

November 2020



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY INC.

# Smoke n' Cinders

**Monthly Meeting & Elections**  
**SUNDAY, November 15, 2020**  
**The Northport Yacht Club**  
**11 Bluff Point Road**  
**Northport, NY 11768**  
**11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**



## Elections




Elections will be held at the November meeting. If you can not attend, please fill out the proxy form which was mailed to you and use the stamped envelope to return it or give to a BOD member in order to ensure that we have a quorum and are able to have an official meeting.

**Correction: Voting ballots will not be mailed out as reported in the October newsletter. See page 5 for detailed instructions.**

Thanks to the candidates for accepting their nominations. Some are running unopposed. However, voting is needed for the 2 Director at Large positions. A ballot appears on page 5. Please follow the instructions printed on that page.

**All CDC guidelines will be followed at this meeting, (masks, distancing, gloved food servers, etc.)**



### Food Donations Needed

As in past years we are gathering donations of non-perishable food items for the Grace United Methodist Church food pantry in memory of deceased member Doug Smith. Donations should be brought to the **November meeting**. Cash donations will also be accepted. Please mail checks to Ed Assaf if you will not be at the meeting.

**Update:** The food pantry has been operating straight through and their need is enormous with all of the unemployment from the shutdown. So we are good to go for donations. Hopefully people will be extra generous this year. Best, Ed Assaf

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**2020 — 2021 LIGRS Meetings & Events Schedule**

Date	Program/Notes	Time	Place
Nov. 15, 2020	Election Meeting Proxy forms needed	11:00 AM	Northport Yacht Club
Dec. 2020	No Meeting	No Christmas Party	See you next year
Jan. 9, 2021	BOD Meeting	10:00 AM	ZOOM
Jan. 17, 2021	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Northport Yacht Club
Feb. 20, 2021 <b>SATURDAY</b>	Auction & Monthly Mtg.	11:00 AM	Northport Yacht Club
Mar. 21, 2021	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Northport Yacht Club

**Important Information About The Proxy Form**

**What is a Proxy and why is it necessary?**

In order to conduct official club business such as the nomination & election of officers, the club needs a quorum of 35 members to conduct such business. A completed proxy enables you to participate in voting on club business without being present at the meeting, but still be included towards the required quorum by authorizing another member in good standing to vote your position. This member could be your spouse, another member, a Director at Large or other officer who is willing to cast your vote as instructed on your behalf as though you were present via a completed proxy in their physical possession. This will ensure that there is a proper representation of the membership deciding club business at the meeting.

Proxy form may be downloaded from our LIGRS website or taken from page 10 of this newsletter.

## View From The Cab



For all those members that did not attend our October meeting on Saturday, October 17, 2020, you missed a wonderful day. The meeting was held at the Rail Road Museum of LI at Riverhead. It was an outdoor event. The museum had a large tent set up. The night, before the meeting it rained and there was the possibility that rain would still be there in the morning. We lucked out. By morning the rain had stopped. When I got to the museum there was some water on the tables and chairs. My lovely wife took to cleaning the tables and chairs.

Being that it turned out to be a cool and breezy day with clear skies, most members moved their chair from under the tent out into the open, to take advantage of the warm sun.

It was planned for us to have pizza for lunch at 12:30pm, so I wanted to start the business part of the meeting at 12:00pm. Moments before I was to start, I was informed that we did not have a quorum. That meant just a meeting. No voting on business matters.

I was just about to start the meeting, when someone yells out, "The pizza just arrived!" I decided to hold off the meeting until everyone had eaten. As I was walking to the pizza line, one lone member showed up. Boy did she get a welcome. She had become the member that gave us a quorum.

As I had mentioned in the Sept. Sn'C, members are encouraged to bring their trains out to the Freeman Rail Road and run their trains. A number did just that. We even had a junior member running his train. He was one happy boy. I don't know if he even stopped for lunch. Before 11:00am members had started running trains and continued well into after noon. At times we had all three tracks going on the Freeman Rail Road. It was so nice to see members sitting around in groups and talking. Something long overdue.

