

November 2022



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY INC.

# Smoke n' Cinders

## Monthly Meeting & Elections SATURDAY

November 12th  
At the Wantagh Marina  
11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.



## Elections

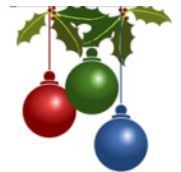


Elections will be held at this November meeting. If you can not attend, please fill out the proxy form and give to a BOD member in order to ensure that we have a quorum and are able to have an official meeting.

Thanks to the candidates for accepting their nominations. All are running unopposed.

The slate will appear thus:

1. President: George Stamataides uncontested.
2. Secretary: Pat Russo uncontested
3. Program Director: Anthony Marino uncontested
4. Directors at Large: Paul Bonney uncontested  
Frank Clemente uncontested  
Ray Shelton uncontested



## Our Christmas Luncheon!

Our annual Christmas celebration will be a luncheon held at the Snapper Inn on December 11th 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 \$44 per person. The buffet will include only items voted on by the membership at the November meeting. (And those voted on at the Oct. meeting.) If you want to have a say in the menu, you need to attend the November meeting at the Wantagh Park Marina. Once the membership 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 or mail check payable to **Long Island Garden Railway Society Inc.** to Nick Guarino, 44 Lincoln Ave., Dix Hills, NY 11746.

**Deadline is Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>.**



### 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.

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## 2022-2023 LIGRS Meetings & Events Schedule

Good & Welfare	Eileen Wagner	631.584.6619
Module Coordinator	Ed Assaf	516.443.2244
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Transportation Coordinator	Bruce Kropp	631.789.4090

Date	Program/Notes	Time	Place
Nov. 26 (set up 11/22 @9am)	Table Top Display	5:00-9:00pm	Sayville Historical Society
Dec. 21-29 (set up 12/5) (closed 12/24 & 12/25)	Table Top Display	5:00-9:00pm	Old Bethpage Village Restoration
Dec. 21-1/1 closed Xmas (Set up 12/19&20 @10am)	Modular Display	Museum Hours	Cradle of Aviation Museum
Dec. 11, 2022	Christmas Party	12:00 AM	Snapper Inn
Jan. 14, 2023	BOD Meeting	10:00 AM	COA
Jan. 21, 2023	General Meeting	11:00 AM	Bethpage Senior Center
Feb. 11, 2023	General Meeting	11:00 AM	Bethpage Senior Center
Mar. 2023	Auction Meeting	11:00 AM	TBD
Apr. 2023	Modular Display	TBA	Cradle of Aviation Museum
May 20, 2023	General Meeting	11:00 AM	Jim Wellinghoff
June 24, 2023	General Meeting	11:00 AM	Jay & Betty Geyer
July 22, 2023	General Meeting	11:00 AM	Paul & Joan Simon
August, 2023	Summer Picnic	11:00 AM	TBD
Sept. 23, 2023	General Meeting	11:00 AM	Mike & Kathleen Kmeth
Oct., 2023	General Meeting	11:00 AM	Hosts needed
Nov., 2023	General Meeting	11:00 AM	TBD

# View From The Cab



Well November is here, how did it get here so quickly? I didn't finish half the outdoor Garden Rail projects I had planned to finish this spring, summer and fall. As I write this article, I figure I have maybe three weeks at the most before the ground freezes. As always projects around the house come first, like taking fans down from our patio. This has to be done before the awning comes down. And those leaves that keep coming down etc...

One project I've been focusing on is building 2 waterfalls, one about 10 inches high the other 16 inches high with a narrow stream. This may sound simple but it's not. I'm very concerned that freezing and thawing this winter could undermine much of my work, we'll see in the spring. Also, around the upper waterfalls is a town. One of the side projects was making foundation pads for the buildings in this town. I had to make forms to pour the cement for building pads and I wanted to have the foundation look like blocks on the side walls. That is done and they came out great. Since this is basically my last article for View from the Cab, I may follow up the outcome of this project in a future Chic Chat Corner. We'll see. You'll also see for yourself next September, as we are hosting a meeting, I hope I'll get it finished in time, wish me luck.

Indoor projects that I'll be working on this

winter are as follows; build 1 tunnel, 3 bridges, 6 trestles, and total linear feet 25. Also, I have about 35 buildings that need to be repaired and have lighting installed. A lot of the above items have been in use many years and because of neglect and the wrath of Mother Nature I now must repair or build brand new.

November and December are going to be busy months for the club. We have three public events. The first is a tabletop display at the Sayville Historical Society, one night only 5-9pm Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>, setup, Tue. Nov 22 @ 9:00am. The second is another tabletop display at Old Bethpage Village. The OBV event will run about a week. Setup will be Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>. We need a mini-



mum of four members to man this event every night. It runs from 5:00pm to 9:00pm. Public turn out is very heavy for this event. At the same time, we are running a daytime event at the Cradle of Aviation. This will run about week and half. We also need a crew to man the Cradle.

