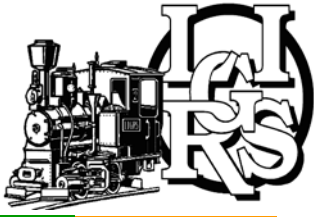


October 2021



October 16th, 2021 **SATURDAY**
Host: Dorothy Mahon
60 Osborn Avenue, Mt Sinai, NY
11:00am



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 on page 10 of this issue) and a link on our home page ligrs.org.

THANK YOU ALL MEMBERS

I know this is a long time coming, but I want to thank Dan Saporito and Nick Guarino for starting the Fund Raiser for Bob's Memorial Bench; which was a huge success. I also want to thank all the LIGRS members who donated to it.

It is a beautiful bench and tree that we were able to get. There will also be a brass plaque there at some point. It is being worked on presently.

The day of the dedication was absolutely beautiful. You couldn't have asked for better weather. The turnout of LIGRS members, Bayard Cutting Hort Society members, and family and friends made for a great turnout.

The spot that I picked for the bench has sentimental memories for me, and the view of the water is fabulous. I am so grateful for all the friends I have made over the 25ish years that Bob and I have been in the club.

This gathering has made me the happiest I've been since Bob's passing.

Ed Assaf nailed his recollection of Bob over the years. I couldn't have said it any better. Thank you Ed, for all your help and continued support.

I will never be able to thank all the people enough, who made this possible. It is a wonderful homage to the amount of love and friendship to Bob that he probably never even realized he had.

So when you are in the area, stop at the Arboretum. Take a look at the Bench; sit awhile and think of Bob. He would love to know you're thinking of him.

Thank you all again,

Pat Russo

(Editor's note see photos on page 7)

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.

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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY INC.

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2021-2022 LIGRS Meetings & Events Schedule

Date	Program/Notes	Time	Place
Oct. 16, 2021 SATURDAY*	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Dorothy Mahon
Nov. 14, 2021	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	COA (to be confirmed)
Dec. 20, 2021 Setup Jan. 3, 2022 Take Down	Modular Display	TBA	COA
Jan. 8, 2022 SATURDAY	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	TBS
Feb. 12, 2022 SATURDAY	Monthly Meeting and Auction	11:00 AM	TBA
March 20, 2022	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	TBA

Attention 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 info to louisesevall@verizon.net with your branch of service and specific years served.

Check out last year's November issue on page 8 to ensure we have your correct information.

View From The Cab

Fall is here and we finally have cooler weather. I for one do not like the heat, so I guess Florida is out. With the cooler weather it is a lot easier to work on my Garden Rail Road which is still in desperate shape. I only hope I can make enough progress before the ground freezes.

For all those that couldn't make our Sept. meeting, I'll give an update. All but two board members accepted their current positions that were up for re-election. We have two new board members for 2022, Vice president George Stamataides, and Anthony Bliss for Membership Director. Since they accepted and there were no challenges there is no election. Best wishes to our new board members and thank you to all others for accepting a new term for current Board members up for re-election.

Over this past Labor Day weekend we had a very successful ground display three tracks running at the Long Island Fair located at Old Bethpage Village. This fair has been going since the 1840's; I vaguely remember my dad taking my brother and me to the Long Island Fair 65 years or so ago, when it was held at the old fair grounds in Mineola. I feel it's an honor to have a display there now. The display was a great success in many ways, turnout of viewers at displays was great, and the train raffle was a blow out success, so were the donation cans. On the first day there we were asked if we could do an indoor display for their Candle light Ceremony in late December. This overrides some days we will be at the Cradle, but the Cradle is day time, and Candle light is an evening event. I had asked all those attending the September meeting if we should participate in the display for the

Candle light Ceremony. The vote was an overwhelming yes. When the time comes I only hope those that raised their hands will be out to help run trains and work the raffle! Old Bethpage was notified that we will do the Candle light Ceremony. As of this writing we have not heard back.

