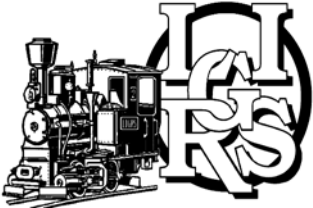


July 2021



Monthly Meeting
July 17, 2021 (rain date 18th)
11:00-3:00
Hosts Jay Geyer & Betty Engel
1 A Lafayette Place,
Massapequa, NY 11758

Change of Plans



Although work has been continuing throughout the heat our planned run dates at RMLI for July 10th and 11th have been cancelled because the track is not yet ready.

SAVE THE DATE!



The Summer picnic is tentatively scheduled on **SATURDAY** August 21st at Southaven Park where we will again be the guests of the Long Island Live Steamers.

Bob Sewall will accept reservation forms with checks at the club's PO Box 2002, N Massapequa, NY 11758 or at meetings, Adults @ \$20 pp and Children under 13 @ \$8. each. Children under 5 free.

Volunteers are needed and can contact Pat Russo, Picnic Coordinator, (# in roster) to let her know they can help.

As we did at our last picnic there will be wrist bands distributed upon entry to the LILS area which will allow people to access the food.
(See reservation form on page 9. Do NOT send checks without completed reservation form)

Deadline for Bob Sewall to receive the reservations and checks is August 11th.

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2021 LIGRS Meetings & Events Schedule

| Date | Program/Notes | Time | Place |
|-----------------------------------|---|------------------|----------------------------|
| July CANCELLED | Run Dates | CANCELLED | RMLI |
| Jul. 17, 2021 SATURDAY* | Monthly Meeting | 11:00 AM | Betty Engel & Jay Geyer |
| Aug. 21, 2021 SATURDAY | Summer Picnic ** | TBA | LI Live Steamers |
| Aug. 28, 2021 | BOD | 10:00 AM | RMLI |
| Aug. 28-29 2021 | Run Dates | 10:00 AM-4:00 PM | RMLI |
| Sep. 11, 2021 | Russo Memorial | TBA | Bayard Cutting Arboretum |
| Sep. 18, 2021 SATURDAY* | Monthly Meeting | 11:00 AM | Geri Coney & Bill Arndt |
| Oct. 16, 2021 SATURDAY* | Monthly Meeting | 11:00 AM | Dorothy Mahan |
| Nov., 2021 | Monthly Meeting | 11:00 AM | TBA |
| Jan. 10, 2022 | Garden RR Presentation By Dan Saporito | TBA | Sayville Historical Museum |

***Saturday home-hosted meetings have a rain date the following day, Sunday**
**** Subject to pandemic restrictions**

View From The Cab



Well for those that missed our June meeting, all that I can say is that you missed a great layout and a very beautiful location and setting. You missed a 14 acre setting in West Hills.

How many opportunities would you have to see something like that? Also you lost an opportunity to run our host's trains. Our host just didn't have one Big Boy, I saw two and might have missed some. There were also a number of Diesel's, plus 50-100 cars. Our host had plenty of trains to run. All members were welcomed and encouraged to run his R/C battery powered trains. Only two members in attendance did get to run trains on our host's full 1,000 plus feet of track. Did you ever see a picture of train tracks looking out at infinity and the track come together and disappear in distance? Well that's what this display was like. We had a guest from the Long Island Live Steamers, Keith, their President. I met with him before our meeting. We were both looking over the layout and he said to me he's blown away by the layout and location. I brought my trains but unfortunately I didn't get to run trains, my mistake.

As club president I was embarrassed with

our low turnout 24 members in total, of which five were Board members. Our host went through a lot of trouble, food etc. He also had a crew there that helps him run his trains. In this case the crew was there to help our members run trains.

For future meetings at a members home, I would like those planning on attending the meeting to notify the host that they will be attending and how many in their party. This would be a great help to the host planning on food and beverages.

Our annual picnic is on. County park is open, no restrictions. Join us for a great day of fun riding trains and BBQ style picnic. Remember picnic is open to family members and friends, so plan on attending with them. See page 8 in this "Sn'C" for a reservation form. No walk ins or last minute payments. We will be issuing wrist bands. Please respond before August 11, 2021 so we know how much food to order.

