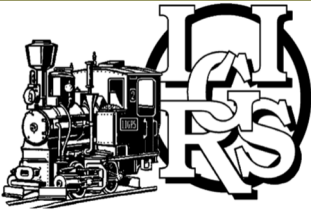


July 2023



**Monthly Meeting**  
**July 22, 2023**  
**11:00-3:00**  
**Hosts Paul & Joan Simon**  
**705 Longview Lane, Southold**  
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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY INC

# Smoke n' Cinders

## ANNOUNCING THE LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILROAD SOCIETY'S 32<sup>ND</sup> ANNIVERSARY BIG BOY PICNIC



Place: Railroad Museum of Long Island, Riverhead, L.I. NY.  
Date: Saturday, 8/5 (rain date 8/6)  
Time: 10 AM to 4PM  
Donation Adults \$20  
Under 13 years old \$8  
Children 5 and under FREE

### Menu

HOT DOGS – HAMBURGERS – SHISH KABOBS  
LOCAL FAMOUS LONG ISLAND CORN, PICKED MORNING OF.  
Cooked by world famous railroad Flanders HOB0 Big Bill Wroble

PLEASE BRING ONE OF YOUR FAVORITE RECIPES, READY TO EAT! And let Anthony Marino know what you will bring.

Reservations must be made by JULY 15, 2023

MAIL CHECKS & Reservations TO:  
LIGRS, PO Box 2002, N Massapequa, NY 11758 or at meetings

**IF YOU ATTEND YOUR CHECK (S) WILL BE RETURNED TO YOU!!!**

**BRING YOUR TRAINS FOR SOME GREAT RUNNING TIME  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY LIGRS**

Volunteers are needed. Contact Anthony Marino.

*(See reservation form on p 9. Do NOT send checks without completed reservation form)*

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## 2023 LIGRS Meetings & Events

Date	Program/Notes	Time	Place
July 22, 2023 SATURDAY ONLY Rain or Shine	General Meeting	11:00 AM	Paul & Joan Simon First time hosts - second home address
Aug. 2023 TBD	BOD Meeting	10:00 AM	TBD
August 5, 2023 rain date 8/6	Summer Picnic	10:00 AM	RMLI Riverhead
Sept. 23, 2023 SATURDAY*	General Meeting	12:00 Noon important change of time	Mike & Kathleen Kmeth
Oct. 14, 2023	Anniversary Trip	11:30 AM Dinner Train	Essex, CT
Oct., 2023	General Meeting	11:00 AM	Hosts needed
Nov., 2023	General Meeting	11:00 AM	TBD
Dec., 2023	Christmas Party	TBA	TBD

**\*Saturday meetings have a rain date the following day, Sunday**

## View From The Cab



Hope everyone had a GREAT 4<sup>th</sup> honoring our great country!

This month the board pretty much is in a planning stage. We are looking into getting speakers of interest for our meetings. Planning a great 32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary BIGBOY Picnic. Please keep in mind that the picnic reservation fees will be fully refunded if you attend the picnic. We are looking to partner with a commercial space for our modular layout while the landlord is waiting for a tenant. The idea is, since our club is now a tax exempt under the I.R.S.

### In Addition

We are including a bit more information here. First of all, when you go to the picnic, be sure to take a look at the brick that our club donated to the RMLI at Riverhead as a part of our partnership with them. You may remember this was proposed and voted on a few meetings ago. George has provided us with a photo so you know what to look for.



501 (C), a landlord may be willing to allow us to use their space as a donation to the club. If you know of a location, please let us know. Just heard on the radio that landlords with long time vacant property that have 12' ceiling are converting to Pickle Ball and senior facilities. How about offering space to a not for profit organization like ours and getting a tax deduction?

Lou Cortese has designed a system for the modules that can be set up without crawling under the tables. This will be easier on the bones of our great team. In addition, they will be much lighter to load and unload from the trailer. If you would like to participate in our educational exhibits there are modules available for your design ideas.

