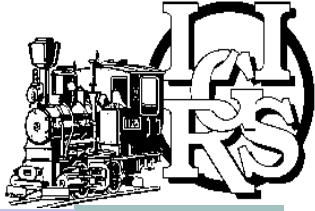


May 2024



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY INC

Smoke n' Cinders

Monthly Meeting

Saturday May 18, 2024

11:00-3:00

Bethpage Seniot Center

103 Grumman Rd W, Bethpage, NY 11714



UPDATE: 2024 SE Region G Scale Get Together Aug. 23-25

The Southeast Regional G Scale Get-Together plans are progressing nicely. 14 different self-guided GGRS member garden railway tours daily on Friday, August 23rd, and Sunday, August 25th. An added attraction will be the opportunity to tour the warehouse facility for nationally known model train retailer TRAINZ and regionally Train Installations Warehouse

on Friday, August 23rd where you might be able to pick up a new item for your own garden railroad. A **Dinner Get-Together on Friday night** will be a picnic buffet at the nearby Gwinnett County Bethesda Park Senior Center from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. and will feature door prizes, raffles, and more. An enhanced G-scale vendor presence at the **65th Atlanta Model Train Show** in Duluth, Georgia, on Saturday, August 24th, including a multi-table White Elephant Sale by GGRS members; and, various G-scale oriented "how-to" clinics. Confirmed vendors for this exciting one-day show include TRAINZ, Split-Jaw, melovetrainz, and other well know vendors.

The 2024 Southeast Region **Get-Together Car** is a USA Trains 40' steel box car with metal wheels. The lettering is a combination of a USA Trains 40'foot American Series box car, a USA Trains 50' Ultimate Series box car with a discrete 2024 Regional logo. The Regional Car will be offered with 4 road numbers 103803, 103804, 103805, 103806. Twenty-five of each road number will be ordered, first come first serve and reports are that about 30% of the cars are already sold!

The Registration Bag will include driving instructions and a schedule of garden railroad tours hosted by members of the Georgia Garden Railway Society (9:00-4:00 Friday and Sunday), a \$1 discount coupon for each family member toward admission to the 65th Atlanta Model Train Show on August 24th (parking is a separate fee), get-together pin(1 for individual registration and 2 for a family registration), driving instructions and passes you may have purchased to the Friday evening get-together dinner, a get-together car or cars if ordered, and other useful information. **Registration Bag can be picked up Thursday evening or Friday morning at the event hotel.**

The cost of registration is \$25.00 per an individual registration and \$35.00 per family (up to two adults and two children) for 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 can be found at www.ggrs.info**, please print the registration form and mail it along with your check to the address on the form. Be sure to include fees for the Friday night meal, train show car(s), and early email of tour booklet if you desire any of these extras.



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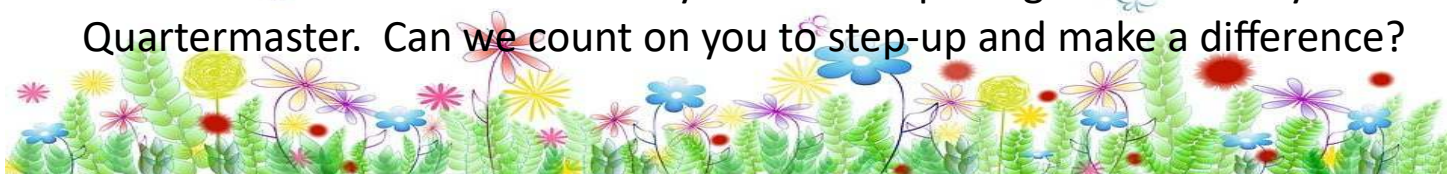
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2024 LIGRS Meetings & Events

Date	Program/Notes	Time	Place
May 18, 2024	General Meeting	11:00 AM	Bethpage Senior Center
June 15, 2024	BOD	10:00AM	31 August Lane, Hicksville, NY
June 23, 2024 SUNDAY	General Meeting	11:00 AM	Paul Bonney
July 13, 2024	General Meeting	11:00 AM	Jay & Betty Geyer
Aug. , 2024	General Mtg & Picnic	11:00 AM	Ray Shelton
September 2024	General Meeting	11:00 AM	Ed Assaf
Oct. 13, 2024 SUNDAY	General Meeting	11:00 AM	Mike Kmeth

WANTED

Uncle LIGRS needs a few good members to join the train crew and shape the future of the club. Currently LIGRS has openings for Secretary and Quartermaster. Can we count on you to step-up and make a difference?



