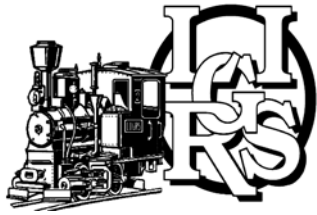


June 2021



June Monthly Meeting

Host: Steve Gittelman

189 Sweet Hollow Rd

Huntington, NY 11743

cell 631.466.6604

June 26, 2021 SATURDAY 11:00-3:00
(rain date Sunday the 27th)

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.

Check website to verify that the county is permitting opening.

<http://www.longislandlivesteamers.org/find.php>

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 8. Do NOT send checks without completed reservation form)

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

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY INC.

Smoke n' Cinders

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2021 LIGRS Meetings & Events Schedule

Date	Program/Notes	Time	Place
Jun. 26, 2021 SATURDAY*	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Steve Gittelman
July 10 & 11, 2021	Run Dates	10:00 AM-4:00 PM	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



Greetings! Well if you didn't attend our May meeting you missed a wonderful time. Weather was very good, a little warm, beautiful location and most of all great company. We had 28 members in attendance and enough proxies to have a business meeting. After the meeting was officially over George and his wife Connie provided a beautiful BBQ with a Greek flavor. This was our first meeting of the year at member's home. It was sure good to get out of our lockups. Again members were in groups talking, I guess discussing trains or some other pleasantries. One pleasant surprise was that Dino and family attended before heading to their home in Germany. For those that do not know the Zilic's they are German citizens that were on work assignments in the USA and were to be in the US for 5 years. Their stay is up and are now heading home. We'll miss them they were very active participants in club.

So far no one that I know of has gotten back to me or other board members on what they want the club to do, that is projects, type of shows etc.

So moving on, at our last Board meeting, the Board decided that members could work on display projects related to Long Island Historical places. Remember Long Island goes from the Brooklyn Bridge to the east end Montauk. Example of past projects the club worked on was the 1964 – 65 World's Fair. This new endeavor doesn't

have to be that elaborate or it could be. Tom printed some pictures of possible projects *Gantry State Park, Montauk Light House, (Parachute Jump, Wonder Wheel, and Cyclone Roller Coaster all at Coney Island), Big Duck, Wind mills, Water mills Jones Beach Water Tower, Grand Army Plaza Arch (Brooklyn), Elevated Myrtle Ave. train line (Queen / Brooklyn).* Some of these models can and should be mechanical if possible, the public likes motion. One member at the meeting is going to do "The Big Duck". Do I have any other offers? If so contact me or a board member. You don't have to do it alone we could set up teams to build items like we did for World's Fair project.



Club picnic, we are moving ahead, we have word that the LILS will be opening July 11th. Please watch your e-mails and July Smoke n' Cinders for updates.

Even though our club's 30th anniversary

has passed, we would like to do something in 2022 to celebrate the event. So please, if you have any ideas let a Board member know.

I want to thank Jay and Betty for donating an amplifier system to the club. Know those that who sit in the back row will now

be able to hear yours truly.

It may be a little early but think about club elections. This November half the Board is up for election. Now is your time for change. Think about running for office yourself or nominating someone you feel you would like to see on the Board!

June 26 is our next club meeting (rain date the 27th); see this issue of Smoke n' Cinders for location and directions. Our host has invited any member that has battery power R/C to bring their engines (trains) to run on the host's railroad. I understand this railroad is quite extensive in size, hundreds of feet long, nice test for our battery R/C trains.

Remember if you can't make meeting please send in your proxies. I'd rather see you all at meeting then counting your proxy.

God bless and please stay safe.

Mike Kmeth



June Membership Check List

- Complete Picnic Reservation Form & mail with your check payable to Long Island Garden Railway Society, Inc. Mail to LIGRS, PO Box 2002, N Massapequa, NY 11758
- Propose ideas for future club direction. What do you think **YOUR** club should be doing?
- Consider working on one of the display projects.
- Attend June's in-person meeting (can't make it, send in your proxy (see page 11))
- Suggest ideas & venue for LIGRS' year end Christmas/holiday party & for our belated club anniversary celebration.
- Consider running for BOD position.
- Write an article for Smoke n' Cinders

Photos of Possible Projects



Some historical structures from Coney Island are the Wonder Wheel, the Parachute Jump and the Cyclone.

Also the Long Island Duck from Suffolk County.

More project suggestions are shown on page 10.



