

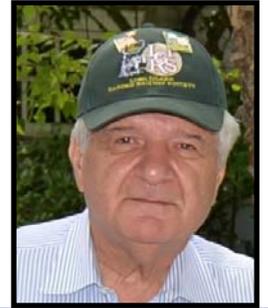
May 2021



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY INC

Smoke n' Cinders

**Monthly Meeting Host
George & Connie Stamataides
SATURDAY ONLY
May 22 2021, 11:00 AM
267 Longneck Blvd., Flanders, NY
11901**



Train Raffle Winner!

We have a winner! The winning ticket for the raffle held this Spring at the modular group's display in the lobby of the Cradle of Aviation museum was pulled on the last day, Easter Sunday.

The lucky person is Freda Bernstem of Cedarhurst. She has picked the Thomas the Tank Engine themed starter set. We wish her and her family many happy hours with it.



This Year's Club 50/50 Raffle

Long Island Garden Railroad Society's FIRST ANNUAL HOLIDAY SUPER 50/50 Raffle. \$5.00 each. Limited to 500 Tickets
If you need more contact George at glstama1@earthlink.net
Drawing at our November MEETING



Robert Russo Memorial News

The tree, bench and plaque memorial dedication is scheduled to be held at the Bayard Cutting Arboretum on September 11th. Refreshments to be served indoors afterwards.

COVID restrictions may dictate the number of persons permitted to attend.

More information will be distributed as the date draws nearer. (Rain date Sept. 12)



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STAY TUNED! The Summer picnic news and registration form will be published in another month or two.

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2021 LIGRS Meetings & Events Schedule

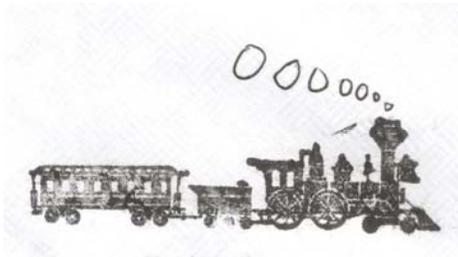
Date	Program/Notes	Time	Place
May 22, 2021 <u>SATURDAY ONLY</u>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	George Stamatiades—Flanders
Jun. 26, 2021 <u>SATURDAY</u>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Steve Gittelman
July 10 & 11, 2021	Run Dates	10:00 AM-4:00 PM	RMLI
Jul. 17, 2021 <u>SATURDAY*</u>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Betty Engel & Jay Geyer
Aug. 21, 2021 <u>SATURDAY</u>	Summer Picnic **	TBA	LI Live Steamers
Aug. 28, 2021	BOD	10:00 AM	RMLI
Aug. 28-29 2021	Run Dates	10:00 AM-4:00 PM	RMLI
Sep. 11, 2021	Russo Memorial	TBA	Bayard Cutting Arboretum
Sep. 18, 2021 <u>SATURDAY*</u>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Geri Coney & Bill Arndt
Oct. 16, 2021 <u>SATURDAY*</u>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Dorothy Mahan
Nov., 2021	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	TBA

***Saturday home-hosted meetings have a rain date the following day, Sunday**
**** Subject to pandemic restrictions**

View From The Cab



We just had our April meeting, which again was an in person meeting and was held at the Cradle of Aviation. Turnout was good. However with proxies we just had a bare minimum for a meeting. So please if you cannot attend please send those proxies in. The board is working on a By Law requirement for minimum attendance requirements to have a working meeting. This should help us in the future so we will have the numbers for working meeting. Once the By Laws committee does their work, the revised by laws will be brought before our membership for a vote.