The board is hoping to put together a short survey giving members the opportunity to express their likes,

dislikes, and any improvements needed for the future of the club. We hope you will participate freely and anonymously. This is one way to keep track of what YOU think for the betterment and future of the club. The more Ideas on the tracks the easier it is to put things in motion. Look for it in the near future. AND let's not forget this year's GIANT BIGBOY 50/50 raffle. We hope the top prize will be \$5,000. AND don't forget you are all LIGRS TICKET AGENTS. The TICKET AGENT that issues the winning ticket will receive \$500. MAY THE BEST LIGRS TICKET AGENT WIN!!!

George



In addition, it has been decided by the president that there will be no Smoke n' Cinders published for the month of August, due to the fact that there will be no meeting that month. Also the picnic has been scheduled so soon after the July meeting it would be unreasonable to try to put together the columns etc. needed for that issue.

Please keep in mind that there is a change in the meeting time for the month of September. Meeting hosts Mike and Kathleen Kmeth have been notified that their road will be closed that day until about

noon. So please come after the noon hour and enjoy Mike's refurbished layout, munchies and some really great social time with your train buddies.

And a **BIG REMINDER**, September will be our nominations meeting. The terms of Vice President, Treasurer, Membership Director and a few Director at Large positions will be open if you would like to run or know someone who would be a good fit. If so, no one will be offended. See the role descriptions listed on page 5 of the June Sn'C.

# From The Secretary Meeting Minutes



## LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY INC.

### MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING JUNE 24, 2023

President George Stamatiades led us all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

May we have a moment of silence for the passing of our dear friend Loretta Olenick and the sudden passing of Bob and Louise's grandson, and for the Men and Women who are serving this country and especially for those whose lives were lost protecting our way of freedom.

President George Stamataides opened the June meeting at Jay & Betty Geyer's house. George thanked them for opening their house and showing their layout to us.

We have a quorum.

George then asked for a motion to read the May 21, 2023, meeting minutes or forego the reading and accept them as written. A show of hands approved the written meeting minutes.

#### Reports:

**Treasurer's Report** -- Ed Assaf highlighted the YTD FY 2022-2023 as of 6/24/23 starting @\$9,968.81 ending this morning @ \$9,075.38 Report was approved.

**Membership Report** – Anthony Bliss was unable to attend today but sent the following: Individual 26 Family 14 Life 7 Honorary 5 Junior 4 Total 70

We have a new club member Larry Kagan. He mentioned he was coming to the meeting, so I was going to have him introduce himself.

**Program Director** – Anthony Marino could not make today's meeting, so George asked members to read Sn'C as all the updated dates are in it.

**Review of Shows & Events:** None

**Displays and Events:**

August – Picnic at RMLI 8/5/23 Time TBD. Anyone making a dish please let Anthony Marino know so he can coordinate the dishes with others.

September – Long Island Fair @ Bethpage Restoration – dates & time TBD We will need Volunteers.

**Club Merchandise** – Please see Georgiana & Steve Gaherty for club items such as hats, shirts, jackets, mugs, pins and DVDs.

**Photo Contest** – This month's winning photo "Steaming in the SW" was taken by Bob Sewall of a train on deceased member Henry Harris' layout. The contest rules are on the LIGRS.org website at member info>forms, rules & policy. Please remember to take pictures and send your best picture to Louise Sewall.

**Club Resource Library** - Nick Guarino will bring some of these resources to the next meeting and events for anyone to purchase.

**Aluminum Can Tabs** – Please save them to give to Eileen & Karl Wagner. This helps fund the Ronald McDonald House for Children needing treatment and their families. Please check them with a magnet as only Aluminum tabs are used, NOT STEEL.

**Old Business:** Ed Assaf talked about Club 30th Anniversary for the Essex Dinner Train. The date is October 14 on the 11:30 AM train. It is cooler and the Fall foliage is magnificent. As of today, we have 20 people paid. There is room for more people at this time.

<https://essexsteamtrain.com/>

**TAX STATUS** – Ed stated we are set up as LIGRSNY for the 501c3 corporation. It does need a \$250 start up for the account. A vote was taken, and all agreed to give the new corporation the money.

The Big Boy Raffle will be mailed out to members shortly.

#### **New Business:**

George brought up a suggestion about getting a patch for our 35th anniversary to put on jackets or shirts. Georgiana will look into this and also embroidering.

Discussion if we want a train show at Bethpage Senior Center was held. Karl Wagner to set up a committee to see if feasible and what we all need to do.

