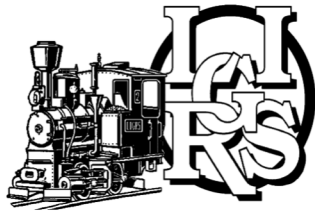


June 2022



**June Monthly Meeting**  
**Hosts: Geri Coney & Bill Arndt**  
**170 Walnut Street,**  
**Lynbrook, NY 11563**  
**June 18, 2022 SATURDAY**  
**11:00-3:00**



**SAVE THE DATE!**



The Summer picnic is scheduled for **SATURDAY**  
August 20th at the Railroad Museum of Long Island, at Riverhead.  
(Rain Date 8/21)

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. Contact Frank Clemente.  
**Please bring a small salad to share. Call or text Frank to let him  
know what kind you will bring.**

**As we did at our last picnic there will be wrist bands distributed  
upon entry to the meeting 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 6th.**

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY INC.

# Smoke n' Cinders

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## 2022 LIGRS Meetings & Events

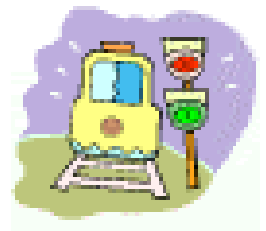
Date	Program/Notes	Time	Place
<b>June 18, 2022</b> <b>SATURDAY</b>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	<b>Geri Coney &amp; Bill Arndt</b>
<b>July 16, 2022</b> <b>SATURDAY</b>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	<b>Jay &amp; Betty Geyer</b>
<b>July 23, 2022</b> <b>SATURDAY</b>	Fun Run (rain date 7/24)	Museum Hours	<b>RMLI Riverhead</b>
<b>August 20, 2022</b> Rain date 8/21	Summer Picnic	TBA	<b>RMLI Riverhead</b>
<b>Sept. 10, 2022</b> <b>SATURDAY</b>	Fun Run (rain date 9/11)	Museum Hours	<b>RMLI Riverhead</b>
<b>Sept 17, 2022</b> <b>SATURDAY</b>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	<b>George &amp; Connie Stamataides</b>
<b>Oct. 15, 2022</b> <b>SATURDAY</b>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	<b>Paul &amp; Elizabeth Bonney</b>
<b>Nov. 2022</b>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	<b>TBA</b>

## 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.)



## View From The Cab



May's meeting was the first to be hosted by Anthony Bliss and our first to be hosted at a member's home for the 2022 season. Anthony is one of our newest and younger members and it was a treat to see his beautiful layout. A while ago I had talked with Anthony and was under the impression that his lay out was small, boy was I in for a surprise. I guess his layout is approximately 120 linear feet of track. 100ft across length of back yard and 20ft down one side. It had water features; scale trees all had a nice flow. One thing I did take note was the layout did not have any buildings. This shows that it is not necessary to have a building to have a beautiful nice flowing garden railroad. Anthony is the second member of our club that I know of that has a layout without having any buildings. Both are beautiful in their own right.

This is in contrast with the layout I'm building and hope to finish someday. Final plans call for approximately 40 structures. I have all the buildings now, some are complete, and others are in disrepair as I bought them at various club auctions over the years. Two or three are still in boxes as they are kits. All will light up at night as requested by my wife, (I agree it would be nice). In the past I had some buildings in their correct location and lit at night, I will say that it was a nice sight to see. One particular building, a station, was located at the end of a walkway leading to our backyard, we'd come home at night and walking to the back, the light in the sta-

tion would guide us. This station has to be repaired as Chip and Dale (chipmunks) did a job on the light timer.

As of this writing there are no shows scheduled, I'm hoping we can do the Long Island Fair at Old Bethpage Village again this year, so far no word.

The next big event will be our picnic which will be at the Railroad Museum of Long Island in Riverhead.



Food will be heroes, salads, and pizza. We can ride the 1964-65 World's Fair Train all day and visit the interactive Lionel layout.