Spring is here; finally I started work outside on our railway. The first order of business was to get our gold fish pond up and running. In late fall I remove water pumps for water falls and filters. And in their place install air pump to supply oxygen for fish. In the spring it's the reverse. However nothing is ever that simple or easy! For starters I had to leak proof a seal on an ultraviolet light that was tripping the GFI. That went well. However to hook up the pipes was another matter. I couldn't stop some joints from leaking. I worked on that leak problem over three hours. I never know how the fish survived the winter until I clear the water. Sometimes that takes over a week. Good news, the gold fish survived their 11th winter in our pond. Next project is to weed so I can locate the road bed, after that finish the new water falls I started last fall. Now that's after other must do house projects.

Other news, the Railroad Museum in Riverhead is redoing the Freeman rail road. They intend to do new track configurations, with three running loops. LIGRS is donating (8) pieces of 5 ft. track, this should help for smoother operation. The water feature

has been up graded. Currently all track has been removed. Our club has been given two weekends to run our trains on the Freeman rail road. **To all members especially those that don't have working layouts this is a great opportunity to run your trains so bring your trains out and run.** Please see club calendar for days.

Sometime in early May they are having a cement slab poured. They will then setup their large tent on it. Just maybe, on one our scheduled run days, we can have an auction/yard/tag sale under the tent?

May meeting will be held at George & Connie Stamataides' home in Flanders. His home is just about a mile past (east) of the Long Island famous land mark the BIG DUCK. I want to thank George and Connie for hosting this meeting at last minute. They just finished renovating their home. Landscaping and a patio are to be completed this coming week. At this time George does not have a running railroad, however some members will be bring projects they are working on to the meeting for members to see and discuss.

Our hosts will be have available a **traditional early breakfast**, following the meeting **a light BBQ and Veggies**, all this on a beautiful setting overlooking the Great Peconic Bay.

Meeting will be **rain or shine**. George has a large two car garage that opens on both ends. So come out for our first out door meeting of 2021 to enjoy fellowship with other members. I am looking very much to seeing you all.

I hope you don't have to use a proxy but in the event you cannot make this meeting please send in your proxy!

Please, if you intend be at the May meeting **George would very much appreciate RSVP 718 -908 -0655**

Today's question; what to you want the Club (LIGRS) to be or do? This is the first club I ever joined so I don't know what oth-

er clubs do or their members expect. There are other train clubs on the island. I believe that in most of them their membership has to do some kind of active club project participation. For instance, laying track, maintenance or constructing buildings. As far as I know all have a home base, we don't. Maybe someday we will. I'll admit I'm doing what the club has been doing in past, it worked, so if isn't broken don't fix it. Is this the wrong attitude! To rectify this, I would like members' feedback as to what they want out of club so that I can move club in that direction. So please, if you have any suggestions or questions about what I have written or have suggestions about what the club should be or what you want out of the club please contact a board member or myself, E-mail, snail mail or by phone. Remember for the club to continue and do better **we need the help of all members**. Those past members that may be reading this monthly news bulletin are welcome to comment and are welcome to rejoin. I want to know what I and the board can do to make your experience in the club better and more enjoyable. If anyone wants to talk with Ray, he told me members can reach him by calling or e-mailing at 516.681.3976 DRRAYSHELTON@ATT.NET

God bless and please stay safe.

Mike Kmeth



Please, if you intend be at the May meeting George would very much appreciate an RSVP at 718.908.0655 in order to plan the food

From the Secretary — April Meeting Minutes



LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY INC.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING APRIL 18, 2021

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 Mike Kmeth asked that the meeting be opened @ 12:06 AM. A motion was made by Pat Russo, seconded by Tom Rizzo to open the meeting. We had 29 members present, 9 proxies. We have a quorum.

Mike welcomed everyone to our April in person meeting at the Cradle of Aviation. Mike then thanked the Cradle of Aviation for letting us have our meeting here. Mike thanked our Refreshment committee for the wonderful food and drink they are serving us here today,

President Mike then asked for a motion to read the March 21, 2021 meeting minutes or forego the reading and accept them as written. Pat Russo made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Rich Bishop.