It is with sad notice that long time member Bob Gibney has passed away, I only met Bob. A few times, two of those times stick out in my mind. One was when we had the 50th anniversary of the 1964-65 World's Fair display. Bob had built a special pre Civil War coach using two coaches and kit bashing to make one coach a beautiful coach. The second time was when Bob had an open house a few years ago; when I walked into his backyard I was completely blown away. It was beautiful, miniature trees, custom made buildings and a great track plan. It was a fairly large layout.



(editor's note; see the link on page 6 to view many photos of this lovely layout that were taken at a meeting at Bob Gibney's house)

Now something I believe all seasoned members will tell new members, **start small and then grow your layout**, Bob's layout is large, mine is too large and may never be complete. This brings me to this past September's meeting at Geraldine Coney's home. She had a small beautiful layout 6ft x 8ft. It had miniature live plants, people, cars, trucks and buildings. The layout had two switches all beautifully blended to form a very nice display. Her dis-

play is an example of small can be just as nice, beautiful, and as interesting as a large layout.



At our October meeting I am asking that any and all members working on a personal or club related train project to be at that meeting. This is to share with other members our various projects. We did the same at George Stamataides' meeting this past July and it was a great success.

Our November meeting will be at the Cradle. What I need is a food committee. If we don't get one setup there will not be coffee, cake, bagels! I would like some different members on this food committee than those who ran the last few at the Cradle. They did a great job, now let's have some others share the load, thank you. If interested in helping please contact Nick Guarino.

Christmas Luncheon / Dinner think about what you would like also may need a planning committee for such.

The committees for food and our Christmas get together will be discussed at the October meeting.

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

God bless and please stay safe.

Mike Kmeth



We Had A Winner!

The winning ticket for the raffle of a Piko starter set, held at this Summer's ground display at the Old Bethpage Village Restoration was pulled on the last day, which was Sunday, Sept. 5.

The lucky person is Bridget Tambini. She purchased raffle ticket for her 10 year old nephew who loves trains. We wish her family many happy hours with it.



From The Secretary Meeting Minutes



LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY INC. MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 18, 2021

May we have 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 @ 12:00 PM. A motion was made by Tom Rizzo, seconded by Lou Cortese to open the meeting. We had 23 members present, 36 proxies and 1 junior. We have a quorum.

Mike welcomed us all to our September Nomination in person meeting at Gerry Coney and Bill Arndt's house. Mike thanked Gerry and Bill for hosting our meeting. Mike also thanked Gerry and Bill for the nice spread of food and drink they are serving us here today.

First Order Of Business - Proposed By Law Changes – These were posted in the September issue of Smoke n' Cinders. Mike asked if anyone had any questions. None were asked. A motion to accept the changes as posted in Smoke n' Cinders by Nick Guarino, seconded by Tom Rizzo. Motion approved by more than 2/3 of membership present.

President Mike then asked for a motion to read the June 26, 2021 meeting minutes or forego the reading and accept them as written. Lou Cortese made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Ed Assaf.

Reports:

Treasurers' Report --was given by Ed Assaf as Bob Sewall was unable to make it today..

Fourth Quarter 2020-2021 (7/1/21 thru 9/30/21) Starting balance \$9,389.56 ending balance \$9,731.76 YTD report as of 9/16/21 starting balance was \$9,698.98 ending balance of \$9,731.76

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

Family 18, Ext Fam 2, Life 5, Honorary 3, Junior 4

Program Director – Nick Guarino upcoming meeting dates

October 16th Meeting – at Dorothy Mahon's

November 14 - (Election of Officers) should be at COA, this needs to be confirmed

December – Nick will look into dinner at the

Snapper Inn

January 2022 BOD - Saturday 8 General meeting Sunday 16 Location to be confirmed

February 2022 Saturday 12 Auction meeting Location to be confirmed

March 2022 Sunday 20 Location to be confirmed.

Modular Coordinator – Ed Assaf said the module for the new crossover tracks is almost completed. The new Lift Bridge is coming along nicely. Ed also noted we have approximately 5 extra modules. If anyone is interested in populating one of those modules please call Ed. If you need help we have many members that can help and give advice. You can also use blue prints from the club library to build things.

Review of Shows & Events:

August 28 & 29 – RMLI Mike stated several members came out for the weekend of running trains and had two nice days but wished more members took advantage of it.



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.

