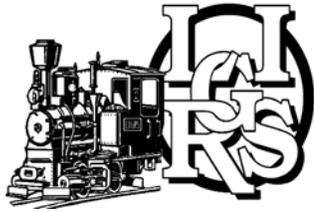


June 2020



## June Monthly Meeting Has been CANCELLED

### 2020 PICNIC

Has been CANCELLED by the BOD due to anticipated pandemic-related issues.



### ATTENTION ALL NON-MEMBERS

We will no longer be mailing hard copies of Smoke n' Cinders to **non-members**. If you wish to continue seeing our LIGRS information contact Tom Rizzo (631.470.2217 or tomjudyriz@optonline.net) and provide your email address. He will add you to the list those who are notified electronically when new issues appear on our website.

### LIGRS Summer Raffle CANCELLED

Because of all the cancelled meetings our LIGRS summer raffle has been cancelled. All participants will be receiving refunds from Bob Sewall, Treasurer. He will be contacting you.

## 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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## 2020 LIGRS Meetings & Events Schedule

Date	Program/Notes	Time	Place
May 12, 2020	RMLI Work Day	Has been cancelled	Has been cancelled
May 17, 2020	Monthly Meeting Indoors	Has been cancelled	Has been cancelled
June 6-7, 2020	Ground Display	Has been cancelled	Has been cancelled
June 28, 2020	Monthly Meeting	Has been cancelled	Has been cancelled
July 18, 2020 <u>SATURDAY</u>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	ZOOM MEETING
July 26, 2020 set up 10AM	Tabletop Display	Has been cancelled	Has been cancelled
August 4, 2020	Work Day	TBA	RMLI at Riverhead
August 22, 2020 <u>SATURDAY</u>	Club Picnic	Has been cancelled	Long Island Live Steamers
August 29-30, 2020	Railfest	TBA	RMLI at Riverhead
Sept., 2020	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Location TBA
Oct., 2020	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Location TBA

## View From The Cab



Well, I feel a lot is happening and in other ways, nothing is happening. What do I mean? I'll talk about upcoming club meetings and events. First, the nothing happening part. The Board of Directors cancelled our June and July meetings for a few reasons. One, society is not fully open yet. Two, most meeting locations may not permit social distancing. Three, will members wear masks? Some of the hosts requested that attending members must wear masks. Four, will neighbors complain to police about a large group of people gathering and not social distancing, even though members may be doing so.

*Just to give you an idea of how paranoid some people are, I know a family that lives in Westhampton Beach year round. They live in a small house. Their five children attend West Hampton Beach schools, pray at a local church etc. Well, at the beginning of COVID-19 the family (of 7) went for a walk to the beach. On the way there a woman came running out of her house, a McMansion; "You're not social distancing." she tells the family. The mother of the five children responds telling the paranoid woman that they are a family, father, mother and five children. They don't have to social distance. This also was long before the requirement to wear masks in public.*

*Now, for the rest of the story! The paranoid woman now is living in this McMansion, most likely her summer home; normally she lives in NYC. She came out to the Hamptons early this year to get away from NYC COVID-19. The Woman of the five said that a week or two before that no one was living in the McMansion. The paranoid woman wasn't the only other big \$\$\$\$ person that came out from NYC to their summer home in the Hamptons. Many others came out and wiped out food in the local stores, because the local stores weren't prepared for a Summer rush in Feb. and March.*

Getting back to club events; the setup at the Mount Sinai Yacht Club was cancelled by the BOD. They believe the area is too tight for social distancing correctly. Also MSYC themselves don't know if they'll be open at that time.

Our Summer Picnic is cancelled by the BOD. Again, the picnic area is very close. Also what about staff closeness around the food prep. area? And wearing masks in 90 degree weather? Again, we don't know when the county will open parks and what rules about

social distancing they may impose.

Rail Fest, Riverhead; the museum currently is closed indefinitely. If they do open, it will be each member's choice to attend or not.

Now for the good news. We did have a BOD meeting June 6<sup>th</sup>. It was conducted using Zoom on the Internet. All ten Board members attended. A big thank you to Louise Sewall for setting up and running the system during the meeting. Meeting took approximately 2 hours and 25 minutes. The Board covered everything on our 5 page agenda. We are planning to have a very short Board meeting on August 1<sup>st</sup> and a full Board meeting on Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>.