Reports:

Treasurers' Report --was given by Bob Sewall. Second Quarter 2020-2021 (1/1/21 thru 3/31/21) Starting balance \$9,887.46 ending balance \$9,234.24 YTD report as of 4/18/21 starting balance was \$9,698.98 ending balance of \$10,271.24 Bob then read the 2020 Annual Report of Directors as required by NY Consolidated Laws, Not for Profit Corporation Laws NCP519. Bob stated that if anyone has any questions about the club finances, please contact him and he will be happy to answer any questions you have.

Membership Report – Tom Rizzo reported no new members at this time. Mike than asked Ed Assaf to talk about the club's need for a new laptop. Tom Rizzo and Ed Assaf took the club's PC to Micro center and had it evaluated. They gave us a recommendation of a laptop for about \$1,100. A discussion was held. Ray Shelton made a motion to purchase the laptop and was second by Pat Russo. Motion passed.

Program Directors Report – Nick Guarino stated all meetings for the rest of the year are covered.

Modular Coordinator – Ed Assaf stated that we all had a good time doing the Spring show. The fairy gardens and fantasy gardens looked great as did the rest of the module train display at the Cradle of Aviation. Thank you to all who came out in support of the club.

Bob Russo Memorial Fund – Pat Russo stated the date will be Sept 11 with rain date Sept 12. Memorial time is 10 AM at Bayard, refreshments after. Attendance may be limited.

Anniversary for 2021 (30years) – No new info at this time.

Upcoming events and Shows:

Picnic – We are tentatively scheduled with Long Island Live Steamers at Southaven County Park so long as Suffolk County allows them to open for Saturday August 21. Pat Russo is the committee Chairperson

Photo Contest – Congratulations to this month's winning photo, "Diesel Coming through" was taken by Karl Wagner on Dave Morrison's Laramie, Cheyenne & Green River Rail Road. Please remember to take pictures and send your best picture to Louise Sewall.

Chic Chat Corner – Louise Sewall wrote about what she saw at our Spring Module show and where you can see some pictures of it. Remember Guys and Gals, you can write about almost anything here at Chic Chat Corner

Club Resource Library – The list of books, videos and plans are on the club's website. Just contact Nick Guarino and he will bring it to our next in person meeting for you to borrow.

Club merchandise – Georgiana stated that there was a mix up with the last order but they should be here before the May meeting. Please see Georgiana & Steve Gaherty if you wish to purchase any club

items such as hats, shirts, jackets, pins and DVD's

Aluminum Can Tabs – Please give them 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 are used, NOT STEEL

Old Business:

We will be going to look at the locations in Nassau for possible winter meeting locations

New Business:

Super 50/50 Chairperson George Stamataides stated that the raffle is doing well. Tickets are \$5.00 each. Besides what was mailed to your house you can see George for more tickets. Only 500 tickets were printed so first come first serve, don't be left out. Hand them back at a meeting to George Stamataides or mail them to the Club PO BOX

50/50 was won by Bruce Kropp. \$15 for Bruce and \$16 for the club.

Next meeting is at George Stamataides' house in Flanders. Please check Smoke-n-Cinders for directions.

