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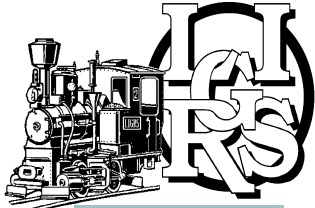
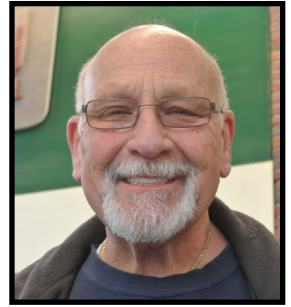
Monthly Meeting

Saturday May 20, 2023

11:00-3:00

Host: Jim Wellinghoff

11 Weichers Street, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779



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Here is one inspiring posted photo. Go to page 6 for more.



Lex Parker's D&RGW Model Railroad added a new photo.

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Scratch built Chama double spout water tank. Both spouts operate. Track is all handlaid, no jigs.



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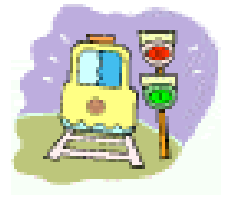
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2023 LIGRS Meetings & Events

Date	Program/Notes	Time	Place
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, as you all know April ended with a mighty roar. Ten club members turned out Thursday to set up for the Arbor Day celebration at the Planting Fields in Oyster Bay. Under the direction of Chief Engineer Ed Assaf and Project Manager Tom Rizzo, the team was able to lay down two tracks, one on the ground and another elevated. (30' X 50') As soon it was finished the administration stopped by to inform Ed that the event was canceled due to weather predictions for the weekend. A Big Thank You to Bruce Kropp for making the run to RIVERHEAD to bring our trailer in and back out to RIVERHEAD. These projects not only expose the train hobby and club to the public, the exhibits also educate all on how to make a garden very interesting.

The board is working on a few projects in the hope of getting more of our sixty-six members to attend additional meetings and activities. To that end, we will need everyone's input. Believe it or not, none of us are mind readers or in your shoes. Please ask yourself what would be a good suggestion that you could make to the club to make the club more interesting, fun and suggest it. PLEASE trust us when we tell you, no one can hurt anyone's feelings for the good of the club. What really hurts is when members don't participate. Paying your dues is great and appreciated, but without you and your loved ones to enjoy the hobby and friendships makes it far less fun for everyone. You can send in your suggestions anonymously by sending a note to George L. Stamatiades at 38-21 31th Street Island City NY, 11101 use the same address for the return address.

Keep in mind that the BIG TRAIN OPERATORS CLUB'S Convention is in Bird in Hand, PA. June 19 to June 24th. I'm go-

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to see the convention floor (dealers) and coming back next day. If you would like a three-hour drive let me know. Hotel \$132.09 tax included.

Please send in your dues to Ed. Hang on to aluminum tabs for the Ronald Mc Donald's House as every top counts towards medical help for kids and other kids projects. See Karl Wagner.

June is the month for all Long Island Garden Railway Society members to put on their TICKET AGENT hats. The 2023 BIG BOY \$10,000 50/50 Grand Prize. Tickets will be mailed in June.

If you punch the winning ticket you will receive \$500.00 at the November meeting, The more tickets you punch the more chances you get for the \$500 Prize. AND IT'S "FREEEE" (I hate that commercial, but it worked)

George

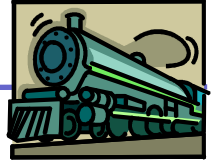
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An Addition to my train hobby, by Dave Smith



The Library is my latest Book Nook build (named because they fit on a book shelf and just blend in).

The library required Carol (bless her heart) to build 61 separate books and 15 open with pages showing).

I can never leave well enough alone so I always add details. For instance the fire in the fireplace required a separate 9V system to be added. I build my first two plant kits (an Iron Plant on table and an autumn bouquet in the upper window). Candles were made from skewers and, as always my signature is always to add animals and there are three cats and a dog as well as a unique old(er) couple.

Our favorite feature is the semi-hidden staircase in the back going where????

I needed to finish this before knee replacement on Tuesday as going out to the garage and up to my workshop will be impossible for a few weeks. Dave Smith



Tom's "What the Heck?" (solution on page 6)



Chic Chat Corner

Planting Fields Memories

It was so sad to miss out on Planting Fields Arboretum during their Arbor Day weekend celebrations. COVID put a stop to the celebration for a few years and just as things were ramping up again and plans were made the arboretum officially were forced to cancel, yet again this 2023 due to the forecast of days of rain and high winds.

Then these memory photos showed up in my email from Shutterfly. They were from the year that our lady members created many Fairy Gardens. They were displayed at a few locations on Long Island but in particular, at the Arbor Day celebration. Hope you enjoy these photo memories as well as written ones provided by long term members.

Dave Smith

That brings back memories of a time we were there and on Saturday night after a very successful day it just POURED. I was up there Sunday morning taking in buildings and putting them in the hay barn. Memories I will always cherish. Really!

Also FOT* at Westbury College. Great times.

Bob Sewall

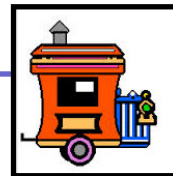
We were running trains outside the hay barn and the person who was officiating at another event inside the hay barn came over and complained that we were distracting her attendees. She wanted to know who was in charge so she could complain. She was told to speak to the guy in the green shirt. (Of course all of our members attending were wearing green shirts.

