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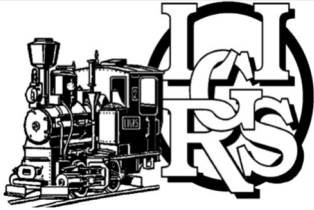
Annual Auction Meeting

SATURDAY March 25th

11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

103 Grumman Rd W, Bethpage, NY 11714

Bethpage Senior Center



Annual LIGRS March Auction



Start off the new year by coming down to the **Saturday March 25th** LIGRS meeting at **11:00 am**, and join the entire auction team for another great LIGRS Annual Auction.

Consider assisting Ed Assaf as an alternate auctioneer when needed.

Don't have room for all of those new trains? The LIGRS Annual Auction is the perfect solution. So clean out the attic, closet, basement and/or garage and bring all those unwanted train related items to March's Annual LIGRS Auction or donate them to the club. Watch the LIGRS auction team perform its magical alchemy by transforming those excess trains into cash.

For our train challenged members, clean out that bank account and watch the auction team transform those greenbacks back into magnificent trains. The auction is a wonderful event that combines aspects of **Let's Make A Deal, The Price Is Right** along with a bit of **Family Feud**. Come down early and lend a hand logging in auction items, become a **"Vanna"** for a day by displaying items or help out with the auction items.

Please contact Bob Sewall at (516) 541-4837 if you can lend a helping hand at the auction.

Auction rules appear on page 6 of this issue of Smoke n' Cinders.

IMPORTANT

To all members, family and friends who will be going on October 14th to the Essex Clipper Dinner Train ride you must submit your payments now. The LIGRS must make the reservation now in order to confirm the date. The price is \$110.00 per person.

NOTICE

At the February business meeting of the Long Island Garden Railway Society Inc. a motion was made for the club to seek to become a 501 (c) 3 Tax Exempt organization. The motion was seconded and discussed. After being discussed the motion was called and the membership voted to present the issue to the membership at the March meeting as provided by the Club's By-Laws for action. The legal process will cost \$1,800.

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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY INC

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2023 LIGRS Meetings & Events Schedule

Date	Program/Notes	Time	Place
Mar. 25, 2023 SATURDAY	Auction Meeting	11:00 AM	Bethpage Senior Center
Apr. 2023	No meeting scheduled		
May 20, 2023 SATURDAY	General Meeting	11:00 AM	Jim Wellinghoff First time host
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
August, 2023	Summer Picnic	11:00 AM	TBD
Sept. 23, 2023 SATURDAY	General Meeting	11:00 AM	Mike & Kathleen Kmeth
Oct., 2023	General Meeting	11:00 AM	Hosts needed
Nov., 2023	General Meeting	11:00 AM	TBD
Dec., 2023	Christmas Party	TBA	TBD



View From The Cab



Well, Spring is almost here. The Long Island Garden Railway Society is in Hi-Balling Express Mode. Starting with The long Island Garden Railway Society Auction and Spring Brunch with Scrumptious Bagels. Our Master Chefs Anthony Marino and Bruce Kropp will be surprising us with a great Brunch. If you have a secret recipe you'd like to share bring it along.

Everyone is very engaged in making plans for 2023 and beyond. We have a few Chair changes that have been enthusiastically filled and of course our great club veterans are continuing to doing their great job for you. Lou Cortese has been appointed as Vice- President and filling in Lou's position as Director At Large is Tom Rizzo. Ed Assaf is now the Treasurer taking over from retiring Bob Sewall. Pat Russo is now our Secretary taking over from the hard working Karl Wagner. Karl is continuing helping out till Pat gets into her new control tower. Anthony Marino is our Program Director taking over from Nick Guarino who has decided to take a breather. Anthony Bliss is our Membership Chairman. Paul Bonnie, Frank Clemente and Ray Shelton will serve as Directors-At-Large. So, that's our great team for 2023.

As much of great a team we all know they will be, they all will need YOU to make this a great

year. Please note: Long Train Ride Starts with the First CHUFF! YOU the members are THE Long Island Garden Railway Society fuel that will fire the boilers to move us down the tracks to success. We would like everyone to think about joining one of the committees to help without being asked or drafted by the engineers. This is not a one-person operation, it can't be, and if tried, then it's burn out time. Join the crew, the pay is great and the satisfaction of moving a great train is even greater. Our club is much more than a bunch of great people sitting around, chatting, drinking coffee or diet soda. Our club is an educational institution. Not only do we learn from each other we teach children and adults. We do it every time we put on our club jacket and answer questions regarding our logo. We teach children as well as adults, in the same way at the exhibits we provide. We do it in so many different ways we don't realize we're doing it. We can't go into all we do for the community in this writing. But, to continue to do the work we do, it CANNOT be done by a few! We have reached the point that WE, your club is being requested to provide exhibits for the community. The club needs YOU and your family to continue to be successful. There isn't anything you cannot do to help. If you can do any of the following it will make it easier for the club to be viable, educational and successful. So, can you sweep, open a folding chair, explain the layout, put a car on the track, run a transformer, pick up lunch, pick up 10 pounds of anything, or go to a store for something we forgot? So, see YOU can help. Please think about coming to our exhibits even if it's just enough time to give someone ten minutes to get a bite to eat. You'll be hearing more about what a great teacher you are and can be later. Just think how many times someone has said to you "WOW I didn't know that" In the meantime it's

RAFFLE TIME!!!!