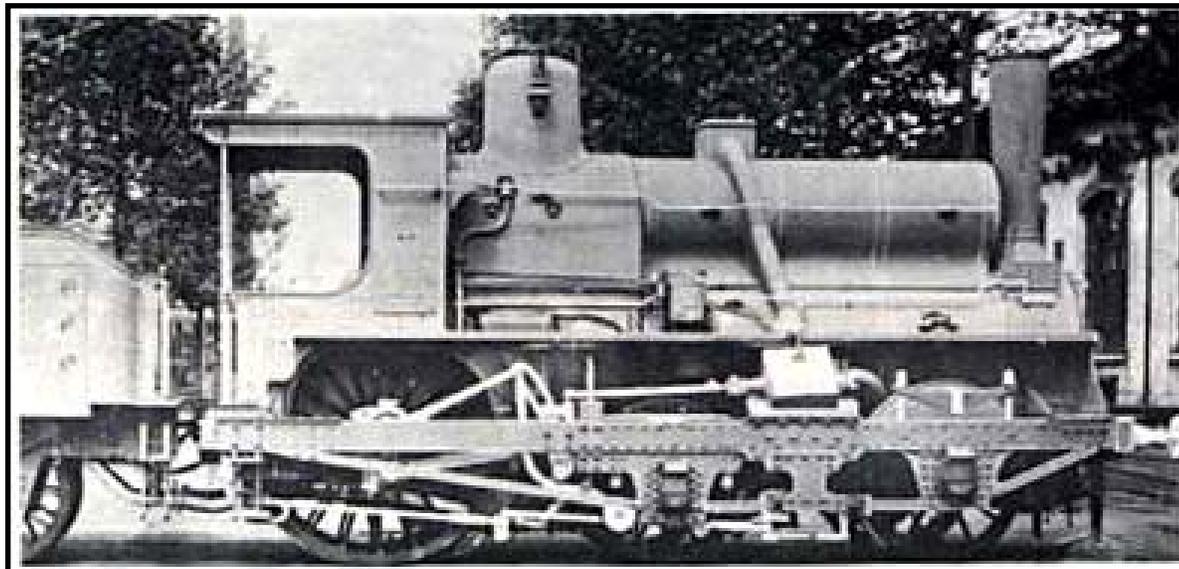
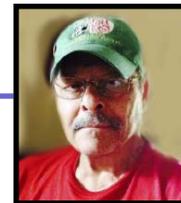
Anthony Marino made a motion to close the meeting seconded by Lou Cortese. Motion approved. Meeting ended @ 1 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karl Wagner

Secretary





From the Secretary – BOD Minutes

LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY, Inc. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING APRIL 10, 2021 HELD AT THE CRADLE OF AVIATION

Attendance: President Mike Kmeth, Vice President Steve Gaherty, Secretary Karl Wagner, Membership Director Tom Rizzo, Treasurer Bob Sewall, Program Director Nick Guarino, Directors at Large, Louis Cortese, Pat Russo, Frank Clemente & Ed Assaf

President Mike Kmeth asked that the meeting be opened @ 10:05 AM. A motion was made by Tom Rizzo and seconded by Pat Russo.

President Mike Kmeth asked for a motion to forgo the reading and approve the minutes of the March 6, 2021 BOD. Tom Rizzo made a motion to accept as is, seconded by Ed Assaf. BOD approved.

Treasurer's Report – was given by Bob Sewall. Bob gave a synopsis of the report: The 2nd Quarter 1/1/21-3/31/21 Starting \$9,887.46 Ending \$9,234.24 and the YTD Starting \$9,698.98 Ending \$10,271.24

Bob Sewall passed out copies of Financial Policy. After a discussion Nick Guarino made a motion to accept as is, seconded by Lou Cortese, the BOD approved the policy and it will be posted on the website.

The Surviving Spouse policy is still being finalized.

Membership Report - Tom Rizzo – Individual 26, Family 17, Ext Family 2, Life 5, Honorary 3, Junior 4.

A motion by Frank Clemente to spend a maximum of \$500 to have the Laptop evaluated was seconded by Bob Sewall and approved by the BOD. Tom Rizzo & Ed Assaf will take the laptop to Micro Center computers to have an evaluation done and to see what new computer they recommend that will satisfy our needs.

Program Director – Nick Guarino updated our meeting schedule: May 22 will be either RMLI (if the cement slab is done and the tent is up) or at George Stamataides' place in Flanders. June 26 is at Steve Gitelman's but he is requesting some battery operated trains to run. Still waiting to hear if South Haven Park LILS will be open for the August 21 picnic. We are listed on their calendar. All other months thru October are taken.