As to the Freeman railroad in Riverhead, we were to have **July 10 & 11th** as run days for us. Well, we have to **cancel**. Frank Clemente has been going out on Tuesdays and Saturdays helping out redoing layout. He said to me no way is it going to be ready for the 10 & 11. Don Fisher concurred with Frank. I'm still hopeful that our run days scheduled for August 28 & 29th will be still on and the Freeman Railroad up and running.

God bless and please stay safe.

Mike Kmeth



Elected Officer Descriptions for November 2021 Voting

This month you may read the job descriptions for 2 of the 4 jobs that will be up for election at our November meeting. They have been copied from our club By-Laws.

Last month the descriptions for the other 2 positions were posted in Sn'C.

Some officers will be running again for re-election and others may not run. In either case, please read the following and consider if you would like to serve the club in any of these capacities.

Those currently serving will not be insulted if you decide to run yourself or to nominate another club member. The nomination meeting will be held in October and the Voting meeting in November.

If you are unable to attend either of these special and important meetings please remember to send Tom Rizzo your signed proxy form. This form is

available for you to print and mail on our website under Member Info >Forms, Rules and Policy. It is a pdf form that is set up so that when you open it you may use your computer keyboard to type in the information in each field before printing it out. Or you can just print it out, fill in the fields manually and mail.

Membership Director: The primary responsibility of the Membership Director is the continued recruitment of new members. The Membership Director is the primary contact with prospective members, to determine their interest in LIGRS and its activities, and is responsible for providing new members with membership cards, name tags and a copy of LIGRS roster and By-Laws in accordance with the LIGRS Publication Distribution Policy. The Membership Director is also responsible for issuing membership cards to dues paying members on an annual basis. The Membership Director is responsible for all membership records, including change of infor-

mation. These records are to be kept current and in good order at all times, and are to be available for review. The Membership Director is responsible for collecting all dues. Dues are turned over to the Treasurer no later than at the next business meeting. The Membership Director is also responsible for: maintaining a current membership roster, the annual distribution of that roster to the membership in accordance with the LIGRS Publication Distribution Policy, maintaining and distributing sign in sheets for monthly meetings, developing and maintaining records of attendance at monthly meetings, distributing the LIGRS newsletter in accordance with the LIGRS Publication Distribution Policy, and other duties as assigned by the President..

Directors at Large (2 positions): The Directors at large are the liaisons between the membership and the Board of Directors and any other duties as assigned by the President.



From The Secretary Meeting Minutes



LIGRS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, June 26, 2021

At 12:15pm President Mike Kmeth asked that we have a moment of silence for the Men and Women who are serving this country and especially for those whose lives were lost protecting our way of freedom.

Mike welcomed us all to our June in person meeting at Steve Gittleman's. Mike thanked Steve and Elaine for hosting today. Mike asked that someone go up to the layout to get a complete count of members present today as some were still up there running trains.

President Mike then asked if we could have a reading of the May 22, 2021 meeting minutes or a Motion to accept the minutes as written. Chip Sulsenti so moved, seconded by Roger Bossert.

Treasurer's report – Bob Sewall reported the 3rd Quarter starting balance \$9,234.24 Ending balance \$9,786.68 YTD starting balance \$9,698.98 Ending balance \$9,786.68 if you have any questions please contact Bob.

Membership report – Tom Rizzo – No new Members

Program Director – Nick Guarino no report

Modular Coordinator -- Ed Assaf.no report

Bob Russo Memorial Fund – tentative date is Saturday Sept 11 and rain date is Sunday Sept 12. Covid regulations may restrict the number of persons who can attend.

Anniversary for 2021 (30years) – There is no new info at this time. Does anyone have any ideas? Last 2 were celebrated on the Essex Dinner train. Some members spent the night in CT and others drove home afterwards.

Upcoming Shows & Events:

July 10 & 11- RMLI Fun run dates for our club. Bring your trains and have a fun time. *(editor's note, this event has been cancelled)*

August 28 & 29 – RMLI Fun run dates for our club. Bring your trains and have a fun time. Many thanks to Frank Clemente for all the time and work he has put into getting the layout redone. Hoping to have a 3rd track installed soon.