HELP TO FILL THE TENDER!

This year the BIGBOY Super Raffle is taking a different mainline. Going forward with the power vested in me by the membership, I hereby appoint all the members and our family members as LIGRS TICKET AGENTS for the BIGBOY SUPPER RAFFLE Ride.

The Ticket Agent, will receive \$500 for selling the Winning ticket and if the TICKET AGENT is the Winner on his or her own of the GRAND PRIZE ticket, the \$500 will be added to the 50/50 winnings of what will hopefully be a Grand Prize of \$5,000 for the winner. The tickets will be \$10 each and the goal is for the Ticket Agents to do a great job by selling a total of 1,000 tickets for the BIGBOY SUPER RAFFLE RIDE. Please keep in mind there are 68 members, at ten raffle tickets each that makes \$680. So we only need each agent to sell Four additional tickets and someone will grab \$5,000 for the holidays. The more you sell the better the chances you have at winning \$500 **without spending a dime**. Good luck to everyone. These tickets should go out in June and the drawing will be held and paid at the November meeting. Best WISHES to the TICKET AGENT and the WINNER!

Don't forget the Great trip to Essex that Program Director Anthony Marino is putting together. Great trip and Great views of the foliage change. Don't forget to sign up if you want to sell train stuff at the Club's Auction and Brunch on the 25th Last but not least, DUES are DUE. No dues NO STEAM!

Be Safe, All Aboard
George

As you know our club was established in 1991, 32 YEARS ago! Our Thirtieth Anniversary celebration was stalled due to the Covid19 Issue. So, it's better late than never to celebrate. We are proposing to produce commemorative box cars. So here's **the Bargain of the Year. We will make available TWO Collectibles, Decorated ANNIVERSARY CARS by Charles RO for \$110 for the pair.** One will be Refrigerated and the other a Box Car. ALL are to be Pre-Ordered and Pre-Paid Delivered **FREE** at the club meeting. PLEASE let Anthony know of your intentions at anthonymarino38@gmail.com

Nick Guarino reported that the club's Library is not being utilized. Due to his report, it has been recommended we disband the library and the materials be distributed to members, the LI Railroad Museum and to public libraries. Nick will give us a list of available items. Club members get first crack at selecting items.



LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY INC.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING FEBRUARY 11, 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 asked that the meeting be opened @ 12:10 PM. A motion was made by Joe DiBenedetto, seconded by Bruce Kropp to open the meeting. We had 26 members present. We have a quorum.

George welcomed us all to our February meeting at the Bethpage Senior Center.

George then asked for a motion to read the January 21, 2023 meeting minutes or forego the reading and accept them as written. Motion was made by Bruce Kropp and second by Joe DiBenedetto to accept the minutes as written.

Reports:

Treasurers' Report -- Ed Assaf -- Highlighted the YTD FY 2022-2023 as of 2/11/23 starting @\$9,968.81 ending this morning @\$11,173.62. Report was approved.

Membership Report -- Anthony Bliss did not attend no report was given.

Program Director -- Anthony Marino

March 25 - Auction meeting. Club meeting starts 11:30AM sharp and auction to follow.

April -- No meeting Scheduled.

May 20 -- Saturday @ New Member and first-time host James Wellinghoff.

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 Anthony stated we still need a host for October.

Review of Shows & Events: None

Upcoming Displays and Events:

COA -- April waiting on dates and times

Planting Fields -- April waiting on dates and times

Photo Contest -- Congratulation to Louise Sewall who took this month's winning photo, "Double Header over the Trestle", of Lou Cortese's past module at the COA display. A link to the rules is on the LIGRS home page. Please remember to take pictures and send your best to Louise.



Club Merchandise -- Please see Georgiana & Steve Gaherty for club items such as, hats, shirts, jackets, mugs, pins and

DVD's.

Chic Chat Corner -- Louise found an interesting article about modeler who used a Bachmann Big Hauler Tank car and put a N scale train inside of it for his Grandson. See Feb Sn'C for more info. Ladies and gents, you know you can write about anything. So just send something to Louise Sewall for the Chic Chat Corner.