If you have not been to the Riverhead museum in the last few years, they now have a large tent set on a cement slab, and that's where we will have our picnic setup.

Also for members that want to run trains on the Freeman Garden Railroad on the day of the picnic please bring your trains and share the track.

This will our first picnic **August 20, 2022** at the museum, we took a vote at our March meeting Long Island Live Steamers or Riverhead Museum and the Museum won. A side note I was informed that the Steamers may not be opened to public

this year, so even if we voted for the Steamers we wouldn't be there this year.

Remember the picnic is open to everyone not just club members, extended families members and friends are welcome.

Wrist bands will be issue to all that paid. No payee, no wrist band, no food or drink- ie.

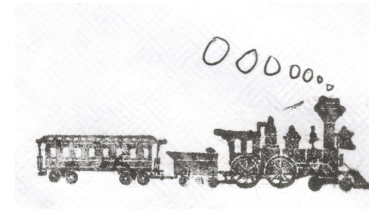
If you are planning on attending please get your payment in before August 6<sup>th</sup> 2022. Must be **post marked** no later than August 6<sup>th</sup>. Any late comers should expect a \$10.00 extra per person to cover extra food not planned on by the August 6th deadline.

Mail checks to club **P.O. Box address** in Massapequa; make checks out to **Long Island Garden Railway Society Inc.**

See further picnic information in this issue of S n' C.

Always view e-mails and calendar of events for updates and their locations in S n' C.

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?
- ⇒ Attend June's in-person meeting (can't make it, send in your proxy (see LIGRS.org)
- ⇒ Suggest ideas & venue for LIGRS' year end Christmas/holiday party.
- ⇒ Consider running for club Officer position.
- ⇒ Write an article for Smoke n' Cinders

# From The Secretary Meeting Minutes



LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY INC.

## MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING MAY 21, 2022

President Mike Kmeth asked for 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 @ 12:10 PM. A motion was made by Lou Cortese, seconded by George Stamataides to open the meeting. We had 27 members present, 2 proxies. We have a quorum.

Mike welcomed us all to our May 2022 in person meeting at the home of first time host's Danielle and Anthony Bliss.

President Mike then asked for a motion to read the March 19, 2022 meeting minutes or forego the reading and accept them as written. Motion was made by Lou Caputzal and second by Bill Arndt to accept the minutes as written.

### Reports:

**Treasurers' Report** -- Bob Sewall gave the 3rd Quarter 4/1/22 thru 6/30/22 starting Balance as \$8,815.20 Ending as \$8,956.28 The YTD as of 5/20/22 Starting Balance as \$9,968.81 ending Balance as \$8,956.28 Bob noted that our April Spring display Train Raffle at the Cradle of Aviation took in \$505.00 and the donations were \$77.02 Expenses were \$167.00 As always any question please see Bob and he will answer any questions you may have.

**Membership Report** -- Anthony Bliss reported Individual 24, Family 18, Ext Fam 0, Life 6, Honorary 4, Junior 3 Total 74

**Program Director** -- Mike read the notes from Nick Guarino upcoming meeting dates

June 18 -- Saturday, @ Gerry & Bill,

July 16 -- Saturday, @ Betty & Jay Geyer

Sept 17 -- Saturday, @ George and Connie Stamataides nomination of officers

Oct 15 -- Saturday, @ Paul & Elizabeth Bonney

Note all Saturday meetings have a rain date of Sunday

**Modular Coordinator** -- Ed Assaf stated we did well at the April Spring display at the Cradle of Aviation. The dates were April 13 thru April 21 All members seemed to have a good time. Member turnout was good for both the set up, take down and during the whole display time. Yes we had a raffle winner, our very own Lou Cortese's Grandson Carter Cortese. See his picture in Smoke n' Cinders. Ed thanked all who participated.