As a reminder to all members: please when attending any club function, shows, meeting, please wear something that identifies you as a member, such as a hat, or shirt. At a minimum wear your Name badge. This will help show the public who we are and see we are part of an organization.

Picnic – We are scheduled with the Long Island Live Steamers at Southaven County Park for Saturday August 21st. Their president Keith Denton attended today's meeting, spoke to many of us and expressed their club's pleasure when we come because, unlike the general public, we know trains. They are officially open according to their website as of July 11 with covid restrictions as per the CDC Committee. Our chairperson is Pat Russo. Please send your checks and reservations to Bob Sewall. All updated information will be in the July issue of Smoke n Cinders.

Photo Contest – Congratulations to this month's winning photo of "The Yard" taken by Lou Caputzal of his layout "Pop's Trains." Please remember to take pictures and send your best pictures to Louise Sewall.

Chic Chat Corner – Remember you can write about almost anything here at Chic Chat Corner. Send your thoughts to Louise Sewall

Club Resource Library – The list of books, videos and plans are on the clubs website. Just contact Nick Guarino and he will bring it to our next in person meeting for you to borrow.

Club merchandise – Please see Georgiana & Steve Gaherty if you wish to purchase any club items such as hats, shirts, jackets, pins and DVD's

Aluminum Can Tabs – Please give them to Eileen & Karl Wagner. In their absence the Kmeths are accepting the donations of tabs today. This helps fund the Ronald McDonald House for Children needing treatment and their families. Please check them with a magnet as only Aluminum are used NOT STEEL

Old Business:

Last month Mike suggested some structure ideas for members to model for display at some of our shows. I hope we all looked at the June issue of Smoke n Cinders for more ideas. Paul Simon is already working on a model of the Long Island Duck and brought it with him to the meeting. Tom

Rizzo volunteered once again to prepare scale drawings if needed for projects. Thank you Tom. The BOD will need to discuss where to store any of the larger completed projects.

Super 50/50 Chairperson George Stamataides still has tickets for the raffle. Tickets are \$5.00 each. Besides what was mailed to your house you can see George for more tickets. Only 500 tickets were printed so first come first served, don't be left out. Hand them back at a meeting to George Stamataides or mail them to the Club PO BOX

New Business:

In the future we ask that all persons planning to attend home hosted meetings please RSVP to the hosts in order that they may provide enough refreshments for attendees.

Election nominations are coming in September. Up for elections: VP- (currently Steve Gaherty), Finance – (currently Bob Sewall), Membership Director – (currently Tom Rizzo), and 2 Directors at Large – (currently Lou Cortese and Pat Russo) Look for job descriptions in the June and July Sn'C or in the posted by-laws. We are looking for membership to step up and volunteer to run. The election meeting will be held in November.

50/50 Drawing was won by Chip Sulsenti who donated his prize back to the club. Thank you Chip. The club received a total of \$17.

A final count showed the number of members attending today are 24 adults and 1 junior with 13 proxies so we have a quorum.