50/50 winner this month was Ed Assaf, \$12 for Ed and \$13 for the club.

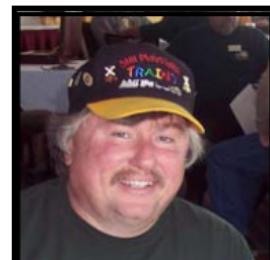
Next General meeting will be Saturday July 22 at Paul & Joan Simon's house rain or shine. Direction can be found in Smoke n' Cinders.

The meeting ended @ 12:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karl Wagner

Acting Club Secretary





## From Mike Kmeth



While visiting our family in NC, as we do a few times a year, we finally did something we've been trying to do on each visit, this time we did it, ride on The Great Smokey Mountains Railroad, (standard gauge). We had 13 family members, 3 seniors, 5 adults, and 5 children from 6-12, all had a great time, and they all want to go on another ride again in the future.

We took the Nantahala River Excursion ride. When we booked the ride we booked an open air gondola car which had a roof, good choice, everybody in our group moved around freely. We also bought box lunches when booking and ate on the train while viewing the beautiful scenery along the way. There is another excursion to take in the future which is Tuckasee River Excursion; this one travels through an 800 Ft. long tunnel. Our train rode alongside the Nantahala River, only a few feet above the river. We even viewed kayakers

kayaking the river. Also were a number of camp sites along the river, as well as a few small water falls.

Our train was pulled by double headed Diesels, (they also run steam) I didn't count the number of couches, however they made an announcement that our train had over 600 passengers on board. There was about an hour layover and at this time the Diesels switched ends of consist. At the layover were a few water falls to view.

Back in Brysen City our starting and end point, there is a train museum of toy trains all sizes Z up to G. They had an O gage running layout, as well as 1,000's of all scale trains on display. I have never seen so many trains in a museum as this place had, wish I had more time. There was one train that caught my eye, the Buddy L Garden Railway. It seems that the train was made in the 1930's and was not powered, you

had to pull it along the track. If anyone visits The Great Smokey Mountains Railroad, the museum is a must.

This railroad is privately owned. They own the rolling stock as well as the track, also they own the Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge in Colorado.

We are looking forward to our next train ride on The Great Smokey Mountain Railroad.

Mike Kmeth



[Great Smokey Mountains Railroad | Family Train Ride \(gsmr.com\)](http://www.gsmr.com)



## Chic Chat Corner

Just thinking about all the activities available at the Railroad Museum of Long Island at Riverhead on the day of our club picnic.

We can ride the 1964-65 World's Fair Train all day and visit the interactive Lionel layout which now has 83 operating push button accessories.

The Visitors Center has small displays and a fully stocked gift shop

There is also much historical equipment on display such as the PRR MP70, one of the first double decker rail car models to be used in the U.S. Brings back memories.

See you at the picnic!





## More Meeting Photos



Mike Kmeth sent in some additional photos from the meeting at first time host James Wellinghof's. If anyone took photos from the June meeting at Jay & Betty Geyer's please send to [louisesevall@gmail.com](mailto:louisesevall@gmail.com) for future publishing.

## A video shared by Dave Smith



Dave noticed that the winning photo last month was taken on deceased member Henry Harris' spectacular south western themed railway. After the passing of his wife, Henry hired another LIGRS member to turn the tennis court into a huge garden railway. We held a number of our club summer picnics on his Brookville Estate, enjoying not only the garden railway but his gardens and pond.

The controls were in a building that was a smaller recreation of a train station. Henry was very particular about the engines and equipment that he permitted others to run. They had to be related to the time period that was modeled. His layout had a stream that was designed to make "bubbling brook" sounds when the water was running.

In addition, Henry was wheelchair bound and his entire layout, as well as the estate were very accessible.

Dave had created a video of the Harris and Western which is posted on YouTube. He is sharing it with us this month.

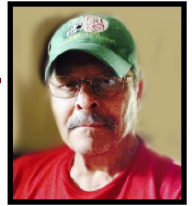
It is temporarily posted on the club homepage [LIGRS.org](http://LIGRS.org), just scroll down, you can't miss it.

Thanks again Dave





## Tom's "What the Heck?" Solution on next page



## Interesting Trip Possibilities

Bob Sewall has discovered the offerings at this location in New Jersey, just a few hours away.

