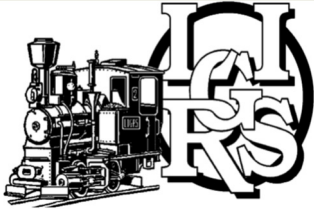


March 2024

General Meeting  
**SATURDAY** March 9th  
11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

103 Grumman Rd W, Bethpage, NY 11714  
*Bethpage Senior Center*



### Our Successful Auction in History



So good to see you all at last month's auction. We have been holding this popular event for over 25 years. Below are some photos from 2016, when we held it at the Northport Yacht club. See page 4 for photos of this year's volunteer workers.



### Another Lucky Win!



Priscilla Lordahl, who's winning raffle ticket won for her husband Christopher the Piko starter set, raffled off at our Cradle of Aviation display, has also won our Super Bowl 50/50 contest which was held at the February Auction and Luncheon meeting.

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## 2024 LIGRS Meetings & Events Schedule

Date	Program/Notes	Time	Place
Mar. 9, 2024	General Meeting	11:00 AM	Bethpage Senior Center
September 2024	General Meeting	11:00 AM	Ed Assaf
Oct. 13, 2024 SUNDAY	General Meeting	11:00 AM	Mike Kmeth





### FLASH - BREAKING NEWS - BOMBSHELL NEWS - HOT OFF THE PRESSES - EXCLUSIVE REPORT LEAK!

GUESS WHAT? The Board of Directors of the Long Island Railway Society Inc. are not  
MINDREADERS NOR DO ANY OF them HAVE CRYSTALBALLS, and are not FORTUNE READERS!

THE CLUB NEEDS YOUR HELP

At the February's Auction - Meeting there were 29 ticket agents in attendance to enjoy a GREAT gourmet lunch, select the Super Bowl winning and loser boxes, enjoy each other's company and bought and sold trains. A train load of hard work was put into loading that train for the members to enjoy. Basically the same participation as last year. Unfortunately, even though those in attendance had a great time, there were too many empty seats on that train and that's no way to run a railroad.

However, if this is the type of train ride the membership expects and enjoys, the engineers and the crew are doing a great job. IF NOT TELL, US WHAT YOU WANT, WHAT DO YOU EXPECT AND WHAT YOU CAN PUT INTO THE CLUB.

PLEASE, you cannot hurt anyone's feelings or you wouldn't be reading this today.

We need your vision as to what will increase participation at club events, which is critical for the future success of the club. The PREAMBLE of our Certificate of Incorporation calls for the organization to engage in "promoting the hobby of garden railroading and largescale indoor model railroading". It also states, promoting the hobby "through participation in various public exhibits" We are also to be "both a forum for knowledge and a social fellowship where members have fun and share experiences and ideas in all aspects of the hobby" The board cannot fulfill this obligation 100% without YOU. Your presence affects the club and events in many ways by it showing your support for the club's work, the event and the public that attends.

So we ask you to come on up the line to support, teach and have a ton of fun. Inform us as to the direction you think we should go to have you and others to participate to a greater extent in the work and activities of the club.

Looking forward to your continued support, participation and most importantly your confidential response to our plea at [glstama1@earthlink.net](mailto:glstama1@earthlink.net)

Thanking you in advance for your guidance.

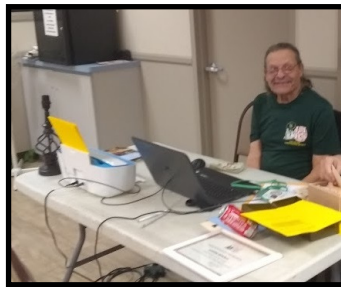
George L Stamatiades



# The Workers on our Successful Auction Team



Special thanks to Paul Simon and Tom Rizzo who stepped up to running and overseeing all of the work and workers needed this year.-



President George Stamatiades running the pre-auction meeting and luncheon. Shown here awarding the 2023 overall photo contest winner Louise Sewall, a framed citation.



Our auctioneer par excellence, Ed Assaf.



Specially hard workers Bruce Kropp, Anthony Marino and Anthony Enea.



