

October 2022



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY INC.

Smoke n' Cinders



October 15th SATURDAY
Hosts: Paul & Elizabeth Bonney
11:00am
Rain date Oct. 16th
23 Wellfleet Road, East Rockaway,



Elections will be held at the **November** meeting.
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

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.

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.

Our ground display at the Old Bethpage Village Restoration for the annual Long Island Fair was a success. The Piko starter set was raffled off on the last day. Winner information and photo will appear in next month's Sn'C. More display photos appear on page 6.



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2022-2023 LIGRS Meetings & Events Schedule

Date	Program/Notes	Time	Place
Oct. 15, 2022 SATURDAY	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Paul & Elizabeth Bonney
Nov. 12, 2022 SATURDAY	Monthly Meeting Elections	11:00 AM	Wantagh Park Marina Building
Jan. 14, 2023	BOD Meeting	10:00 AM	COA
Jan. 21, 2023	General Meeting	11:00 AM	TBD
Dec. 11, 2022	Christmas Party	TBA	Snapper Inn
Feb. 2023	General Meeting	11:00 AM	TBD
Mar. 2023	General Meeting	11:00 AM	TBD
Apr. 2023	TBA		
May, 2023	General Meeting	11:00 AM	Hosts needed
June, 2023	General Meeting	11:00 AM	Hosts needed
July. 2023	General Meeting	11:00 AM	Paul Simon
August, 2023	Summer Picnic	11:00 AM	TBD
Sept. 2023	General Meeting	11:00 AM	Mike Kmeth
Oct., 2023	General Meeting	11:00 AM	Hosts needed
Nov., 2023	General Meeting	11:00 AM	TBD

View From The Cab

For myself, I felt September was a very busy month. Board meeting, combined with a run day at Riverhead, then Long Island Fair at Old Bethpage, and finally our September general meeting at George's home in Flanders.

The Long Island Fair was well received by the public; we had four tracks running continuously for the three days the fair was open. One back and forth track, one elevated, and two ground tracks. Many members attending brought their own trains to run, only the Bud car on the back and forth was a club car. On the first day of setup, we only completed the elevated track; it was one of those southern Florida days, hot and humid. We couldn't continue, we were all wiped out. The next day we had a good membership turn out, much cooler and dryer weather. We completed the two ground tracks and back and forth, plus all buildings were set out. Some buildings were the club's, and many other buildings were member's personal buildings. The third day of set up, four members went to a horticultural wholesaler who donated all the plants (thank you Emma's Garden). With their cars and vans full they went back to Old Bethpage to finish off the display. While working the raffle table many people keep telling me they had no idea of the hobby of running trains in the garden. I hear this time and time again at our public events. The photos on the bulletin board showing club member's garden layouts is also a big hit. Besides our public display it shows the public what garden railroading is all about. The display illustrates small 6 x 8ft to very large 30 x 60ft member layouts.

We have a raffle winner. See future treasurer's report and pictures for details.

Turnout for our September meeting was very good, Weather was very breezy, so George moved the meeting into his two-car garage,

which worked very nicely. This garage has doors back and front. When the meeting concluded the back door was opened, the wind had died down. George and Connie supplied guests with Greek treats. If you have never been to George's house in Flanders, you missed a beautiful setting. He is on a canal that overlooks the Peconic Bay. Many in attendance went out to eat and enjoy the beautiful setting.

This September meeting was very important as it is time to nominate new board members. Of course no one volunteered except Pat, for the secretary position. George was nominated for President, Anthony Marino for Program Director, Frank and Paul Bonney for Directors at Large. All accepted their position with no



challenges. (*Editor's note*, See quote below from our bylaws describing how the election will be conducted in November).

George doesn't have a garden railroad; however he is in the earliest stages of building an indoor layout. The table is up, and a few pieces of track are resting on it.

Now that club business is quiet for a few weeks it's time to get back to our house projects and trains. Well, the other day I decided to weed Kathleen's rock garden and whimsical railroad, I found Chip and Dale and their relatives (chipmunks) at it again undermining the rock garden and railroad. At first, I didn't no-

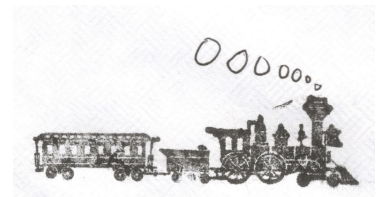
tice anything but weeds until I started walking around. As I walked through some weeds, I felt a rise in the ground that shouldn't be there, it should be level. I proceeded to weed that mound area and found a pile of soil equivalent to 10 to 15 gallons of soil. How these little critters move so much soil is amazing. I also noticed little holes in various places, these I guess are the monks' entrances and exits. Just another project that gets in the way of rebuilding my railroad!

