get there. First thing, is for our members to come to meetings to just eat, talk, laugh and have fun. That's how we all find out where we want to go and how to get there. The engineer and the crew may run the train, but they can't think of all the stations and sidings the members may want to go and have fun. Without you this train will just sit and blow steam and not move. Please don't forget the ole computer strategy, "NOTHIN in NOTHIN OUT"

One of the stations we would like to get to in 2024 is finding a series of temporary sidings where we can exhibit trains, repair and improve our modular equipment. Meet and educate those we meet at sidings while having fun running trains. So, please if you pass a shopping center and you see a vacant space, please get a name and phone number so we can reach out and let the landlord know what we can offer him and the center while we enjoy what we love doing. It can happen. As we're moving up the tracks, we hope to increase our membership while we enjoy the hobby. We may meet train folks already in the hobby hoping to hook up with a great club, that's us. We must also remember there's more to our club than trains. We are a great bunch of folks, even if I say so

myself. Making new friends is a great siding to get into. New members, new Ideas, new successes, and new stations to reach. So, after all this, don't forget to come to the January 20th meeting and enjoy some great food and conversation.

Don't forget, dues are due, That's the fuel that keeps this great engine humming UP the tracks!



Picking COA winning ticket.

### Correction to November Meeting Minutes

**Super 50/50** – This year's BIGBOY SUPER RAFFLE was drawn by Mike and was won by Rich McGorty who is also the ticket agent who sold that ticket. Rich donated all of his winnings to the club. Thank you, Rich. Total to the club is \$2,720.

## 2023 Annual Photo Contest Winner



All members were asked to vote electronically for their choice of the 2023 contest winner.

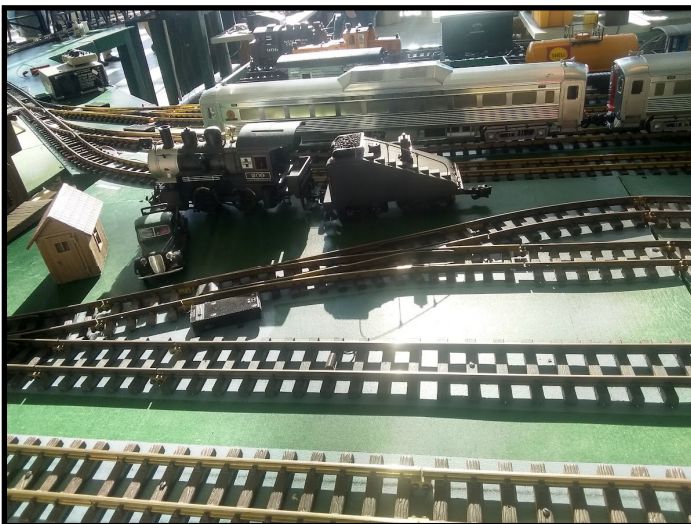
The winning photo "Double Header over the Trestle" was taken by Louise Sewall of Lou Cortese's module on the Cradle of Aviation display.

This photo will also be featured on the cover of the LIGRS 2024 Roster.

# Modules at the Cradle of Aviation



We need people to adopt the empty modules. Some members had expressed interest but did not show up at the Cradle when we were setting up. Please call Ed Assaf (number on page2) and keep watching Smoke n' Cinders and the email broadcasts for dates and information about the next modular displays.

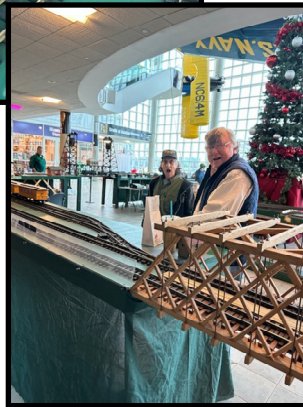
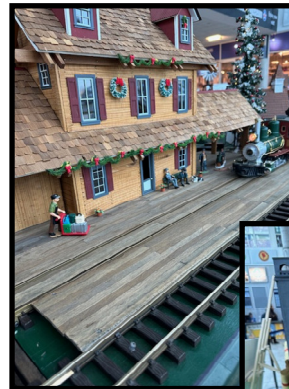
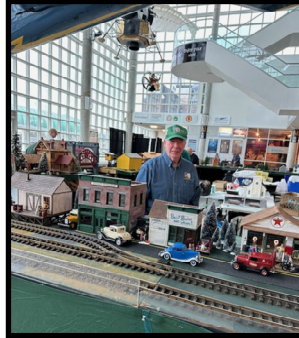
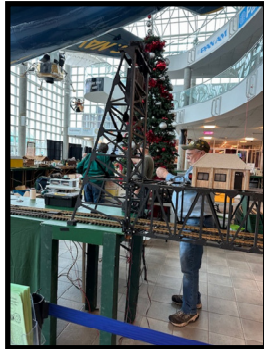


# Modular Display set up at the Cradle of Aviation



Many thanks to all who worked so many hours on Friday to get our display up and running. (Especially when the sun beat down through the roof and heated things up) What would we do without you?