## Photo Hints from our Judge Patrick Friedmann



*In the email from our judges Kris and Patrick, declaring this month's winner, the following photo hints were included. Passing them on to the membership for inspiration.*

Photo hints from Patrick Friedmann

We loved the snow and the horses BUT the shooter should have taken the time to brush off the horses AND carve a track in the snow to show where the coach came from.

"Steam Engine into the station" is TILTED AND THAT COULD BE STRAIGHTENED OUT to make a better pix.



## A Great Piece of History — From Dave Smith



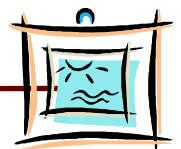
Before modern technology, Gandy Dancers could be heard singing from wherever there was a railroad. Rail maintenance crews were once led by track callers, or lead singers, whose purpose was to uplift their men, physically and emotionally, while overseeing the coordination of the work at hand. The crews became known as the Gandy Dancers because when they all began pulling the lining bars together while singing, they also looked to be dancing in sync. Eventually replaced by machines, MSE had one of the last crews of Gandy Dancers in American History. If you have a Facebook account you can watch Charles Kuralt's 1970s "On the Road" segment featuring the

MSE team. [#MSE100. \(2\) Video | Facebook](#)

Or you can search on YouTube for [Mississippi Export Railroad gandy dancers](#).



## Monthly Photo Contest Winner!



This month's winning photo "Little Train on the Trestle" was taken by Louise Sewall on the late Henry Harris's layout.



# Berlin Sleeping Car Solar Eclipse Limited



Penn Station Monahan Hall, to Niagara Falls, April 7-9, 2024. Hurry, just a few rooms remain. [Public Trips - Berlin Sleeping Car \(sleeponatrain.com\)](#) [[Reservations or Questions, contact Kevin at 814-229-6354](#)] [[kmoore.dmd@comcast.net](mailto:kmoore.dmd@comcast.net)]

Our Solar Eclipse Limited Special will be able to accommodate 18 overnight guests in 6 Master Suites (with toilet, sink and shower annex en-suite) and 3 double bedrooms (toilet & sink en-suite with shower-restroom at end of hallway).

On Sunday April 7, 2024 Private Pullman Cars BLUE RIDGE CLUB and BERLIN will depart Moynihan Train Hall just past 10 AM on the rear of Amtrak Empire Service Train 281 enroute along the beautiful Hudson River on our way Niagara Falls, NY. While enroute our Chef will prepare and serve both a lunch and dinner. Our arrival at Niagara Falls Amtrak Station is estimated to be 7:35 PM. On arrival at Niagara Falls Station the switch crew will uncouple our cars from the Amtrak train and place us in the siding at 2700 Lockport Road, Niagara Falls, NY 14305. Our guests will stay onboard both Sunday night and Monday night.

On Monday April 8, 2024 breakfast will be served onboard BLUE RIDGE CLUB. You are free to enjoy your day and evening out in Niagara Falls, NY (on your own). The Solar Eclipse will begin at 2:04 PM ET; totality will occur at 3:18 PM and last for 3 minutes and 31 seconds. The eclipse will conclude at 4:31 PM. *Weather Disclaimer:* You need clear skies to have the full eclipse experience, with a clear view of the Sun and Moon. However, the eerie daytime darkness associated with eclipses is still noticeable with cloud cover.

On Tuesday, April 9, 2024 we will be scheduled to depart on Empire Service Train 284 at 6:00 AM bound for NY Penn Station. Breakfast will be served onboard BLUE RIDGE CLUB at 8:00 AM as we travel between Buffalo and Rochester. As we depart Albany-Rensselaer, Lunch will be served in order to enjoy the scenery along the Hudson River. Our arrival at Moynihan Train Hall (New York Penn Station) is scheduled for 3:45 PM where we will bid a fond Adieu and look forward to seeing you on our next private rail adventure.

PRICING: SLEEPING ROOM GUESTS: 18 TICKETS AVAILABLE @ \$3,990 PER PERSON (NOTE THESE ARE DOUBLE OCCUPANCY ROOMS). \*We reserve the right to substitute railcars as required to meet current Amtrak requirements.