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:

Anthony Marino talked about Club 30th

Anniversary for the Essex Dinner Train and or Steamboat ride. Anthony had some informational packets he made about it or you can look on the web site. They are not the same trains. The dinner train is a diesel train with a dining car. The steam train and river boat are separate. So, in one day we could do the steam train and river boat in the morning and then the dinner train at night. We could time it so we go from one to the other or we can give ourselves time in between.

A tentative date is October 7. It is cooler and the Fall foliage is magnificent.

If we do the 20 or more people, we can book early and work out a payment plan.

<https://essexsteamtrain.com/>

Anthony also talked about a train car produced by Charles Ro. Only 20 people ordered which is not enough so this is off the table. Anthony did state he could make decals for people to apply on their own train car for a small fee.

New Business:

TAX STATUS - George talked about the club becoming a 501c3 corporation for taxes. A discussion was held -- a vote will be taken at the March meeting: should the club go ahead and spend the \$1,800 to proceed or not as per the motion that was made and approved in January.

Ed Assaf read a thank you note from the Grace United Methodist Church Food Pantry thanking us for our donation to them back in November.

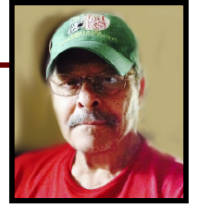
George thanked Anthony Marino and Bruce Kropp for taking care of today's special food, Hot dogs, cookies, coffee and assorted drinks.

Next General meeting will be Saturday March 25 at the Bethpage Senior Center Meeting ended @ 12:45 PM.

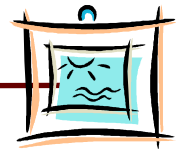
Respectfully Submitted,

Karl Wagner, Acting Club Secretary

Tom's "What the Heck?" Puzzle — Solution on next page



Monthly Photo Contest Winner!



This month's winning photo "Sightseeing" was taken by Karl Wagner on his "Cross River Railroad" layout.



Annual Auction Rules



1. Each auction participant, seller or buyer, must purchase an auction paddle. (\$2)
2. A unique item number identifies each auction item.
3. There are no minimum bids; the highest bid purchases the item regardless of amount.
4. The owner of the item can bid until their desired price is reached. (If the owner's bid is the highest bid, the item is a "buyback").
5. Each item auctioned is subject to a commission based upon the Commission Fee Schedule. "Buybacks" are subject to commission of 50% of the Commission Fee Schedule. (Printed copy will be available at the auction)
6. Any unclaimed items will be returned to their owner, commission free.
7. The Auctioneer's decision in determining the winning bidder is final.
8. All items are sold "as is, where is". LIGRS does not guarantee the suitability or condition of any item auctioned.
9. The Treasurer has sole discretion with regard to method of payment, either cash or check, for winning bids and sellers' proceeds.

10. **GOOD LUCK, HAPPY BIDDING and HAVE FUN!**

Some auction items may be offered as lots which consist of multiples of the same or related items (e.g. track, switches, same road name passenger cars, etc.) offered from the same seller. The winning bidder will have the option to purchase one or more of the items at their winning bid price. In the event the winning bidder does not purchase the entire lot, the runner-up bidder will be offered the remaining items in the lot at the runner-up bid price. In the event the runner-up bidder declines any or all of the remaining lot, the remaining items will be up for re-bidding. This procedure will be observed in order to facilitate auction timeliness as well as provide the most equitable price to the seller. The difference between the winning bid and runner-up bid is in effect a premium for the winning bidder to select which items of the lot that they wish to purchase. 'Like items' from different sellers will be offered as separate items

What the Heck Solution



SPENO Loram Ballast Cleaner, in Newport News, Virginia

2023 Dues Reminder: Send in your 2023 dues so that it may be a "Happy Train Year."

Individual memberships, the 1st member of a household, are \$50 per year.
Family Memberships, for members over 18 years old are \$15 for **EACH** additional member in the same household.
Students, age 18-22 is \$25.

Please send a check made out to "**The Long Island Garden Railway Society, Inc.**" (full name please)) for the appropriate amount to:

LIGRS, PO Box 2002, Massapequa, NY 11758

Questions? Contact
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Thank you to the many members
who have already renewed!



Thoughts From Our February Meeting



After the meeting Bob Sewall gave a presentation of a video on YouTube created by the Colorado RR Museum about the history of the #2 Galloping Goose. In addition, Tom Rizzo brought his 3D printer and during the meeting began printing a few different objects. After the meeting folks could watch the printing process as it progressed to its completion.

As the meeting was "Super Bowl" themed, Bruce prepared hot dogs with all the trimmings for our enjoyment. Bob Sewall printed a copy of a G scale Oscar Mayer Weiner train. This train was previously created and shared by Murray Trim on the GRNews Facebook page. He was asked for permission to publish some of his photos with a short description of the modifications made.