From The Secretary Meeting Minutes



LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY INC.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING MAY 22, 2021

May 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

President Mike Kmeth asked that the meeting be opened @ 12:05 AM. A motion was made by Nick Guarino, seconded by George Stamataides to open the meeting. We had 28 members present, 10 proxies. We have a quorum.

Mike welcomed us all to our May in person meeting at George and Connie Stamataides'. Mike thanked George and Connie for hosting our meeting at their Summer home. Seems like a long time since the last home meeting in September. Mike also thanked George and Connie for the wonderful food and drink they are serving us here today, Thank You All.

President Mike then asked for a motion to read the April 18, 2021 meeting minutes or forego the reading and accept them as written. Bruce Kropp made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Rich Bishop.

Reports:

Treasurers' Report --was given by Bob Sewall. Third Quarter 2020-2021 (4/1/21 thru 6/30/21) Starting balance \$9,234.24 ending balance \$9,430.17 YTD report as of 5/22/21 starting balance was \$9,698.98 ending balance of \$9,430.17. Bob stated that if anyone has any questions about the club finances, please contact him and he will be happy to answer any questions you have.

Membership Report – Tom Rizzo reported no new members at this time. Tom noted the new laptop has been purchased and he liked it.

Program Directors Report – Nick Guarino stated all meetings for the rest of the year are covered.

Modular Coordinator – Ed Assaf stated that himself, Karl Wagner and Lou Cortese were meeting at Lou's house on Tuesday to work on the yard modules

Bob Russo Memorial Fund – Pat Russo stated the date will be Sept 11 with rain date Sept 12. Memorial time is 10 AM at Bayard, refreshments after. Attendance may be limited.

Anniversary for 2021 (30years) – No new info at this time.

Upcoming events and Shows:

July 10 & 11- @ RMLI Fun run dates for our club. Bring your trains and have fun.

August 28 & 29 – @ RMLI Fun run dates for our club. Bring your trains and have fun.

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 your Name badge. This will help show the public who we are and see we are part of an organization.

Picnic – We are tentatively scheduled with Long Island Live

Steamers at Southaven County Park so long as Suffolk County allows them to open for Saturday August 21. Pat Russo is the committee Chairperson

Photo Contest – Congratulations to this month's winning photo, "Logs On The Way" was taken by Bob Sewall of his Climax pulling a logging consist running this Spring on our modular display at the Cradle of Aviation. Please remember to take pictures and send your best picture to Louise Sewall.

Bob Sewall made a motion to make Patrick and Kristine Friedmann Honorary members as they have now been living in Florida a few years and still participate as photo contest judges. The motion was seconded by Ed Assaf, Motion was approved.

Chic Chat Corner – Louise Sewall reprinted an article from Sn'C by Bob Weschler about organic gardening for May and June Remember you can write about almost anything here at Chic Chat Corner

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. 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:

Super 50/50 Chairperson George Stamataides stated that the raffle is doing well. 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:

Mike Kmeth and Bob Sewall spoke about possible club projects that members may be willing to undertake such as modeling a light house from Long Island, the Big Duck, or maybe the Jones Beach tower. There are many landmarks that could be built. Remember Long Island goes from the Brooklyn Bridge to Montauk Point. There has to be a lot of projects we can model after. These can then be displayed on our modules or at any shows we do.

Election nominations are coming in September Up for elections: VP- Steve Gaherty, Finance – Bob Sewall, Membership Director – Tom Rizzo, Director at Large – Lou Cortese, Pat Russo. Look for job descriptions in future Sn'C. We are looking for membership to step up.

Mike Kmeth thanked Dino, Kornelia and the Zillic Family for being part of LIGRS for the past few years. We wish them well on their journey back to Germany. The club membership gave a nice round of applause.

50/50 was won by Jay Geyer. \$26 was donated back to the club.

Next General meeting will be Saturday June 26 at Steve Gittleman's If you have remote battery operated trains please remember to bring them. You can then run your trains on his layout

Joe DiBenedetto made a motion to close the meeting seconded by Bruce Kropp. Motion approved. Meeting ended @ 12:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karl Wagner

Secretary



Elected Officer Descriptions for 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.

Next month the descriptions for the other 2 positions will be posted.

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.

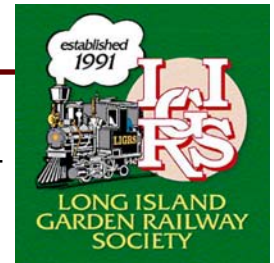
Those currently serving will not be insulted if you decide to run yourself or to nominate another club member. The nomination meeting will be held in October and the Voting meeting in November.

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.