Picnic – August 21 - Mike and Pattie stated it went well with 6 people doing the work. Approximately 45 people were in attendance of which 23 were members. The club made \$10.00.

Bethpage Village Restoration - LI Fair - Sept. 3rd, 4th, & 5th Mike stated as this was our first time for the fair we did very well. We had multiple trains running at the same time. The comments from people were all very positive, and the train set raffle was the best ever did. They want us back for next year and asked about us doing a winter event indoors.

Upcoming Shows & Events:

Christmas party – Nick will look into dinner at the Snapper Inn.

Sayville Historical – Table top display - e mail sent 7/21/21 Waiting to hear back

Clark Botanic Gardens – Have not heard back so we will not be doing it.

Bethpage Village Restoration - Table top display in the evening for 1 week. We need volunteers to step up? More info to come

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

Sayville Garden Club – Trains in the Garden Presentation, Monday, January 10, 2022

Bethpage HS – 2022 modular display no info at this time

Photo Contest – Congratulations to Mike Kmeth for this month's winning photo of a Biergarten was on Paul Bonney's Strong Island RR. Please remember to take pictures and send your best picture to Louise Sewall.

Chic Chat Corner – 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 club's 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.

New Business:

Election Nominations – State the 5 positions that are open. At this time Mike called for nominations from the floor for the positions up for elections one at a time as follows:

Vice President - George Stamataides was nominated and accepted, by Ed Assaf, second Frank Clemente

Treasurer – Bob Sewall, was nominated and accepted, by Ed Assaf, second Pat Russo

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From The Secretary - BOD



LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY, Inc. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING AUGUST 28, 2021

Attendance: President Mike Kmeth, Vice President Steve Gaherty, Secretary Karl Wagner, Membership Director Tom Rizzo, Program Director Nick Guarino, Directors at Large, Louis Cortese, Frank Clemente, Pat Russo, Ed Assaf and Member Georgianna Gaherty

President Mike Kmeth asked that the meeting be opened @ 10:15 AM. A motion was made by Tom Rizzo and seconded by Nick Guarino

President Mike Kmeth asked for a motion to forgo the reading and approve the minutes of the April 10th, 2021 BOD. Lou Cortese made a motion to accept as is, seconded by Nick Guarino. BOD approved.

President – Mike Kmeth - Discussion with Board on which, if any, members will receive Golden Spike Awards or Certificates of Appreciation. They were noted by the secretary. Mike appointed Ed Assaf as Election Committee Chairperson as per article IV.

Ed Assaf made a motion seconded by Tom Rizzo to incorporate the new proposed Quorum calculation for the September Nominating meeting and the November Election voting meeting for this (1) one time change only, ahead of the anticipated Jan 1 starting date of total membership. We will use the August 1 membership number for the calculation. BOD approved with 2 No votes Bob Sewall and Karl Wagner.

Treasurer's Report – was given Ed Assaf as Bob Sewall was unable to attend. Ed gave a synopsis of the report: Year to Date 2020- 2021 as of 8/28/20 Starting \$9,698.98 Ending \$9,721.22 The 4th Quarter 7/1/21 -9/30/21 Starting \$9,389.56 Ending \$9,721.22. It was noted that the Financial Director recommended that dues not be raised. After a discussion a motion to raise the dues \$5 by Frank Clemente, there was no second. A motion by Lou Cortese and seconded by Nick Guarino was voted and approved with 1 no vote (treasurer) to raise dues only \$10 for the individual rate of \$50 and Family be kept at \$15 each addition member.

Membership Report - Tom Rizzo – No Report

Program Director – Nick Guarino

September 18th Meeting – at Bill Arndt and Geraldine Coney's House.

October 16th Meeting – at Dorothy Mahon

November.- 14 (Election of Officers) at COA &

time to be confirmed

December - Holiday party still in question

January 2022 - BOD Saturday 8 Gen Sunday 16
Location to be confirmed

February 2022 - Saturday 12 Auction meeting
Location to be confirmed

March 2022 - Sunday 20 Location to be confirmed

Bob Russo Memorial – Sept 11 10 AM at Bayard

Anniversary for 2021 (30years) – Karl Wagner info pending

Modular Coordinator – Ed Assaf – New switches for entrance to storage yard. Nick gave us a pair to try if acceptable we can purchase them from Nick. A motion was made by Lou Cortese second by Frank Clemente to purchase one left hand switch from Nick for \$80 BOD approved. Ed noted we have some empty modules for people to decorate if they want. Please contact Ed if you want to do this.



