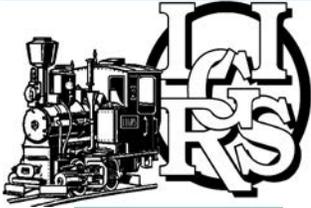


May 2019



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY INC

# Smoke n' Cinders

**Monthly Meeting**  
**Saturday, May 11, 2019**  
**Steve & Georgie Gaherty**  
**70 Fort Hill Road, Huntington, NY**  
**11743**  
**11:00-3:00**



## SAVE THE DATE!



The Summer picnic will be held on **SATURDAY** August 17th at Southaven Park where we will again be the guests of the Long Island Live Steamers. Bob Sewall will accept reservation forms with checks at his home address and at meetings, Adults @ \$18 pp and Children under 13 @ \$8. each. Children under 5 free.

Volunteers are needed and can contact Karen Connolly, Picnic Coordinator, (# in roster) to let her know they can help. (See reservation form on page 10. Do NOT send checks without completed reservation form)

**Deadline for Bob Sewall to receive the reservations is August 11th.**

## For This Year's Summer Picnic Raffle

Winner to be drawn at our club's Summer Picnic. Prize is the Piko #38243 ATSF Camelback 2-6-0 w/Sound, analog and digital operation, 5V Smoke Dual-Mode Sound Decoder. Full functions on DC or DCC. Tickets may be purchased from Bob Sewall at the price of \$5.00 each.



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Date	Program/Notes	Time	Place
<b>April 27-28, 2019</b> Setup 4/26 8:30AM	Arbor Day Display	9:30 AM-5:00 PM	Planting Fields Arboretum
<b>May, 2019</b>	BOD	TBA	Mike Kmeth
<b>May 11th, 2019</b> <b>SATURDAY</b>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Georgie & Steve Gaherty
<b>June 23, 2019</b>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Dan Saporito
<b>July 28, 2019</b>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Gerri Cooney & Bill Arndt
<b>August 17, 2019</b> <b>SATURDAY</b>	Summer Picnic no mtg.	11:00 AM	Long Island Live Steamers
<b>August 24-25, 2019</b>	Railfest	10:00AM-4:00PM	Railroad Museum of LI at Riverhead
<b>Sept. 15, 2019</b>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Dino & Kornelia Zilic
<b>Oct. 20, 2019</b>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Richie McGorty
<b>Nov. 2019</b>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Northport Yacht Club

**2019 Dues Reminder**

Please remember to renew your membership to LIGRS. Individual memberships, the 1st member of a household, are \$40 per year. Family Memberships for members over 18 years old are \$15 for **EACH** additional member in the same household. Please send a check made out to **Long Island Garden Railway Society, Inc.** (full name please as the bank frowns on "Pay to the Order of LIGRS") for the appropriate amount to:

**Tom Rizzo**  
32 Semon Road,  
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## View From The Cab



This View from the Cab column is written very early in the last week of March. Due to my schedule, I was not able to write it at a later date. So by the time you read this article the grass will need cutting and May flowers will be in bloom. However, I'm going to take you back a few months, to Saturday, March 2, 2019. We had a display scheduled in Westbury for the annual Boy Scouts' fund raiser for that day. We also had a snow storm early that morning, continuing until 10:00am that morning.

Starting around 6:15am board members began calling about the snow. "Are we going to do the show?" After a few discussions with other board members and realizing that the north shore has already gotten 2-3 inches more snow than the south shore, listening to weather reports and looking at a fairly main road adjacent to my house, and realizing that it was in poor condition, realizing that quite a few members who were going need to travel greater than 30 miles, I cancelled our club's participation.

Since I had a lot of work to do cleaning off two cars and drive way and walks, I decided breakfast came first. I didn't have to go to work or to the show. After a nice breakfast the snow blower came to life and in about 1



½ hours I was done.

Now the real fun began. Remember I have a Garden Railroad that has to run and its track was snow covered.

Well I then got the heavy equipment out,

the plow car. I had previously built the snow plow car from a two axle bobber caboose and plow which I got on the Internet. I married them all together and instead of the two axles, I converted it to a two axle truck wheel arrangement. I added the flanger plow under the body. For traction to push the plow, I double headed with two C-16 consolidations by Aristo

Craft. I started plowing and everything was going good, a few times the consist got hung up, but I revised and started again with a little more speed and rammed the snow. Track was cleared. I was able to clear about 30 feet of track, no problem. Then I came to an area where there are arborvitae shrubs. In the summer there is no problem running trains under them. I made sure there was clearance. However, now there was a different element added to the mix, snow. The weight of the snow pulled down the branches and derailed the plow car. At this point I was getting cold and if I was going to continue I'd have to trim 6-8 branches plus re rail the plow and tenders. If this hadn't happened, I could have plowed about a hundred feet of finished track on my layout. I was very thrilled that I had gotten this far. I know now

that I have enough traction effort and if I need more I still have more engines to add to the consist. So for me, I had a great day. I have looked forward to snow days for a long time and this day was perfect. We had another snow fall a few days later. It was wet. Too wet for the snow blower that I use for the driveway and walk ways. But I had my fun from the early snow. Just for those in the club wondering about electrical continuity

with snow on the tracks, it is no problem for me. My trains are battery powered. The motto for today is "Do not let a good day for Garden railroading go to waste!"