View From The Cab



Dear Members of the Long Island Garden Railway Society Inc.

Unfortunately, I missed out at a great event last weekend at our exhibit at the Arboretum in Oyster Bay Celebrating Abor Day. Our staff tells me that there were thousands of visitors including one all the way from Australia, making friends from around the world "Runnin Trains" Everyone was appreciative of the three track layout and this year the team set up a great water feature at the center of all that beauty.

Our starter set TRAIN Raffle plus donations as well as the end of the event sale of the beautiful landscape Spring plants that adorned our layout was a success helping in offsetting our expenses. We had a great team reporting to help from setup to takedown of the exhibit. Let's not forget the hosting team that pitched in on Saturday and Sunday. The hosting team educated visitors of all ages to Railroading and Garden Railroading. Their efforts at all the exhibits were very appreciated by the public. That's why we need your help at our exhibits. We are the ambassadors of the club. It's an easy job, just be your smiling happy self. While

we're doing all this educating our hope is to interest visitors in the hobby and membership in the club.

We are having lots of great events this train season, so please stay tuned to Smoke n' Cinders.

As we discussed at the March meeting our By-Laws require TWO Business Meetings a year.

One to nominate members for office and one for the election. In the past, nominations were held in September and Elections in November. As a tryout, of course, the regular monthly meeting will continue without being called "OFFICIAL". There's always a "but", if the board or any member feels there is an issue calling for an official meeting one will be called, after proper notice as required by the club By-Laws.

As you all may know the office of the club Secretary has been vacant since last year. The above changes will make it more convenient and a lot less work for a volunteer Secretary. So please, if you would like to help out the club twice a year, PLEASE let me know. This will be an appointment not requiring an election as per our By-Laws.

As you all know Ed Assaf has taken over the office of club treasurer. Ed has a tremendous business workload in addition to being Chair of the Modular and Ground Exhibit

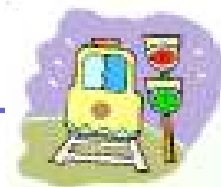
Committees of the club. We are asking for a member to PLEASE volunteer to chip in to help Ed with the Treasurer's position.

The reporting process has been streamlined to a simple reporting of the status of the treasury at the end of the previous report and the "to date" report. This also means two reports per year. If any member wishes more information, it will be made available as it has in the past. Again, we are trying to reduce the workload so every can spend more time "RUNNIN TRAINS"

In the past we have asked for your input as to what YOU want from the club and what You can contribute to the club in terms of service. Money is great, but your time is more valuable and greatly appreciated. We have asked that you please send in your recommendation to my email address anonymously. Well, how could it be "anonymously" if it's coming via email? OOOPS. To correct that and to ensure your input Please send in your suggestions Via Snailmail (USPS) without a return address to: George L. Stamatiades 38-21 31st Street, Long Island City, NY 11101.

The goal is, as we have said in the past, if you to tell us what you would like to see in the present and future of the club it will help the board make plans. Please, you cannot hurt anyone's feelings. Here's

View From the Cab, continued



your chance to just do that, tell us what is wrong or right that you might not want to say in public. You can't embarrass anyone, whatever it is can be corrected. If we felt that our feelings would be hurt, we wouldn't be asking you for the good of the club.

We have been in social situations with other clubs and the question that arises all the time is how is the membership going. The answers are almost the same. There are 60 to 80 members and only 10 or 15 show up. Can't go into all the possible reasons at this writing. The next obvious question is why are some members leaving clubs? Some of their answers were reasonable, but the one that really hit me hardest was they get tired of the B.S. We're not saying that we have that problem, in case we might that's the reason for the constant request for "WHAT IS IT THAT YOU WANT AND DO NOT WANT FROM THE CLUB. Let's get it out there. As they say in some circles GET IT OFF YOUR CHEST you'll feel better and the club will move on to bigger and better things in railroading. We will make a full report of your recommendations in the June Smoke n' Cinders.

