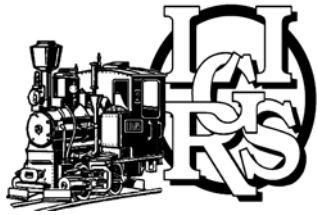


June 2019



### June Monthly Meeting

Host: Dan Saporito

104 Sheffield Ave. West Babylon, N.Y.  
11704

June 23, 2019

11:00-3:00

#### PICNIC REGISTRATION FORM ON PAGE 10

Deadline to sign up for the  
August 17th picnic fun is: August 11th, 2019

Volunteers are needed & appreciated-Please contact  
Karen Connolly (phone # in roster)



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY INC.

# Smoke n' Cinders

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

Winner to be drawn at our club's Summer Picnic. Prize is the Piko #38243  
ATSF Camelback 2-6-0 w/Sound, analog and digital operation, 5V Smoke  
Dual-Mode Sound Decoder. Full functions on DC or DCC.  
Tickets may be purchased from Bob Sewall at the price of \$5.00 each.



### Golden Spike Nominations?

Golden Spike awards are now being considered by our BOD.  
Share your nominations of club members with any of our di-  
rectors or other club officers. (Their names and contact infor-  
mation are listed on page 2 of this month's newsletter.)



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## 2019 LIGRS Meetings & Events Schedule

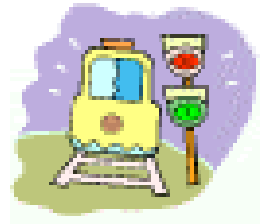
Date	Program/Notes	Time	Place
June, 2019	Clean UP	TBA	Railroad Museum of Long Island
June 23, 2019	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Dan Saporito
July 28, 2019	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Gerri Coney & Bill Arndt
August 17, 2019 <b>SATURDAY</b>	Summer Picnic no mtg.	11:00 AM	Long Island Live Steamers
August 24-25, 2019	Railfest	10:00AM-4:00PM	Railroad Museum of LI at Riverhead
Sept. 6, 2019 <b>FRIDAY</b>	BOD	10:00 AM	Karl Watner
Sept. 15, 2019	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Dino & Kornelia Zilic
Oct. 20, 2019	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Richie McGorty
Nov. 2019	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Northport Yacht Club

**2019 Dues Reminder**

Please remember to renew your membership to LIGRS. Individual memberships, the 1st member of a household, are \$40 per year. Family Memberships for members over 18 years old are \$15 for **EACH** additional member in the same household. Please send a check made out to **Long Island Garden Railway Society, Inc.** (full name please as the bank frowns on "Pay to the Order of LIGRS") for the appropriate amount to:

Tom Rizzo  
 32 Semon Road,  
 Huntington, NY 11743,

## View From The Cab



Our May meeting turnout was very disappointing. I don't remember seeing, since I've been president, such a poor showing. With members present and proxies **combined** we only had a count of **18**. To have an official club meeting so that we can vote on **club matters we need a minimum of 35**. What happened to our members? Why no proxies from those members not attending? **Consider the host, all the prep work they do and the graciousness of hosting a meeting!** One member called me that night to say sorry he didn't come or send a proxy, he had landed in the emergency room that morning. What about the rest of the club members?

### **If you know you cannot attend a club meeting please send a proxy so that we can have an official meeting. Remember every proxy counts!**

Moving on, over Easter week we spent time with my family in N.C. and we enjoy doing things with my great niece and nephews ages 6-13. So one day we took them to an aquarium which was located in a mall, Concord Mills Mall, Concord, N.C. which is northeast of Charlotte. The aquarium in Riverhead doesn't have, such as a walk through tunnel where fish swim around you. Of course you had to pay to go in. Prices were comparable to those charged by the L.I. Aquarium.