Next month, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am @ the NPYC is our election meeting. Please be there to vote.

**Note: There is a slight change in the election process. Last month's Sn'C stated that a ballot would be mailed out by the election committee. This will not happen! Instead, the ballots will be in this issue of Sn'C. Members are to make prints of the ballot and mail to the election committee as per instructions printed in this issue of Sn'C. (page 5)**

A group of 13 Garden Railroad Clubs on the west coast wanted to know if our club would be interested in participating in a FREE E-mail newsletter that features content from Garden RR

Clubs and their members from the USA, Canada, and overseas. This is a way for Garden RR clubs to promote this amazing hobby. The BOD voted to participate. We submitted answers to a survey they sent out and also sent them a copy of our last month's newsletter. They sent us a sample of the proposed e-mail newsletter.

<http://www.GRNews.org/get> Take a look. (editor's note; also posted on our website under Newsletters)

**At the NPYC masks are required. We must stand in line for food. Remember the food has to be served to you. Do not take any on your own as per NPYC rules!**

Membership dues are due for the 2021 season. Please send your membership checks to Tom Rizzo. **Any current member's check that is not received by January 31, 2021 will be dropped from the roster!**

God bless and please stay safe,

Mike Kmeth



## From The Secretary



### LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY INC. MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OCTOBER 17, 2020

President Mike Kmeth asked for a moment of silence for all the Men and Women who are serving this country and especially for those who lost their lives protecting our freedom.

President Mike Kmeth asked that the meeting be opened @ 12:30 PM. A motion was made by Bruce Kropp, seconded by Frank Clemente to open the meeting. We had 25 members present, 12 proxies. We have a quorum.

Mike welcomed everyone to the October meeting here at the Rail Road Museum of Long Island. The club would like to thank them for letting us use their facility for our meeting here and run trains.

President Mike asked then for a motion to read the September 19, 2020 meeting minutes or forego the reading and accept them as written. Bob Sewall noted a correction that we had actual had 55 useful proxies. Lou Cortese made a motion to accept the minutes with the correction, seconded by Frank Clemente.

#### Reports:

**Treasurers' Report** --was given by Bob Sewall. Fourth quarter 2019-2020 Starting balance \$10,194.01 ending balance \$9,698.98 YTD report as of 9/30/20 starting balance was \$9,247.37 ending balance of \$9,698.98 Bob stated that if anyone has any questions about the club finances, please contact him and he will be happy to answer any questions you have.

**Membership Report** Tom was not here. We have one new member Philip Martin.

**Program Director's Report** – Nick Guarino stated all the winter meetings are covered by the NPYC. Nick also stated that the 2020 Spring, Summer and Fall meetings except for October are covered. If anyone wants October please see Nick.

**Modular Coordinator** – Ed Assaf stated that we will be doing the COA as planned.

**Bob Russo Memorial Fund** – Dan Saporito noted the club still owes Bayard \$500.00 which we still have

in the fund. We also have \$455.00 to cover the Plaque and refreshments. The dedication is expected sometime in the spring of 2021.

**Elections –Please remember to be at the Nov 15 meeting @ NPYC for the Election as we need a Quorum for an official business meeting. If you cannot attend please send in your proxy form which is printed in Smoke n' Cinders.** Running uncontested are:

President-Mike Kmeth      Secretary –Karl Wagner  
Program Director – Nick Guarino

Two Director at Large positions – Running are: Bruce Kropp, Frank Clemente and Paul Bonney

**Election meeting is Nov 15 @ NPYC. If you cannot attend please send a ballot as printed in Smoke n Cinders to Dan Saporito LIGRS Election Chairperson. Please try to attend**



#### Upcoming events and Shows:

**Sayville Historical Society** – Dan Saporito noted they will not be holding any events this year.

**Daisy Garden** – Dan Saporito no information at this time..

**Cradle of Aviation** – Ed Assaf stated the dates have not changed. Set up Dec 21, 2020 Take down Jan 4, 2021.

**Christmas Brunch** – Cancelled for this year.

**Photo Contest** – Congratulations to this month's winning photo "Hey Stupid The Light In The Tunnel Is A Train", was taken by Mike Kmeth on his Sun Valley Garden RR. A link to the rules is on the LIGRS Home page. Please remember to take pictures and send your best picture to Louise Sewall.

