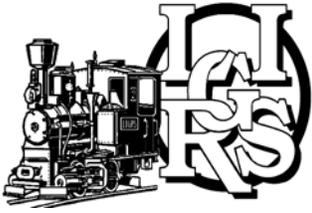


January, 2020

Monthly Meeting
Sunday, January 12, 2020
Northport Yacht Club
11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.



Annual LIGRS February Auction at Northport Yacht Club

Start off the new year by coming down to the **Saturday Feb. 22nd** 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.

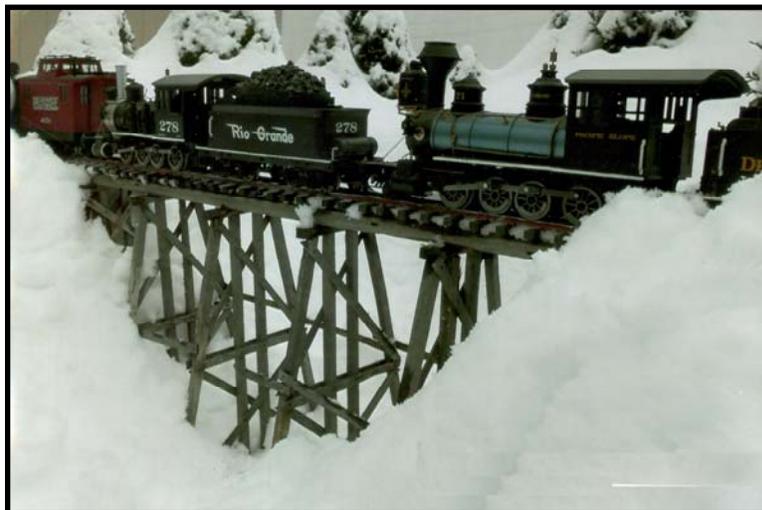
For our train challenged members, clean out that bank account and watch the auction team transform those greenbacks back into magnificent trains. The auction is a wonderful event that combines aspects of **Let's Make A Deal**, **The Price Is Right** along with a bit of **Family Feud**. Come down early 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..

2019 Annual Photo Contest Winner



All members who attended the Christmas Brunch were asked to vote for their choice of the 2020 contest winner. The winning photo was taken by Mike Kmeth of a double header over the trestle on his Sun Valley Railroad.

This photo will also be featured on the cover of the LIGRS 2020 Roster.

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2020 LIGRS Meetings & Events Schedule

Date	Program/Notes	Time	Place
Dec. 21– Jan. 5, 2020	Modular Display	9:30 AM-5:00 PM	Cradle of Aviation (Take down Jan. 6th)
Jan. 10, 2020	BOD	10:00 AM	Lou Cortese
Jan. 12, 2020	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Northport Yacht Club
Feb. 22, 2020 SATURDAY AUCTION	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Northport Yacht Club
Mar. 22, 2020	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Northport Yacht Club

Important Information About The Proxy Form

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 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 or taken from page 10 of this newsletter.

View From The Cab



I'm writing this article a few days before Christmas 2019 in hopes that I can tell members that did not attend the past few club events about those recent club events. First, our Christmas Brunch was a hit; good company, good food, and a winner for our yearly photo contest. Yes, the club president did win this year even though he did not vote for his own picture. He voted for the second best picture.

Moving on, Clark Garden was a big hit we were to run for 7 days, however we ran 5-6 days. The weekend was super. The garden had many events going on, so there were waves of visitors, and of course they visited our train layout. The layout consisted of three ovals and one back and forth track on a table top. Table was 12 x 12. The rest of the week all total we had a handful of visitors. Clark visitors are very generous with our train raffle. I thank them and the club thanks them. Our treasurer will report at the next meeting. On the weekend we could have had more help from membership. We only had a total of 8 members show and this was spread over the 6 days. On the Weekend we only had a max of 4 members show, with a crowded small room and a lot of little hands. We were kept quite busy. Because of the lack of attendance during the week I shut down early.