Our first outdoor meeting of the year will be Saturday, May 11, 2019. Georgie & Steve Gaherty will be our hosts. See you all there.

**To all members, please check your email before going to any club event, monthly meeting, public displays and board meetings concerning cancellations, change of time or locations. Those members who do not use email, call me.**

Mike Kmeth.



### Can't Make A Meeting?

To ensure that a voting quorum is reached, and an official meeting held, please send a signed proxy form to any of the club officers or the Board of Directors.

A link to a printable copy of the proxy form can be found on the home page of the LIGRS website.

## Tom's What the Heck Puzzle (Solution on next page)



## Chic Chat Corner

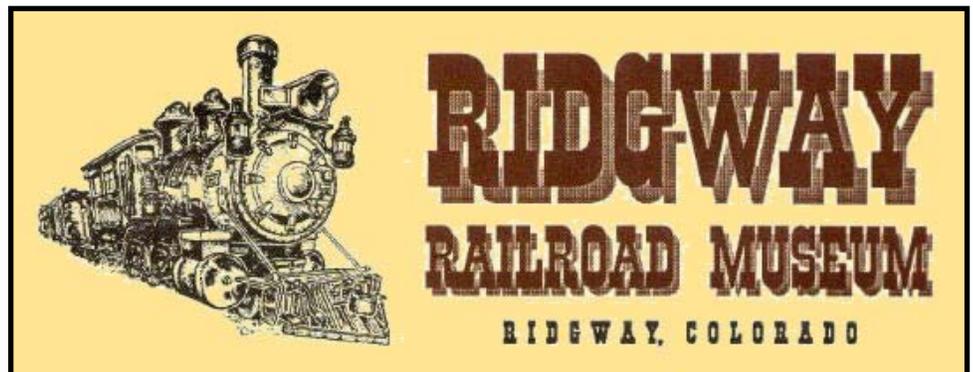


Bob loves any goose (he owns a few models) and was so sorry to have missed the last appearance of a group of them at the Colorado RR Museum in Golden, CO a while back. So when he saw this advertisement he couldn't resist planning another trip for us.

**Oct 10-13 - Ouray County Railroad Days** . This weekend event includes a Museum open house, a model railroad open house, a Narrow Gauge Railroad Symposium, hikes from Red Mountain Pass to Guston and from Guston to the Ironton on the Silverton Railroad Grade, opportunity to ride Motor No. 1 as well as Goose No. 5 from Dolores and Goose No.4 from Telluride on Saturday and Sunday.

We had visited the Ridgway Railroad Museum during one of our other vacations and now they have expanded their property to include a rail line so we will be able to ride on a few. Will share photos with you all at the October meeting maybe.

Louise Sewall



## Monthly Photo Contest Winner



This month's winning photo "Can't Wait To Run Trains" was taken by Pat Russo on the Crystal Falls Rail Road.



## Solution to Tom's What the Heck puzzle



### Answer:

Custom built to push logs off a rail car into the water at the log dump, this odd looking unit was called The Humdirgen. It was self-propelled and made locally from a small (shay) locomotive

## Golden Spike Nominations?

Golden Spike awards are now being considered by our BOD. Share your nominations of club members with any of our directors or other club officers. (Their names and contact information are listed on page 2 of this month's newsletter.