If you haven't submitted your dues PLEASE do, ASAP. This will help reduce the workload of the treasurer. Keep in mind that we are now operating on a Calendar Year.

I'd like to thank everyone for their good wishes during my fight with a nasty gall bladder attack. After 10 days in the hospital the gall bladder had a BIGBOY run over it and it went away. This happened just before a planned trip back to the homeland, so everything is back on track except for the gall bladder.

See everyone in June. My mother used to say; "We make plans and God laughs" Hope he's not giggling!

George



Chic Chat Corner

Do you remember the club and personal trips in the past to see the narrow gauge displays at East Broadtop? The following information has been brought to my attention. Are you inspired?

[Narrow Gauge Steam East Broad Top Pennsylvania | Trains And Travel \(traintrips.biz\)](https://www.traintrips.biz) Follow this link to photos and more information.

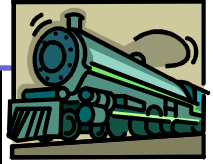
Offering a railfan spectacular to the Rock Hill Furnace, PA.

After many years of inactivity, the East Broad Top has been purchased by a new nonprofit foundation. We will have locomotive NO. 16, a Baldwin 2-8-2 built in 1916 pull our train of coal hopper cars and one or two coaches through the rolling hill, forests and farms of the scenic Aughwick Valley. We will spend the morning hours operating a number of photo run-bys between Orbisonia which is called Rockhill Furnace by the railroad and Colgate Grove where our train will use the wye track for the return to Rockhill Furnace. In the afternoon we will have the workshop tour at Rockhill Furnace where all six of the railroads' steam locomotives are based, plus M-1 which is a Brill Doodlebug railcar.

(See page 9 for some photos from their site)

Year 2024 \$395 2 day event, Oct. 10-11
Does not include lodging
This tour is open \$200 deposit to hold space
Final payment due by - July 10, 2024

April Meeting Photos



Our LIGRS club was lucky to hold our April meeting at the Oyster Bay Railroad Museum. It was the weekend before their opening to the public for the season.

Photos courtesy of Mike Kmeth



We Have A Winner!



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The raffle held at this year's Arbor Day Festival at Planting Fields was won by Lucas Clark. He is 4 years old. His mom, Alexis and dad decided to give the starter set to him for Christmas (they are from Garden City) His grandparents got the set so he wouldn't see it. Photo to the left is Lucas and his baby brother.

Photo to the right shows Kathleen holding the container of tickets so that a little girl could pick us a winner.



Monthly Photo Contest Winner



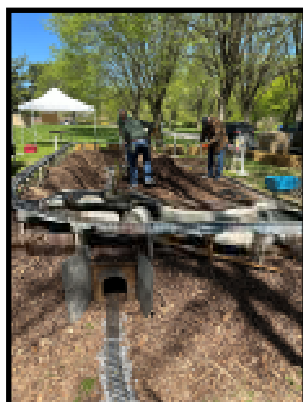
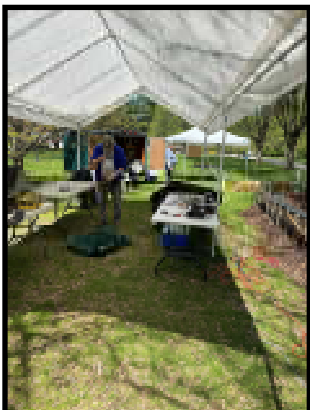
The winning photo for May, "Workers finally reached the tunnel portal, but opening the secure tunnel door will not be for a few weeks." was taken by John Girolamo on his "Greenbelt Railway" layout.