**Chic Chat Corner** – Thank you to Judy Rizzo for reminding all of us to get out and vote in this year's important presidential election. Judy's reminder is that we have three ways to vote: absentee ballots, early  
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# Election information and Ballot Copy

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## Long Island Garden Railway Society, Inc., Election Ballot 2020

1. Please make appropriate copies for each eligible member in the household. (Family Members over 18 years)
2. Please indicate your choice of two (2) Directors at Large on your copy of the ballot.
3. Place all household ballots into one envelope with appropriate postage if mailing.
4. Print the **names of each voting member** on the back of the envelope.

**Envelope may be delivered in person to the Chairperson at the Election Meeting or mailed to him.**

Address the envelope to Dan Saporito,  
LIGRS Election Chairperson  
104 Sheffield Avenue  
West Babylon, NY 11704

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**Please vote for (2) Directors at Large with an (x)**

- Paul Bonney
- Frank Clemente
- Bruce Kropp

### **Uncontested Candidates**

Mike Kmeth Jr. - President  
Karl Wagner - Secretary  
Nick Guarino - Program Director



Paul Bonney



Frank Clemente



Bruce Kropp

## From The Secretary (Continued)



voting and voting at the polls on Election Day. Judy provided us with Board of Election Phone numbers for Nassau and Suffolk counties.

**Club Resource Library** – The list of books, videos and plans are on the clubs website. Just ask Nick Guarino and he will bring it to the next meeting for you to borrow.

**Club merchandise** – Please see Georgiana & Steve Gaherty for club items for sale such as hats, shirts, jackets, pins and DVDs

**Aluminum Can Tabs** – Please give them to Eileen & Karl Wagner. This helps fund the Ronald McDonald House for Children needing treatment and their families. Please check them with a magnet as only Aluminum are used NOT STEEL



### New Business:

President Mike noted the extra work put in by Frank Clemente, Bruce Kropp and Lou Cortese in getting both our Trailers road ready with new tires and many other maintenance items that were needed. Thank you guys for keep-

ing us running on the road.

**Veterans** -In order to recognize and honor LIGRS members who have served during any time or are currently serving, please contact Louise Sewall at 516.541.4837 or email your info to [louisesevall@verizon.net](mailto:louisesevall@verizon.net) with your branch of service and years served. Please check out last

year's November issue on page 6 to ensure we have your correct information.

**Food Donation** – Ed Assaf - It's that time again to help others less fortunate than us. As in past years we are gathering donations of nonperishable food items for the Grace United Methodist Church food pantry in memory of deceased member Doug Smith. The food pantry has been operating thru the pandemic, so let's try to help the best we can as the need is greater than ever. Donations should be brought to the **November meeting**. Cash donations will also be accepted.

**E News letter**-As many of you already know the magazine Garden Railway is no longer. A group of West coast Garden Railway Clubs have gotten together to produce an electronic version consisting of articles from various clubs. They have extended to us a sample of this. It can be found on our website under Newsletters drop down menu then under "Sample Garden RR eNews" Our Smoke n Cinders Editor Louise Sewall will be the contact person. Louise will be posting them as she receives them.

50/50 was won by Jay Geyer and he donated back to the club \$23.00.

Next meeting is on SUNDAY November 15 @ North Port Yacht Club.

Bruce Kropp made a motion to close the meeting seconded by Bill Arndt. Motion approved. Meeting ended @ 1:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karl Wagner, Secretary

## From the Secretary BOD Meeting



### LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY, Inc. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 17, 2020

Attendance: President Mike Kmeth, Vice President Steve Gaherty, Secretary Karl Wagner, , Treasurer Bob Sewall, Program Director Nick Guarino, Directors at Large, Louis Cortese, Frank Clemente, Bruce Kropp,

The BOD met at RMLI to discuss the voting process of the contested position and the Loss of Garden Railway Magazine.