What I liked about Planting Fields' past setups

There is not one setup that I like better than another; I enjoy being at and running trains at all our shows. However a few years back say 8-10 years ago the club made some magnificent ground layouts. We would have 20 or more members turnout for a setup. (big difference then compared to today's setups) Layouts had water features, a tunnel, and plenty of

flowers and other plants. At that time a couple that was club members owned a nursery business and they loaned the club plants for setups and they also arranged the plants, a beautiful layout they did. Then usually Sunday after the display break down club members would help load their truck with their plants. I do miss those beautiful layouts. Those layouts really showed what garden railroading is about.

Mike Kmeth



* The Festival of Trees. Groups were invited to theme decorate a Christmas tree. After a winner was picked the decorated trees were sold for charity. Of course ours was train-related. It has also been held at the Cradle of Aviation Museum.

Monthly Photo Contest Winner



The winning photo for May, "Winter Commuters" was taken by Lou Caputzal on his "Pop's Trains" layout.



What the Heck Solution

This gives a whole new meaning to the word (track Hoe)

Posted on the GRNews page on Facebook

Posted by Mick Spilsbury.
The Rowson Line (An open RR at the
National GR Convention this July).

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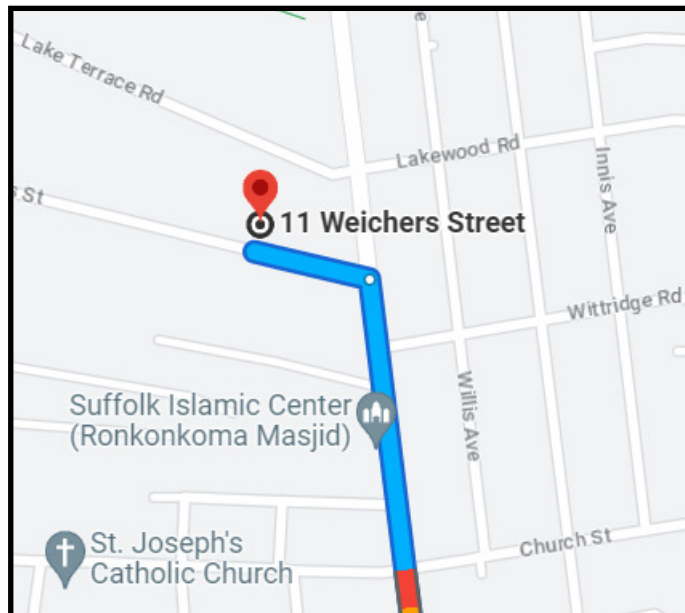
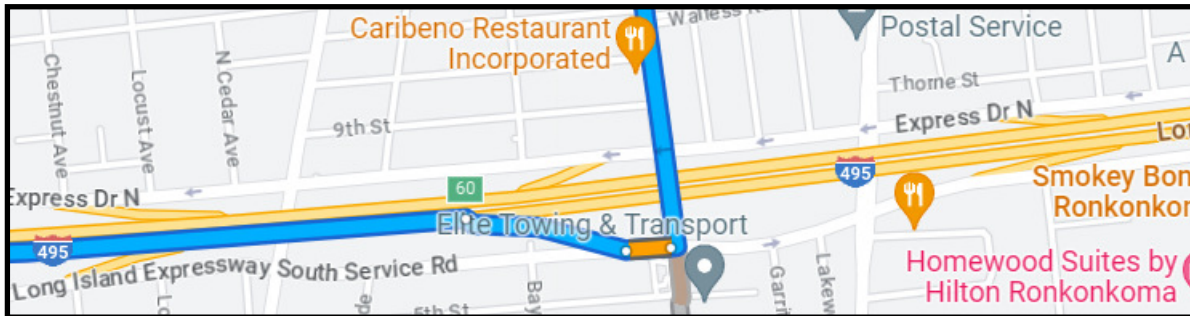


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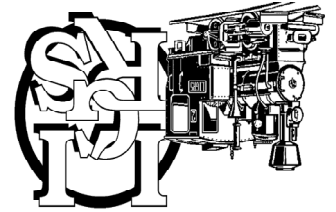


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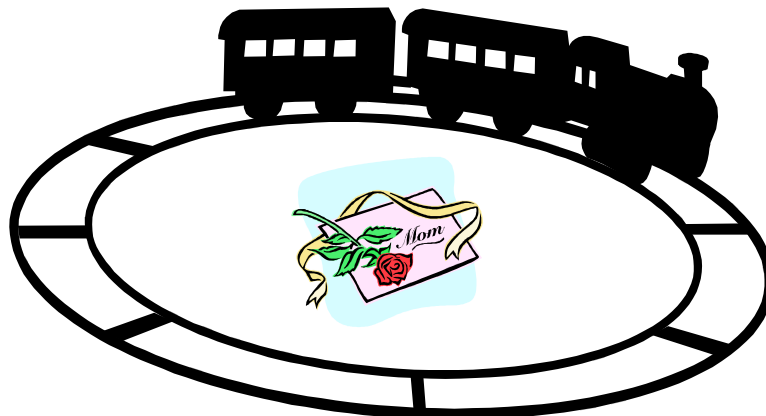


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