Bob Russo Memorial Fund – we received a card from Bayard thanking us for our donation. Pat Russo said a tentative date for the memorial will be Saturday Sept 11 Rain date Sunday Sept 12

Anniversary for 2021 (30years) – No new info at this time.

Modular Coordinator – Ed Assaf stated we are setting up a date to work on some of the modules.

Review of Shows and Events:

Cradle of Aviation - Ed Assaf said all had a wonderful time and that we were very spring like with the fairy gardens and Paul Bonney's fantasy display. Ed gave a big thank you to Nick Guarino and Tom Rizzo for their work on the memorial display for members of our club who have

passed. A question came up about outsiders coming inside our display area. The BOD requests that only club members or club family members are to be allowed in the display area. The club averaged 12 members per day.

Upcoming Shows and Events:

Auction – BOD is looking into the possibility of doing a different type, more of a swap and shop for the May meeting. Ed Assaf and Frank Clemente will run it.

Nick Guarino will talk to Bayard Cutting Arboretum about doing a show maybe in Sept.

Old Business

The By Laws Committee is still working on changes. A motion by Ed Assaf and seconded by Lou Cortese to move the By-Laws on the club website under the members only tab in the pass word protected section was approved by the BOD

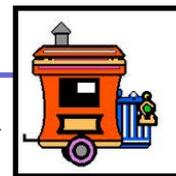
New Business:

Mike Kmeth & Tom Rizzo to come up with question or word game to try to get members to read Smoke-n-Cinders and maybe a prize. Info to follow.

A motion was made by Tom Rizzo and seconded by Lou Cortese that the Winner of the Train Raffle be given a one year free membership to LIGRS. BOD approved.

Picnic – Should we have one Pat Russo will be the chairperson. The committee so far is Tom Rizzo, Frank Clemente, Mike and Kathleen Kmeth, Georgie Gaherty and Nick Guarino. (cont. on page 7)

It was suggested that we periodically republish some of the late Bob Weschler's Organic Gardening columns. After reviewing them it really seems like a good idea. He had so many wonderful hints and ideas for us.



Organic Gardening Reprint by Bob Weschler

GARDENING CHORES FOR MAY & JUNE;

This is a marvelous time of year for the enthusiast who's in the process of planning, creating, or expanding his or her garden railway ... not that those of us with established railways can't always find room for one or 2 more plants. Many alpiners and some of the perennials, as well as those faithful annuals are in bloom.

Deciduous shrubs are bursting with delicate young leaves and the new, brilliant green needles on the conifers are contrasting with the old one. Choosing plants for the new or established railway is fun, but it can also be challenging. Try to make selections that have small leaves, flowers or needles and are slow growing as well. These choices will enhance the realism of your railway because the plants will be more "in scale". In addition, the smaller plants will keep maintenance to a minimum. Although the varieties seem endless, here are some suggestions;

PERENNIAL GROUND-COVERS AND CREEPERS;

Thyme - many varieties love to creep over rocks & walls (and over the tracks too, if neglected) have tiny, fragrant leaves with white or pink flowers. Many if not most can be used in cooking too. Sedum - many interesting varieties with different leaf textures & colors, + an assortment of flower colors & sizes. Be forewarned however, many tend to be aggressive. I like Sedum Nevii with its tiny gray leaves & white flowers. Its' very low growing & hardy and loves to grow between rocks & bricks, and will pop up almost anywhere. (Give a call, I'd be happy to share some with you ... and Bob Gibney will too.)

Irish Moss & Scotch Moss - nice around buildings in your town.

Creeping Veronica - BE SELECTIVE! Some are aggressive. Most have blue flowers & tiny leaves.

Creeping Phlox - small, needle-like

leaves. Flowers are white, pink, or blue, even striped.

Creeping Myrtle - (Vinca Minor, Periwinkle) Rather small leaves with blue flowers. This is a "vine-y" plants which spread by sending out roots from its runners.