Setup at Planting Fields

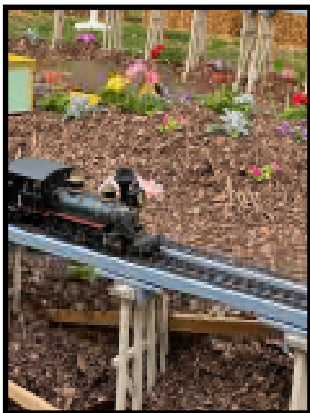
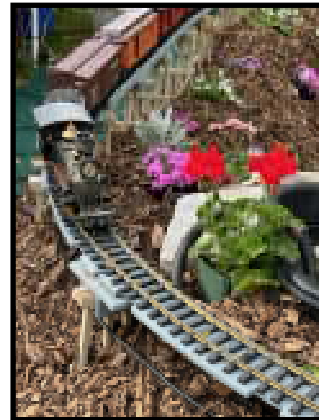
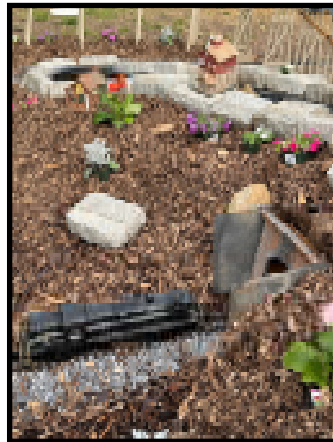
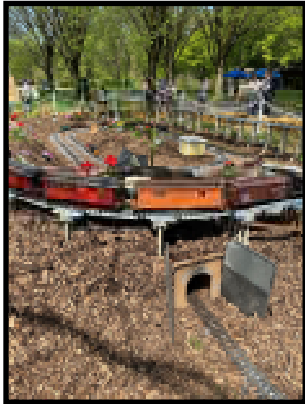
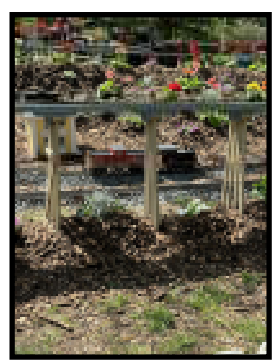
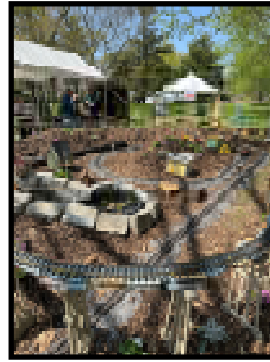
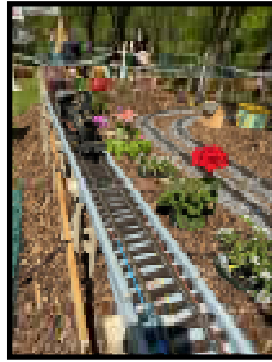
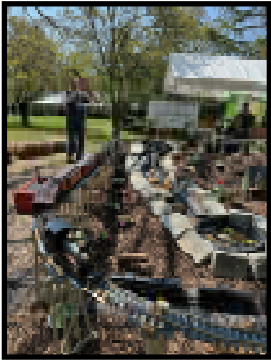


First time in years it didn't rain on our set up day. Great job folks!

[Planting Fields Foundation](#)

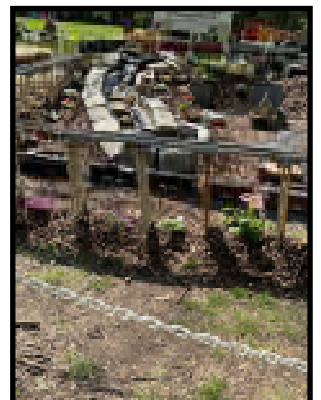
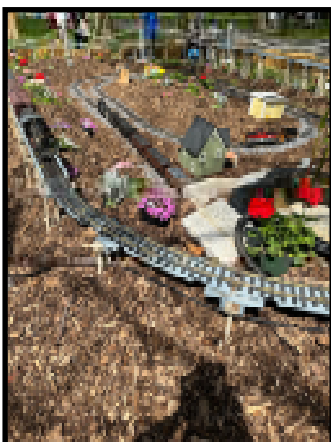
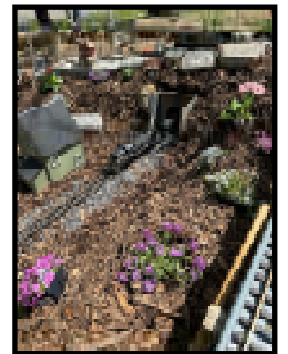


Planting Fields Arbor Day LIGRS Ground Display



Thank you to all the volunteers who helped set up, aided Ed with inserting the plants, man the display for the weekend and take down.

