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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY INC

Smoke n' Cinders

Monthly Meeting Will be Held on **SATURDAY, July 18th at 11AM**

It will be a virtual meeting using ZOOM
Please contact Mike to sign up for the link in order to participate.

Did you know that LIGRS has a new website?



If you have visited the LIGRS website within the past few weeks, you may have noticed a link entitled **NEW UPDATED WEBSITE CLICK HERE**. The link will take you to our new, updated website. If you haven't been to the club website recently, please visit and check out the new website via the link. The link to the new website is the first step to phasing in the new website. Shortly after the July ZOOM meeting, LIGRS.ORG will automatically connect you to the new website while LIGRS.COM will continue to connect you to the old website. During August LIGRS.COM will be switched over to connect to the new website. Aside from the refreshed format, you may notice the secured lock icon indicating that the new website is secured. (See *Chic Chat Column*)

OUR SUMMER PICNIC IS CANCELLED
May be restructured to be a Zoom meeting.



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2020 LIGRS Meetings & Events Schedule

Date	Program/Notes	Time	Place
July 18, 2020 SATURDAY	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	ZOOM MEETING
July 26, 2020 set up 10AM	Tabletop Display	Has been cancelled	Has been cancelled
August 1, 2020	BOD Meeting	10:00 AM	ZOOM MEETING
August 22, 2020 SATURDAY	Club Picnic	Has been cancelled	Long Island Live Steamers
August 29-30, 2020	Railfest	Has been cancelled	RMLI at Riverhead
Sept. 12, 2020	BOD Meeting	10:00 AM	ZOOM MEETING
Sept., 2020	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Location TBA
Oct., 2020	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Location TBA

2021 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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View From The Cab



I can't believe another month has gone by since I last wrote View from the Cab. Time flies when you are working on train projects. Currently I am working on 2 buildings. A firehouse, which is made up from a box of pieces that I bought a while ago and the other building is a church. Both are coming along nicely. The firehouse building is done with only the roof and lighting to be installed. However, the big project left is the doors for the fire equipment to move in and out. The doors are made of mahogany. I am in the process of machining out pockets for windows and lower panels. The windows come from a Pola kit's engine house doors. I carefully cut the window sections from the plastic doors using a Dremel, fine-tooth saw blade. They came out great. On the church I combined 2 churches to make one. Again that building is done. Currently I am working on the steeple. I am building a taller steeple using cannibalized parts from the 2 churches. I just finished building 3 windows from the steeple. Each window has an arched top. A little challenging to build but I must say they came out great.



Hopefully in the next View from the Cab I will have some pictures to show.

Well this morning, June 29th I had planned on continuing the above work, however, when I looked out on our fish pond, which I do every morning, as it is located off of our patio, I noticed that the water level had dropped 8 inches, way too much. I said to myself, "What is going on?" It is not the liner. That's one piece. All the filters are in the water (Sometimes the raccoons pull them out). Then I noticed water shooting out from the piping around the ultra-lite filter. There is one 6' piece of plastic section that had cracked last year. I had repaired it. It was fine all last season through March this year. I can't buy the replacement part. They don't make it anymore. I can buy a solid color piece, but I need the clear, because it's the only way I can see that the ultra-lite is on. Well guess what I spent the rest of the day doing? I proceeded to take the pipe I needed to repair out of the system and applied Fiberglas to the cracked area. Two and a half hours later I installed the part and turned the pump on. Well, it

still leaked! I had to start all over again. Good thing I didn't put the Fiberglas kit away. Again, after 2 ½ hours I installed the repaired part. I tried again. So far so good. We'll see in the morning how well it's working.

Update, the repair made it through the night.

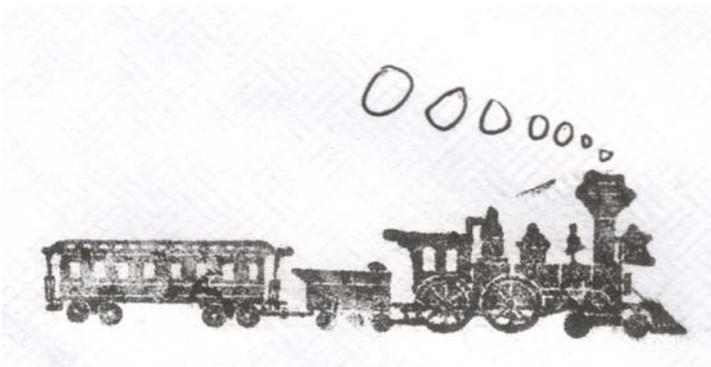
Frank Clemente went out to Riverhead to check on the condition of the Freeman Railway. While there he spoke to Don Fisher, the President of the museum at Riverhead. Railfest is definitely cancelled for this year.