NASA April 8, 2024 Solar Eclipse Website: <https://science.nasa.gov/eclip...>

Follow the Eclipse Path: <https://www.space.com/solar-ma...>

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## 2024 Dues Reminder: Send in your 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!



## Our Christmas Get Together



Although our Christmas party plans did not come to fruition, folks planned their own festivities at the Snapper Inn. Looks like they still filled the table. Be sure to join us next year.



And the ladies posed beneath the famous, Upside Down Christmas Tree at the Inn.

Thanks to the Engels for the photos.

## Chic Chat Corner



I like to spot the tourist railways in the UK that appear in various shows. I have a subscription to BritBox. Sometimes a train appears in All Creatures Great and Small, or Poirot. Even some of the older programs seem to use many of the same stations.

A famous viaduct Glenfinnan Viaduct on the West Highland Line also comes to mind. And I believe it was also used in Harry Potter. I guess being in this club makes me pay more attention to those railways.

This photo shows the Jacobite Steam train going over the viaduct. Which other shows use it?

Louise Sewall



## 2024 G Scale Get Together

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The Georgia Garden Railway Society (GGRS) is proud to announce they will host the 2024 G-Scale Southeast Regional Get-Together August 23-25, 2024. The event will be centered around the 65<sup>th</sup> Atlanta Model Train Show held at the Gas South Convention Center, formerly the Infinite Energy Center, Duluth, GA on Saturday, August 24. Layout tours of GGRS garden railroads will be held on Friday, August 23 and Sunday, August 25. A special gathering meal is being planned.

The Embassy Suites, Duluth, GA will be headquarters for the event. You will be able to pick up your registration packet at the hotel Thursday evening, August 22 or Friday morning, August 23. Room rates are \$189 for a King Suite or \$199 for a Queen Suite, which includes both a breakfast and evening reception. The hotel is a short 10-minute walk to train show and the hotel lobby will be available for socializing Thursday and Friday evening. Just follow the hotel link on the GGRS web page to get rooms at the G-Scale Southeast Regional Get-Together rates. A limited number of rooms are available.

Garden railroad layout tours will be held on Friday and Sunday. GGRS members east and north of Atlanta will generally open on Friday and those south and west of Atlanta will open on Sunday. A few exceptions will be noted in the tour booklet. The tour booklet will be in your registration bag, along with a special commemorative pin. The booklet will have a brief description, physical GPS address, phone number, and photo of the garden railroads open. There are currently 12 GGRS layout plus a Train Installations shop and TRAINZ new ware-

house to tour (we're still recruiting). All tours will be self-guided.

The Saturday train show, Atlanta's Oldest and Largest Model Train and Railroadiana Show, is an all-scale train show which will serve as the Vendor Hall. There will be operating layouts as well as some well-known Atlanta vendors including TRAINZ, Split Jaw, Train Installations and ME-LOVESTRAINS plus many other G-scale vendors. If you would like to become a vendor or exhibitor, contact Charlie Miller at [RRSHOWS@AOL.COM](mailto:RRSHOWS@AOL.COM) or 703-536-2954. There is a \$9.00 additional admission to the show (with discount coupon provided in registration bag).

Optional activities in Atlanta for Saturday include Stone Mountain Park with a 5-mile diesel train ride around the mountain, The Southern Museum featuring the 4-4-0 Civil War locomotive 'General', and the Southeastern Railway Museum with lots of locomotives and rolling stock on display. Take time after enjoying the train show to enjoy these train themed activities.

If there is enough interest, there will also be a separate purchase collectible G Scale train car. It will be a unique L & N freight car from USA Trains. Advance orders will be taken at the registration page and cars can be picked up at registration or the show.