Enough of the fish story. I'll get to the point in a moment, trains. But first, a stop at the food court as we had to feed the kids, especially the teenager, he was hungry. While sitting and eating and looking around, right before my eyes was a Lionel Train store. I couldn't believe what I was seeing. A large store selling trains in a mall. This was a hallucination. In the window alone they had 4-6 train sets running. Of course there were dozens more sets running. Of course they were all O gauge, with the exception of their battery operated RC G gauge toy train. The point I'm trying to make is, there may be hope for trains yet. If a company spends that much money to set up in a mall. It was a nice mall. Maybe as large as Smith Haven here on L.I.

As I've said in the past, G scale companies don't do enough to promote the hobby. How many times at shows or otherwise talking to someone they'll say to us, "I had no idea about trains in the garden, or that you could run trains outdoors."?

For those members that needed small electrical parts for their trains, remember Radio shack? I was always down to the one here in Northport; I could walk to my local store. I was sad when it closed. So far I'm not one to order on the Internet yet. Surprise again. In the town where I was visiting, Lenior, N.C. they had just opened a large radio Shack store. A franchise store. Sure enough, I had to buy some parts for my trains. Maybe they'll return to L.I.

Picnic time. If you plan on going to this year's picnic get your money in so we can plan for food. As of May 11<sup>th</sup> only two people have paid. Please, no last minute calls, "I'll pay at the door" remember the Chinaman, he said, "No tickee no shirtee" Hope to see you all at the picnic. Picnic forms are at the back of this newsletter. Kindly fill in all names of guests and members in your group who will be attending, as this year we are giving wrist bands to all paid attendees.

To all members. Please check your email before going to any club event, monthly meeting public display or board meeting concerning cancellations, change of time, or locations. Those members who do not use email, please call me.

Mike Kmeth



# From The Secretary Meeting Minutes



## LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY INC. NOTES OF THE INFORMATIONAL MEETING MAY 11, 2019

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 freedom.

President Mike Kmeth asked that the meeting be opened @ 12:04 PM. As we only had 15 present and 8 proxies, not enough for a quorum, this will be an unofficial meeting, notes only.

President Mike Kmeth welcomed everyone to our May meeting. This is our first outdoor meeting of 2019. A big thanks to Steve and Georgie for open their home and lay-out to all of us. I would also like to wish all mothers' present a Happy Mother's Day

**Treasurers' report** was given by Bob Sewall. Bob gave the Third Quarter balance 4-1-2019 thru 6-30-2019 starting balance \$9,066.29 ending balance \$9,565.38. The new money market account has now been opened and a petty cash fund has been started. Should anyone have any questions about the club finances please contact Bob and he will be happy to answer any questions you have.



**Membership report** was given by Tom Rizzo. No new members.

**Program Directors report** – Nick Guarino stated that all of this year's open house meetings have been filled.

### Shows & event Review:

Planting Fields Arboretum Arbor Day Festival outdoor display was April 27 & 28. As a result of very heavy rains during part of the set up, the BOD at their meeting on May 3 decided that with future outdoor events we will need to build in extra days maybe 2 or more due to possible weather conditions

Note the BOD also voted not to do any show in the 5 boroughs due to the difficulty for members getting in and out especially with the trailer.

### **Upcoming Shows & Events Shows:**

Railfest - Riverhead Freeman Railway clean up will be in June Railfest dates are August 24 & 25 Come out and run your trains.

Mount Sinai Yacht Club table top display- we will not be doing it this year due to a mix up on dates.

Trip to Pittsburgh by train – Bob Sewall gave a short talk about this. Not many seats are left. Three maybe four couples from our club are going July 12-14

**Club picnic is August 17 SAVE THE DATE** Mike stated Karen Connelly volunteered to be the chair person. Bob will

not be running the picnic this year. We will be asking for some help from members, for the cooking, setting up, and prep work. Please remember to completely fill out the Picnic Form in the newsletter and mail your check to Bob Sewall. This year we will be using wrist bracelets. They will only be given to those persons whose name appears on the Picnic form. So please be clear as to how you fill it out. This year's raffle is a Piko Camelback with sound. Read more about it in Smoke-n-Cinders.

