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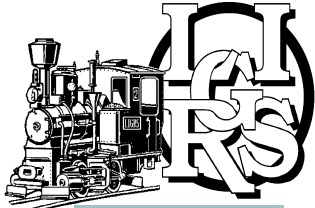
## Monthly Meeting

Saturday May 21, 2022

11:00-3:00

Host: Anthony Bliss

167 Locust Drive, Rocky Point NY 11778



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY INC

# Smoke n' Cinders

The Summer picnic will be held on Saturday, August 20th (rain date August 21st) at the Railroad Museum of Long Island at Riverhead where we will again be able to run our trains on the Freeman Railway. Same price as last year, Adults \$20 pp and Children under 13 \$8 each.

Reservation form will be printed in next month's Sn'C.

Volunteers are needed

## We Have A Winner!

The winner of the Piko Starter set which was raffled off on April 21st at the end of our Spring Modular Display at the Cradle of Aviation Museum is Carter Cortese! Boy does he look happy. Surely grandpa and grandma will help him to set up and run his new trains.

Congratulations to Carter!



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2022 LIGRS Meetings & Events

Date	Program/Notes	Time	Place
<b>June 18, 2022</b> <b>SATURDAY</b>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Gerri Coney & Bill Arndt
<b>July 16, 2022</b> <b>SATURDAY</b>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Jay & Betty Geyer
<b>July 23, 2022</b> <b>SATURDAY</b>	Fun Run (rain date 7/24)	Museum Hours	RMLI Riverhead
<b>August 20, 2022</b> Rain date 8/21	Summer Picnic	TBA	RMLI Riverhead
<b>Sept. 10, 2022</b> <b>SATURDAY</b>	Fun Run (rain date 9/11)	Museum Hours	RMLI Riverhead
<b>Sept 17, 2022</b> <b>SATURDAY</b>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	George & Connie Stamataides
<b>Oct. 15, 2022</b> <b>SATURDAY</b>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Paul & Elizabeth Bonney
<b>Nov. 2022</b>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	TBA



**NATIONAL GARDEN RAILWAY CONVENTION** **DENVER GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY**  
**JUNE 20-25 2022 DENVER CO**

**REGISTRATION INCLUDES ▶**

- Visit 40+ Layouts Scheduled for the Convention
- Access to Vendor Hall, Welcome Reception, Clinics and Convention Store
- Participation in the Convention Model Contest and Youth Model Contest
- Convention Bag, Program Book, and Commemorative Convention Pin

**ADDITIONAL OPTIONS ▶**

- Four Pre-Convention Bus Tours – Transportation, Admission, and Lunch
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- Banquet, Ice cream Social and BBQ at the Colorado Railroad Museum
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- Limited Edition Logo-branded Rio Grande Caboose Only \$98 with Registration

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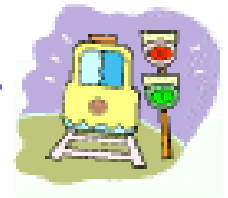
- Individual Registration  
\$75 by March 31, 2022 - \$100 thereafter

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**REGISTER NOW & SAVE!**

- Family Registration  
\$125 by March 31, 2022 - \$150 thereafter

## View From The Cab



This is an update from my April View from the Cab, as I reported then that our gold fish pond was green and I was working to get filters and pumps back in. Well I half way succeeded. The new Filter holder I made works fine. But when I placed the two pond pumps into the pond it was a different story. One pump, 700gph works the ultraviolet and small fountain, which runs 24/7. The other pump is a 3,000gph which works a series of small waterfalls. This pump is on a timer and roughly runs during day light hours. Well as soon as I plugged in the 3,000gph the GFI tripped, I repeated a few times, still triped. So I ordered a new pump. As of this writing I have not installed the new pump, I 'm just hoping all the fittings match, as the new pump is same manufacturer but a different, newer model. The good news is that with the 700gph pump and new ultraviolet light running 24/7, the pond water is clear and I see a few fish swimming around.

Tom showed us all his newest adventure using the 3d printer. He is making a rotary coal tipple, which will be on display ,I hope, on both module and **outdoor ground** displays. I say outdoor ground display, because I think it's possible and would add some new excitement to our ground displays. We haven't done a water display in a number of years and I think we need something new! Also maybe, may we be able to include the lift bridge in our outdoor ground displays, is this wish full thinking on my part, or can it happen?



were out of the Cradle on Thursday about noon and the loaded trailer was on its way to storage in Riverhead. All worked out for best.

