

March 2019

Monthly Meeting  
March 24th  
Northport Yacht Club  
11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.



## ARBOR Day Festival In April



Think about coming out and supporting the LIGRS layout! Volunteers are needed.

Since 1987 Planting Fields, in Oyster Bay, has commemorated national Arbor Day with a festival of fun-filled educational activities and entertainment. Kids of all ages can see a wildlife show, go on a tree treasure hunt or nature walk, and participate in nature activities. Enjoy storytelling, musical performances, nature crafts and attend tree planting ceremonies.

Set up Fri, April 26th 8:30am, Festival April 27th to 28th.

### Summer Raffle Prize

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.



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## 2019 LIGRS Meetings & Events Schedule

| Date   | Program/Notes         | Time        | Place                     |
|--|-----------------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| <b>March 23, 2019</b><br><b>Setup 8:30AM</b>         | Modular Display       | 11AM-3:30PM | Bethpage High School      |
| <b>March 24, 2019</b>                                | Monthly Meeting       | 11:00 AM    | Northport Yacht Club      |
| <b>April 27-28, 2019</b><br><b>Setup 4/26 8:30AM</b> | Arbor Day Display     | TBA         | Planting Fields Arboretum |
| <b>May 11th. 2019</b>                                | Monthly Meeting       | 11:00 AM    | Georgie & Steve Gaherty   |
| <b>June 23, 2019</b>                                 | Monthly Meeting       | 11:00 AM    | Dan Saporito              |
| <b>July 28, 2019</b>                                 | Monthly Meeting       | 11:00 AM    | Gerri Cooney & Bill Arndt |
| <b>August 17, 2019</b><br><b>SATURDAY</b>            | Summer Picnic no mtg. | TBA         | Long Island Live Steamers |
| <b>Sept. 15, 2019</b>                                | Monthly Meeting       | 11:00 AM    | Dino & Kornelia Zilic     |
| <b>Oct. 20, 2019</b>                                 | Monthly Meeting       | 11:00 AM    | Richie McGorty            |
| <b>Nov. 2019</b>                                     | 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,  
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## View From The Cab



Food for thought. A few weeks ago at the end of January or the beginning of February, we had some crazy cold weather. One day, I believe it reached 4 degrees F with a wind chill factor of - 17. Now that may have been a warm day for the men building the White Pass & Yukon RR in Alaska and the Yukon Territory, Canada but I wonder how those men did it. I have never found a pair of gloves that keeps me warm if I'm outside clearing snow. I know wool keeps one warm, and wool was the prevalent material back then but still, it's amazing. Remember, that rail road was built in the mountains, blasting road bed right on the edge of cliffs for the 1<sup>st</sup> 30 miles or so out if its 125 mile route.

Getting back to my garden railroad. In Nov. 2018 we had a new fence put up around our property and the fence posts were cemented in place. The soil that was removed for the posts and cement was going to be removed from our property, but I had Garden RR plans for that soil. I told the guys working on fence to leave it and I'd take care of any excess fill. Of course they were happy. So was I. I have to rebuild a few areas where existing soil on my layout had settled or washed out and I had wondered in the past where I could get this fill without buying it. This was my answer. It is mid-February and I've only removed two wheel barrows full of soil. I figure I still have 3-4 more wheels' worth of soil to move.

One of the reasons it's taking so long is this on/off freezing weather we are having. When the nights get down to the 20s and day time rises just above freezing that soil I want is still frozen. I'm not about to take the pick axe out, so I wait for those days when previous nights and days are above freezing. However, on those days that it did/does warm up it rains. So the wheel barrow just sits, waiting to be filled. I knew that when I start repairing my RR this spring I was going to need fill and now I have the fill I need. Can't wait to get back outside and work on my RR this spring.

