

June 2023



Monthly Meeting
SATURDAY June 24, 2023
11:00-3:00
Hosts Jay & Betty Geyer
1A Lafayette Place,
Massapequa, NY 11758

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY INC.

Smoke n' Cinders



ANNOUNCING THE LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILROAD SOCIETY'S 32ND 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 HOBO Big Bill Wroble

PLEASE BRING ONE OF YOUR FAVORITE RECIPES, READY TO EAT!

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 8. Do NOT send checks without completed reservation form)

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2023 LIGRS Meetings & Events

Date	Program/Notes	Time	Place
June 24, 2023 SATURDAY*	General Meeting	11:00 AM	Jay & Betty Geyer
July 22, 2023 SATURDAY*	General Meeting	11:00 AM	Paul & Joan Simon First time hosts
Aug. 2023 TBD	BOD Meeting	10:00 AM	TBD
August 5, 2023 rain date 8/6	Summer Picnic	11:00 AM	RMLI Riverhead
Sept. 23, 2023 SATURDAY*	General Meeting	11:00 AM	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

* In case of rain, meeting will change to the following Sunday.

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 above.)



View From The Cab



The summer, sure kicked off the summer with a rainout for Saturday's membership meeting that sent us all into a bright Sunday meeting at Jim Wellington's home to end May. Great lunch and GARDEN RAILROAD complete with beautiful Koi. Thanks Jim! The meeting started with a presidential derailment when the president (me) asked our Assistant Secretary Karl Wagner if the minutes go out by email or snail mail for approval by the membership. Karl quickly and professionally re-railed me, by informing me and everyone that the minutes are published in the Smoke n' Cinders before each meeting. Ooops and thank you Karl. Please everyone read Smoke n' Cinders for a ton of information.

The board members put in many hours to enhance the club and your membership in the club. The work of the club is a very valuable provider of information, education and entertainment when we exhibit trains for the community. We create interest in the hobby for children in the hopes of keeping them busy before they get busy. If we can create enough interest in the hobby to keep a youngster out of harm's way it's worth

every second of our time and effort. There is no better feeling in the world than knowing that a youngster was diverted from a track of trouble to one of becoming a principal of a high school or any of the other positive opportunities out there in the world.

In order to continue this work, and to make things easy for the club members at the public exhibits, the board would like you and your family to participate at our next public event. We have said this once before, it's not about money, although it sure helps. It's about showing support for the club and the work it does for the community. The help we need is in all categories, from being a host, educator, helping with lunch, giving a member a rest break, hosting the club's raffle table or setting up and taking down the exhibits. As you all know members can bring and enjoy running their own trains for all to enjoy. One doesn't have to stay all day, just an hour or two or just stop in for lunch and enjoy each other's jokes and experiences. Just, please wear the club colors in the form of our shirt, hat, name badge or jacket. We must continue to look as professional as we are to the public.

The club's application to be recognized as a tax exempt organization by the I.R.S. and N.Y. State has been approved by both agencies. Both of our corporations will continue as they were intended. The name of the tax exempt 501 c 3 corporation will be the LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY OF NY. We will be able to use our

new corporation in many areas for the community.

Donations to the club by members, corporations and foundations will be tax deductible. In addition, we may be able to qualify for governmental youth and educational funds based on the work we do in the community. If you know of any contacts in government, business and foundations where the club can apply, it would be appreciated by all.

The BIGBOY SUPER 50/50 HOLIDAY RAFFLE will be in the mail to the members very soon. This year we hope the winners share of the **GRAND PRIZE will be \$5000.00**. The GRAND PRIZE will be drawn at our November meeting. In addition to the GRAND PRIZE, the **TICKET AGENT** (that's you and your family members) that issues the winning ticket will receive a \$500.00 Prize.

This is a great and fun way to support the club and remember the more tickets you issue, the more chances you have at the **Ticket Agents FREE \$500 prize**.

BEST OF LUCK TO EVERYONE and may the best TICKET AGENT WIN.

Speaking of money and support, don't forget your dues and soda tabs for Ronald McDonald House.

Till the next station,
George



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, 2023

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

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 George opened the meeting @ 12:15 PM. We had 24 members present and 1 proxies. We have a quorum.

George welcomed us all to our May meeting at James Wellinghof's house.

George then asked for a motion to read the March 25, 2023, meeting minutes or forego the reading and accept them as written. Motion was made by Mike Kmeth and second by Roger Bossert to accept the minutes as written. Motion approved

Reports:

Treasurers' Report -- Ed Assaf highlighted the YTD FY 2022-2023 as of 5/21/23 starting @\$9,968.81 ending this morning @ \$9,010.38 Report was approved.

Membership Report – Anthony Bliss stated the membership is as follows: individual 24. Family 14, Life 7, Honorary 5 Junior 4, Total 68. Anthony also noted he has the new membership cards so please see him for your new

2023 laminated card.