May is our first meeting of 2022 at a member's home. Besides being our first meeting, it is our first meeting to be held at this member's home to view his layout. he is one of our newer members. As in the past when it's the first time to view a new layout turnout is very good, so I expect to see you all there

Always view our calendar of events for updates and locations in S n' C, on our website LIGRS.org and look for last minute email notification from me.

Mike Kmeth

We just finished our spring show at the Cradle of Aviation. We had a good turnout of members for setup, run days and take down. Our new lift bridge was used on this display and grabs a lot of attention when working. We still have some problems to work out with the up and down. Sometime the bridge works fine, say for 5 or 6 cycles and then jams. The thought is maybe a stronger motor? What we were doing was every half hour we would raise and lower the bridge. Each time we did this a crowd would gather.

We ran our train raffle again and did fairly well, not as good as our Christmas week setup, mainly because our run days were less. I will let the treasurer give his report on raffle and donation cans at our next meeting in May.

About mid-day on our last run day I was informed that the wedding event for the upcoming Saturday was cancelled. I felt it was too late for us to run one more day, as some members had already came to take down their displays and we were all set to bring our trailer to Riverhead on Thursday. We still had to be out by mid Saturday or before, if we would have run an extra day or two, because the Cradle had another big event for Sunday. We



Tom, displaying his new rotary tipple project.



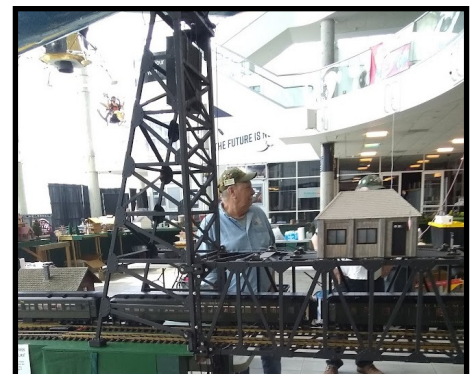
# Spring Modular Display at COA



Photos by  
Sue Cortese, of  
Lou's newest mod-  
ules, buildings and  
trackwork

And by  
Louise Sewall

# Spring Modular Display at COA CONTINUED



## The Little Boy in the Front Row Seat



At our Spring Cradle of Aviation Module Display, it was an absolute joy to see the faces of "Children of all Ages" as they were a witness to the scenery and trains "coming alive". One young boy in particular, was absolutely mesmerized by the sights and sounds of the trains. He pulled up a chair and climbed up onto it....just standing on the chair without moving for a good 20 minutes to half an hour. Not moving an inch....just standing completely still on the chair, just watching the trains go around and around in utter fascination. His Mom stated "I can't get him to leave, he loves watching the trains so much".

As I took this sight in...this child reminded me of why we all do what we do. The hours and time we take to create our modules and come together as a club, to set them up and run our trains. This hobby, that we all have been doing for years has always brought us joy, but to be able to share it with others (especially the younger generation) is what it is all about!

So even though it is a lot of work setting up and getting it running, we all should be thankful for what we do. Because, the end result is.... "The Little Boy In The Front Row Seat"!

Lou Cortese



## Tom's "Did You Know?"

Galloping Goose is the popular name given to a series of seven railcars (officially designated as "motors" by the railroad), **built in the 1930s by the Rio Grande Southern Railroad (RGS) and operated until the end of service on the line in the early 1950s.** They were derived from full-sized automobiles.





Once more I am sharing a past "Organically Speaking" column which was written by our fondly remembered Bob Wechlar (liked to be called Bobby in his later years)

### ORGANICALLY SPEAKING

By Bob Wechlar

As you read this column, the thought may come to you that yours truly has lost his marbles. It is the type of an article that you either believe it has validity, or is completely insane. Are you ready? Here goes. I have taken the liberty of sharing segments of two articles with you, one from the Washington Post & the other from the Wall Street Journal.

**The Plants Know!** Researcher Says They Perceive Things. Be Kind to Plants – Or You could Cause a Violet to Shrink. How One Lie-Detector Expert Decided Plants Have Feelings.