<https://www.seashorelines.org/Passenger/Pizza> They have one on August 12th called the Pizza Express. It is held on the railcar "The Braddock Inn" If you go to their website you can see all of the other trip offerings.

### Parlor Lounge



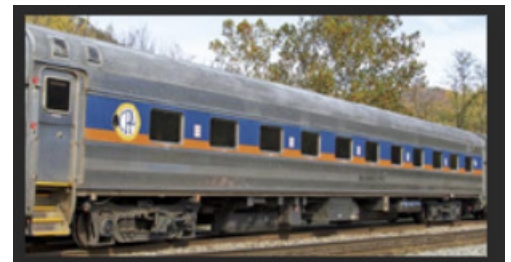
### Tavern



The Seashore Lines is proud to announce the **The Pizza Express!**

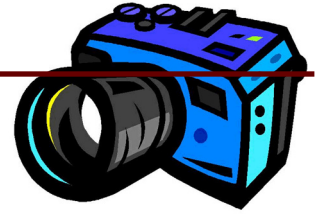
Enjoy a slice or two of freshly prepared pizza from our friends at **Villa Fazzolari** as you ride the Seashore Lines on a comfortable 60-minute long train ride! Each passenger will also receive a soft drink, to be served at your seat.

Trains will depart at 12 Noon and 2:15pm on Saturday, August 12th from the Richland Train Station. General train ticket fare is just **\$22.95** for Adults, and **\$17.95** for Children (ages 2 to 12). All seating will be assigned upon boarding at the train conductor's discretion.





## Monthly Photo Contest Winner



This month's winning photo "Through the New Tunnel" was taken by John Girolamo of a diesel double header on his Greenbelt Railway.



## What the Heck Solution



Your guess is as good as mine. What do you think?

## 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.)





# Are you coming to the LIGRS ANNUAL PICNIC?

- **Location:** Railroad Museum of Long Island Riverhead  
Railroad Museum of Long Island – Preserving Long Island's Rich Railroading Heritage (rml.org)
- **RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST**  
Please respond no later than July 15th
- **Cost:**
- Adults: \$20.00 pp Send checks payable to **Long Island Garden Railway Society, Inc.** to club PO Box
- Children: Under 13yrs \$8.00.  
Children under 5 FREE
- Due to club insurance restrictions  
**Alcoholic beverages** are prohibited at this event
- Hot Dogs, Cheese Burgers, Shish Kabobs, Corn on the cob. Bring salads to share
- **VOLUNTEERS** requested to help with set up and clean-up. (Contact Anthony Marino, committee chairperson)

**SATURDAY**  
**August 5, 2023**  
**10:00 am to 4:00 pm**  
**Rain date 8/6**



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

**Mail to: Ed Assaf at**  
**LIGRS, PO Box 2002,**  
**N Massapequa, NY 11758**

No Later Than JULY 15th  
Questions call  
Anthony Marino

**Location has tables and chairs but...** You may bring your own **CHAIRS**

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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**LIGRS Annual Picnic**  
**Saturday, August 5th 10:00 a.m.**  
**Railroad Museum of Long Island**  
**416 Griffing Avenue**  
**Riverhead, New York**