**Review of Shows & Events:** See above

### Upcoming Shows & Events:

**Club Picnic** -- Saturday August 20 at the Railroad Museum of Long Island. Rain date Sunday 21



Cut off for tickets is August 6<sup>th</sup> Please send your money to Bob Sewall at the club PO Box. If you would like to volunteer to help, please see Chairperson Frank

Clemente. Pricing is same as last year, Adults \$20 pp and Children under 13 \$8 each. We will have heroes, salads, pizza maybe hot dogs and some deserts for the kids Please bring some of your trains to run on the Freeman Layout.

RMLI Fun Run date Saturday July 23 and Saturday Sept 10

**Photo Contest** -- Congratulations to this month's winner "New Modular Work Area" The picture was taken by Sue Cortese at the Spring Modular Display at the Cradle of Aviation Museum. You can see it in our May issue of Smoke n' Cinders. Please remember to take pictures and send your best picture to Louise Sewall.

**Chic Chat Corner** -- Louise reprinted a past article from Smoke n Cinders Organically Speaking by Bob Weschler of what to do in your garden for April and May. Bob was also known as The Plant Man. 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 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

**Good and Welfare** -- If you know of someone in the club who is sick or has a baby or wedding please let Eileen Wagner know so she can send a card from the club.

**Old Business: None**

**New Business:**

Frank Clemente showed the lexan train that we will be giving to the RMLI. He will be getting the engraving done shortly

Did you see the article in SnC written by Lou Cortese about a little boy in the front row seat? Warm your heart a little and read it. It's what this hobby is all about.

Seawane Country Club in Hewlett Ground Train Display; the BOD has decided we will not be doing this as we felt we did not have enough club support.

**MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE:** Please start thinking about officer nomination for Sept: President cannot run more than 6 years, this is Mike's year 6, Secretary Karl Wagner does not want to run for the secretary position anymore. Also positions that are up are: Program Director Nick Guarino, Directors Paul Bonney, Ed Assaf and Frank Clemente.

50/50 was won by Judy Rizzo, \$9 for Judy and \$10 for our club.

Next General meeting will be Saturday June 18 at Gerry Coney and Bill Arndt's house.

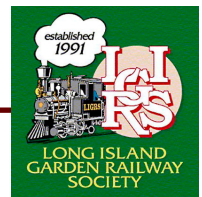
Tom Rizzo made a motion to close the meeting seconded by Bill Arndt. Motion approved. Meeting ended @ 12:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karl Wagner

Secretary

# Elected Officer Descriptions for 2022 Voting



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

Some officers will be running again for reelection 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 Anthony Bliss 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.

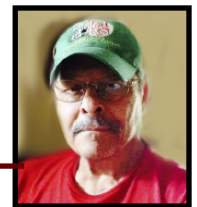
**President:** Is the Chief Executive Officer who is responsible for the overall operation of the club. The President shall chair monthly meetings, as well as meetings of the Board of Directors; shall appoint all committee chairpersons including the nominating committee and appointed staff (see Article II, Section 7). The President shall determine LIGRS policy, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, and/or general membership. In the absence of such direction, the President has the authority to take appropriate action in keeping with the goals of the Long Island Garden Railway Society, Inc. At the end of his/her term(s) of office, a past President may serve two (2) years as a non-voting advisor the Board of Directors

**Secretary:** The principal responsibility of the Secretary is keeping the records of the minutes of the LIGRS business meetings and Board of Directors Meetings, safe-keeping and maintaining corporate records as well as filing necessary requests, forms and documents with the appropriate governmental entities and other duties as assigned by the President. The Sec-

retary shall forward a copy of the minutes to the Newsletter Editor for publication in the next issue of Smoke n' Cinders prior to the next general membership meeting

**Program Director:** The Program Director is responsible for establishing and coordinating the annual schedule for both indoor and outdoor meetings, including the program format for indoor meetings, as well as inviting guests and guest speakers, in concurrence with the President. While such events have their own chairpersons, the Program director is responsible for overall coordination and communication with the general membership. The Program Director shall also be responsible for other duties as may be assigned by the President.