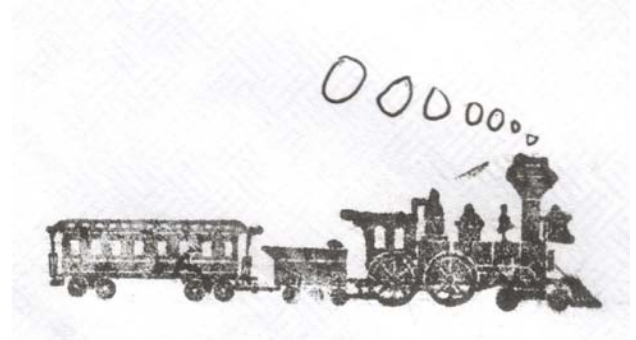
This past Saturday was our yearly auction. A great many items were to be had, actually 26

more than last year. When I saw the auction tables so full of train items, I said to myself, "We'll never sell all of these items." I was proven wrong again. They did sell. The last person left the NPYC at 4:30pm. I heard through the grape vine that a member or two bought over \$1,000.00 worth of items. It was however a buyer's market this year. That morning, as I left home, I was told by my better half, as I believe a few other members were told by their better half, not to buy more train items. But did I listen? No! How can one resist.

I have a question to propose to **all members**, those in attendance at the February auction meeting heard my presentation. This concerns the use of double trestle bents on our outdoor displays. How do you feel about using them? Do you like them? Should we use them and do they add some dimension to our outdoor displays? Kindly give me feedback, pro or con. After the auction on this past Saturday, three members did get back to me with their input. I would like to hear from more of our members. I will report back to you all, either in the April or May Smoke n' Cinders.

In March we have a few activities, two public displays and a monthly meeting. Please check the calendar in this issue of Smoke n' Cinders for dates and times.

Mike Kmeth



# From The Secretary General Meeting Minutes



## LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY INC. MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING FEBRUARY 16, 2019

that our combine net receipts were \$665.00

President Mike Kmeth asked for a moment of silence to remember the sudden passing of member Ron Scotto and the Men and Woman 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 @ 11:45 AM. A motion was made by, Frank Clemente and seconded by Paul Giordano to open the meeting. We had 39 members present, 7 proxies. We have a quorum.

Welcome to our February meeting and yearly Auction here at the Northport Yacht Club. Congratulations to all Club Board members who were voted in unanimously Mike Kmeth, Karl Wagner, Nick Guarino, Bruce Kropp and Frank Clemente.



At this time president Mike asked that Georgianna and Steve Gaherty come forward to receive their Golden Spike Award. As Mike explained it was for all their time and efforts for taking care of the club merchandise and for helping at all the module shows and going the extra mile of doing all the little things.

President Mike asked for Eileen Wagner to come forward. Mike presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation for her years of sending out cards to all the members for all various occasions like condolences, get well and the like.

President Mike then asked for a motion to forego the reading of the November 17, 2018 meeting minutes. Frank Clemente made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Tom Rizzo. The motion passed.

**Treasurers' report** - Bob Sewall 2/15/19 the Annual Report of the Directors for Fiscal Year 2018. Bob gave the YTD first and Second Quarters thru 2/15/19 for fiscal year 2019 Starting balance \$7,171.95 ending balance \$8,925.43. Should anyone have any questions about the club finances please contact Bob and he will be happy to answer any questions you have. Bob explained our two latest raffles Clark and COA

**Membership report** was given by Tom Rizzo. We still have a few members that have not renewed for this year. Please send to Tom ASAP.

**Program Directors report** – Nick Guarino stated that all of this year's open house meetings have been filled. Next month's meeting is here at the NPYC on Sunday March 24

### Show and Event Reviews:

Sayville Historical - Dan Saporito noted all went well and looking forward to the event in 2019

Christmas Brunch - Bob Russo stated we met our expenses and a good time was had by all.

Clark Botanic Gardens – Karl Wagner noted it all went fairly well even with poor attendance due to the weather the first day but all else was very good.

Cradle of Aviation – Ed Assaf stated the set up and take down by members went very well this year as did the entire show.

### Upcoming Public Shows:

Scout show – This is a table top display on March 2. Set up is @ 8 AM and breakfast is served. The show starts 11 AM to about 3:30 PM It is at the United Methodist Church, 265 Asbury Ave, Westbury

Bethpage Show - March 23 Set up is @ 8:30 AM The show starts 11 AM to about 3 or 4PM  
Planting Fields for Arbor Day- The dates for the outdoor ground display are April 27 & 28 set up April 26 @ 8:30 AM

**Photo Contest** – Congratulations to Mike Iannacone for the January winning photo from his layout Gray Rock and Southern RR. This month's winning photo, Rick McGorty's Hudson Steaming past the Freight House, was taken by Bob Sewall at the LIGRS Cradle of Aviation display. A link to the rules is on the LIGRS Home page. Please remember to take pictures and send your best picture to Louise Sewall.  
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# From The Secretary General Meeting Minutes



**Club Resource Librarian** – The list of books, videos and plans are on the club website. Please call or e-mail to Nick Guarino if you see something you would like to borrow from our collection just contact Nick and he can bring them to the next meeting for you. Those members that have books please remember to return them.