MINIATURE SHRUBS & TREES;

NOTE; When it comes to plants, the term "Dwarf" is relative - it simply means the plant is smaller than the original. If a full-sized sequoia is 125 feet high for example, the dwarf variety could be only 30 feet tall. So when buying "Dwarf" plants, it's always best to ask how large it will get, as well as how long it will take to get that large. A Dwarf which grows to 4 feet tall in 10 years is surely slow growing and could easily be kept smaller by pruning. A "Miniature" on-the-other-hand, usually stays small and is an excellent candidate for a garden railway. It's still best however, to ask how large it gets & how long it takes to get that large.

Miniature Rhododendrons - tiny leaves & lavender flowers. Example; Rhododendron Impeditum.

Miniature Boxwood - Evergreen, slow growing. Example: "Morris Midget".

Miniature Elm - Deciduous, twigs & branches easily seen in winter. Easily forms into a scale "tree" with very little pruning (one of my favorites. Example: Ulmus Parviflora Hokkaido.

Miniature Roses - Choose only the tiniest varieties. Like all roses, some extra care is required.

Miniature Cotoneaster - Tiny Leaves, red berries & very slow growing.

DWARF/MINIATURE CONIFERS; (See above note on "Dwarves" vs. Miniatures".)

Dwarf Hinoki Cypress (Chameacyparis "Kama-sif-erus") - There are cultivars of many kinds, many growth habits, and colors, as well as color combinations. In my opinion, this is "The Queen of Dwarfs" & is a must in the garden railway. Easily shaped in scale 'trees'.

Blue Star Juniper - beautiful silver-blue

needles.

Miniature Birds Nest Spruce - tiny, dark green needles on a plant with a flat, oval shape.

Dwarf Irish Juniper - a narrow column of gray-green needles.

Miniature Cryptomeria - many varieties in different shapes. Some with tiny needles & many with larger ones.

Dwarf Alberta Spruce - This is listed last for a reason. It is always my LAST choice for a garden railway. It's oh so common in so many, many railways. With so many other superior choices, why bother? There is however, a MINIATURE variety which should be quite acceptable.

ANNUALS, CONTINUOUS BLOOM; Sweet Alyssum - white or purple flowers, small leaves. Self seeding.

Lobelia - Small leaves and flowers in many different colors.

Dwarf Marigold - Yellow, orange or variegated flowers with delicate leaves. Can be pruned to keep small.

PERENNIALS;

Miniature Hosta - Good for shady areas.

Miniature Chrysanthemum - Require full sun.

Daphne - Though some grow very large, many stay small. Be certain to get a slow-growing variety. Flowers are VERY fragrant & some even bloom in winter.

Miniature Hens & Chicks (Sempervivians) - Great around & between rocks.

Numerous Alpines - Many in the Buttercup, Daisy, Aster, Rose, Saxifrage Pink, Primrose & Thrift families. Heath & Heather - Many varieties have tiny leaves & flowers. Some stay small, usually the spreading (prostrate) varieties. Usually bloom either in the late fall or early spring.

Coreopsis - Narrow leaves, many have yellow flowers, or yellow with red 'eyes'.



Monthly Photo Contest Winner



This month's winning photo "Logs On The Way" was taken by Bob Sewall of his Climax pulled logging consist running this Spring on our modular display at the COA.



Solution to Tom's What the Heck puzzle



Answer:

Here is a Brotan Boiler Locomotive. The top boiler holds no water but steam!

From the Secretary — BOD meeting minutes continued



New switches for module entrance to storage yard. Karl, Lou and Ed will look into this.

Build rear shelf in green trailer. BOD thinks it's a good idea. Need to arrange date to work on it in the future. Cardboard will be purchased to protect the modules.

Mike asked that the wording; *Winner to make arrangements to pickup train set.* Be added to any future Train Raffle Tickets

Electronic proxy on the web site? Louise Sewall is looking into ways to make it easier for our members to submit a proxy form.