**On July 18, 2020 @ 11:00am the Board would like to try a Zoom (Internet) general meeting with a**

**limited number of members. 30 in all. This included the BOD members. It will be on a first come basis. You must be a paid up member as of June 6, 2020. If you are interested in participating in this Zoom meeting, either email me at [solarelectric@verizon.net](mailto:solarelectric@verizon.net) or call at 631.757.3784. Leave contact information, either email or phone**

**so Louise can contact you to set up a test run, one-on-one. Please don't wait to the last minute because it does take time to set up if there is a technical problem. Drop dead date for responding is July 6, 2020. The meeting will be short. I think it would be fun to see each other again and keep the spirit of the club alive during these trying times. Also, besides the Board members giving their reports it would be nice for other members to give some feedback during the meeting on how they are doing and how their railroad is doing.**

As of now we are anticipating a September meeting either at a member's home or possibly the Northport Yacht Club if they are open by then. If they are open at NPYC the Board believes we could set up to have social distancing there.

Stay tuned, read your email for any updates.

If any member has an interesting story and would like to share it, kindly write in and it will be published in Sn'C. This is another way we can stay in touch.

God bless and please stay safe.

Mike Kmeth



# From the Secretary BOD Meeting Minutes



## LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY, Inc. EXECUTIVE BOARD ZOOM MEETING JUNE 6, 2020

Feb. We have not had a response back, Tom Rizzo to follow up with a phone call.

**Membership Report** - Tom Rizzo - Individual 27  
Family 21 Life 6 Honorary 6 Junior 5

Meeting was held using Zoom.

Discussion for a new membership laptop was tabled till next BOD

Attendance: President Mike Kmeth, Vice President Steve Gaherty, Secretary Karl Wagner, Membership Director Tom Rizzo, Treasurer Bob Sewall, Program Director Nick Guarino, Directors at Large, Louis Cortese, Frank Clemente, Bruce Kropp, Pat Russo, and guest Louise Sewall.

Tom asked about discontinuing complementary Smoke-n-Cinders mailings. At this time we have about 14. The BOD directed Tom to send all a letter asking for their e-mail so we can notify them each time the news letter comes out in electronic format. If no response they will be dropped. It was requested that we continue with Trainland and Harry Leeds.

President Mike Kmeth asked that the meeting be opened @ 10:12 AM. A motion was made by Tom Rizzo and seconded by Bruce Kropp.

President Mike Kmeth noted the passing of Ray Shelton's wife Margaret on May 4



**Open Houses & Winter Meetings** – Members of the BOD spoke with our upcoming June and July hosts. After hearing some concerns the BOD decided to cancel those meetings. Nick to contact Ed Assaf about Sept. meeting we could maybe go to NPYC. Nick will also contact Steve Gittelman about the October meeting or maybe Oyster Bay Railroad Museum. Winter meetings we are still waiting to call the NPYC

President Mike Kmeth asked for a motion to forgo the reading and approve the minutes of the January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 BOD. Frank Clemente made a motion to accept as is, seconded by Tom Rizzo. BOD approved.

**Treasurer's Report** – was given by Bob Sewall. Bob gave a synopsis of the information he was discussing as he provided a visual presentation on screen to the BOD members. He had sent them to Karl by email before the meeting for his records. Year to date 2019-2020 as of 5/31/20 starting \$9,247.37 ending \$10,215.65

**Bob Russo Memorial Fund** – The place for the tree and bench have been selected by Pat Russo. The Plaque still has to be picked out with the wording. \$4,955.00 has been collected plus an additional \$500.00 from the club. A check for \$4,500 has the process started with Bayard. More info coming

**Club Auction** – The Club made a net profit of \$430.00

**Club Raffles** – Bob Sewall noted we did very well with the Clark Botanic Garden's (2 events Sept & Dec \$645.00) and Cradle of Aviation (\$515.00) as one Raffle. Replacement train set was \$200 The Clubs net profit was \$960.00

**Anniversary for 2021 (30years)** – Karl Wagner (Pat Russo & Lou Cortese) – We have not met for a meeting. We also did not get any volunteers from the general club membership. Mike to note in his monthly column for members to send their celebration ideas to Karl, Pat or Lou.

**JELSMA Graphics** – (our clothing supplier) Bob noted he had been having some issues of not receiving all the invoices of orders that were placed. As of this time all issues have been resolved.

**Review of Shows & Events:** Some events were cancelled by the Venue or the LIGRS BOD in order to serve the best and safest interests of the club.