Originally it was an Aristocraft FA/Eggliner motor block. And he cut a square hole in the chassis and bolted it in. For the other vehicles he 3D printed some very basic axle mounts and glued them on.

Sauce car and condiment car as well as tail end wiener car shown.

Murray Trim





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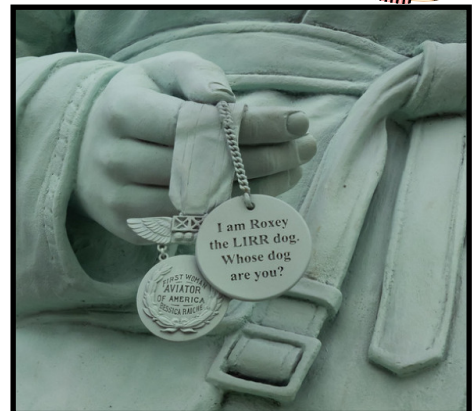


From Dave Smith - Bessie & Roxie



The new statue has been unveiled and is in place in front of the LIRR Mineola Station. This is not to be missed, great workmanship, and really adds a pleasant touch to the restored 1924 station.

Bessie was the first woman aviator of America, and Roxie was the LIRR dog. You can Google their stories.



John Ciesla, the man who took the photos of the Mineola statue, gives his permission below to use just his photos but not the news story. I'm sure someone can "fill in" the blanks of the story.

John is an acclaimed model railroader who has appeared in Model Railroader several times and has published a book on his model railroad. It's based on a fictitious railroad that runs from Long Island to New England. The LIRR and B&M both appear on his layout. Two of my favorite railroads.

His career was as a procurement officer of equipment for, I believe, the New York Central and he has many great "real railroad" stories to tell. He might be considered as a guest speaker at a club meeting. He lives in Mineola and used to work p/t at Willis Hobby until his wife came down with Alzheimers.

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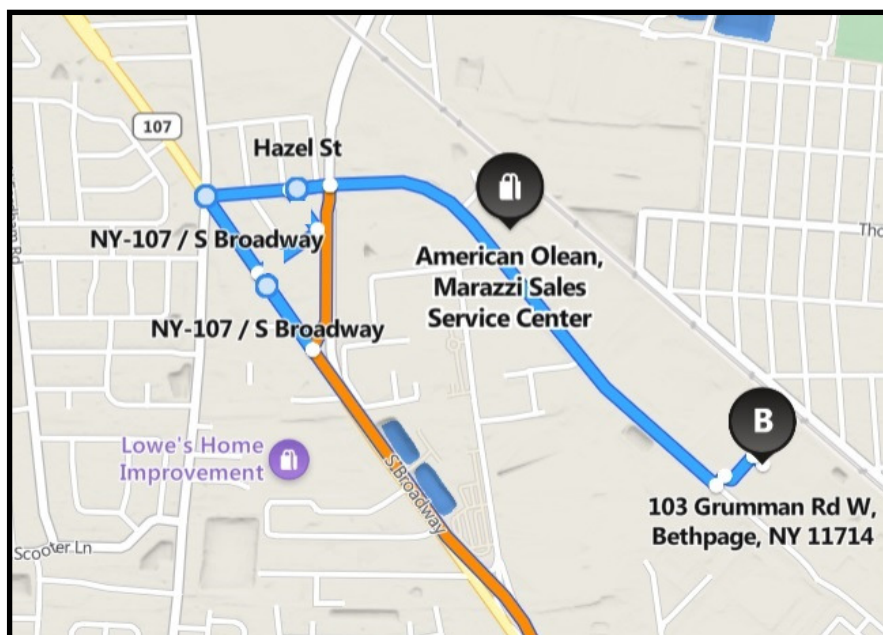
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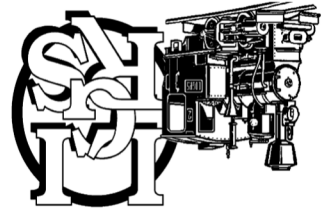
From the LIE or Northern State Parkway

Take the exit for Rt 107 South
Continue South until Hazel St. then turn left
Hazel St. becomes Grumman Rd W
Senior center is on the left, set back from the road but
has a large blue sign at the driveway entrance

From Southern state or other points South

Take the exit for Rt 135 North
Turn off at the ramp for exit 7W, West towards Hempstead
Turn right on rt 107 Hicksville Rd.
Continue **North to Hazel St and turn right**
Hazel St. becomes Grumman Rd W
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"Springtime is the land awakening. The
 March winds are the morning yawn."
 —Lewis Grizzard

Happy St. Patrick's Day!