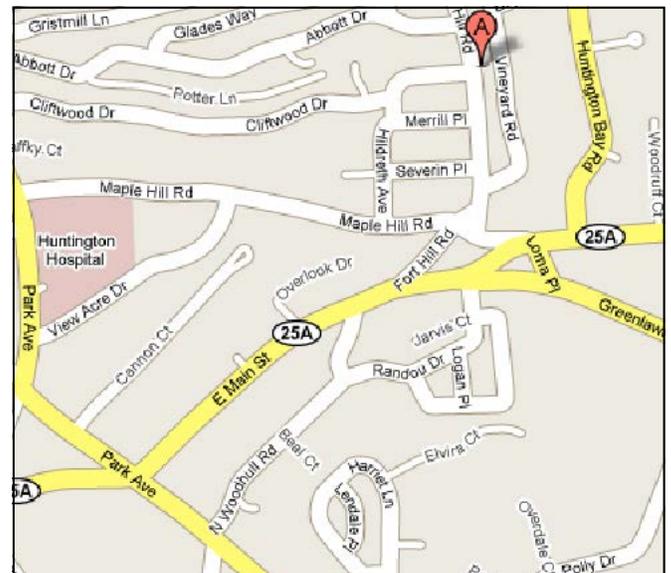
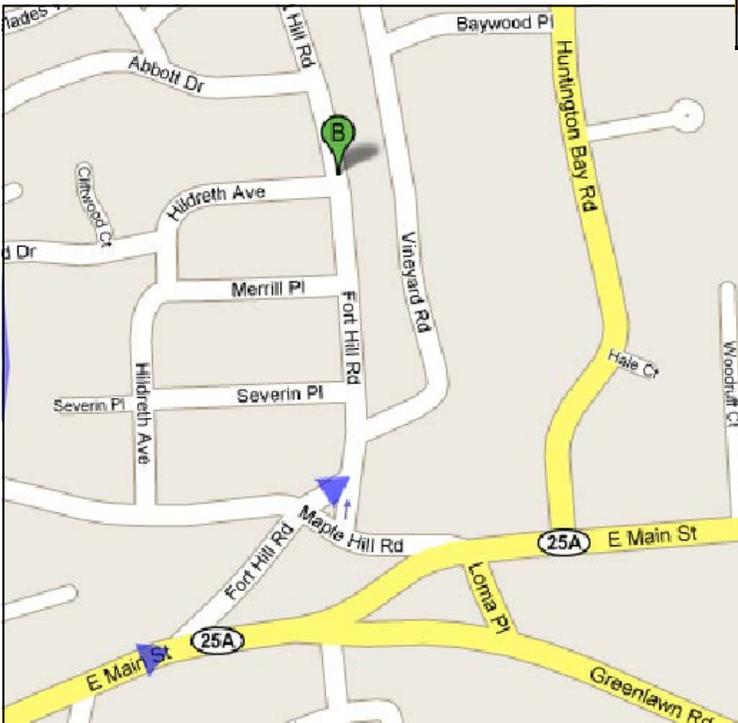
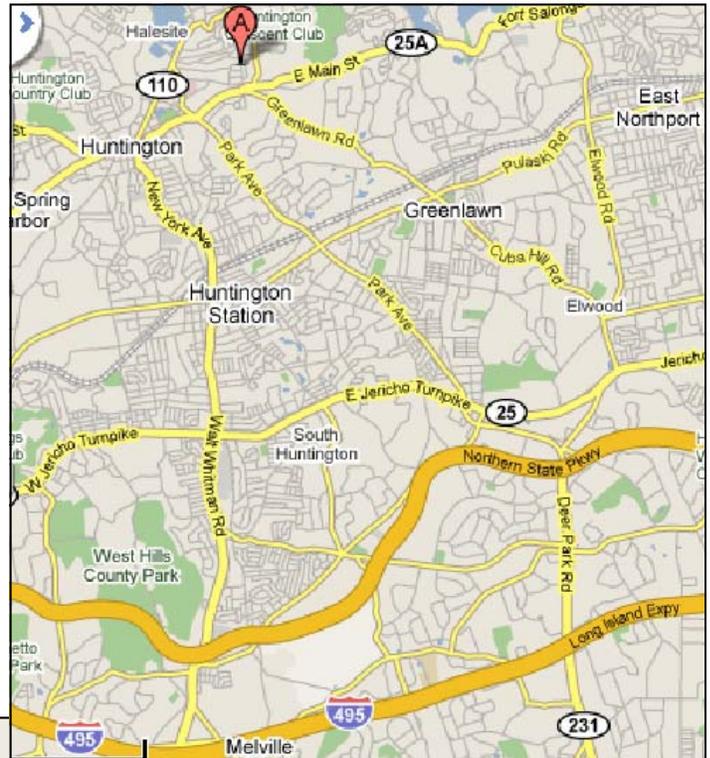
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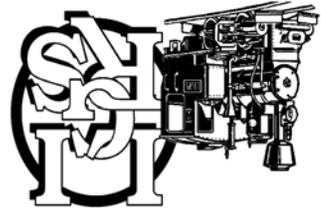


**Turn-by Turn Directions:**

- From LIE, Northern State or Rt 25:
- Go North on **NY-110/Walt Whitman Rd**
- Turn **right** at **Main St/NY-25A**
- Slight **left** at **Fort Hill Rd**
- Turn **left** to stay on **Fort Hill Rd**

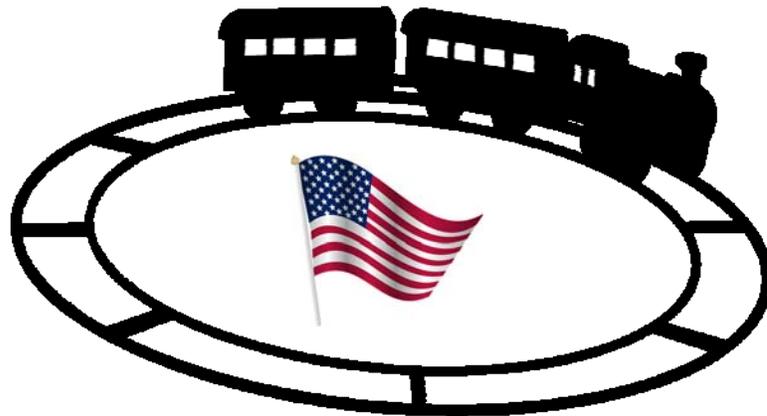
**Fort Hill Road is narrow. We recommend parking on Hildreth Ave or Merrill Pl.**





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The month of May is the pleasant time; its face is beautiful; the blackbird sings his full song, the living wood is his holding, the cuckoos are singing and ever singing; there is a welcome before the brightness of the summer.

*Lady Gregory*

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