

November 2021

Monthly Meeting & Elections
Nov. 14, 2021 **SUNDAY**
At the Cradle of Aviation Museum
11:00am



Our Christmas Luncheon!



Our annual Christmas celebration will be a luncheon held at the **Snapper Inn** on December 5th from noon to 3pm. The luncheon will be in the form of a buffet. This allows members to sample each of the entrees. We will be in the same area of the restaurant as in previous years.

The luncheon menu items must be selected and voted on by the members attending the November meeting. The price is **\$42 per person**. If the membership votes to have the champagne and soda mimosa beverage package it will add an additional \$10 to the cost of the luncheon. The buffet will include only items voted on by the membership at the November meeting.

If you want to have a say in the menu, you need to attend the November meeting at the Cradle of Aviation. Once the membership at the November meeting has voted on these items the selections are final. When Snapper Inn receives our headcount the charge is non-refundable.

Time is limited, so in order to expedite plans, if you want to attend the party, please bring your money to the November meeting.

Appetizer (1 selection) -Seafood Bisque -Fresh Fruit Plate -Baked Clams -Fresh Mozzarella Topped with Spinach, Fresh Tomato -Penne Ala Vodka Finished with Prosciutto & Fresh Parmesan Salad Course (1 selection) -Snapper Salad -Classic Caesar Salad	Dessert (1 Selection) -Ice Cream Parfait -Occasion Cake -Chocolate Mousse -Brownie Ala Mode -Peach & Blueberry Cobbler Pie <i>Coffee and Tea included</i>
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Entrees (3 Selections) -Atlantic Salmon with Dill Butter or Dijon -Chicken Francoise, Marsala or Parmesan -Angel Hair Pasta Primavera -Four Cheese Stuffed Ravioli with Ala Vodka or Alfredo Sauce -Blackened Basa w/Fresh Fruit Salsa or Piccata -Sliced Sirloin Steak Bourguignonne or Au Poivre -Seafood Paella with Clams, Mussels, Shrimp, Bay Scallops & Andouille Sausage Over Saffron Rice -French Toast with Berries -Vegetarian Eggs Benedict with Avocado Tomato Salsa <i>Also included: Fresh Seasonal Vegetables, Herbed Roast Potatoes, Dinner Rolls -</i>

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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY INC.

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2021-2022 LIGRS Meetings & Events Schedule

All Saturday home hosted meetings have a raindate of the following day.

Good & Welfare	Eileen Wagner	631.584.6619
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Transportation Coordinator	Bruce Kropp	631.789.4090

Date	Program/Notes	Time	Place
Nov. 14, 2021	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	COA
Dec. 5 2021	Christmas Luncheon	12 noon to 3:00 PM	Snapper Inn
Dec. 17, 2021 through Dec. 21, 2021	Table Top Display	5:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Old Bethpage Restoration Village
Dec. 27, 2021 through Dec. 29, 2021	Table Top Display	5:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Old Bethpage Restoration Village
Dec. 20, 2021 Setup Jan. 3, 2022 Take Down	Modular Display	Museum Hours	COA
Jan. 8, 2022 <u>SATURDAY</u>	BOD	11:00 AM	TBA
Jan. 10, 2022	Garden RR Presentation By Dan Saporito	TBA	Sayville Historical Museum
Jan. 16, 2022	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	TBA
Feb. 19, 2022 DATE CHANGE <u>SATURDAY</u>	Monthly Meeting and <u>Auction</u>	11:00 AM	TBA
March 20, 2022	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	TBA
May, 21, 2022 <u>SATURDAY</u>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Anthony Bliss
June 18, 2022 <u>SATURDAY</u>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Geri Coney & Bill Arndt
July 16, 2022 <u>SATURDAY</u>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Jay & Betty Geyer
Sept 17, 2022	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Mike & Kathleen Kmeth
Oct. 15, 2022	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Paul & Elizabeth Bonney

View From The Cab



We had beautiful day for our outdoor October meeting, it was our last meeting at a member's home until next May. I understand all meetings at members' homes are booked for 2022, great news.

Once again a member has built a small oval layout approximately 6 x 8, with the understanding it can be made larger. After the meeting I spoke with our host Dorothy. She said she plans on making her layout larger at some future date.