Photos courtesy of Betty Engle & Ed Assaf



## Chic Chat Corner



As most of you know, Bob and I sold our house and moved to a Senior Continuing Care community.

I brought with us the circular track that Bob made for me to run my Christmas trains around our tree every year.

This year we were able to set it up around the community tree in the lobby of our new place. All of the folks here enjoyed them and their visiting grandchildren loved them as well. The tree was decorated with clear balls containing the photos of us and our new neighbors.



My first eggliner was the ladybug one which I bought at one of our auctions from then president George Quiles' wife. You never know what you will like at one of our auctions. Don't forget to come this year and see for yourself.

In the above photo I was running my Christmas engine and 2 eggliners. Sometimes we changed them around. At one point we added a caboose. Then took away the eggliners and added 2 log cars and the caboose. Finally I took those away and ran the eggliner that is decorated as a Christmas present. Bob just bought me a new Christmas gondola for next year. Louise Sewall



## Photo Contest Winner for January 2024



The first winning photo of the new year "Through the Snow" was taken by Lou Caputzal of his layout Pop's Trains.

Get your photos in for next month's contest!

See slideshow of all monthly winners for 2023 on our LIGRS website at "Member Info>Photo Contest Winners" or use the link below.

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



**SATURDAY January 20, 2024**  
**11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**  
**First meeting of the New Year**  
**Location Bethpage Senior Center**  
**103 Grumman Rd W, Bethpage, NY 11714**



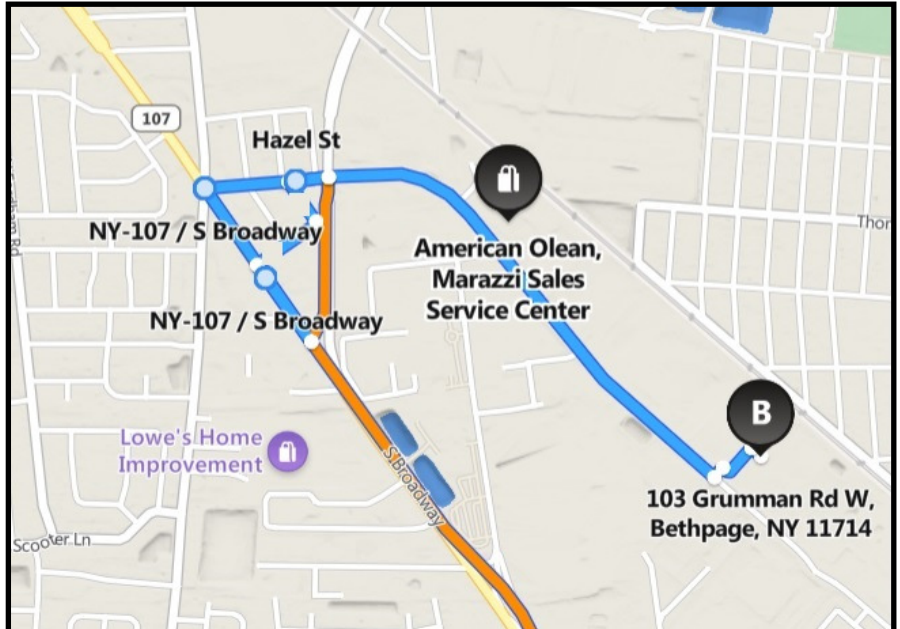
**Directions:**

**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 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**  
 Hazel St. becomes Grumman Rd W  
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**2024 Dues Reminder:** Send in your 2024 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.

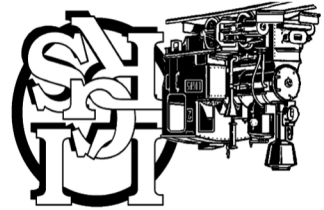
Please send a check made out to **"The Long Island Garden Railway Society, Inc."** (full name please)) for the appropriate amount to:

Questions? Contact  
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LIGRS, PO Box 2002, Massapequa, NY 11758

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





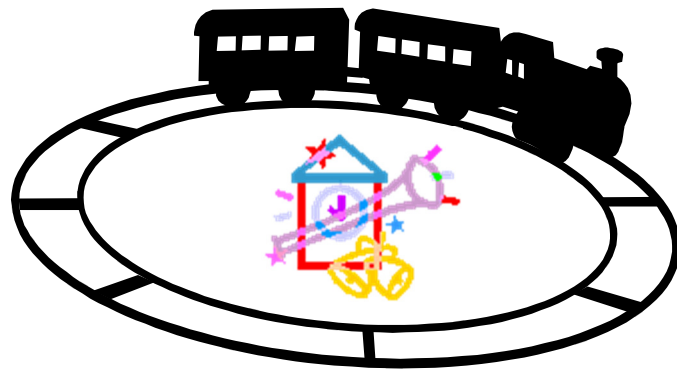
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January marks the start of not only a new month but a new year! Cheers to new beginnings, fresh starts and 365 days of opportunity and possibility!



**Happy 2024!**