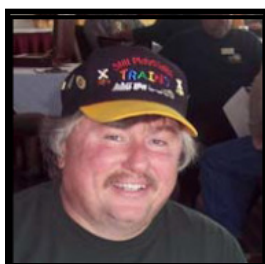
Program Director – Anthony Marino could not make today's meeting so George just read the upcoming dates:

June 24 – Saturday Jay & Betty Geyer.

July 22 – Saturday @ first-time host Paul & Joan Simon.

August – No meeting Scheduled.

September 23 – Saturday Mike & Kathleen Kmeth.



Note we still need a host for October.

Review of Shows & Events:

Planting Fields –

Ed Assaf stated the set up went well but the venue decided to cancel the whole weekend due to the bad weather forecast. Take down was the following week. A question came up about members' safety and the weather. Ed stated that he and the president both made the decision together to do the set up even with the possibility of bad weather. More consideration will be made for future events but final call will be the event coordinator and the president.

Displays and Events:

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 DVD's.

Photo Contest – This month's winning photo, "Winter Commuters" was taken by Lou Caputzal on his "Pop's Trains" layout. The contest rules are on the LIGRS Home page. 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 the Club's 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 - George talked about the 501c3 corporation for taxes. George stated he has received the Federal and State Tax ID #. Ed and George will be working on setting up a bank account for the 501c3. Joe DiBenedetto asked about Tax municipal fund to save us money, Ed will look into this. George noted there are still many things to be worked out as far as procedures.

The Big Boy Raffle will be mailed out to members shortly. (cont. page 6)

Elected Officer Descriptions for 2023 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 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 September and the Voting meeting in November.

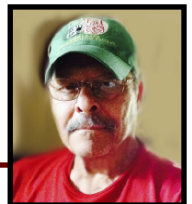
If you are unable to attend either of these special and important meetings, please remember to send Anthony Bliss your signed proxy form. This form is available for you to print and mail on our website under Member Info >Forms, Rules and Policy.

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, the safekeeping and maintaining financial records as well as drafting and filing necessary forms and documents with the appropriate governmental entities. In addition, the Treasurer is responsible for collecting all renewal dues, forwarding said dues information to the Membership Director in a timely manner. The Treasurer shall also be responsible for other duties as assigned by the President.

Membership Director: The primary responsibility of the Membership Director is the recruitment of new members. The Membership Director is the primary contact with prospective members to determine their interest in LIGRS and its activities as well as accepting new applications and first-time dues payment, forwarding said payment to the Treasurer in a timely manner. The Membership Director 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 changes of information. These records are to be always kept current and in good order and are to be available for review. 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: 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 "What the Heck?"



Monthly Photo Contest Winner



This month's winning photo "Steaming in the SW" was taken by Bob Sewall of a train on deceased member Henry Harris' layout.



What the Heck Solution

A real treat was found at the tail end of a Northbound B&E train. Union Railroad's Scale car A243

From the Secretary continued

New Business: A survey will be sent out to club members with a few questions. Please answer them and send it back as your answers will help your officers to guide our club in the direction you feel we should be going.

Bob Sewall addressed the members stating that Louise and he were moving to Commack. Bob said they will not be as active in the club as in the past. Bob is looking for someone to take over the club auction as he is no longer able to do this. Louise will still be Sn'C editor and our club Web Master.

50/50 winner this month was Bruce Kropp, \$14 for Bruce

and \$15 for the club.

Next General meeting will be Saturday June 24 at Betty & Jay Geyers' house. Direction can be found in Smoke n' Cinders.

Meeting ended @ 12:45 PM.

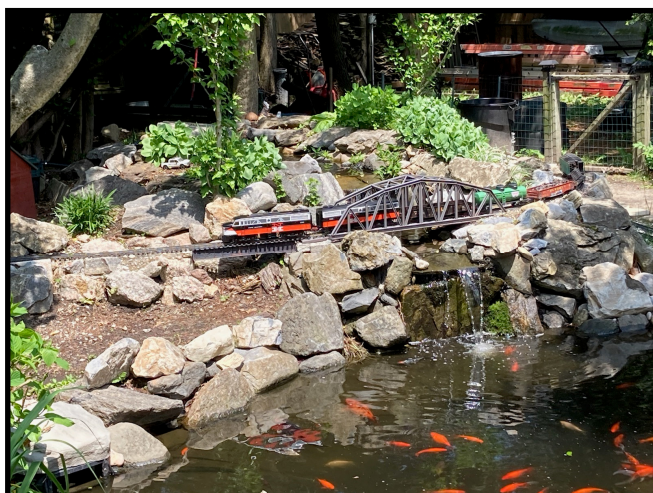
Respectfully Submitted,

Karl Wagner

Acting Club Secretary



Photos from our May Meeting at James Wellinghof's



Photos courtesy of Mike Kmeth.