At the October meeting we had time in some ways to kill. There was a problem with the coffee maker, so Eileen and Karl went out to Dunkin Donut's and brought coffee back. In the mean time we had discussions about our Christmas dinner. Should it be a day or evening event, where to have it; it was a very lively discussion. We also had a number of members who volunteered for the food committee. These new members have not served on this committee in the past with the exception of Bruce. I would like to thank all those that volunteered for our food committee.

As I suggested in the October S n' C, members that are working on either personal or club projects should bring them to our October meeting. Two did bring projects. One member brought a fire station he's been working on. It was made from building parts that he purchased years ago at a club meeting. The host at that long ago meeting had a large box of building parts, mostly Piko engine house sections. He was able to build a two story combo Town Hall / Fire Station. The doors to the Fire station were custom made from mahogany, and he used window grills from Piko engine house doors.

The second project shown is a project that a few members are engaged in. When done, it will blow everyone's mind. It is a rising bridge that we will use on our modular layout and hopefully can be incorporated in our ground layouts in the future. What was shown was one of the bridge towers about 2/3 complete. Second tower only has the

parts cut and the bridge section I believe still has to be started. Towers and Bridge section are made of 1/2 aluminum angle; many other parts are made by a 3D printer. One member designed the bridge. Guess who that that was? He also detailed various parts and another very talented younger member (not a junior member) has his own 3D printer and has made a number of parts for the bridge. Motors, pulleys and other required parts have been purchased. Some in the group are hoping for completion for this year's Cradle setup which is seven weeks away from this writing. A tremendous amount of work still has to be completed. Making various parts, assembling parts into subassemblies and the final assemble. But the hardest part is the tweaking of all parts and mechanical systems to make the bridge operate as designed.



For those that have worked shows at the Cradle, remember we had to bend down to get under bridge; well this bridge will raise high enough so that we can walk through.

We have two shows coming up in December, first is an indoor **evening** show at Old Bethpage Village during their Candle Light Ceremony event. This is our first time at this event. The second is a **day time** event at the Cradle of Aviation. Some days they will run simultaneously. If you can, come to one or both of these events. If you do come out; remember to bring your trains to run. Please check the calendar in this issue of S n' C for setup and run dates. We will be running our raffle at both these events.

Our November meeting is an election meeting. It would be nice to see you all at this meeting. If for some reason you cannot

make it, remember to send in your proxy.

A little birdy told me that the chairperson of the food committee has planned a little different food selection than we are used to. I've seen a proposed copy of menu. Looks good, you'll like.

Yes, we are having a Christmas / Holiday dinner. This will be a **day time** event. Please check the calendar on page 2 for date and time and refer to the cover in this issue of S n' C for other details. It will be held once again at the Snapper Inn in Oakdale. At our November meeting those in attendance will select three out of dozen or so choices that will be on our buffet menu.

We are still looking at locations to hold our Jan., Feb., and March meeting. I would like to have our auction at our Feb. meeting. Stay tuned.

See you **all** at our November meeting!

God bless and please stay safe.

Mike Kmeth



From The Secretary



LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY INC. MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OCTOBER 16, 2021

May we have a moment of silence for the passing of long time member Bob Gibney and for the Men and Women who are serving this country and especially for those whose lives were lost protecting our way of freedom.

President Mike Kmeth asked that the meeting be opened @ 12:45 PM. A motion was made by Tom Rizzo, seconded by Bruce Kropp to open the meeting. We had 24 members present, 8 proxies. We have a quorum. Mike welcomed us all to our October in person meeting at Dorothy Mahon's house. Mike thanked Dorothy for hosting our October meeting.

President Mike then asked for a motion to read the September 18, 2021 meeting minutes or forego the reading and accept them as written. Motion was made by Joe DiBenedetto and second by Ray Shelton to accept the minutes as written.

Mike asked members to please check with Tom Rizzo that we have your correct Phone number, e-mail address and your Birthday month.

Mike stated as information: In case you did not read Smoke n' Ciders the club's dues have gone up. The BOD has approved a \$10.00 increase for the individual rate to \$50.00. All else stays the same.

Reports:

Treasurers' Report -- Bob Sewall was unable to make it today. He hopes to have everything up to date and attend next month's meeting

Membership Report -- Tom Rizzo reported no new members at this time. Individual 26,

Family 18, Ext Fam 2, Life 5, Honorary 3, Junior 4 No new members this month.