Review Shows & Events:

Picnic – Pat & Mike Total attendance was less than 50 people only about 21 members. A big thank you to all of Patty's helpers. Everyone had fun riding the trains. Maybe have it someplace else next year.

Upcoming Shows and Events:

Riverhead Railroad Museum: invited us for two days to run trains. The public will be there Aug 28 & 29 11AM to 3 PM

Bethpage Village Restoration - LI Fair - Sept. 3rd, 4th, & 5th I fear we are not going to have enough members manning for three long hard days plus setup. Already some members have said to me they are not available on the 5th I feel we need min. of four members each day of running. One of which has to run raffle, and be a Board member. Remember the raffle is starting to play a bigger part as our membership has been in decline.

Christmas party – Snapper Inn **NO** Brunch available at this time 8/23/21, but what about dinner at some restaurant?

Sayville Historical– Table top display - e mail sent 7/21/21. Waiting to hear back

Daisy Garden – Floor display, will not be done

this year

Clark Botanic Gardens – Table top display - e mail sent 7/21/21 (house closed at this time except for restrooms) Waiting to hear back

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

Ground Displays Red Trailer – New tires and inspection should be done by Lou, Frank & Bruce.

Modular Display Green Trailer - Need inspection before year end

New Business:

By-Laws Committee Update: Will be posted in Sn'C September issue so it can be voted on by the General membership

Policy - Surviving Spouse Policy – Voted on and approved by the BOD

Auction – This will be at our regular Feb meeting as usual

New Business –

Who reads S n C? Trick question and prize, they have to read S n' C to get a prize. Work on by Mike and Tom.

Winner of raffle gets one year free membership in LIGRS. This needs to go on display signs and or tickets.

On raffle ticket add the wording; *Winner to make arrangements to pickup train set.* Has this been done? Need to ask Bob Sewall

Swapping Trailers – Starting Tuesday Sept 28 at RMLI work will be done to swap equipment in the trailers as Module needs more room.

Electronic proxy on the web site? Louise Sewall working on this.

Reminder for Quartermaster to conduct the annual inventory for presentation at the Nov. or next Board Meeting.

Reminder for Finance Officer to prepare the Annual Report of the Directors for presentation to the club at the November General meeting.

Mike - Club meetings have to change. We need to make them more interesting, get more

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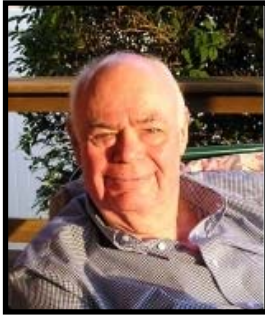
In Memory of Bob Gibney

Bob Gibney passed away last month. He was our very first Smoke n' Cinders editor. A job which he faithfully carried out for a number of years. In addition, he was one of our founding members and also held the position of Treasurer.

He and his wife Bea hosted meetings which displayed his lovely backyard layout. The ladies were fond of viewing it from their large, covered deck. See photos at the following link. <https://ligrs2016events.shutterfly.com/176#177>

Bob was also involved in war reenactments staged by the Royal Welsh Fusiliers. <http://rwfia.org/wp/>

Good bye "eddi-tour"



From The Secretary BOD (Continued)



members to take part. We need to get members talking about what they are working on or show us what it is and talk about how they made it.

Club projects must be open and offered to all club members, I also realize it is a double edge sword; we have 10 people working on something requiring two. Maybe those that have the talent can show the rest of us how things are done so we all can better our skill sets.

Vertical Lift Bridge for Modules- Tom Rizzo, Lou Cortese, Ed Assaf, Karl Wagner, Anthony Bliss.

A list was read to the BOD with approximate pricing for parts. A motion was made by Tom Rizzo second by Frank Clements to approve a max club expenditure of \$500 for this project.