In Memory of Loretta Olenick



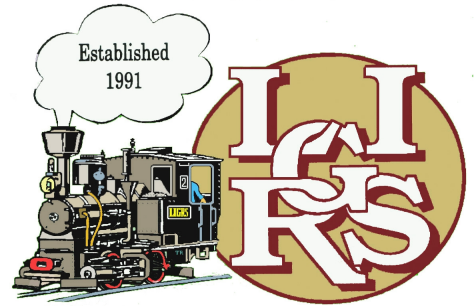
Past member Loretta Olenick, who was a very active and enthusiastic member before she moved to Florida has passed away.

We remember her fondly.

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**
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
George

**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

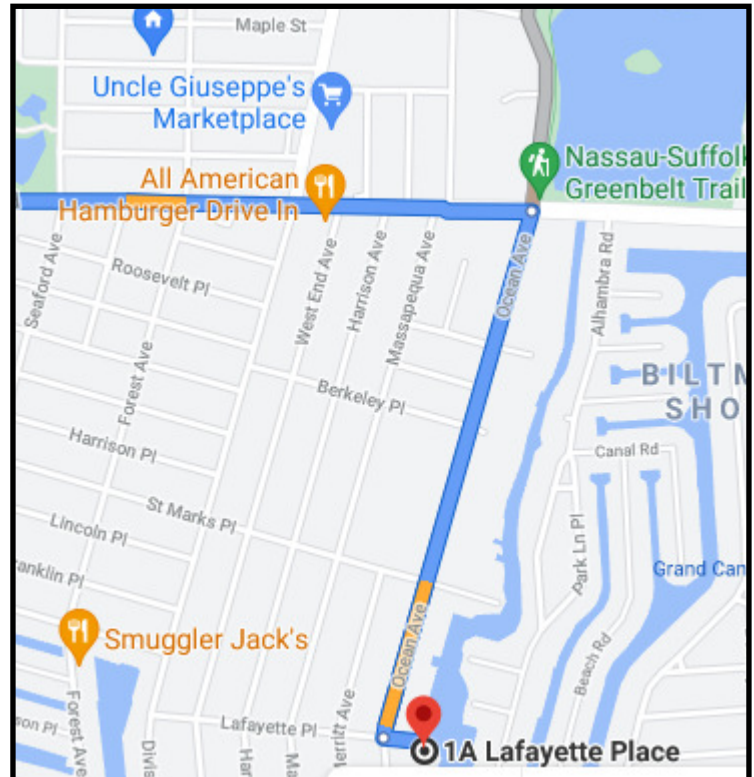
Children (over 5 yrs.)



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Conducting our meeting on their large back deck overlooking the water. No matter the temperature, it is a lovely, comfortable place to gather.



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.

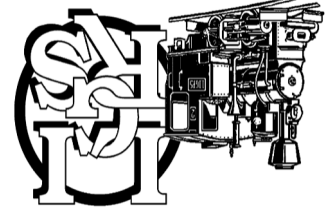
Via Southern State Pkwy: to N Broadway in Massapequa. Exit 30S. Follow N Broadway to left on Merrick Rd to right on Ocean Avenue then left on Lafayette Place.

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



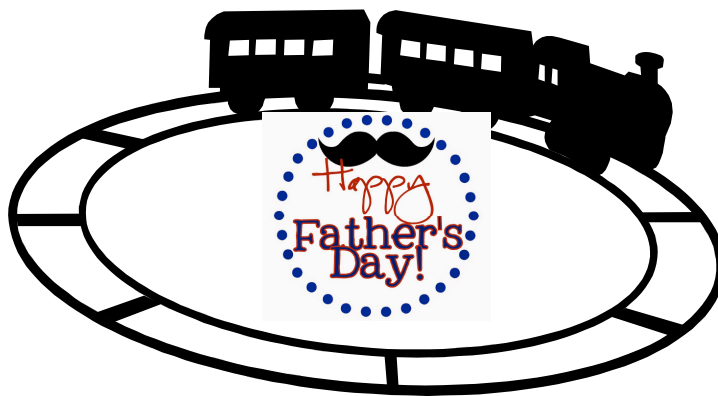
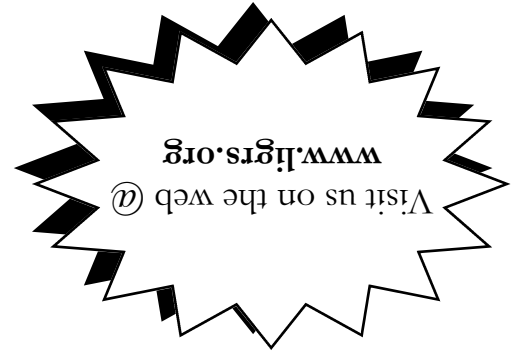
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Happy Father's Day!