**Photo Contest** – Congratulations to this month's winning photo "Can't Wait To Run Trains" was taken by Pat Russo on the Crystal Falls Rail Road. A link to the rules is on the LIGRS Home page. Please remember to take pictures and send your best picture to Louise Sewall.

At this time Mike gave an update on Bob Russo's condition. He also read an email he received yesterday from Pat Russo about Bob.

**Club Resource Librarian** – The list of books, videos and plans are on the clubs website. Please ask Nick Guarino and he will bring it to the next meeting for you to borrow.

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

**Chic Chat Corner** – Thank you once again Louise for info on the Ridgway Railroad Museum in Ridgway Colorado.

**Aluminum Can Tabs** – Please see 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.

### New Business:

50/50 drawing was won by Geri Cooney \$7 for her and \$7 for the club.

Our next meeting is Sunday June 23 @ Dan Saporito's house.

Tom Rizzo made a motion to close the meeting seconded by William Arndt. Motion approved. Meeting ended @ 12:26 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karl Wagner

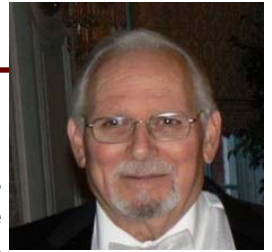
Secretary





## In Memory of Bob Russo

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Where can we begin talking about Bob Russo and all he has done for our club?

He was always such an active member and enthusiastic train buff. He shared his lovely large yard and layout while hosting meetings. He served twice as club Vice President, Program Director, Director at Large and BOD member as well as organizing our club summer picnic for years. He took responsibility for coordinating a team that would tally all the votes to determine any contested club elections. It was his idea to hold our annual Christmas party at The Snapper Inn and he was our auctioneer for the annual club auction. He will be sorely missed by us all. We send our heartfelt condolences to his lovely wife Patty and all of his family.



## Monthly Photo Contest Winner

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This month's winning photo of a car repair station was taken by Mike Kmeth of Lou Cortese's vignette on our modular display.



## Tom's What the Heck Puzzle (solution on next page)

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## Keep In Mind

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In addition:

- Joe DiBenedetto is recovering at home from illness and hospital stay Joe would love visitors.
- Joe Luginsland is recovering from heart surgery.
- The club Good and Welfare person, Eileen Wagner has sent out get well wishes.

## Another Lucky Winner!

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Shown to the right is Joe Gallipoli of Hicksville who is the winner of our combined, Bethpage HS show-Planting Fields Arbor Day raffle. Of the 2 starter train sets offered as choices for the prize, he chose the PIKO set which was awarded to him by president Mike Kmeth.

The Bethpage show modular display, the Arbor Day ground display and train set raffle are some of the ways that the LIGRS is reaching out to publicly introduce large scale railroading in the garden.





## Solution for The What the Heck Puzzle



Called a Schienenwolf (rail wolf) in German, wrecking hooks like this would be pulled by a locomotive to destroy railway tracks behind a retreating army to prevent the line being used by the enemy.

## Arbor Day Volunteers



Thank you to the members who volunteered on this cold, rainy weekend. Also thanks to Anthony Marino who created videos from the display. See our website to access them on the LIGRS Photo Gallery & Member Layouts tab.

William Arndt	Steve Gaherty	Richard McGorty
Deborah Assaf	Paul Giordano	Barbara Poppe
Edward Assaf	Eloise Iannacone	Walter Poppe
Babette Bishop	Mike Iannacone	Thomas Rizzo
Richard Bishop	Michael Kmeth	Danny Saporito
Frank Clemente	Bruce Kropp	Bob Sewall
Geri Coney	Anthony Marino	Louise Sewall
		George Stamatides
		Karl Wagner



Ed Assaf ran many of his expertly weathered trains. The public was suitably impressed.