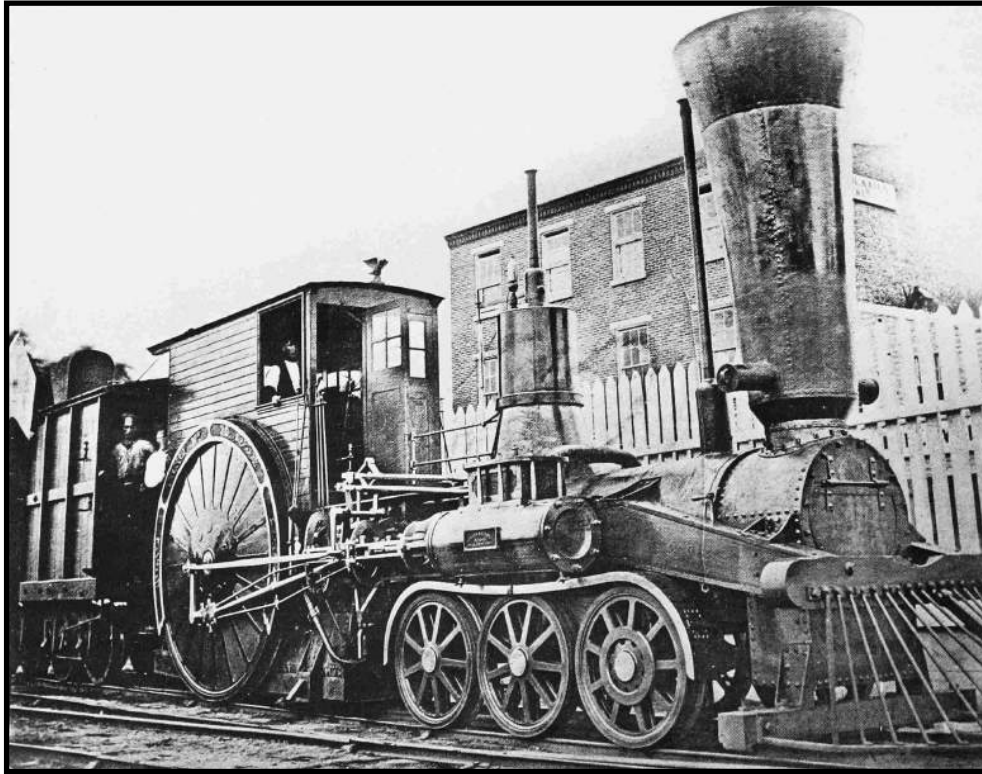
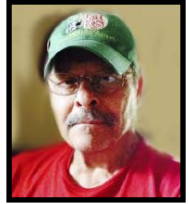
Our next General meeting will be Saturday July 17th at Betty Engel & Jay Geysers home. Rain date Sunday the 18th.

Motion to close the meeting was made by Tom Rizzo seconded by Chip Sulsenti at 12:25pm.

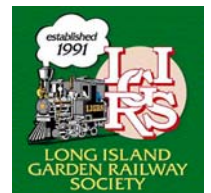
Respectfully submitted by Louise Sewall, substituting for Secretary Karl Wagner



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



Photos from June Meeting at Gittelman's



2021 (2020) National Convention In Nashville



The 2020 National Garden Railway Convention was FINALLY held during the first week of June 2021. The convention attendance of both attendees and vendors gets smaller and smaller while the age gets older and older. I spoke with

Star Hobby and this is a concern. It was good to see USA Trains there as well as PIKO. A new company named Scaled Automation was showing their newly developed train/layout control systems. For the first time in recent memory, Just Plain Folk John Schneider wasn't in attendance and that left a big gap in figure availability.

I bought a vendor table in order to sell off some of my collection and sold 99% of what I brought. I let my wife price most items as she has no idea of their value. So a Bachmann Shay with upgrade trucks and Phoenix sound sold for \$150. A Piko Southern Mogul with sound and smoke sold for \$250. One attendee said that the prices were way too low. I countered with, "If I died tomorrow, who do you think would be pricing this stuff?" I have learned that if you want to get rid of stuff so as not to burden your family, you had better come to the mindset that you're not going to make your money back and you have to let it go. Else, it will go later one way or the other!

At one of our Trainfests, I purchased a 7/8

three truck Shay from one of our members. I fully intended to complete the project but, like so many "plans", this one fell through. I am happy to report that Nancy Norris, the horticulture columnist for Garden Railways, fell in love with it and purchased it for the same amount I paid for it. Thus our club member made TWO people, seller and buyer, very happy!

Hosting a convention is a thankless job and I don't mean this as a criticism of the Nashville club. They went above and beyond to make everyone welcome and did a wonderful job. My one negative was that it was held in the 2,800 room Gaylord Opryland hotel. This place is HUGE! Convention rates were \$202 a night with parking at \$30 per night (although convention attendees only paid \$10 per night). However the sheer size means a LOT of walking from rooms, to restaurants to Convention Halls and to the Vendor Hall which, oddly, was not physically attached to the hotel and required a walk outdoors to reach. On day #2 my Garmin recorded that I walked 8 miles! This is not conducive to the general age of attendees. There was a 1,500 person religious convention as well as the Self Storage Organization attending at the same time. I much prefer a convention hotel where most of the people are from the garden railway group. It becomes a lot more personable when walking the hallways, eating at a restaurant or just seeing people in the lobby when it is "people like us". This hotel was just TOO BIG!