2024 Convention – discussion was tabled

Next Board regularly scheduled BOD meeting will be Saturday January 8 2022 @ COA

Lou Cortese made a motion to close the meeting, seconded by Frank Clemente. Motion approved

Meeting ended at 2:26 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Karl Wagner
Secretary



From the Secretary Meeting Minutes (Continued)



Membership Director – Anthony Bliss, was nominated and accepted, by Ed Assaf, second Frank Clemente

Director at Large – Lou Cortese, was nominated and accepted, by Nick Guarino, second Anthony Bliss

Director at Large – Pat Russo was nominated and accepted, by Karl Wagner, second Tom Rizzo

Mike stated the election meeting will be Nov 14. If you cannot attend please send a proxy to the Election Chairperson Ed Assaf. Please try to attend

Nominations are now closed.

Happy Birthday was sung to junior member Matthew Crehan on his 14th Birthday.

50/50 was won by Pat Russo. \$12 for Patti and \$13 for our club.

Next General meeting will be Saturday October 16 at Dorothy Mahon's.

Frank Clemente made a motion to close the meeting, seconded by Bruce Kropp. Motion approved. Meeting ended @ 12:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karl Wagner
Secretary



Chic Chat Corner



9/11/2021

On my personal calendar September 11 will always be a sad day remembering those lost. This year, the 20th Anniversary, however, it was also a day to recall a member of the Long Island Garden Railway Society.

Pat Russo invited us all to spend a little time at Bayard cutting Arboretum remembering Bob and to see the bench and tree purchased by Bayard Cutting and the Long Island Garden Railway Society. It is in a beautiful location along the water's edge and among the magnificent trees that had special memories for Bob and Pat.

Ed Assaf reminded us all, as no one else could do, of special and personal memories of Bob: his love of trains, family, friends and Pat. It was nice to see fellow club members and meet Bob and Pat's family. It was most certainly a most fitting reminder of "friends lost but not forgotten", thank you Pat, we will all remember Bob.

By Judy Rizzo

Below is a photo of Pat, Melissa, Pat's son and grandson. Thanks to Ed Assaf.



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

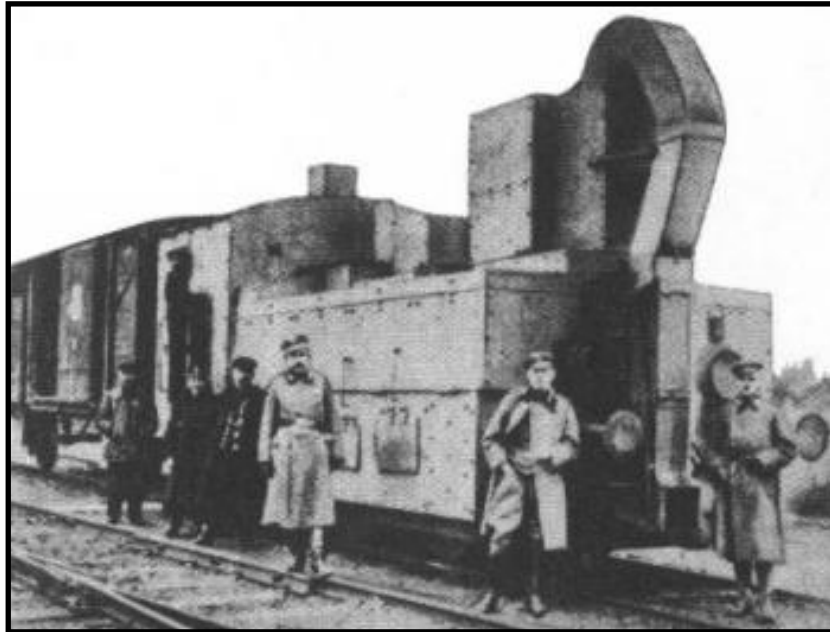


Photo Contest Winner



“Shall I Cross The Tracks Or Not” this month’s winning photo, was taken by Mike Kmeth on his Sun Valley Garden Railroad



September Meeting At Geri Coney & Bill Arndt's



Ed Assaf commented:

It's one of the nicest new RRs of any size I've seen in a long time. I suggest that Geri do a Chic Chat Corner column (of 2 or more) on how anyone can build and maintain a railway in a small space. My guess is 5' X 8' with a small investment of both time and \$.