Check out Anthony Marino's videos on our website for views of other trains that were run this weekend, including Mike Iannacone's Zephyr.





## Plants Donated for Arbor Day Display

We would like to again thank the friends of the Cortese's, Emma's Garden Growers and Otto Kiel who provided the use of plants to enhance this year's display. Check them out in full color on our website. [LIGRS.com](http://LIGRS.com)



Below see Geri Coney's "Lego Train"





# From The Secretary BOD Meeting Minutes



## LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY, Inc. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MAY 03, 2019

Meeting was held at Mike Kmeth's house.

Attendance: President Mike Kmeth, Secretary Karl Wagner, Membership Director Tom Rizzo, Treasurer Bob Sewall, Program Director Nick Guarino, Directors at Large, Louis Cortese, Frank Clemente, Bruce Kropp.

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

President Mike Kmeth asked for a motion to forgo the reading and approve the minutes of the January 18, 2019 BOD. Nick Guarino made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Tom Rizzo, BOD approved.

**Treasurer's Report** – was given by Bob Sewall. Bob passed out several sheets to the BOD. The YTD numbers were Starting Balance \$7,171.95 Ending Balance \$9,377.20 as of 5/3/19. The BOD approved. E-card Tax filing was done by Bob. Bob stated that the Petty Cash Voucher has been established to be used for minor expenses instead of writing a check for each item. The Money Market account has also been established. Bob brought up the question about paying for food at events without prior approval. A motion by Tom Rizzo, second by Nick Guarino to pay Richie this time only for Planting Fields, BOD approved.

**Club Raffles** – Bob Sewall noted the wording changes on the tickets are still being worked on as is a sheet for the winner's picture release being worked on.

**Membership Report** - Tom Rizzo gave the following numbers: Individual 30; Family 23; Life 5; Honorary 6, Extended 1; and Junior 4.

Tom noted that the wording on the Club handout has been updated.

**Review of Shows & Events:** Discussions held on each topic.

**Christmas Party** –Nick Guarino to check with Northport, Karl Wagner and Frank Clemente to check a place in Medford

**Table Top Displays** – Karl Wagner to look into pricing connectors

**Scout Tabletop Display** - March 2, we did not participate due to the snow.

**Bethpage** – Saturday March 23 Nick Guarino stated it went well and we did well with the raffle. The raffle is in conjunction with the Planting Fields Arbor Day show.

**Planting Fields** – April 28 & 29 due to rain on the set up date we will now have a back up date in case of inclement weather is predicted. The show went well except we need at least one if not two new power supplies. Karl Wagner will look into pricing on this. The raffle held in conjunction with Bethpage show went well.

**Upcoming Shows and Events:**

**Mount Sinai** – We will not be participating due to a misunderstanding of the dates.

**Picnic LILS** – August 17- Karen Connolly has volunteered to be the Chairperson. Bob Russo, Pat Russo, Tom Rizzo, Bruce Kropp and Nick Guarino will work with Karen.

**Railfest @ RMLI** – August 24 & 25 – Frank Clemente to see what it looks like to see if we need one or two clean up dates. Encourage members to come out and run their trains at Railfest.

**Modular Group Green Trailer** –Bruce Kropp has the new chains and will purchase the tires shortly.

**Ground Displays Red Trailer** – The title is now in the clubs name. Bruce Kropp clean and made some minor repairs but noticed we need tires. Frank Clemente made motion to purchase new tires seconded by Tom Rizzo. BOD approved. Bruce will look into getting this done. The BOD decided to keep one easel and get rid of the rest. Double bents will not be used anymore.

**Open Houses & Winter Meetings** - Nick stated all open house meeting are taken. Look in Smoke n' Cinders for all the dates

**DVDs** – We now have 6 DVDs with Georgie Gaherty and 10 with Mike Kmeth, RMLI has 0 Total 16 DVDs left.

**New Business:**

**Cohen Children's Medical Center Northwell Health** - Nick Guarino has e-mailed them twice and has not received a response. He will try again and then maybe Nick and Karl will try to go there.