Have you heard about the little old grandma who swears that by whispering words of encouragement to her geraniums and African Violets, she helps them grow? Cleve Backster is a lie detector specialist who after years of tests & observations has concluded that plants perceive more than we might suspect. For instance, Backster says, plants are aware of people & sense their intentions, & react by sending out signals that can be recorded by a polygraph machine (lie detector). A plant in danger may go into its equivalent of human shock, Backster says. On the other hand, he says a loved plant will prosper. His observations have convinced him that plants actually don't listen to Granny talk, they do indeed get the message probably by reading her mind.

His experiments, in fact, seem to indicate that besides some telepathic communication system, plants also possess something closely akin to feelings or emotions. Backster says they appreciated being watered. They worry when a dog comes near. They faint when violence threatens their own well-being. And they sympathize when harm comes to animals and insects close to them.

It all began when he decided to hook polygraph electrodes to the leaves of an office plant. "Surprisingly, the counter lines on the charges were similar to typical reactions of humans," he said in an interview. "I thought about testing its reactions & decided to burn it with a match. At that very instant the recording pen bounced off the top of the chart. This initial result indicated that plants have some sort of perceptive ability".

Another test showed that six men drew lots to see who will uproot and tear to shreds one of two plants alone in a room. Later, the surviving plant shows no reaction when five of the men reenter the room, one by one, but it faints when the plant killer returns. For another test, an automated device rigged up in one room randomly selects & dumps cups of tiny brine shrimp into boiling water; meanwhile plants being polygraphed in another room react at the instant the brine shrimp hit the water & die.

Backster wondered how long it would take water he had just given a

tall, droopy-leafed dracena to travel from the roots to the leaves, so he connected a pair of polygraph electrodes to a leaf, figuring that the moisture might gradually change its resistance level enough to register on his lie detector. To his surprise, he got an immediate polygraph reaction pattern that closely resembled that of a person under emotional stimulation. Wondering whether the plant would also produce a reaction similar to a human's if its safety were threatened, Backster decided to try burning a leaf. But before he could reach for a match, at the split second he had the image of fire in his mind, the recording pen bounced right off the top of the chart.

In subsequent tests, & he has made several thousand of them, he found that plants emitted a straight line on the chart, or i.e. went into "nonproductivity" when a certain botanist entered the room. The botanist, he discovered destroyed plants in the course of her work. After the botanist left the room, he said, the plant would slowly recover & after thirty minutes would send out normal signals. The observations that he has made has led him to believe that plants have a sense of perception that goes beyond our basic five senses.

And finally, Cleve Backster's polygraph says plants feel apprehension, fear, pleasure, & relief. Has he found an unknown kind of communication that links ALL living things? "Staggering as it may be to contemplate, a life signal may connect all creation".

*(continued on next page)*

## Monthly Photo Contest Winner



This month's winning photo "New Modular Work Area" was taken by Sue Cortese of a section of the Spring Modular Display at the Cradle of Aviation Museum.

She had taken some photos displaying some new modules that Louie and their grandson built. The photos included showing some new buildings and were originally posted by her on her Facebook page to advertise our Spring Display.

## Chic Chat Corner CONTINUED



### GARDENING CHORES FOR APRIL AND MAY

Prune the rose bushes removing dead and insignificant branches. Cut just above an out-facing node. This helps to keep the inside area of the bush as clear as possible of branches for air circulation, etc. Good time to start a compost pile & if you have some finished compost, incorporate it into your garden soil. It will improve aeration in clay soils & increase water-holding capacity in sandy soils. Dig and divide chrysanthemums allowing 1 ½ feet between each single well rooted piece. When wilting ceases, pinch out center to force branching, continue pinching until July 20<sup>th</sup>. For more detailed information about

Finally, remove dead blooms of spring flowering bulbs & be certain not to remove any leaves. Scratch some organic fertilizer in the soil around the plants.

Be Grateful for the Gift of TODAY!!!  
Don't Count the Days ---  
Make the Days COUNT!!!