**Election** - A question was asked if a special ballot

should be mailed to all eligible voting households. After a discussion of the balloting process as per the by-laws it was agreed upon that the mailing of a ballot in Smoke n Cinders and then mailing the completed ballot to Dan Saporito (Election Committee Chair person) or delivering the completed ballot in person to the November 15 Election meeting would then be in accordance with the by-laws. It was agreed that the mailing of a separate ballot was not necessary.

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# October Meeting at the Railroad Museum of LI at Riverhead



And a good time was had by all.



## A Salute To Those Who Served Our Country



On the occasion of Veteran's Day, on behalf of Uncle LIGRS we would like to thank all club members who have proudly served in the United States armed forces.

NAME	SERVICE	YEARS
Bill Arndt	Air Force	63-67
Richard Bishop	Navy	66-69
Ernie DeCarolis	Navy	61-63
Joe DiBenedetto	Army	58-60
Steve Gaherty	Air Force	67-94
Jay Geyer	Army	68-75
Joe Luginsland	Army	na
Everett Phillips	Army	55-57 active to 61 reserve
Gary Reynolds	Army	66-69
Bob Sewall	Air Force	62-66
Paul Simon	Navy SeaBees	62-66
John Sulsent	Navy	77-81
George Wecklein	Navy	55-59

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





## Solution to What the Heck Puzzle

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This little Mine Train, no longer used, was originally seen along the Rivers of America ride at Disney.



## Our Annual Auction

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Don't forget the annual club auction which will be held on a **SATURDAY** at the **February 20th meeting**.

Join the entire auction team for another great LIGRS Annual Auction. Don't have room for all of those new trains? The LIGRS Annual Auction is the perfect solution. So clean out the attic, closet, basement and/or garage and bring all those unwanted train related items to February's Annual LIGRS Auction or donate them to the club. Watch the LIGRS auction team perform its magical alchemy by transforming those excess trains into cash, or excess cash into trains. (A win-win event!) The auction is a wonderful event that combines aspects of *Let's Make A Deal*, *The Price Is Right* along with a bit of *Family Feud*.

## Photo Contest

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This month's winning photo "Taken on a Meeting Day" was taken by Karl Wagner of Patrick and Kristine's Purgatory and Rancid RR

## From the Secretary BOD Meeting Continued



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be the contact person for them. Louise will be posting them as she receives them.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karl Wagner

## Proxy Form for November Elections



### PROXY --- LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY

I \_\_\_\_\_, a member of the Long Island Garden Railway Society, hereby nominate and appoint \_\_\_\_\_, my true and lawful attorney with power of substitution, for me in my name, to vote as my proxy, at the Business Meeting of Members of said LIGRS to be held on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_, upon any and all matters which may be presented, considered and voted upon at said meeting, as fully and with like effect as I might or would have done if personally present, hereby ratifying and confirming all that my said attorney may do in my name, place and stead. I hereby revoke any proxy or proxies, heretofore given by me to any other person or persons whatsoever.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### 2021 Dues Reminder

Why not renew your membership to LIGRS before the busy holiday season?

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 "**The 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:

Questions? Contact  
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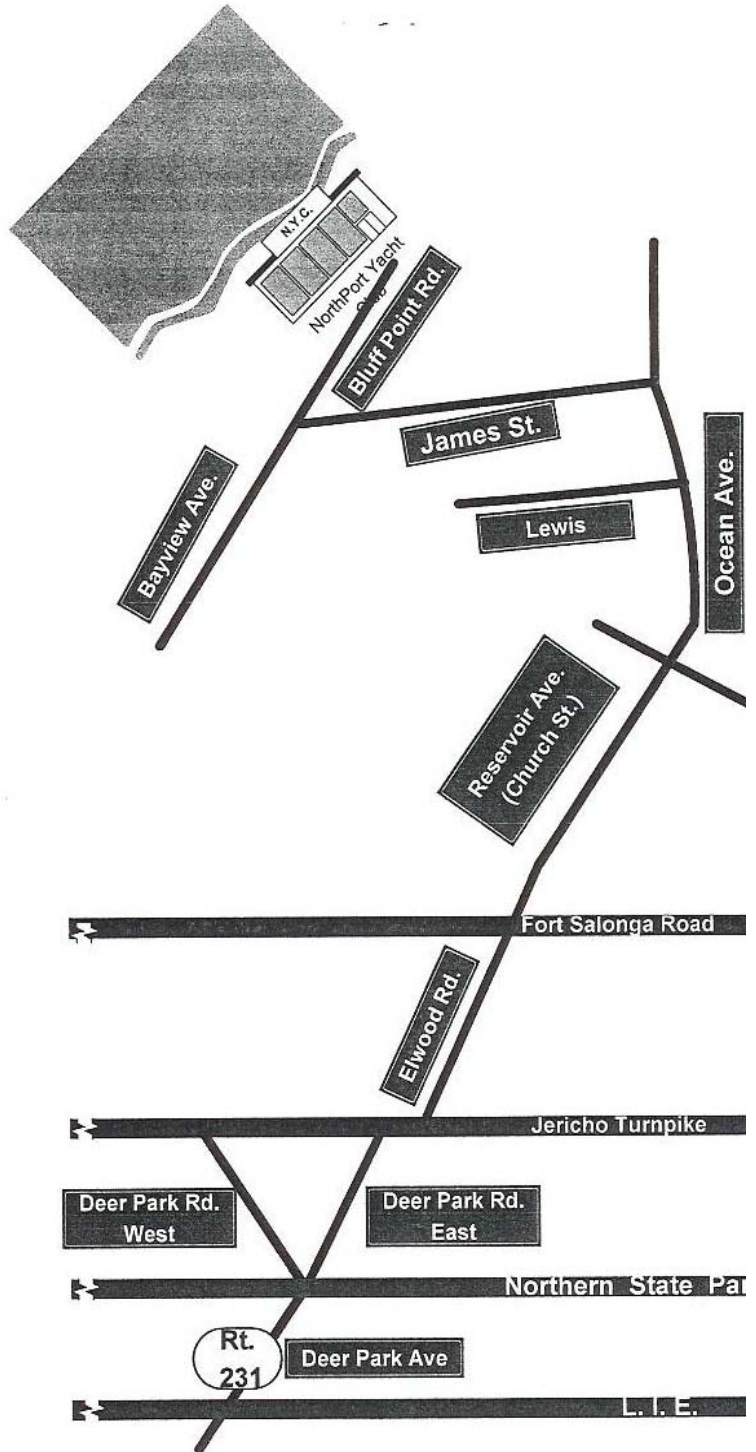


**Directions to the November Meeting at the  
Northport Yacht Club  
11 Bluff Point Road Northport, NY 11768  
November 15, 2020 11:00-2:00**



**Turn by turn directions:**

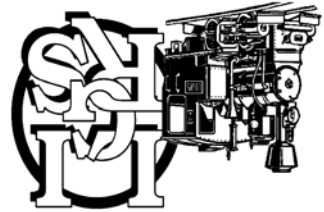
Take the LIE or Northern State Parkway to Deer Park Ave (Rte. 231) north. Bear right onto Deer Park Road East. Merge onto Jericho Tpke. (Rte. 25) and make the next left onto Elwood Road. Elwood changes into Reservoir Road and then into Ocean Ave. Make a left on James Street and follow to Bluff Point Road and make a right. Northport Yacht Club is on the left.



**IMPORTANT**

**This is our Election meeting.  
Please send us your signed  
proxy form if you cannot  
attend.**





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Let us remember that, as much has been given us, much will be expected from us, and that true homage comes from the heart as well as from the lips and shows itself in deeds.  
**Theodore Roosevelt**