Cradle of Aviation, we had a good turnout at the setup. 24 members showed. Thank you. A few member have worked on a new project, larger storage/staging yard with four tracks, approximately 20+ feet long. This project started this past fall at Dan's house on a beautiful fall Saturday. A few members got together and built the tables. All were anxiously awaiting the setup at the Cradle. Also, Tom built a 1/8th circle transfer table. All these new items were installed over this weekend. The entire setup is really neat. Now let's run trains. As I write this we are only into day 2 of our two week run at the Cradle. We all should have a great time running trains.

Well another year is past and I look at my outdoor layout. What did I do? To look at it, it appears nothing was done, however, I did do a lot of work that you cannot see. First I did not build a roadbed with ballast as others in the club have. Instead, I either laid down Trix or treated wood and covered it with a mat, painted soil color. Well the mat part is part failure. Hopefully I can correct that in 2020. On the wood/Trax roads, on curves the wood turns out to be short, that is the track extends beyond the wood base. When taking a turn too fast, the engines would tip over and derail. So I cut treated wood from old fence posts I had into 3/8 x 1 strips. Made a gluing jig and glued the strips into a quarter circle. These will be added to the curves that are short. I was hoping to install it by now, but Old Man Winter showed up first. The same thing with 2 tunnels I had to raise. Didn't finish that task either, (ref. August 2019 View From the Cab).

Another project I thought I would start this past summer,

never got touched. That project was to repair all my buildings and install lighting in each. The best I did was partly assembling one building and adding supports for lights. All the buildings that were to be repaired were stored on an old wood picnic table. I made a temporary frame on the table and covered it with a tarp. Then one night a few weeks ago, Kathleen and I were watching TV and about 11:00 pm we heard this crash. We couldn't place what it was. It didn't sound windy at the time, and we didn't hear our wind chimes. Finally I looked out the back on to our patio, and there it was. The table, with all the buildings on it was tipped over, resting against another table. Building parts were sitting on the patio. The only thing I can think of is that it was a rogue gust of wind; wind chimes were heard later in the night. The table was too heavy for our night visitors (raccoons). Now I have more work. Hopefully I have all the parts and can figure out what part goes to which building. Two other projects I barely touched, one is rebuilding 25 ft of trestle and lessening the grade out of a third tunnel. On that tunnel I plotted out the present slope and with that information I can show which areas have to either add or subtract soil. It seems that other projects or events always get in the way of train business.

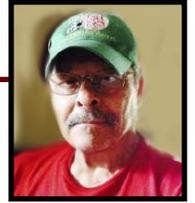
Remember next month's meeting, February is auction month. Bring trains building etc. and most of all bring money!

To all our club members and their families, wishing you a Healthy and Happy New Year!

Mike Kmeth



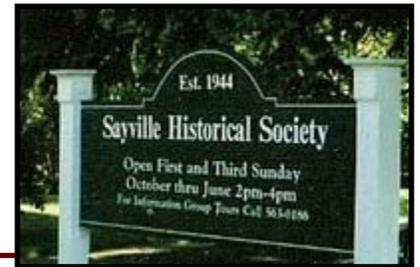
Tom's What the Heck Puzzle (solution on page 6)



An optimist stays up until midnight to see the new year in.

A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves.

~Bill Vaughan

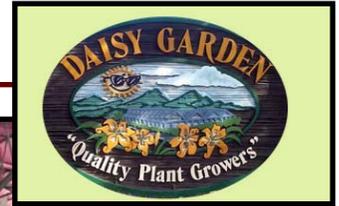


Sayville Holiday Display

The setup at Sayville Historical Society came out great. Volunteers were Nick Guarino, Karl Wagner, Steve Gaherty, Frank Clemente, Roger Bossert, Ray Shelton, Dan Saporito, Jay Geyer, Betty Engle, Ralph & Jane Isaacs