**JLSRR** – LIGRS Web page – email was sent by Bob Sewall to Jonathan Landon (a former member) requesting him to remove the LIGRS link from his web page as it is very old. Karl Wagner followed up with a formal letter back in

**Scout Show** - Table Top March 7 – Nick noted it was in a new location with easier accesses. A little disorganized for the food but our tables were labeled for us and we have room to expand. We had about 9 club members.

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**Bethpage** - Modular Display March 14 was CANCELLED no new date at this time

**Trains in the Garden**- This was CANCELLED by the Sayville Garden Society for March 16, The new date and time is Oct 19 at Noon

**Work Day** – Saturday April 18 at Dan Saporito's house CANCELLED

**Planting Fields Arboretum Arbor Day Festival** – Outdoor ground display April 25-26. CANCELLED.

**BOD Meeting** – May 2 @ Tom Rizzo's house @ 10 AM CANCELLED

**Work Day** – Riverhead Railroad Museum May 12 @ 9:30 AM CANCELLED

**Bayard Cutting Arboretum** - June 5 show 6 & 7 CANCELLED. Maybe in September.

## Upcoming Shows and Events:

**Monthly meeting** for June 28 at Paul & Elizabeth Bonney is CANCELLED by the BOD

**Monthly meeting** for July 19 at Geraldine Coney's house is CANCELLED by the BOD

**MT Sinai Yacht Club Show** - July 26 Table Top Display CANCELLED by the BOD

**Picnic LILS** – CANCELLED by the BOD. The LIGRS picnic club raffle has also been canceled. Bob Sewall will be in contact with those who already have purchased tickets and he will refund your money.

**Riverhead Rail fest** – Our participation in this event is still questionable at this time. More info to follow. Frank Clemente will call and talk to Don Fischer. If event is to be held and we participate the BOD decided not to have a public raffle due to safety concerns.

**Modular Group Green Trailer** – Tom Rizzo to ask Ed As-saf if he would contact COA if we may store our trailer at their site could in the future .

**Ground Displays Red Trailer** – Need new tires and installation and then 2020 inspection. Karl Wagner to check about storing trailer at Clark Botanic Gardens

**DVDs** – Mike Kmeth has 10, Georgianna Gaherty has 7, Frank Clemente to find out what RRMLI has on hand.

## New Business:

Bruce can no longer get ice from his supplier as they are out of business. We will purchase as needed.

Bruce now has 3 coffee pots. Bruce was asked to hold onto the Keurig and the other 2 coffee pots, put one in each trailer. Bruce agreed.

The BOD had reviewed the new Web site that Louise was setting up. The BOD voted to go with the new website as it is less expensive and Louse found it easy to work with. The old website will be discontinued.

**Self-drive trips?** Club Interest suggestions? Tabled at this time.

**Membership dues** – The BOD voted for no increase in dues for the year 2021

## COVID 19 ITEMS

The BOD ask if we know of any club members having trouble during this pandemic that may need help. Can we as a club help them or anyone else? The BOD was not aware at this time of any club members needing help.

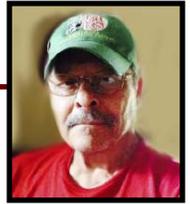
**The BOD members were asked to share with Mike after the meeting their opinion of the ZOOM meeting.**

**A BIG THANK YOU to Louise Sewall for setting this all up and walking us through it.**

A short BOD meeting on ZOOM will be held August 1 just to review our relationship with the pandemic.

Next Board regularly scheduled BOD meeting will be September 12 either a ZOOM meeting or at Karl Wagner's house or Mike Kmeth's house, 10:00 AM

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## Monthly Photo Contest Winner



This month's winning photo "Working Steam" was taken by Karl Wagner on Ed Assaf's Between Here & There Railway



# Solution for The What the Heck Puzzle



2005 Morbark 7600 horizontal grinder.

## Member Profiles



Ralph and Jane Isaacs have an indoor train layout. Ralph has been working on it for the last 1 ½ years. It started as a set up on a 4 by 8 plywood sheet but now has grown to a 7 by 14 plywood. He originally got his trains from Andrea Backe when she was unable to continue with her layout due to the introduction of a puppy who loves to dig. It is a European set. He has since

bought 12 switches, a few freight cars and a flat car with cable spools on it.

The location of the layout was governed by the changes they had made to their house following superstorm Sandy. After putting a second story on their house during the repair period, they included a family room. This is where the layout is located. He can't expand it out so he went up, 3 levels in all. This includes a staircase going up to the train station.