A Modeling Idea from Dave Smith



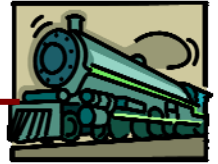
I needed a headlight lens for a large scale locomotive. I found that Googly Eyes come in many different sizes at Hobby Lobby. Using a sharp #11 blade laid flat on a work surface, I was able to cleanly cut off the white backing and was left with a concave clear lens. .

What the Heck Puzzle Solution

The locomotive of the Polish armored train Saper



Elections



Elections will be held at the November meeting. If you can not attend, please fill out a proxy form (see below) and give to another member in order to ensure that we have a quorum and are able to have an official meeting. Thanks to the following candidates for accepting their nominations.

- Candidates**
 George Stamataides — Vice President
 Bob Sewall — Treasurer
 Anthony Bliss — Membership Director
 Lou Cortese — Director at Large
 Pat Russo — Director at Large

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:

Please note: Dues renewal policy change. As per By-Laws revisions, all renewal dues are to be sent to the treasurer at the LIGRS P.O. Box (see below)

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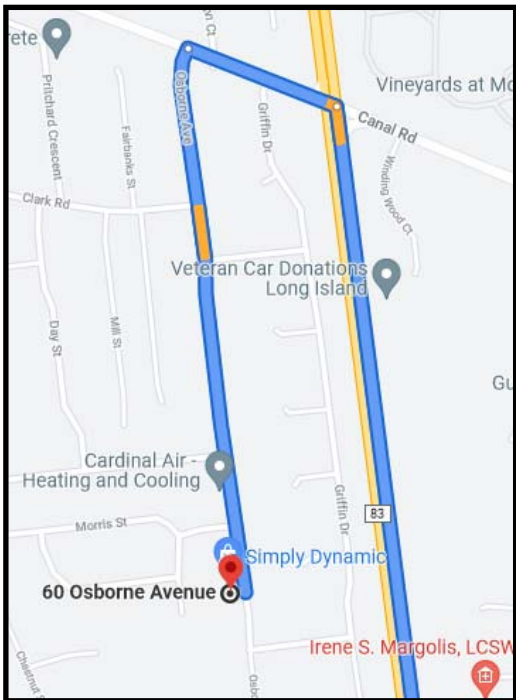
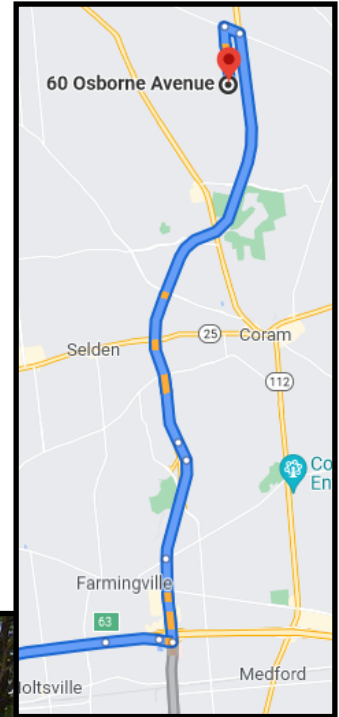
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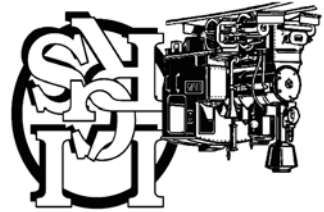


Directions to MONTHLY MEETING
SATURDAY
October 16th, 2021
Host: Dorothy Mahon
60 Osborn Avenue, Mt Sinai, NY 11766
11:00-3:00



- Take the LIE to exit 63 merge onto Express Drive South.
- Use the left 3 lanes to turn left and go north on N Ocean Ave.
- Continue onto Patchogue-Mount Sinai Rd.
- Turn left onto Canal Rd
- Turn left onto Osborne Ave.
- #60 is on the right.





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Happy Halloween!



“ Use your imagination not to scare yourself to death but to inspire yourself to life. “
Adele Brookman