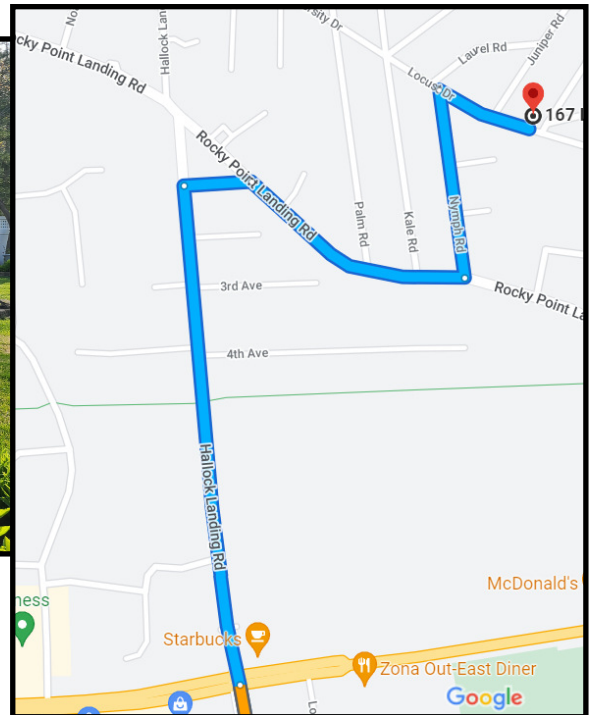
From the Plant Man







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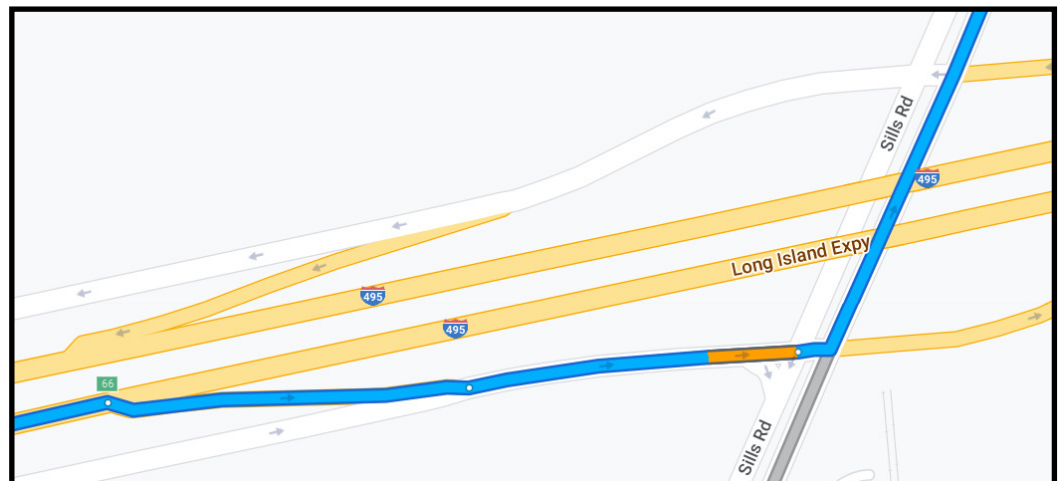
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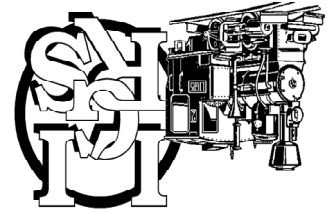
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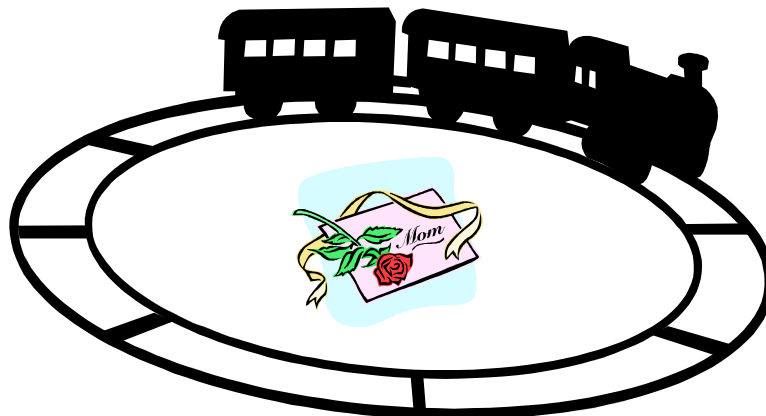


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**Happy Mother's Day!  
Happy Memorial Day!**