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



## Tom's "Did You Know?"

This drawbridge style cane train crossing over the QR main line near Bundaberg, Australia is a site to behold. "The cape gauge main line is used at speeds of up to 160km/h," Interesting video of the drawbridge track in action. [\(71\) Cane train crossing the QR main line near Bundaberg, Australia - YouTube](#)



## Monthly Photo Contest Winner



This month's winning photo "What? Painting in the Snow?" was taken by Louise Sewall of a vignette appearing on our club's modular display at the Cradle of Aviation Museum.



## A Peek at Anthony's Basement Projects

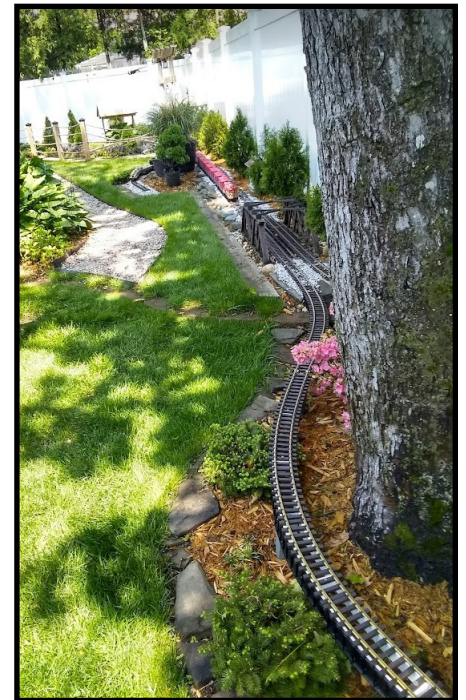
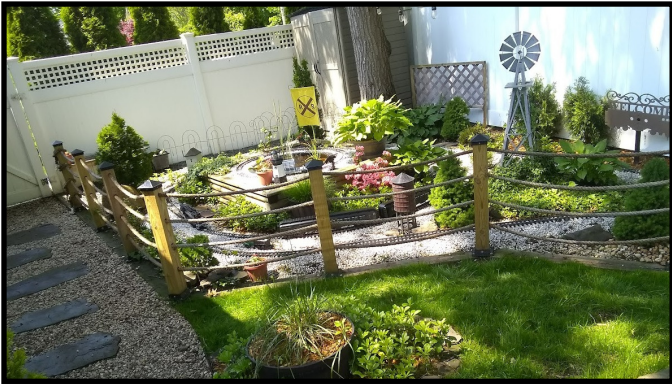


Large model planes



Small section of his HO layout

# Photos from our May Meeting at Anthony Bliss'



Anthony's 3D printing project to date.

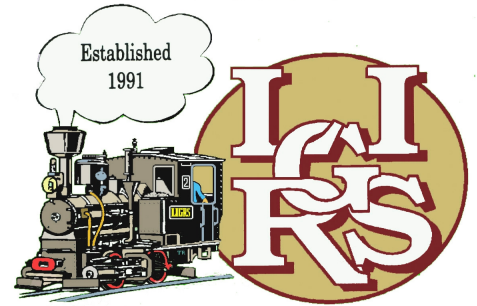


# Are you coming to the LIGRS ANNUAL PICNIC?

- **Location:** Railroad Museum of Long Island Riverhead  
Railroad Museum of Long Island – Preserving Long Island's Rich Railroading Heritage (rmlri.org)
- **RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST!** (because this year wrist bands will again 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 13yrs \$8.00.  
Children under 5 FREE
- Due to club insurance restrictions  
**Alcoholic beverages** are prohibited at this event
- Hero style picnic (plus pizza) Bring salads to share
- **VOLUNTEERS** requested to help with set up and clean-up. (Contact Frank Clemente, committee chairperson)