George Stamataides asked about doing a show in Astoria. Mike turned it down as this was a last minute request.

A discussion was held about doing more shows. The BOD is always open to look for more shows. The BOD did recommend that we do not go to the 5 Boroughs as the commute times are a big problem, as is moving the trailer on city streets, which is just too difficult, as we learned from the Queens Botanical Gardens events.

Dino asked about contacting a government agency if they would sponsor a location to run trains as to attract new and younger members. No action.

**Overnight trips** – Bob Sewall spoke about a trip to Pittsburgh in July.

**Self-drive trip** was suggested to the Poughkeepsie Train Bridge over the Hudson which is now a walking bridge.

Next Board meeting will be September 6 @ Karl Wagner's house, 10:00 AM

Tom Rizzo made a motion to close the meeting, seconded by Bruce Kropp. Motion approved. Meeting ended at 1:32 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Karl Wagner

Secretary



# Are you coming to the LIGRS ANNUAL PICNIC?

- **Location:** Long Island Live Steamers—  
Southaven County Park  
<http://www.longislandlivesteamers.org/find.php>
- **RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST!** (because this year wrist bands will be issued to all participants)  
**Please respond no later than August 11th**
- **Cost:**
- Adults: \$18.00 Send checks payable to **Long Island Garden Railway Society, Inc.** to Bob Sewall
- Children: Under 13 \$8.00. Children under 5 FREE
- Due to club insurance restrictions  
**Alcoholic beverages** are prohibited at this event
- BBQ style picnic
- **VOLUNTEERS** requested to help with set up and cleanup

**SATURDAY**  
**August 17, 2019**  
**11:00 am**  
**Rain or Shine**



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

**Mail to: Bob Sewall**  
29 Locust St., Massapequa, NY  
11758

**Live Steamers' location has tables and benches but... You may bring your own CHAIRS**

No Later Than AUGUST 11  
Questions call  
516.541.4837

MEMBER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$18 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 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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**Monthly Meeting**  
**Host: Dan Saporito**  
**June 23, 2019**  
**11:00-3:00**

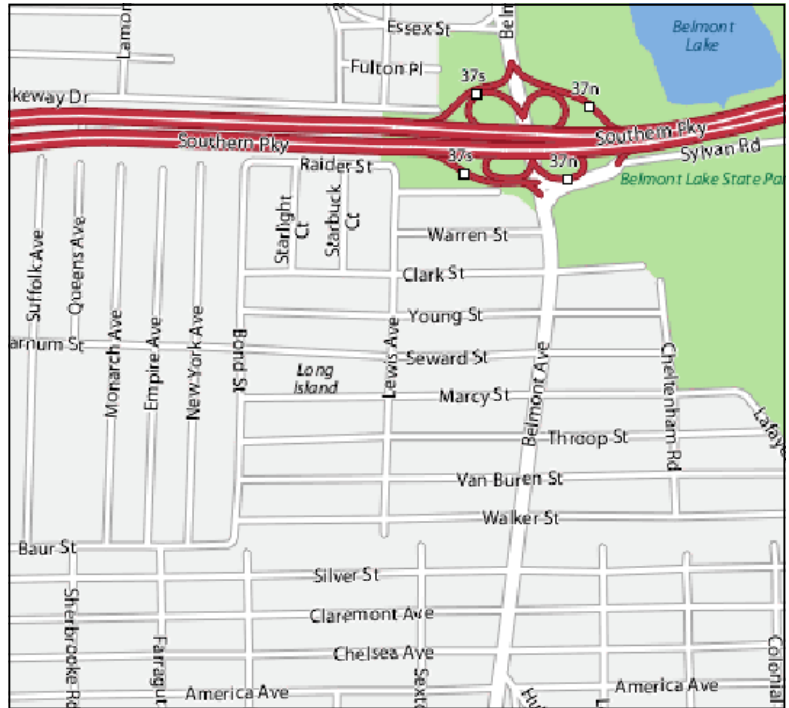
**104 Sheffield Ave. West Babylon, N.Y. 11704**  
**Phone: (631)-587-7282**