For all those members that do not have trains or those that do but don't have a railroad to run on (like myself) this is a wonderful time to bring your trains and share the track with other club members on a beautiful modular layout. If you can we need all hands on deck to help setup the modular display at the Cradle. Setup will be Monday Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>

Please check our events calendar for dates of these events.

Also, the super 50/50, if you haven't bought your tickets please do so. Drawing will be at the November monthly meeting.

**Christmas Brunch is on Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> at the Snapper Inn, 12noon-3pm.** It is a wonderful time to share a great meal and small talk with friends. Plan on attending, get your money in early. **Cutoff date, money has to be in by Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>.** Make check out to "Long Island Garden Railway Society Inc.". Cost is \$44 per person. Send money to Nick Guarino 44 Lincoln Ave., Dix Hills, NY 11746.

Always view e-mails and calendar of events for updates and their locations in S n' C.

Mike Kmeth  
PS Don't eat too much turkey



## From the Secretary

### LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY INC.

#### MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OCTOBER 15, 2022

President Mike Kmeth asked for a moment of silence 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 PM. A motion was made by Frank Clemente, seconded by Jay Geyer to open the meeting. We had 21 members present, 1 proxy. We have a quorum.

Mike welcomed us all to our September meeting at Paul & Elizabeth Bonney and their son Matthew's house. It was a real nice day with many trains running all over.

President Mike then asked for a motion to read the Sept 24, 2022, meeting minutes or forego the reading and accept them as written. Motion was made by Ed Assaf and second Georgianna Gaherty to accept the minutes as written. Approved.

**Treasurers' Report** – Ed Assaf the YTD as of 9/30/22 Starting Balance as \$9,968.81 ending Balance as \$9,032.33 If you have any questions, please see ED and he will

# From The Secretary CONTINUED



answer any questions you may have. Karl Wagner made a motion to approve the purchase of 2 starter sets up to \$700.00 total for the 2 sets for future raffles. Motion seconded by Lou Cortese. Motion approved.

## Reports:

**Membership Report** – Anthony Bliss stated we have Individual 25, Family 19, Life 6, Honorary 5, Junior 4 New members Amy Edelman and junior Zachary Starache. We also had the Long Island fair winner who gets a free membership which is Tim and Diane Shanahan

**Program Director** – Nick Guarino Stated the following meeting dates:

November 12 – Saturday @ Wantagh Marina in Wantagh Park ELECTION MEETING Anthony Marino volunteered to oversee all the snacks and beverages and will be helped by Bruce Kropp and Kathleen Kmeth

December 11- Christmas Party at the Snapper Inn

2023 schedule

BOD meeting on January 14th, 2023, location not confirmed. Ed Assaf to speak to Shamus regarding use of COA board room.

January – Tentative the 21 – first General meeting of 2023 location to be determined.

February And March need dates and locations

Please see Nick if you wish to host a meeting for 2023. Months still open: October

May 20th - home of Jimmy Wellinghoff

June 24<sup>th</sup> - home of Jay and Betty Geyer,

July 22<sup>nd</sup> - home of Paul and Joan Simon, at their Southhold residence

August, Picnic? no date

September 23<sup>rd</sup> - home of Mike and Kathleen Kmeth

October, no meeting scheduled at this time.

**Review of Shows & Events: None**

**Upcoming Displays and Events:**

Old Bethpage Restoration Village Winter Program - Nick Guarino [has confirmation Set up will be Dec 5@ 10 AM \(maybe a second date if needed\) Show will be Dec 21 thru Dec 29 Time 5PM to 9PM Closed Christmas Eve & Christmas Day](#)

Cradle of Aviation – Ed Assaf has confirmed set up dates are Dec19 & 20 @ 10 AM Show dates Dec 21 thru Jan 1 Closed Christmas Day. Take down is Jan 3.

Christmas Party – Nick provided menus and pricing for everyone to review. A vote will be taken at the November meeting for the menu items. We are set for Sunday Dec 11 @ 12PM to 3 PM.

**Photo Contest** – Congratulations to this month's winner Karl Wagner, the winning picture was from his back yard layout. 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** –Take a look in Smoke n' Cinders at a short narrative with daily pictures by member Dave Smith of his trip on the Canadian based Rocky Mountaineer. Sounds like a great trip. Remember you can write about almost anything here at Chic Chat Corner. Send your thoughts to Louise Sewall.