Program Director -- Nick Guarino upcoming meeting dates

November 14 (Election of Officers) at COA

December -- Nick brought several options for the Snapper Inn. It was decided to do a Lunch from 12 PM - 3 PM on Sunday Dec 5 and if the Snapper Inn is unavailable then the alternate date is Sunday Dec 12. Nick should have the final date by the November meeting. Let Nick know if you plan to attend. More information at next month's meeting. Ray Shelton made a

motion that the club pick up the gratuities and administration fee second by Frank Clemente. Motion approved

Nick noted that all meetings at members' houses for 2022 have been taken already.

2022

January 8, Saturday BOD Meeting @ COA

January 16, Sunday General meeting @ COA

February 12, Saturday, Auction meeting Location to be confirmed

March 20, Sunday General Meeting Location to be confirmed.

Modular Coordinator -- Ed Assaf stated nothing new. Just look at the table for what we have been doing, see the progress on the Lift Bridge.



Elections -- Please remember to be at the **Nov 14 meeting @ COA for the Election as we need a Quorum for an official business meeting. If you cannot attend please send in your proxy form.** Run-

ning uncontested are: Vice President- George Stamataides, Treasurer -- Bob Sewall, Membership Director -- Anthony Bliss, Director at Large -- Lou Cortese, Director at Large -- Pat Russo

Review of Shows & Events:

As a reminder to all members: please when attending any club function, shows, meeting, please wear something that identifies you as a member, such as a hat, or shirt. At a minimum your Name badge. This will help show the public who we are and see we are part of an organization.

Upcoming Shows & Events:

Christmas party -- Nick is working on the Lunch menu at the Snapper Inn. Tentatively 12/5/21

Sayville Historical -- Table top display - e mail sent 7/21/21 It was decided we will not do it this year

Clark Botanic Gardens -- Have not heard back. It was decided we will not do it this year

Bethpage Restoration Village - Table top display in the evening 5 PM- 9 PM for the following dates Friday December 17 thru Tuesday 21

and Sunday 27 thru Wednesday 29. Can we get volunteers? Set up and take down TBD

COA -- Set up is Dec 20 and Take down Jan 3

Sayville Garden Club -- Trains in the Garden Monday, January 10, 2022

Bethpage HS -- 2022 modular display no info at this time

Boy Scout - 2022 table top display no info at this time

Ed Assaf noted that it looks like Planting Fields is a go for the last weekend in April. More information to follow.

Photo Contest -- Congratulations to Mike Kmeth for this month's winning photo of "Shall I cross the tracks or not" on his Sun Valley Garden Railroad. Please remember to take pictures and send your best picture to Louise Sewall.

Chic Chat Corner -- Thank you to Judy Rizzo for your written comments on remembering the 20th anniversary of those lost on 9/11 and the wonderful memorial for Bob Russo at the Bayard Cutting Arboretum. Remember you can write about almost anything here at Chic Chat Corner. Send your thoughts to Louise Sewall.

Club Resource Library -- The list of books, videos and plans are on the clubs website. Just contact Nick Guarino and he will bring it to our next in person meeting for you to borrow.

Club merchandise -- Please see Georgiana & Steve Gaherty if you wish to purchase any club items such as hats, shirts, jackets, pins and DVD's

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

Old Business:

Super 50/50 Chairperson George Stamataides still has tickets for the raffle. Tickets are \$5.00 each. Besides what was mailed to your house you can see George for more tickets. George will be selling outside the club as we still have tickets left.

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From The Secretary (Continued)



New Business:

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 with your branch of service and years served. Please check out last year's November issue on page 8 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. Donations should be brought to the **November meeting**. Cash donations will also be accepted

50/50 was won by Anthony Marino. \$10 for Anthony and \$10 for our club.

Next General meeting will be Sunday November 14 at COA

Joe Dibenedetto made a motion to close the meeting seconded by Lou Cortese. Motion approved. Meeting ended @ 1:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karl Wagner

Secretary

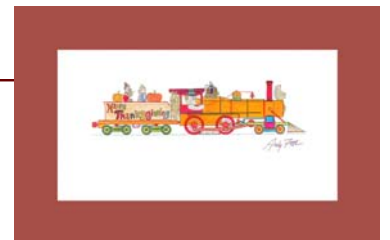
October Meeting at Dorothy Mahon's



Our October meeting featured at least 4 ponds (one inside the house) in addition to the garden railroad built in a circle with a train running. Dorothy said that next time she will run a different engine.