I did not get to visit any layouts or attend any clinics (a first for me). The additional evening activities consisted of the Jackson Riverboat dinner and show which was EXCELLENT. The Wildhorse Saloon BBQ buffet and line dancing in downtown Nashville, where they are still recovering from the bomb damage earlier this year, was noisy and crowded with regular customers. Not a favorite activity of mine.

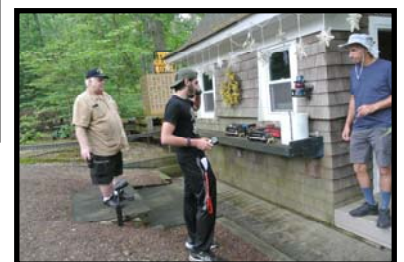
Next year the convention is held in Denver and the following year in the Bay Area. Both groups have put on conventions before and, having attended both, I am considering attending as a conventioneer not as a vendor!

Getting out and about after a "year off" was a great start to renewing life and rekindling an interest in the greatest hobby in the world.

Dave Smith



Photos from June Meeting at Gittelman's



Monthly Photo Contest Winner

This month's winning photo was taken by Mike Kmeth of a Work Train on the Trestle on his Sun Valley Garden Railroad



Memories of Organic Gardening by Plant Man Bob Weschler

GARDENING CHORES FOR JULY & AUGUST;

July & August are the times in the garden for literally enjoying the fruits of your labors. The perennials have either bloomed or will soon bloom (remember to remove the spent blossoms) and the annuals are blooming

like there's no tomorrow. Be sure to take time to water. The days are usually very hot & windy, which increase drying conditions. In your spare time, get out & get rid of those pesky weeds. Then relax, do nothing else but enjoy the garden & keep those trains running! (Also, remember to

write a description of your favorite plant for me. If it weren't for the last minute, nothing would get done.

*From The Plant Man
Reprinted from July 2002*

Split Jaw Rail Joiners are Back!

Go to <https://www.railclamp.com> for their offerings of rail clamps, track accessories, bridges, etc.

Interested in a Private Rail Car Trip?

Deep River Rail Ventures is offering several private rail car trips for 2021. Chicago-St Louis-Kansas City-Chicago triangle trip Sept. 3, 4 & 5. Denver to Sacramento round trip Sept. 10-14. Chicago to Grand Rapids round trip Sept. 18-19. Interested call Bob Sewall for more information.

What the Heck Puzzle Solution



This monstrosity was another Crampton and was built for the Camden & Amboy railway in the USA in 1850.

Are you coming to the LIGRS ANNUAL PICNIC?

- **Location:** Long Island Live Steamers, Southaven Park.
<http://www.longislandlivesteamers.org/find.php>
- **RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST!** (because this year wrist bands will be issued to all participants)
Please respond no later than August 11th
- **Cost:**
- Adults: \$20.00 pp Send checks payable to **Long Island Garden Railway Society, Inc.** to Bob Sewall
- Children: Under 13 \$8.00. Children under 5 FREE
- Due to club insurance restrictions **Alcoholic beverages** are prohibited at this event
- BBQ style picnic
- **VOLUNTEERS** requested to help with set up and cleanup

Live Steamers' location has tables and benches but... You may bring your own CHAIRS

SATURDAY
August 21, 2021
11:00 am
Rain or Shine



DETACH Completed form AND MAIL WITH CHECK PAYABLE TO: **Long Island Garden Railway Society, Inc.**

Mail to: Bob Sewall at
LIGRS, PO Box 2002, N Massapequa, NY 11758

No Later Than AUGUST 11
Questions call
516.541.4837

MEMBER'S NAME _____ PHONE _____

Number of Adults: _____ X \$20 = \$ _____

Number of Children: _____ X \$ 8 = \$ _____

Check Made Payable To: **Long Island Garden Railway Society, Inc.**.. Do not abbreviate!

Names of those in your party: Need more space? Attach another page.

Adults

Children (over 5 yrs.)