Upcoming shows, Old Bethpage tabletop and Cradle of Aviation modular displays. These will be at Christmas time. Dates posted as soon as we have them. There is a slim possibility of a Sayville Historical Society tabletop event.

George sent all club members Super 50/50 chances a few weeks ago. It's time to get your 50/50 chance tickets in along with the money. Before you know it drawing time will be upon us! Thank you.

Always view e-mails and the calendar of events in our newsletter for updates and their locations in Sn'C.

Mike Kmeth



By-Laws Quote

By-Laws Appendix C Section 1: Uncontested Balloting Procedure

In the event that only one candidate was nominated for each and every office up for election at the Nominating Meeting, the slate of uncontested candidates and their respective offices shall be published in the "Smoke n' Cinders" newsletter between the Nomination Meeting and the Election Meeting. At the Elec-

tion Meeting the presiding officer shall designate the ranking officer present, as specified in Article VI, Section 1, not standing for election, to cast one vote for each candidate thereby validating the election of the uncontested nominees to their respective offices. (The by-laws are posted online at <https://ligrs.club/forms/rules/policy>



From The Secretary Meeting Minutes



LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY INC.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING SEPT. 24, 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 Ray Shelton, seconded by Paul Simon to open the meeting. We had 30 members present, 1 proxy. We have a quorum.

Mike welcomed us all to our September meeting at George and Connie Stamataides' house. It was little cool in the morning, so we started in the garage and later moved outside.

President Mike then asked for a motion to read the July 16, 2022 meeting minutes or forego the reading and accept them as written. Motion was made by Nick Guarino and second by Rick Bishop to accept the minutes as written.

Reports:

Treasurers' Report – Ed Assaf the YTD as of 9/24/22 Starting Balance as \$9,968.81 ending Balance as \$9,224.56. If you have any questions, please see ED and he will answer any questions you may have.

Membership Report – Anthony Bliss was unable to attend today but sent in the following report: Individual 24, Family 19, Life 6, Honorary 5, Junior 3 No new members

Program Director – Nick Guarino Stated the following meeting dates:

October 15 Saturday @ Paul & Elizabeth Bonney

November 12 – Saturday @ Wantagh Marina in Wantagh Park ELECTION MEETING

January 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 May, June, & Oct. July was taken by Paul Simon and September was taken by Mike Kmeth

Review of Shows & Events:

Picnic @ RMLI August 20– Mike noted all attending had a good time, and lots of food.

Fun Run Day RMLI September 10– Mike stated

a few members came and ran trains. He had hoped that a few more members would have shown.

Long Island Fair September 16-18 – Mike commented that we had a good member turnout for set up, show dates, and take down. In talking with patrons attending the fair many had never seen or even knew Garden Railroading existed.

Upcoming Displays and Events:

Old Bethpage Restoration Village Winter Program - Nick Guarino [has confirmation we will be there just waiting on the final dates and times to be ironed out.](#)

Cradle of Aviation – Ed Assaf has confirmation we will be there, and the final dates and times are being ironed out.

Christmas Party – Nick Guarino asked for a show of hands if we wanted a Christmas luncheon, it was an overwhelming yes. Nick then provided menus and pricing from Miller Ridge Inn and Snapper Inn. Majority raised their hand for the Snapper Inn. Then Nick gave two dates Dec 4 and Dec 11 both are Sundays. Vote was for Dec 11. Ray Shelton put forth a motion seconded by Frank Clemente that the club pick up the administrative fees and Gratuities, Motion passed.

Photo Contest – Congratulations to this month's winner Karl Wagner, the winning picture was from a past event at Planting Fields Arboretum. A link to the rules is on the LIGRS web page (Member Info/Form, rules & Policy). Please remember to take pictures and send your best picture to Louise Sewall.

Chic Chat Corner –Take a look in the September 2022 Smoke n' Cinders page 5 for the web link to watch a video of a new tunnel bypass construction on John Girolamo's Greenbelt Railway. He is running a nice long freight through it. Remember you can write about almost anything here at Chic Chat Corner. Send your thoughts to Louise Sewall.

Club Resource Library – Nick Guarino stated that basically no one uses the video library, book or plans that the club has. A discussion was held with what to do with everything. Ray Shelton made a motion which was seconded by Dan Saporito to try and sell everything at club events and then donate the rest of it to the RMLI or a library, motion passed.

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 had 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 will be ordering more metal wheels. If you are interested, please let him know how many as he is looking to buy in quantity to try for a better price.

The BOD put forth the recommendation that dues stay the same for 2023. The BOD also created a new category of dues – Student ages 18-22 dues \$25. All Approved.