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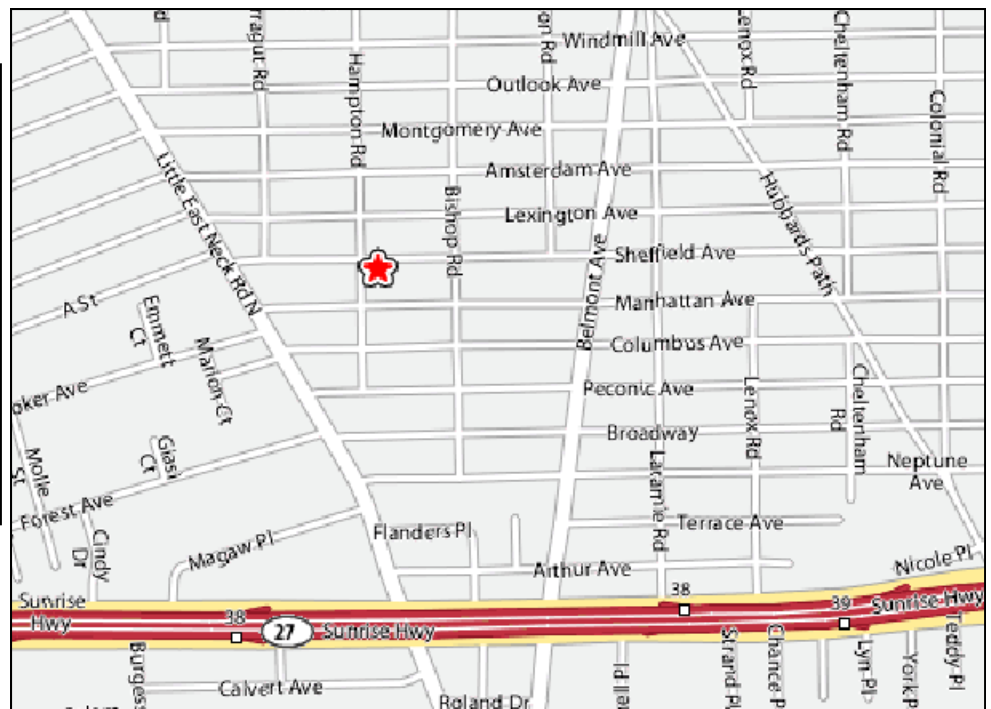
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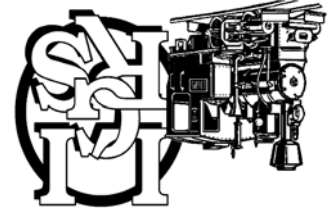
**Can't Make A Meeting?**

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 home page of the LIGRS website.

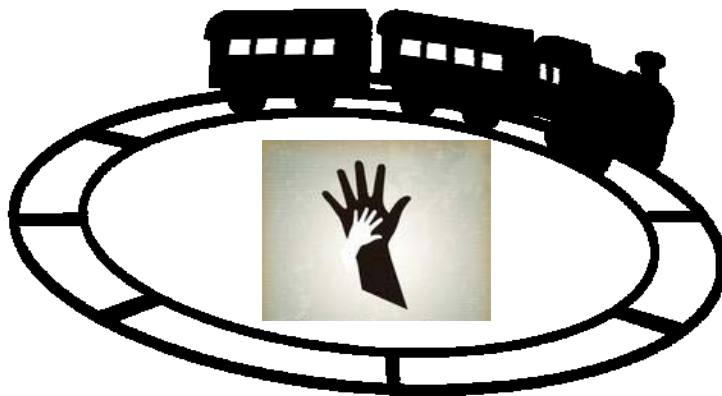


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