**Club Resource Library** – Nick Guarino

**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 tabs are used, NOT STEEL.

**Good and Welfare** – If you know of someone in the club who is sick or has a baby or wedding, please let Eileen Wagner know so she can send a card from the club.

**Old Business: None**

**New Business:**

Anthony Marino has investigated pricing for metal wheels. It looks like no deals for large quantity but the best price he found was RLD hobbies online.

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. Donations should be brought to the November meeting. Cash donations will also be accepted

50/50 was won by Ed Assaf He donated his winnings back to the club. \$29 for our club.

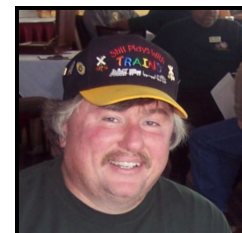
Next General meeting is Saturday Nov 12 Time 11 AM @ Wantagh Marina in Wantagh Park This is your yearly ELECTION MEETING. A Quorum for an official business meeting is needed. If you cannot attend, please send in your proxy form

Lou Cortese made a motion to close the meeting seconded by Patty Russo. Motion approved. Meeting ended @ 12:44 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karl Wagner

Secretary





## Chic Chat Corner



Just a brief FYI from Louise Sewall.

I have been drinking almond milk for years and the price just kept going up like with everything else. Bob surprised me by purchasing a small appliance online which he saw reviewed on one of his favorite shows. I have been experimenting with different nuts as well as oatmeal.

This week I also plan to try the hummus recipe that I found on the manufacturer's website. It makes cold and hot recipes, so I have been also using it for my hot mocha drink. (Today I made it with cashews.)

## Our Annual Auction



Don't forget the annual club auction which will be held on a **SATURDAY** at the March meeting. (date and location TBA)

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 Winner



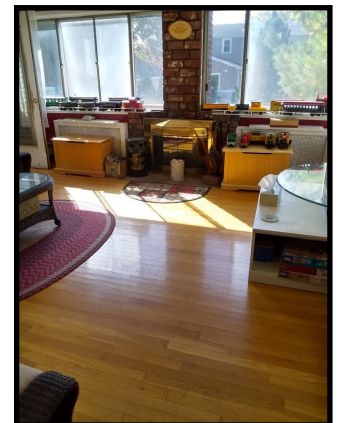
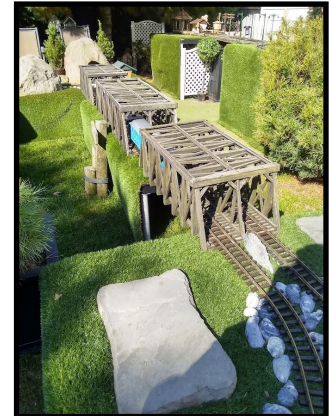
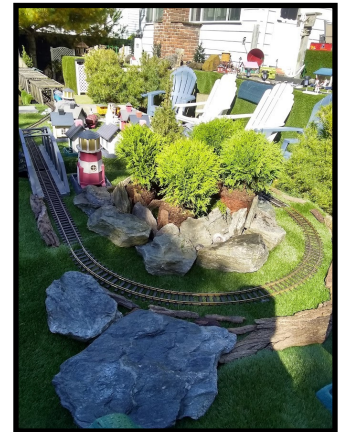
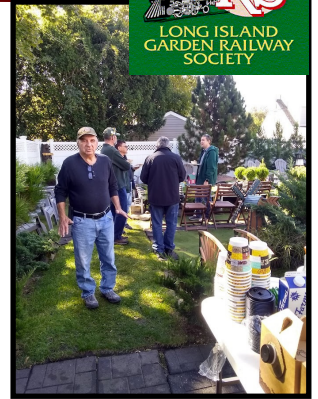
This month's winning photo "From the Tunnel to the Bridges" was taken by Louise Sewall at our October meeting. Great new layout by the Bonney family, still the Strong Island Railroad.

Louise was so glad that the layout was raised so that she didn't have to sit on the ground to get this shot. Matthew had just placed the train on the track and got it running around. Thanks Matthew!





# October Meeting at the home of Elizabeth, Paul and Matthew





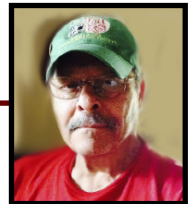
# A Salute To Those Who Served Our Country



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
Richie 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
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

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



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# What the Heck Puzzle Solution



Built by General Electric in October 1917, it is a 15 ton Type LSB-2E12 Storage Battery Locomotive.

It was briefly used by GE at the shops in Erie, before being sold to Newport News Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Company in 1918. It served them as their E-6. The locomotive was in service with them through the end of World War II.

Sometime in the 1950's it was acquired by the C&O and numbered X-5000. It was renumbered 18742 in the 1950's or 60's. It is unknown why this number was chosen, as it is not the serial number of the unit.