**Club Merchandise** – Please see Georgiana & Steve Gaherty as they have club items for sale, shirts, jackets, hats, coffee mugs & DVDs

**Chic Chat Corner** – A thank you to Louise for taking us back to when you first fell in love with trains. And thanks for putting the booklet that started it all on our web site. Remember ladies you can write about anything. So ladies just send something to Louise Sewall for the Chic Chat Corner.

**Aluminum Can Tabs** – Please see Eileen & Karl Wagner This helps fund the Ronald McDonald House for Children needing surgery and their families. Please check them with a magnet as only Aluminum tabs are used, NOT STEEL

## New Business:

York Large Scale Train Show is March Friday 22 & Saturday 23

50/50 drawing was won by John Hagedorn \$27 for him and \$27 for the club.

The next meeting is Sunday March 24 at the Northport Yacht Club 11:00 AM

Bob Gibney made a motion to close the meeting seconded by Jack Lane. Motion approved. Meeting ended @ 12:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karl Wagner  
Secretary



# The 2019 National Garden Railway Convention



The Rose City Garden Railway Society (RCGRS) is proud to welcome you to Portland, Oregon, for the 35th National Garden Railway Convention to be held from August 27<sup>th</sup> through 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

Ride behind the [SP #4449](#) to a BBQ at [Oaks Park](#) - Locomotive cab rides available [Willamette Shore Trolley](#) ride to/from and dinner at the [Old Spaghetti Factory](#)

Participate in one of four Operations Sessions

[Staver Locomotive](#) Layout Tour

[Doyle McCormack](#) (chief engineer, 1976 Freedom Train), Banquet speaker

2 days of Seattle area Pre-Convention Layout Tours

5 days of Clinics

5 Days of Layout Tours

2 days of Southern Oregon and Northern California Post-Convention Layout Tours

[Train Mountain](#) G and 7-1/2" Gauge

Visit their link for videos, photos and more specific information <https://2019ngrc.wildapricot.org/>

## Railroad Related Sites of Interest to Visit

(links to their websites given on the RCGRS NGRC site, see above)

Portland Union Station

Oregon Rail Heritage Foundation

Pacific Northwest Live Steamers

Mount Hood Railroad

Snoqualmie Valley Railroad

Chehalis-Centralia Railroad & Museum

Sumpter Valley Railroad

Train Mountain

The SP #4449

Mt Rainier Railroad



# February Auction Meeting



Auctioneer Ed Assaf at work



Eileen Wagner awarded a Certificate Of Appreciation



Steve and Georgie Gaherty awarded Golden Spikes



Second auctioneer Mike Iannacone in action

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



## Monthly Photo Contest Winner!



This month's winning photo "Baby It's Cold Outside" was submitted by Paul and Matthew Bonney and taken on their pop up backyard layout "The Strong Island Railroad." They set it up in different locations on their property at different points of the year.

## What the Heck Puzzle Solution

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This is some sort of cement mixer. Put the various materials in the top and then they come out in the proper proportions from the belt at left.

## Chic Chat Corner

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On June 24th 2018 the Zilic family, while visiting for vacation, went to the 'International G1 scale meeting at the Technic Museum in Sinsheim', Germany. It was a very long day - too many things to see.

Dino was very happy to meet Mr. Andrea's Krug, Founder & CEO of KM1

Dino loves the precision and attention to detail of the trains produced by this company.