Election Nominations – Since Mike was not running, he chaired the election nominations. Mike called for nominations for all the open positions. The following are the results. All those nominated accepted:

President; Ed Assaf nominated George Stamataides, seconded by Ray Shelton

Secretary; Dan Saporito nominated Pat Russo, seconded by Karl Wagner

Program Director; Nick Guarino nominated Anthony Marino, seconded by Dan Saporito

Director at Large; Ed Assaf nominated Paul Bonney, seconded by Pat Russo

Director at Large; Ed Assaf nominated Frank Clemente, seconded Pat Russo

Director at Large; Lou Cortese nominated Ray Shelton, seconded by Nick Guarino

Nominations were then closed.

50/50 was won by Judy Rizzo \$14 for Judy and \$15 for our club.

Next General meeting will be Saturday Oct 15th at Paul & Elizabeth Bonney's house.

Lou Cortese made a motion to close the meeting seconded by Frank Clemente. Motion approved. Meeting ended @ 1:04 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Karl Wagner, Secretary

From The Secretary - BOD



LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY, Inc. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 10, 2022 HELD AT THE RMLI

Attendance: President Mike Kmeth, Vice President George Stamataides, Bob Sewall, Frank Clemente, Secretary Karl Wagner, Program Director Nick Guarino, Directors at Large, Louis Cortese, Paul Bonney, Ed Assaf

President Mike Kmeth asked that the meeting be opened @ 10:08 AM. A motion was made by Ed Assaf and seconded by Lou Cortese.

President Mike thanked the members of RMLI for letting us hold our meeting and being able to run trains here all day.

President Mike Kmeth asked for a motion to forgo the reading and approve the minutes of the July 6, 2022 BOD. Ed Assaf made a motion to accept, seconded by Paul Bonney. BOD approved.

President – Mike Kmeth noted the resignation from Director Frank Clemente and Treasurer Bob Sewall. Mike then appointed Ed Assaf as Club Treasurer, Ed accepted. The Corporate Resolution was adopted by the BOD for Ed Assaf to be the Treasurer and organization System Administrator for online Banking with Bethpage Federal Credit Union.

Treasurer's Report – Ed Assaf gave a synopsis of the report: Year to Date 2021- 2022 as of 9/10/2022 Starting \$9,968.81 Ending \$9,051.05

ED recommended no increase in dues for 2023 BOD approved

ED will check the PO box

ED made a motion to create the discount dues to \$25.00 for students age 18 till their 22 Birthday, seconded by Nick Guarino. BOD approved

Membership Report – Anthony Bliss stated we have Individual 24, Family 19, Life 6, Honorary 5 and junior 3 New members John and Denise Girolamo.

Program Director – Nick Guarino noted Next General Meeting is Sept 24 @ at George Stamataides, Oct 15 @ Paul Bonney, and Nov 12 @ Wantagh Park. No meeting dates for next year currently.

Modular Coordinator – Ed Assaf – No dates for Christmas COA currently

Review Shows & Events:

Fun Run RMLI July 23 – Mike stated several members came out to run trains on a hot day. All had a good time.

Picnic – August 20 @ RMLI – Mike noted about 30 club members, there was plenty of food for all. Everyone smiled and had a good time



Upcoming Shows and Events:

Long Island Fair @
Bethpage Restoration
Village Sept 16-18 Set
up is Sept. 13, 14 & 15

Take down Sept 19 Raffle set has been purchased for the fair.

Bethpage Restoration Village Christmas Program - Nick will ask Anthony Marino if he will be the chairperson for us and reach out to them about the dates and times. A train set still needs to be purchased for the raffle.

Christmas COA - Ed still working on this for dates. Train set still needs to be purchased for the raffle.

Old Business –

Vertical Lift Bridge for Modules- no updates at

this time for National GR Newsletter.

The Thank you plaque was presented to the Railroad Museum of Long Island. See a picture of it in our Sept. Newsletter.

Back and Forth for a trolley for tabletop displays has been purchase and works indoor and outdoor. Thank you to Anthony Bliss.

Power supplies. We purchased a Blue Streak from Pat Russo. Ed still looking into USA Trains power supply.

Christmas Party – Nick will have info from Milleridge Inn by the Sept. 24 General meeting so the members can vote on it.

New Business:

RMLI engine 39 Brick fund raising. Wording has been approved by the BOD. Form with check to be given to RMLI

Second Annual 50/50 George Stamataides has sent them out to club members.

Tax Status update - George Stamataides waiting on feedback to come back from Legal-Zoom.

Next Board regularly scheduled BOD meeting will be Saturday, January 14, 2023, Ed Assaf to confirm with COA.