Vice President: The Vice President is responsible for arranging, planning, coordinating and scheduling all shows and other duties as assigned by the President. The Vice President replaces the President if he is unable to complete term of office. In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall chair monthly meetings of the LIGRS, as well as meeting of the Board of Directors.

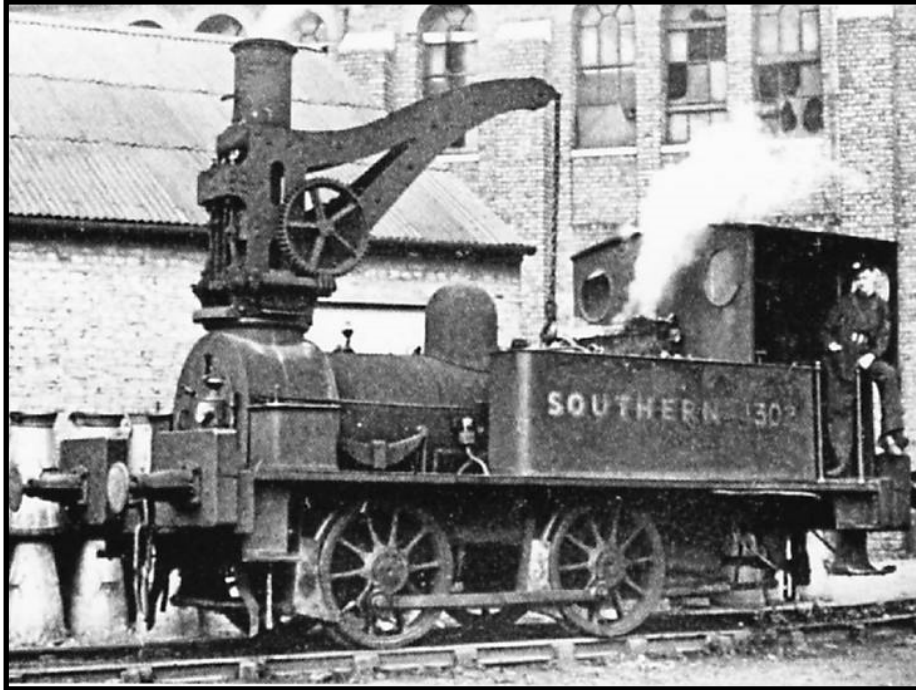
Treasurer: The primary responsibilities of the Treasurer are maintaining a current accounting of the LIGRS finances, the timely reconciliation of those accounts with monthly bank statements, the reimbursement of expenses, both routine and otherwise, as specified below, and other duties as assigned by the President.



Monthly Photo Contest Winner

This month's winning photo of "The Yard" was taken by Lou Caputzal of his layout "Pop's Trains".





This Year's Club 50/50 Raffle

Long Island Garden Railroad Society's FIRST ANNUAL HOLIDAY SUPER
50/50 Raffle. \$5.00 each. Limited to 500 Tickets
If you need more contact George at glstama1@earthlink.net
Drawing at our November MEETING

You've got to be in it to win it!

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.)



Solution for The What the Heck Puzzle



This is a South Eastern Railway 0-4-0 tank engine with a steam powered crane fitted around the chimney 1946.

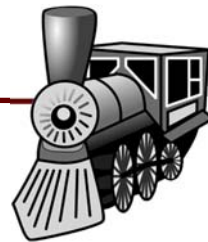
Photos from our May Meeting at Stamatiades'



Photos thanks to George's niece Stella and Louise Sewall



My Newest Project



I've always considered Model Railroad-ing a great hobby because it covers a wide range of railroad related areas of interest and pursuit. One could be a modeler of a specific historical era, motive power (steam, diesel or electric), a particular rail line, gauge (standard or one of the various narrow gauges), industry (lumber or mining), freight, passenger or both), not to mention structures, bridges, trestles and the like. Then there are dioramas and photography not to mention electronic sounds, animation and controls as well as arm-chair railroading via books, videos and railfanning.

My own interests have spanned the aforementioned list of interests and pursuits. Currently I am finally making some progress on a long held aspiration to put together a LIRR passenger consist which was recently reignited by coming across an internet item about the LIRR "Sunrise Special" parlor car service that operated a century ago. I've decided to create my own version of the "Sunrise Special" to include an observation, lounge cars, a combine as well as a baggage/RPO (Railway Post Office). While I'm not sure the real "Sunrise Special" actually included a

combine, baggage or RPO, although logically they should have. I've decided to use artistic license to include them in my version of the "Sunrise Special" with an emphasis on local native American heritage as well as similar, although not prototype, engines to power the consist.