The Freeman Railway does have weeds but most are dead because of the dry spell. All the buildings are in storage. Sometime in the next week or 2 Frank and I will go to Riverhead to do some cleanup.

The September club meeting and other events are up in the air. We are hoping for an in person meeting in September. Stay tuned. As of this date, no word on public events. I will give you a word as soon as I find out.

I hope this View from the Cab is out before July 6th which is the drop dead date for signing up for our Zoom club meeting. So far the feedback has been very disappointing. We have 2 out of state persons and 2 new member families plus the BOD. The club is trying to stay in touch with all members but without your help I cannot do it alone. So if you are interested in participating. Please call me or email.

God Bless,
Stay Safe,
Mike Kmeth.



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



Monthly Photo Contest Winner

This month's winning photo "Reduced Day Industrial Transfer" was taken by Steve Gittleman of his Chichester and Sweet Hollow RR



Solution to the What the Heck Puzzle



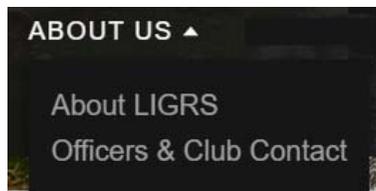
*** Old mining train ***

Chic Chat Corner

We have been in the process of updating our LIGRS website. This includes using a different Internet Service Provider (ISP). The change has given the site a new, more modern look. Navigation is also slightly different, but we hope, more intuitive (input from our BOD and Trish Iannacone has helped with this change).



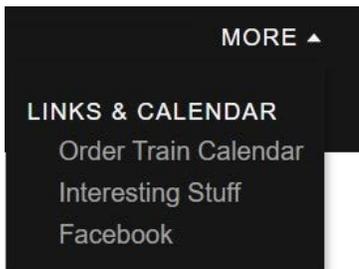
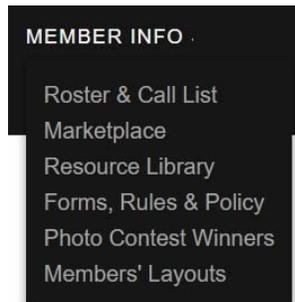
Scrolling down on the home page displays updates on recent events as well as a link to our show schedules for this and the coming year.



The drop down connected to “About Us” directs viewers to our mission statement, address and a list of our current officers and club contact person.

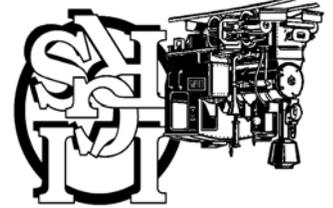
Newsletters from this and last year may be viewed and/or downloaded from that tab.

The Member Info drop down is self explanatory. Roster & Call List are still password protected using the same password from the old website. (call Mike or Tom if you have forgotten it).



And finally, the More tab contains links to; a Shutterfly site displaying years of Photo Contest winners and the ability to order a custom calendar if desired. Also the usual Interesting Stuff links and a link directing the viewer to our Facebook page.

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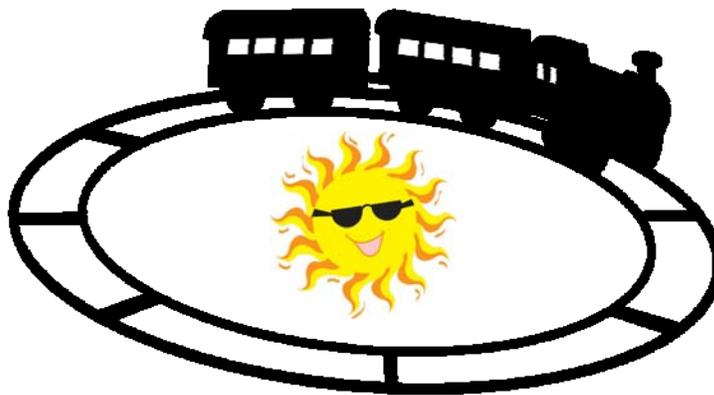


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Enjoy the Summer!



Be like a train; go in the rain, go in the sun, go in the storm, go in the dark tunnels! Be like a train; concentrate on your road and go with no hesitation!

Mehmet Murat ildan