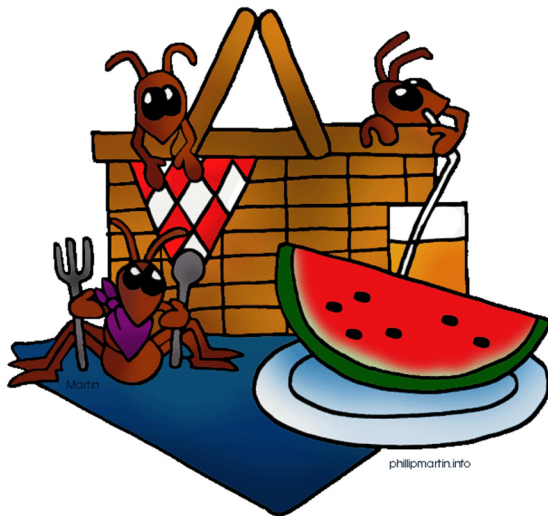
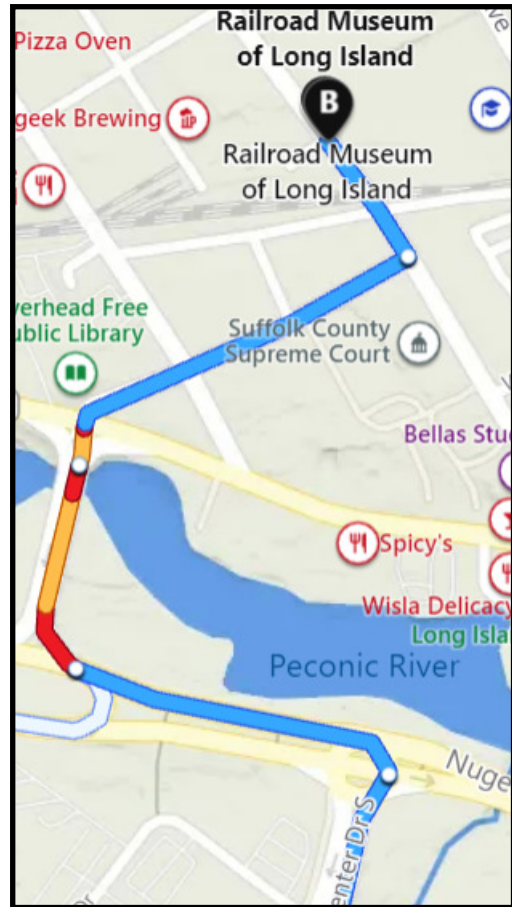
**Directions (Best to use GPS)**

**From West traveling East using NY 27**

Follow NY-27 E to County Rd 51 N/Moriches-Riverhead Rd in Brookhaven. Take exit 61 from NY-27 E  
Follow County Rd 51 N to Griffing Ave in Riverhead

**From West traveling East using Southern State Parkway**

Take Southern State Pkwy and I-495 E to NY-24 S/Edwards Ave S in Manorville. Take exit 71 from I-495 E  
Continue on NY-24 S. Drive to Griffing Ave in Riverhead



**FOR OUR GPS USERS**  
**416 Griffing Avenue**  
**Riverhead, New York**

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Directions from West to 705 Longview Lane, Southold, NY  
Take LIE 495 Eastbound to last exit 73 rt 58 Old Country Rd.  
In approx. 3 miles rt 58 becomes rt 25 east.

Continue 14.5 miles

Make hard right "U" turn at the Gulf gas station on to Main Bay View Road.  
(This is the only street sign to mark "Main Bay View Rd" For the next 2 miles)

The road curves left and passes a cemetery on your right.

In approximately 2 miles you will see a gazebo, go slowly

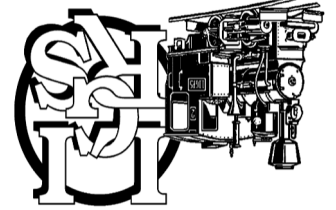
Make the 3<sup>rd</sup> right onto Longview Lane. #705 is the 6<sup>th</sup> house on the left.

You are now in Wine country. 631.455.2348

Meeting address is their summer home not the primary residence shown in the club roster.



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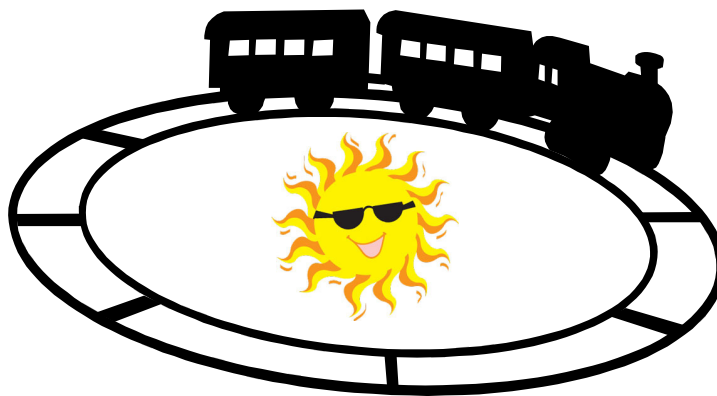
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# Enjoy the Summer!



**“Everyone wants to ride the train but not everyone wants to  
lay the tracks.”**