This locomotive served primarily in the Huntington, WV shop complex for the remainder of the C&O era. It wore standard C&O Enchantment Blue paint, but had a safety slogan on the nose, "BE CAREFUL". It was painted into Chessie paint rather early in the Chessie era. There are some 1977 photos of it showing worn paint. It got CSX's colors, in their Stealth scheme,

# 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 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### 2023 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. Student age 18-22 is \$25.

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:

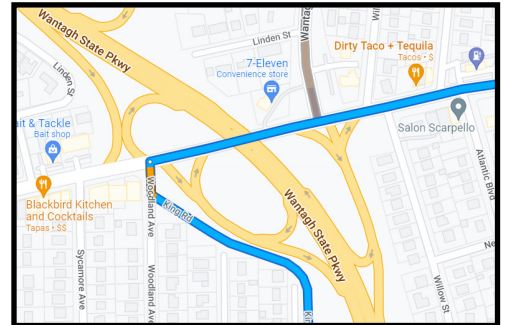
Questions? Contact  
**Anthony Bliss**  
**631.413.7647**  
**anthony.bliss87@gmail.com**

LIGRS  
P.O. Box 2002, Massapequa, NY 11758





**Directions to the November Meeting at the  
Wantagh Marina  
November 12, 2022 11:00-2:00**



You can come from the Expressway to 135 south, to Merrick Rd. west bound.

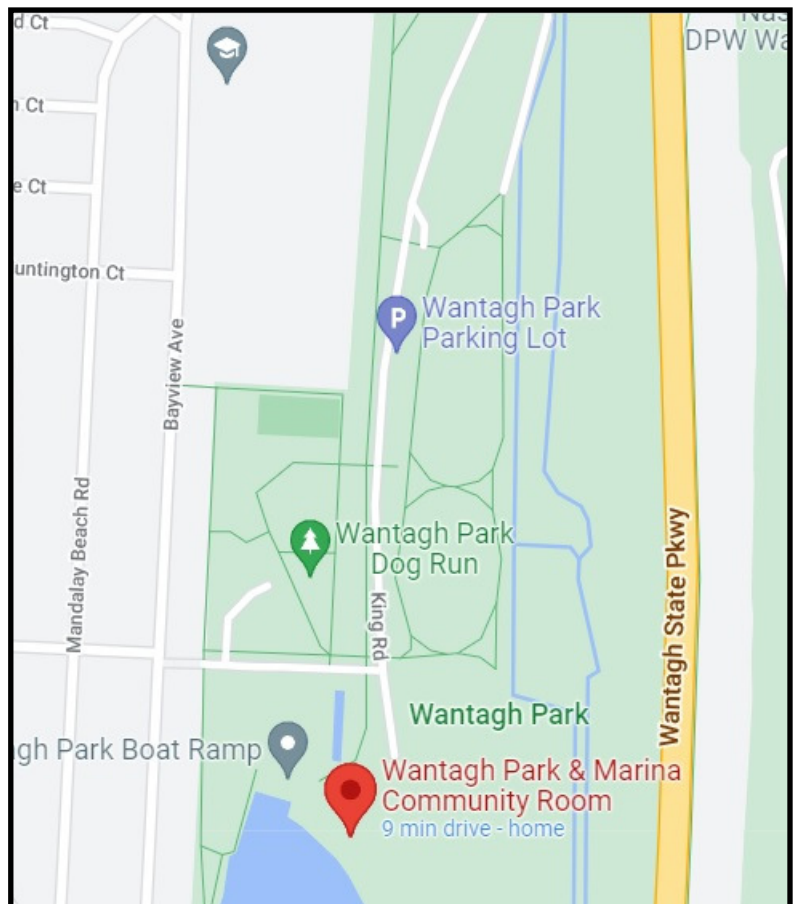
Once you pass under the Wantagh Parkway turn left on Woodland Ave. then quickly left onto King Rd. which is the entrance to Wantagh Park.

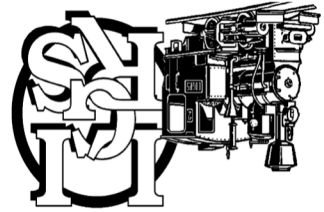
King will run southbound, parallel to the Wantagh Parkway.

Once you enter the park, keep going South. The marina is on the Right. Parking is nearby.

OR

Directions: Take the Southern State Parkway to Exit 27 South (Wantagh Parkway). Exit off the Wantagh Parkway at Sunrise Highway East. Make a right onto Wantagh Avenue. Take to the end and make right onto Merrick Road. Turn left onto Woodland Ave, then immediately turn left onto Kings Rd





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– Carol L. Riser