Ralph belongs to a model train chat group. Most of the members are from England and all over the world. The focus of the chat is on HO but he enjoys seeing all of their scenery especially since he hasn't room for any of his own. One of the members looked at his 3 story staircase and commented that he would never be able to climb up all of those stairs. He would need a lift (elevator). So Ralph built a working elevator to the station. Jane enjoys the trains. She comes upstairs to visit when he is working on them. She enjoys the hobby with him.

Andrea told him about the LIGRS and offered to bring him to a meeting. That never panned out so he went online and sent in his

membership application. He really enjoys the group. Says we are a nice bunch of people. He has seen some of our displays and also Dino's large indoor layout. He has been to see our running of the Freeman Railway at Riverhead, the indoor display at Clark Botanic Garden, Sayville Historical Society and the big modular one at the Cradle of Aviation.

He remembers when the NY World's Fair ran he was teaching music and brought groups to perform, singing and playing for the public in the NY pavilion.

*(check out our website for a video that Ralph has also submitted)*



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Tom Rizzo made a motion to close the meeting, seconded by Lou Cortese. Motion approved

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karl Wagner  
Secretary

Meeting ended at 12:25 PM

## Chic Chat Corner



This has been an interesting time to be living in. We have all needed to make lifestyle changes of one kind or another. For me, one of the changes has been to participate in and learn to host group meetings using Zoom. The first meeting I participated in was with other members of a church group. We have been meeting this way every 2 or 3 weeks now. I also hosted a Zoom meeting with the members of one of the church music groups because people wanted to see each other again. Lastly, I was asked to host our club's BOD meeting.

It is possible that we may hold a monthly LIGRS meeting using Zoom. It is not too difficult to attend and participate. All you need is a computer, laptop, iPad or smart phone and an email account that you can access from that device. It is also helpful if that device has a camera and built in microphone (although you can call in to an online meeting using the audio from your phone).

To enter the meeting, go to your email account, open the email and click (or press) on the link provided.

*As per sample below (for illustration only, do not use).*

Please join Zoom meeting in progress

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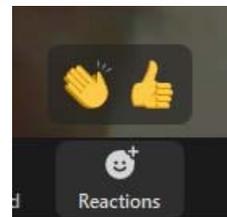


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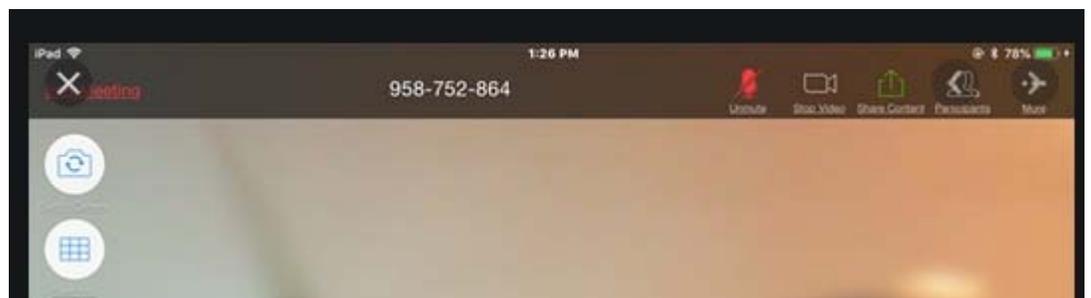
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And a “reactions” tool for hand raising and thumbs up.



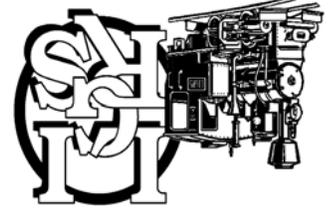
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Smart phone access to these meetings is less satisfying than using other devices

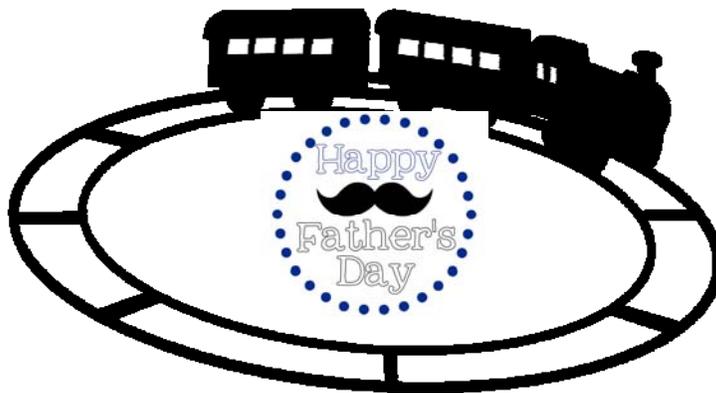
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