Daisy Garden Holiday Display

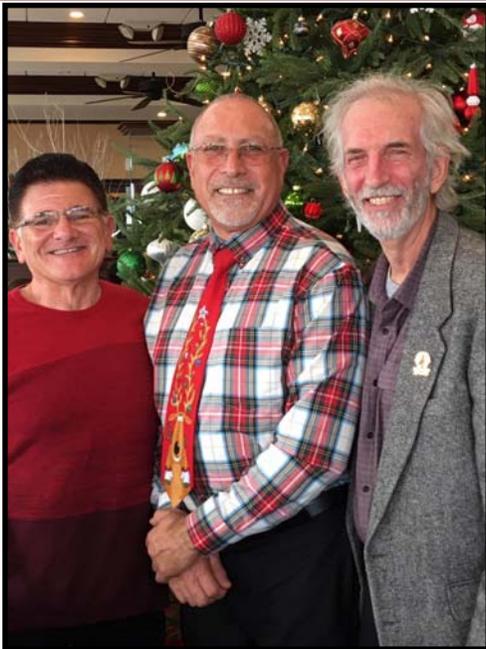


Solution to What the Heck Puzzle



Looking like something out of a Sci-Fi movie, LHFx 25000 carries a steel ingot fresh from the furnace.

Christmas Brunch at the Snapper Inn

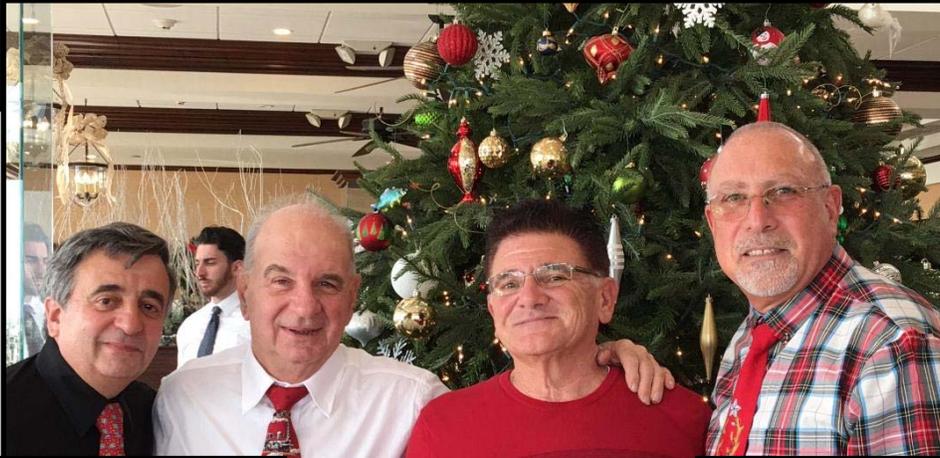


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These poinsettias table centerpieces were donated by Nick & Eileen Guarino

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May each and every day of yours be renewed with lots of happiness and love.

The Display at Clark Botanic Garden



Thanks to our volunteers for manning the display

Nick Guarino	Ed Rusch
Mike Kmeth	Bob Sewall
Jack Lane	Louise Sewall
Richie McGorty	Karl Wagner

Photo Contest Winner for January 2020



The first photo contest winner of the new year is Eileen Wagner whose photo is of her grandson, enjoying the display at Daisy Garden

Get your photos in for next month's contest!

