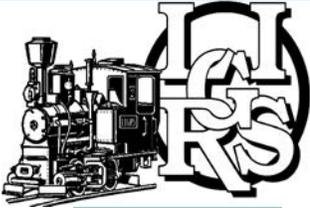


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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY INC

# Smoke n' Cinders

## Monthly Meeting May 17, 2020 HAS BEEN CANCELLED

### STAY TUNED!



The Summer picnic news will be announced in another month or two.

### For This Year's Club Raffle

New prize is \$200 gift card or cash.

Tickets may be purchased from Bob Sewall at the price of \$5.00 each.

### Robert Russo Memorial News

Hello Folks, I hope everyone is well, just wanted to let you know that a location for the Memorial Bench and Tree has been decided at Bayard. The date for a memorial service is on hold until it is considered safe for a gathering and will be announced when it can be scheduled. I would like to extend my warmest thanks to everyone who contributed to make this possible. Pat and the Russo Family greatly appreciate your support and generosity.

Best Regards,  
Dan Saporito



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## 2020 LIGRS Meetings & Events Schedule

Date	Program/Notes	Time	Place
May 2, 2020	BOD Meeting	Has been cancelled	Has been cancelled
May 12, 2020	RMLI Work Day	Has been cancelled	Has been cancelled
May 17, 2020	Monthly Meeting Indoors	Has been cancelled	Has been cancelled
June 6-7, 2020	Ground Display	Has been cancelled	Has been cancelled
June 28, 2020	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Paul & Elizabeth Bonney & Matthew (Jr Member).
July 19, 2020	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Geri Conte & Bill Arndt
July 26, 2020 set up 10AM	Tabletop Display	TBA	Mt. Sinai Yacht Club
August 4, 2020	Work Day	9:30 AM	RMLI at Riverhead
August 22, 2020 <b>SATURDAY</b>	Club Picnic	11:00 AM	Long Island Live Steamers
August 29-30, 2020	Railfest	10:00 AM-4:00 PM	RMLI at Riverhead
Sept. 20, 2020	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Ed & Debra Assaf
Oct. 10, 2020 <b>SATURDAY</b>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Mike & Kathleen Kmeth

## View From The Cab



To all wishing you are in good health, and stay that way! As I had mentioned in last month's Sn'C one of our younger members (under 40 years) and his wife had COVID-19, they now have recovered.

**All club events to June 15, 2020 are cancelled. After that date I will re-evaluate again.** Most likely there will be more cancellations. This virus is not going to go away that quickly. We have to be careful for some time yet. Please keep up your guard!

As you know the Board of Directors has not met since January of this year. They were to meet in April but put it off due to some members not being around at that time. It was re-scheduled for May 2<sup>nd</sup>. That too was canceled due to COVID-19. At present the Board is looking into conducting the Board meeting using the Zoom program on the Internet. If that proves successful maybe we can use it for our monthly meetings until this COVID-19 cools off. I want to keep all members connected; even our few members that live out of state.

Remember to send in your pictures. Currently they are in short supply. Also ladies remember your articles for Chic Chat Corner!

To make Sn'C more interesting during this drought of personal friendship without meetings or public events, perhaps member would like to share a story. Something about trains in general or something about their Garden Railroad, such as building their railroad, something funny that happened or an adventure they experienced. Even if about watching the weeds grow etc.. Please write a few lines and send to Louise.

That leaves it up to me to start. What have I been doing? The other day I was talking to one of our members and I mentioned I was out in my yard. His question was to me, "Was I playing with my trains?" "No" I said, "I was weeding so I could find them." So that's what I'm doing when the weather is nice. I have at least a week's worth of steady weeding at a minimum. If it rains, who knows when I'll finish?

Two other projects I'm working on; 1) to build access for my trains to go from the basement storage through the window to the backyard. As reported in March Sn'C I have now completed the support structure for this project. It came out great. Now I'm working on tracks. I need to make 9 switches and 28 feet of curved and straight track. These will be made out of

wood. Remember my trains are battery & RC. Wood is also a cost saver on switches in terms of \$. My outdoor rail is aluminum 250 gauge. Manual switches cost \$125.00 each a few years ago. Years ago I made a scale drawing of all tracks and switches needed. That was in 2014. I made a revision in Oct. 2019. That shows how long it takes me to start and complete a project. My first plan of action was to take that scale drawing and blow it up to the full scale of the track size I need to make. Well when I used my printer there was too much distortion to be useful. Yes, if I had some kind of CAD program on my computer it would be easy, but I don't. I had to do it the old fashioned way of mathematically scaling up switches cross over track curved and straight tracks. That task is done. I'm currently cutting wood for ties and rails. Next is to make some simple assembly jigs and start to assemble.

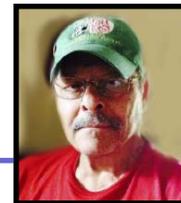


The other projects I'm working on are to assemble some buildings. I'm doing some serious kit bashing. I had one Piko two story factory and I had an opportunity to buy another for \$15.00. I now have a 3 story building. Inside that building is the electronics to run trolley and step down power supply to light buildings in the town. Only lights and the roof need to be completed. Another building I'm working on is a church I bought at one of our annual auctions a few years ago. It is a small, 2 window to a side, and then this last year a former member was selling a number of buildings. This time I bought another church. This one had 3 windows to a side. It is a little larger than the first church. Well now I "married" the two together and they are 5 windows to a side. Currently I'm reworking the steeple. I still have to do lighting, roof and finally painting. The third building of these kit bashings will be a fire station. A few years ago, at a meeting at a member's home, he was selling a number of buildings and a large box of building parts. I don't remember if I bought anything at the meeting, all I know is I went home and thought about that box of building parts he was selling. I called the member up. No one had bought the box, so I went back to his house and bought the box of parts. Basically they were Piko engine house panels. My plan is to make a 2 story fire station. I know that there are enough parts because I jury rigged the assembly using masking tape. Next step is to assemble, make doors for fire wagons (horse drawn, my circa is narrow gauge Colorado 1900) and lighting.

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



## View From The Cab continued



When I'm not working on these projects I'm to work on the "honey do" list.

On the bright side, we are fielding some inquiries that some of our cancelled events may be rescheduled to happen in the fall of this year. Stay tuned.

Mike Kmeth

## Monthly Photo Contest Winner

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This month's winning photo "Trolley on the Trestle" was taken by Mike Kmeth on his Sun Valley Garden Railroad.



## Solution to Tom's What the Heck puzzle

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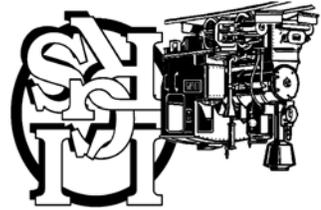
SNIM Alstom locomotive no CC05, on the Mauritania Railway between Nouadhibou and Zouerate, northern Mauritania. The "skyline casing" on the locomotive's roof houses special filtration equipment, to deal with the sandy and dusty Saharan atmospheric conditions evident in this photo.

## Golden Spike Nominations?

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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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