Kornelia

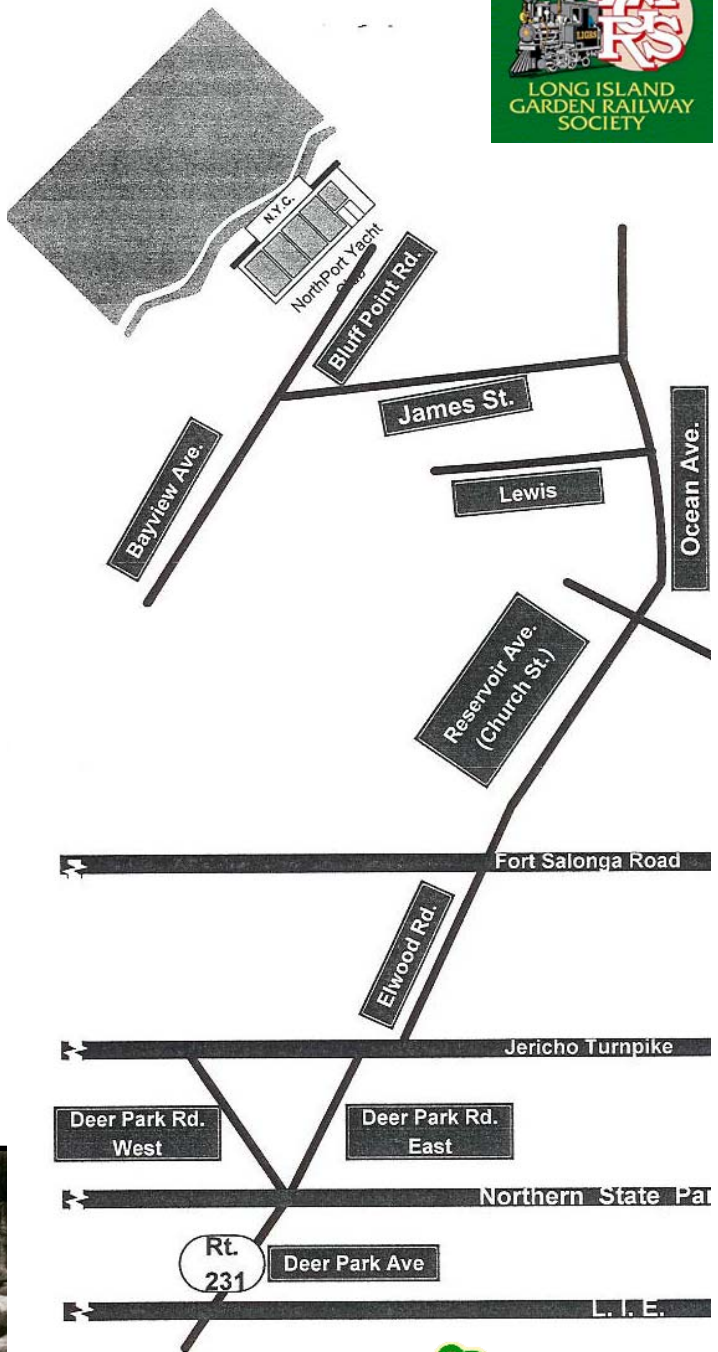




# Monthly Meeting March 24th



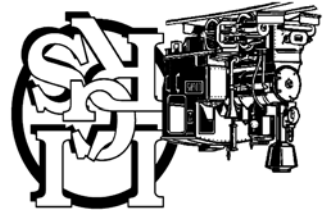
**Turn by turn directions:**  
Take the LIE or Northern State Parkway to Deer Park Ave (Rte. 231) north. Bear right onto Deer Park Road East. Merge onto Jericho Tpke. (Rte. 25) and make the next left onto Elwood Road. Elwood changes into Reservoir Road, then Church and finally into Ocean Ave. Make a left on James Street and follow to Bluff Point Road and make a right. Northport Yacht Club is on the left. 631-261-7633



**REMINDER:**  
A link to our Proxy Form can be found on the home page of our website, LIGRS.org. If you are unable to attend any monthly meeting, please be sure to fill one out and give to our president or a BOD member to ensure a quorum so that an official business meeting may be held.



Shown to the left, a railroad bridge built entirely of stacked logs in Oregon, 1903



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**“POOR MARCH**

It is the **HOMELIEST** month of the year. Most of it is **MUD**, Every Imaginable Form of **MUD**, and what isn't **MUD** in March is ugly late-season **SNOW** falling onto the ground in filthy muddy heaps that look like **PILES** of **DIRTY LAUNDRY.**”

— Vivian Swift, [When Wanderers Cease to Roam: A Traveler's Journal of Staying Put](#)

**Happy St. Patrick's Day!**