See slideshow of all monthly winners for 2020 on our LIGRS website

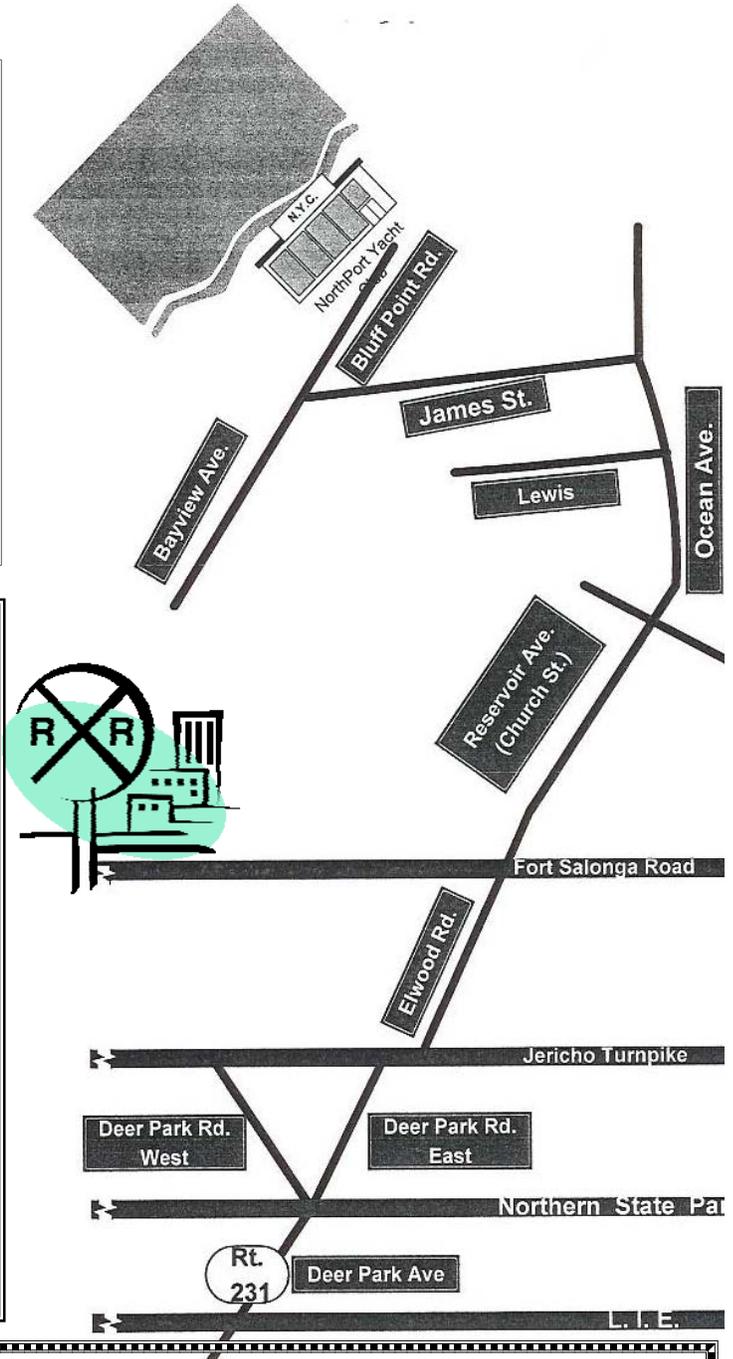
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Turn by turn directions:

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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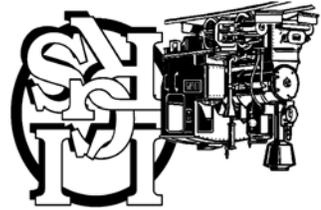
Why not renew your membership to LIGRS before the busy holiday season? Individual memberships, the 1st member of a household, are \$40 per year. Family Memberships for members over 18 years old are \$15 for **EACH** additional member in the same household. Please send a check made out to **Long Island Garden Railway Society** (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.



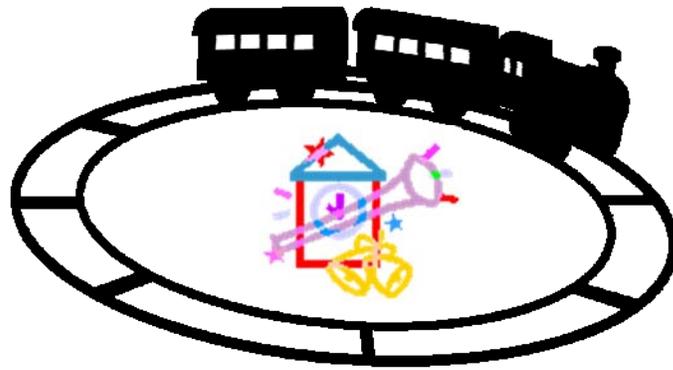
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A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other.
~Author Unknown



Happy 2020!