As part of this endeavor, I've been browsing the internet looking for some ideas for my baggage/RPO. I've learned some interesting facts about RPO's in general as well as LIRR RPOs. I've always thought that the RPO postmarking would indicate the railroad, date and RPO cancellation mark. I have come to realize the cancellation postmark included the origin and destination of the train, not the railroad and often included the train number. There seems to be a segment of stamp collecting specializing in RPO and HPO (Highway Post Office) covers (postcards and envelopes). Apparently the U S Post Office created HPO buses that acted as Highway Post Offices with the decline in rail passenger trains performing the same postal functions as RPOs with the exception of "on the fly" snatching of mail bags, a fascinating sight to see. Also discovered that RPO

workers had their own lingo like "throw the bums out". They were not disgruntled Brooklyn Dodger fans, but referring to tossing out a mail bag ("bum") at a designated location. The LIRR had several RPOs operating from Port Jefferson, Greenport as well as Montauk. I came across an interesting photo showing the LIRR RDCs pulling a RPO between Babylon and Patchogue. Other interesting photos were of LIRR MPBM54s (Motorized (electrified), Passenger, Baggage, Mail, car length), roughly 1/2 coach, 1/4 RPO, 1/4 baggage. There are two LIRR Baggage/RPO cars located at RMLI's Riverhead site although they are in rough exterior condition and are used for storage and workshop purposes. For more RPO related historical information please refer to the **LIRR RPOs And Post Office Museum** entries located on the LIGRS.org website under the tab **MORE** and sub-tab **Interesting Things**.

Bob Sewall



Cars currently on display at the RMLI Riverhead. Although one appears to be from the Oyster Bay RR Museum.



Photos for Possible Long Island Structure Projects



Ohoka Castle



Grand Army Plaza Arch



Old Westbury Gardens



Sand's Point Castle



Elevated Myrtle Ave Train Line



Sagamore Hill—Teddy Roosevelt's Home



Mitchel Field



Jones Beach Tower



Gantry Plaza State Park



Windmill



Montauk Point Lighthouse



Watermill Museum



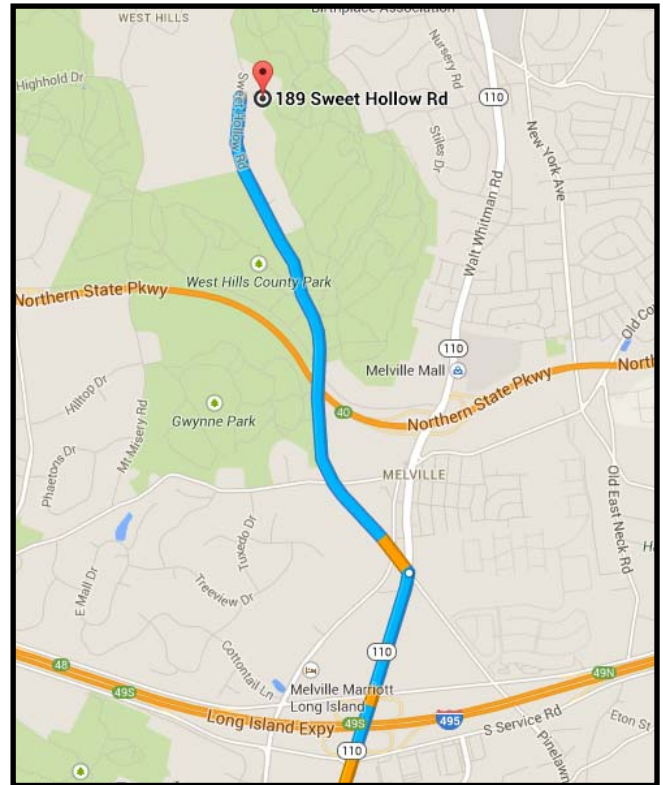
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BRING BATTERY POWERED ENGINES TO RUN

Westbound or Eastbound. Take LIE 495 to rt 110 North. Turn left on Sweet Hollow Rd. Turn right into private rd. for #189 (see photo below)

Westbound or Eastbound. Take Northern State Pkwy, to Rd 110 South. Turn right on Sweet Hollow Rd. Turn right into private rd. for #189 (see photo below)

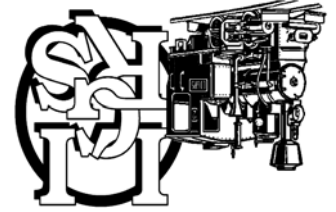


Can't Make A Meeting?

To ensure that 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.

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

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