Tom and the modular group displayed their latest project (photo shown to the right). It is a rising bridge that we will use on our modular layout and hopefully can be incorporated in our ground layouts in the future. What was shown was one of the bridge towers about 2/3 complete. For those that have worked shows at the Cradle, remember we had to bend down to get under the bridge; well this bridge will raise high enough so that we can walk through.

And a good time was had by all. If you didn't make the meeting you were missed.



A Salute To Those Who Served Our Country



On the occasion of Veteran's Day, and 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
Patrick Friedmann	Army	67-69
Steve Gaherty	Air Force	67-94
Jay Geyer	Army	68-75
Richard McGorty	Army	65-69
Everett Phillips	Army	55-57 active to 61 reserve
Gary Reynolds	Army	66-69
Bob Sewall	Air Force	62-66
Ray Shelton	Navy	na
Paul Simon	Navy SeaBees	62-66
John (Chip) Sulsenti	Navy	77-81 active 81-97 reserves
George Wecklein	Navy	55-59

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



Solution to What the Heck Puzzle

Old mining equipment at the mine train museum Bisbee, Arizona-



Our Annual Auction



Don't forget the annual club auction which will be held on a **SATURDAY** at the **February 19th 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



This month's winning photo "More of Pop's Trains" was taken by Lou Caputzal of his layout.



Election information



Elections will be held at the **November** meeting.
The slate will appear thus:

1. Vice President: -George Stamataides uncontested
2. Treasurer: -Bob Sewall uncontested
3. Membership Director: -Anthony Bliss uncontested
4. Directors at Large: - Lou Cortese uncontested
Pat Russo uncontested

IMPORTANT: Remember to send proxy forms if you can not make the meeting. (there is a proxy form below) and a link on our home page ligrs.org.

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 _____

2022 Dues Reminder

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

Individual memberships, the 1st member of a household, are \$50 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:

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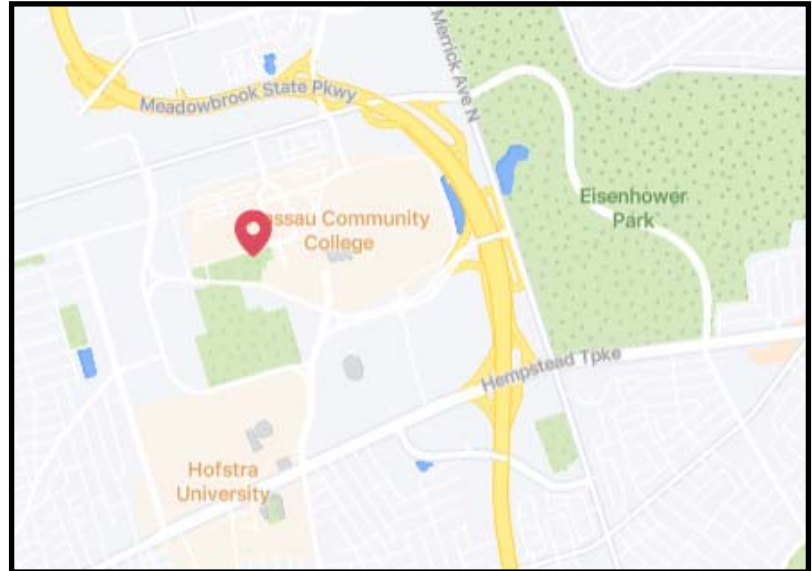




**Monthly Meeting
November 14th SUNDAY
at the Cradle of Aviation
11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**

<https://www.cradleofaviation.org/>

Driving Directions Meadowbrook Parkway to exit M4, follow signs to Museum Row which will put you on Charles Lindbergh Blvd, stay on Charles Lindbergh Blvd. to the second traffic light and turn right into the parking lot.



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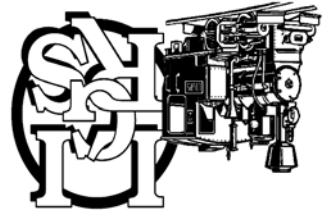
**This is our Election meeting.
Please send us your signed
proxy form if you cannot
attend.**



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 again this year. Best, Ed Assaf



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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