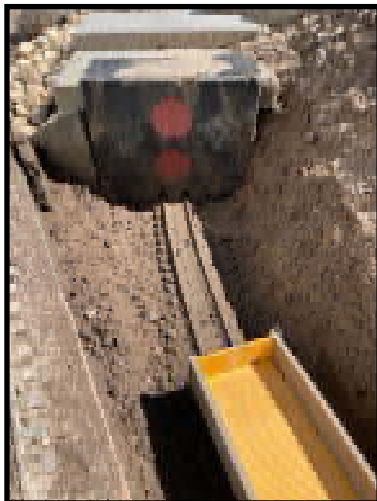
Photos courtesy of Betty & Jay Geyer



More Planting Fields Display photos—Thanks Ed



My Spring Project by John Girolamo



Massive clean up project to restore surface to the west side tunnel portal.



Workers finally reached the tunnel portal, but opening the secure tunnel door will not be for a few weeks.



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From the LIE or Northern State Parkway

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Continue South until Hazel St. then turn left

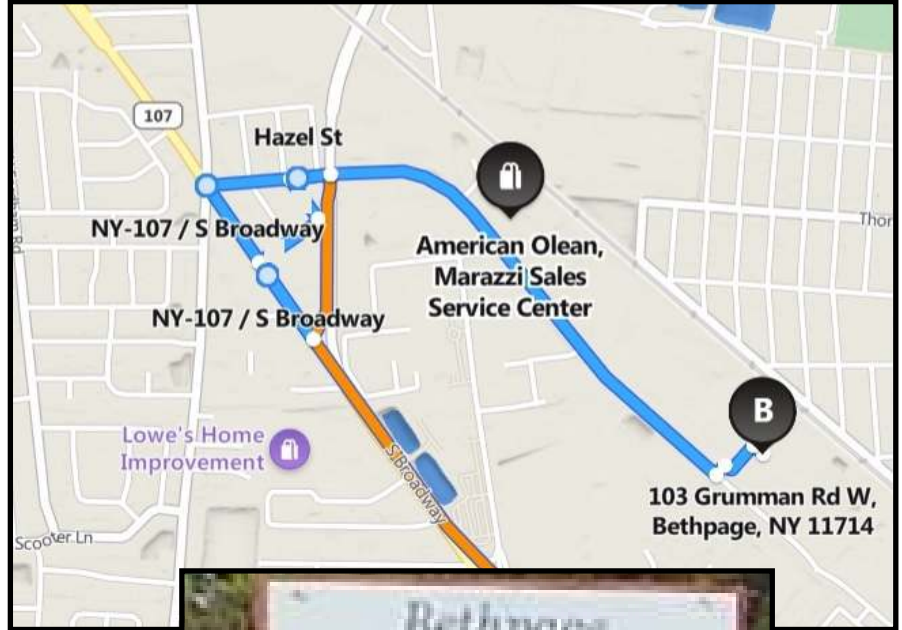
Hazel St. becomes Grumman Rd W
Senior center is on the left, set back from the road but has a large sign at the driveway entrance

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**

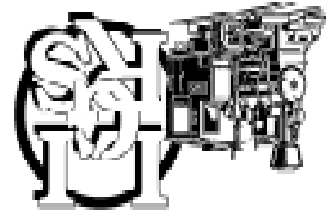
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Some Photos from East Broad Top to What Your Appetite



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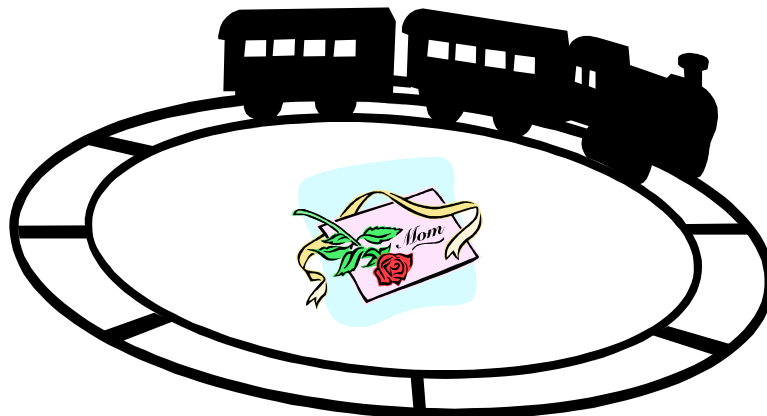


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