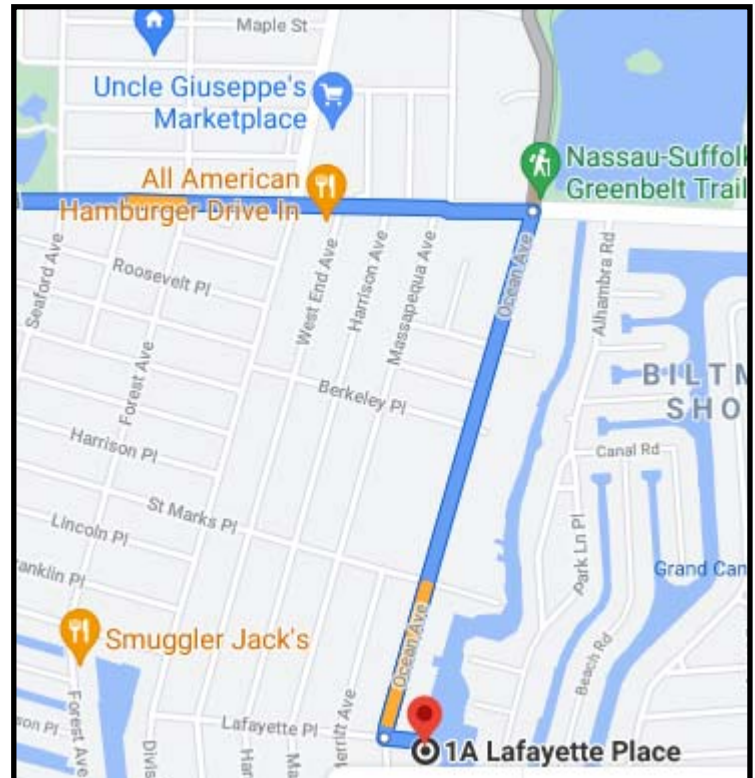
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Via 495: I 495 to NY 135 S. To Merrick Rd in Seaford. Take exit 1E. Merrick Rd to right on Ocean Avenue then left on Lafayette Place.

Via Southern State Pkwy: to N Broadway in Massapequa. Exit 30S. Follow N Broadway to left on Merrick Rd to right on Ocean Avenue then left on Lafayette Place.

From Montauk Hwy, Merrick Rd; to right on Ocean Avenue then left on Lafayette Place.



Can't Make A Meeting?

To ensure that for the rest of the year's meetings a voting quorum is reached, and an official meeting held, please send a signed proxy form to any of the club officers or the Board of Directors.

This is especially important for the nomination meeting in Oct. and the election meeting in Nov.

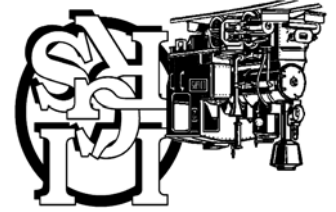
A link to a printable copy of the proxy form can be found on the home page of the LIGRS website.

Golden Spike Nominations?

Golden Spike awards are now being considered by our BOD. Share your nominations of club members with any of our directors or other club officers. (Their names and contact information are listed on page 2 of this month's newsletter.)



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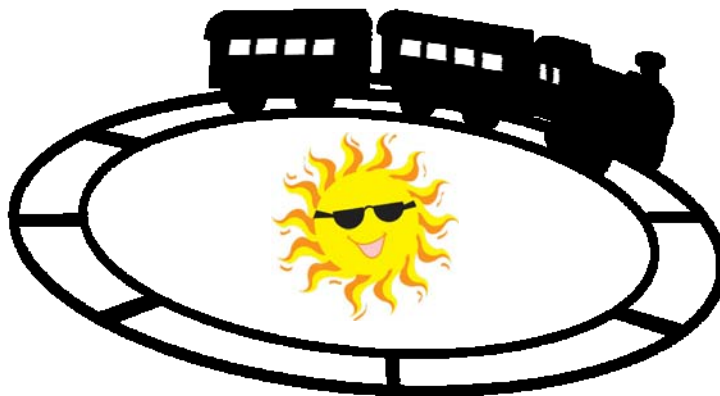


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Enjoy the Summer!



I drifted into a summer-nap under the hot shade of July, serenaded
by a cicadae lullaby, to drowsy-warm dreams of distant thunder.
~Terri Guillemets