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

**SATURDAY**  
**August 20, 2022**  
**11:00 am**  
**Rain date 8/21**



**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 6th  
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*

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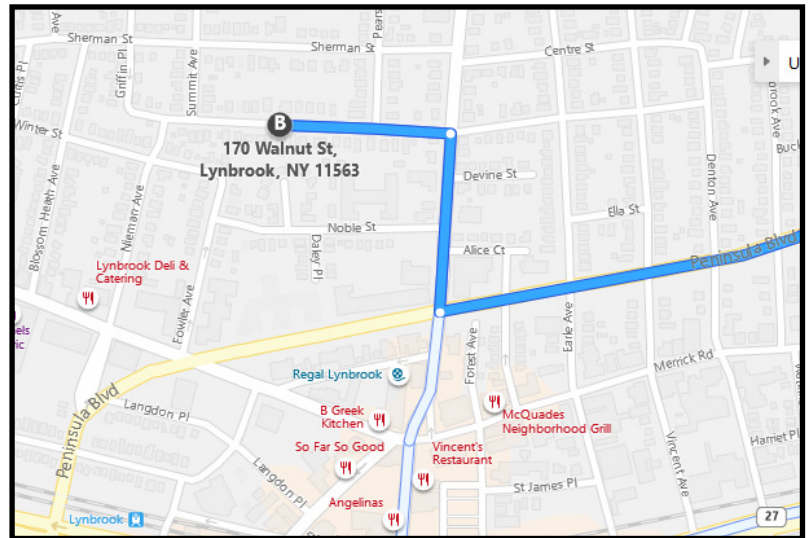




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**Hosts: Geri Coney & Bill Arndt**  
**170 Walnut Street, Lynbrook, NY 11563**



- Take Southern State Parkway west toward NYC.
- At exit 19S take ramp on the right for South Peninsula Blvd. Toward Rockville Centre
- Turn right onto Hempstead Ave.
- Turn left onto Walnut St. Arrive at 170 Walnut house is on the left.
- The last intersection is Pearsall Ave. if you reach Summit Ave. you have gone too far.



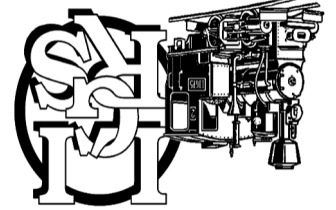
**Can't Make A Meeting?**

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

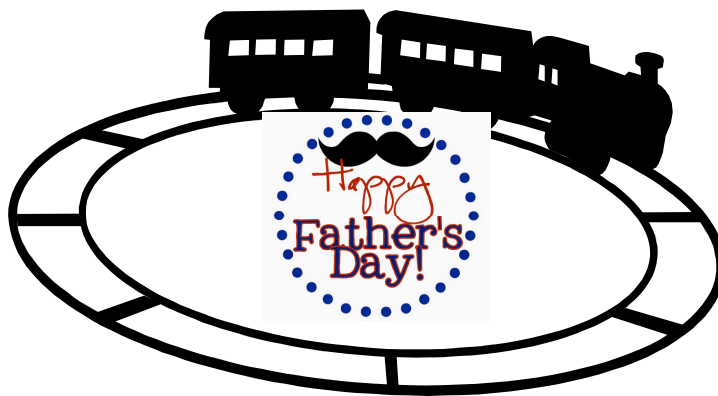
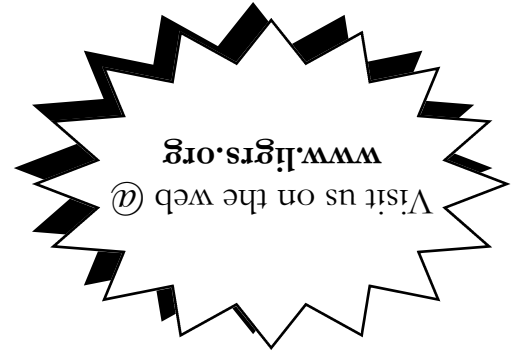
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