Election nominations are coming in September VP- Steve Gaherty, Finance – Bob Sewall, Membership Director – Tom Rizzo, Director at Large – Lou Cortese, Pat Russo

Job descriptions to be put in future Sn'C. Looking for membership to step up.

Steve Gaherty stated there was a problem with the clothing website but they think it is now straightened out. The last order may be delayed by about a week.

Next Board meeting scheduled will be in person at the Cradle of Aviation on August 28 at 10:00 AM. COA availability has to be confirmed. Look for an e-mail.

Lou Cortese made a motion to close the meeting, seconded by Tom Rizzo. Motion approved.

Meeting ended at 1:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Karl Wagner

Secretary



Photos from April Meeting



Thanks to all the hospitality volunteers, headed by Nick Guarino who made us so comfortable during our last indoor meeting of the season at the Cradle of Aviation.



Happy Birthday!
Did you know that AMTRAK turned 50 years old as of May 1, 2021?

Lou Cortese brought the model that he is working on for a new turntable to be used in our modular displays. He and Tom Rizzo were discussing the next steps towards making it functional.

Spring Module Display Volunteers



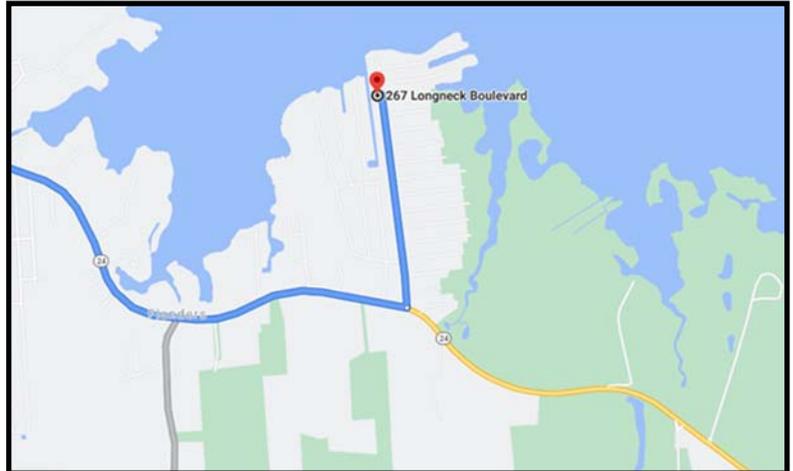
Bill Arndt	Frank Clemente	Judy Rizzo
Geri Coney	Lou Cortese	Tom Rizzo
Edward Assaf	Georgie Gaherty	Phil Martin
Babette Bishop	Steve Gaherty	Pat Russo
Anthony Bliss	Jay Geyer	Bob Sewall
Elizabeth Bonney	Paul Giordano	Louise Sewall
Matthew Bonney	Nick Guarino	Ray Shelton
Paul Bonney	Kathleen Kmeth	Paul Simon
Matthew Crehan	Mike Kmeth	Connie Stamatiades
Debbie Brutsch	Bruce Kropp	George Stamataides
	Anthony Marino	Karl Wagner

We had a good turnout of volunteers for the Spring Display. Many brought their private rolling stock. Ed Assaf ran a long coal train, Bob Sewall ran 2 trains pulled by his Climax for it's inaugural run. One consist was made up of log cars and the other of lumber cars, with a shorty lumber caboose. Matthew Bonney ran an Easter train. Geri Coney brought her LEGO train. Mike Kmeth ran a work train. And many more.

Think about what you can bring to the RMLI run days.