To have the registration bags with name tags, pins, and tour booklets ready for August, we are asking for advance registration for the event. The registration will be \$25.00 per individual registration and \$35.00 per family (up to two adults and two children) registration prior to **JUNE 1, 2024**. Late registration, **after JUNE 1**, will increase to \$40.00 per individual and \$50.00 per family registration. A registration form, for on line registration payable

with Zelle can be found at

[www.ggrs.info](http://www.ggrs.info) and

follow the link to 2024

Southeast Regional G-Scale Get Together, or you may print the registration form you find there and mail it along with your check to the address on the form. Registration includes name badge(s), tour booklet, self-guided layout tours, collector's pin, discount ticket for Saturday's show admission, and opportunity to purchase special USA Trains event car and Gathering Meal tickets.

Register now and save the dates of August 23-25, 2024! See you in Atlanta!





**Directions to March Meeting**  
**SATURDAY, March 9, 2024 11:00am**  
**Bethpage Senior Center**  
**103 Grumman Rd W, Bethpage, NY 11714**



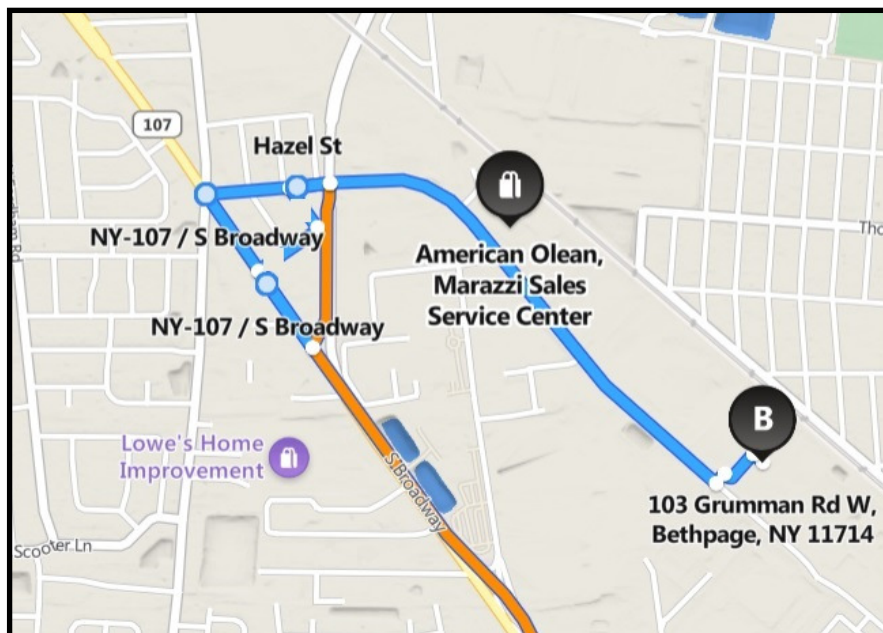
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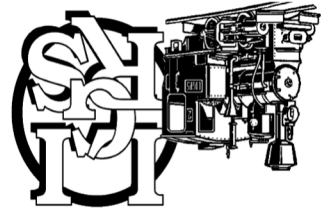
**From the LIE or Northern State Parkway**

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.  
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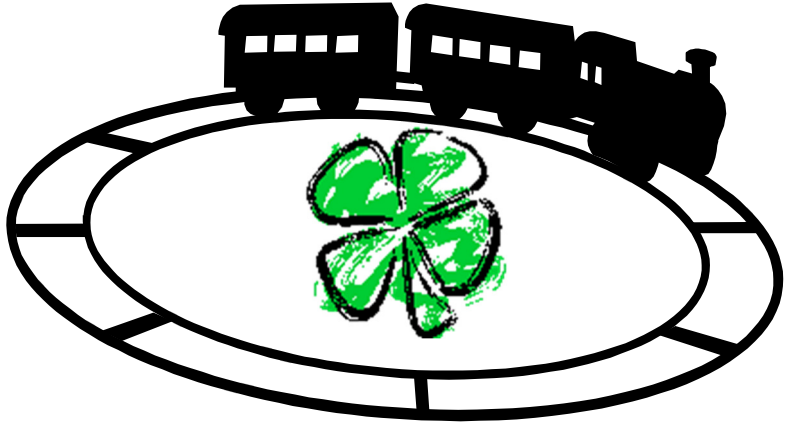


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 March winds are the morning yawn."  
 —Lewis Grizzard

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