Directions to Monthly Meeting
Saturday ONLY, May 22, 2019
George & Connie Stamataides
267 Longneck Blvd., Flanders, NY 11901
11:00-3:00



Turn By Turn Directions

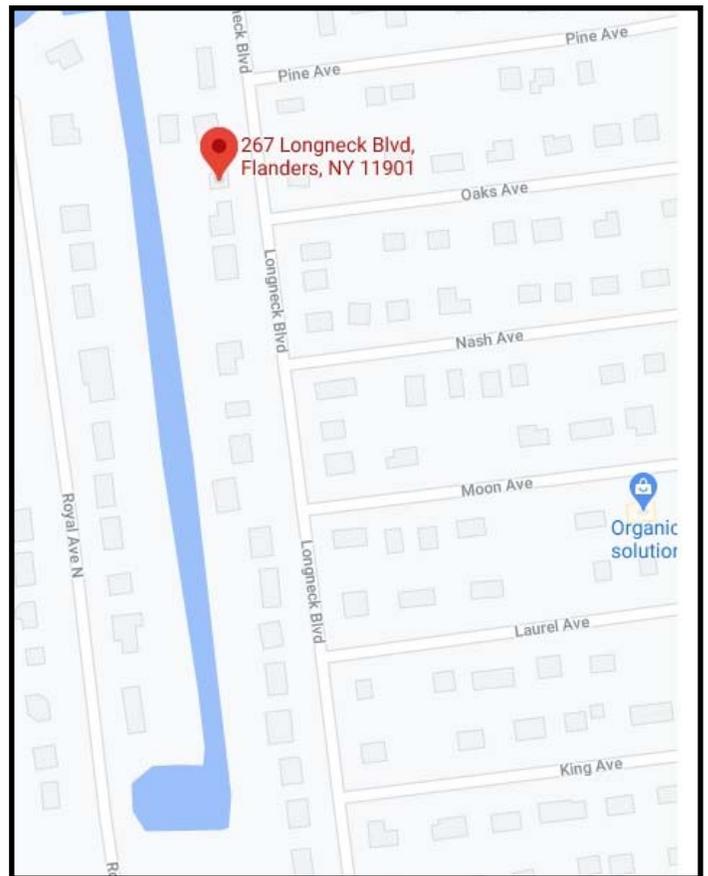
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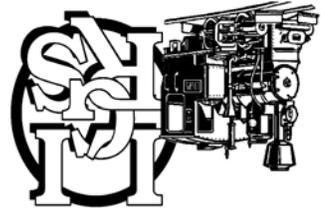
4.2 Miles. To USA gas station on left, There's a left turn signal there to make things safe. (Longneck Blvd) continue to 267 Longneck Blvd on left.

As you come down you will notice on left an empty lot with two balloons at gate. You may come down to the house to drop off passengers and chauffeurs my go back to the lot to park. If one is early you may park in driveway.

Sunrise Highway Exit 24 North to USA gas station make RIGHT follow above directions.

The traditional early Breakfast will be available, following the meeting. There will be a light BBQ and veggies for all.





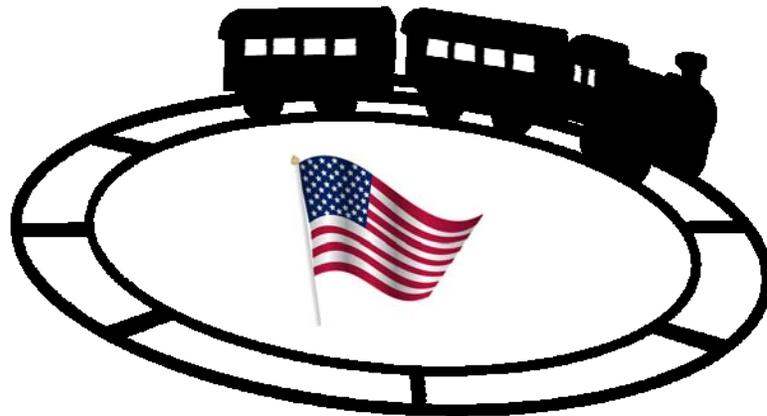
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Sweet May hath come to love us, / Flowers, trees, their blossoms don; / And
through the blue heavens above us / The very clouds move on.
Heinrich Heine