George Stamataides made a motion to close the meeting, seconded by Lou Cortese. Motion approved

Meeting ended at 11:30 AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Karl Wagner

Secretary



Attention Veterans

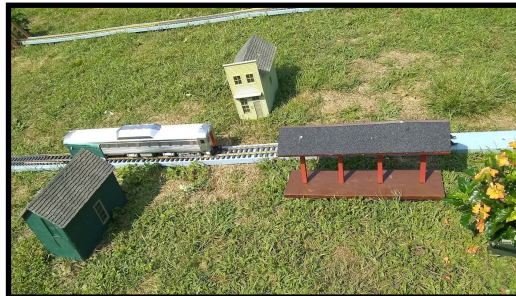


In order to recognize and honor LIGRS members who have served during any time or are currently serving, please contact Louise Sewall at 516.541.4837 or email info to louisesevall@verizon.net with your branch of service and specific years served.

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

Old Bethpage Village Restoration/Long Island Fair photos

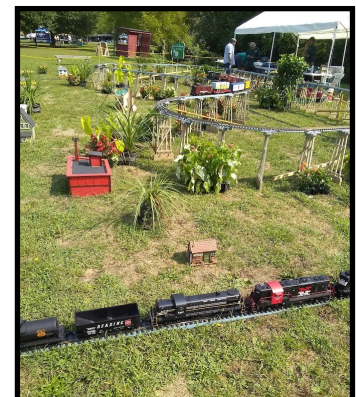
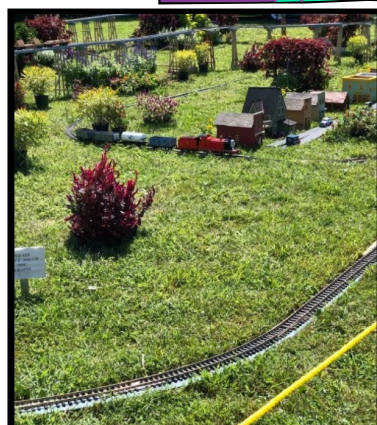
President Mike explains the hobby to a lady.



Vice President George invites a child to pick the winning train set raffle ticket.

The winner is Luke Luboja from New Hyde Park.

Louie and George heckle Ed while he is trying to get the glue to set on a repair project.

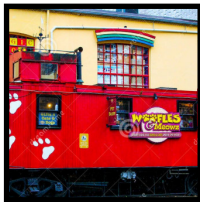


Chic Chat Corner by Dave Smith



This is a "this n' that" about the Canadian based Rocky Mountaineer train tour. A 9+ hour, two-day, train ride begins in Vancouver BC, with a night hotel sleep over stop in Kamloops. The final destination is Jasper AB. There's also an option that takes a different route out of Vancouver and riders sleep on the train. I was told by several people that have done both that the stopover in a hotel is preferable. Too, by the end of the second day of spectacular scenery, even I as a train buff was ready for some feet on the ground activity.

The first day before boarding allowed a visit to Greenville Island which is a tourist shopping area. There is an interesting operating cement plant located there as well as a Canadian National boxcar converted into a caboose that now serves as a pet treat shop.



The day I rode, the RM consisted of 22 passenger cars pulled by two EMD GP40-2L locomotives and a power generator.



The Canadian Pacific and Canadian National tracks that the RM use have freight train superiority and many times the passenger train waits for freight to pass, and what trains they are! Consist after consist of 200+ cars, mostly single type cars of covered hoppers, stack packs and open hoppers. Most had two locomotives in front, a single locomotive mid-train and a single locomotive bringing up the rear.



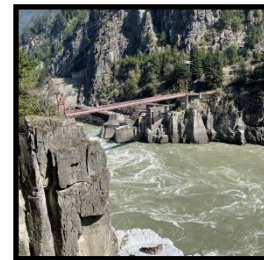
One confusing open hopper load for me was of small looking gravel that appeared to be very wet. I was told this was coal but this was nothing like any coal I ever saw. Turns out it is coal that has been ground down to a fine size for more complete burning and train after train was headed to.... China.



You'll be told that both sides of the train offer the same views but, to a rail fan, this isn't true. Sitting on the left (fireman's side) will allow one to see the immense yard operations in Vancouver. Too, the river and therefore an unobstructed view of the mountains are better seen from the left.



There WILL be times when a highlight is on the right-hand side but for these types of scenes the train will slow down and it is better to go down to the open platform and take an unobstructed photo than through the coach glass. One of these is "Hells Gate".



There will be plenty of other chances for spectacular scenery and memorable photos but don't forget to just relax and make memories with your vision and not just your camera.



One highlight for me was passing the historic site where the last spike was driven that linked the Canadian shores together. Like the one in the USA, this one act changed Canadian history forever.



If you have the opportunity, I would recommend this once in a lifetime train trip.

Dave & Carol Smith



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

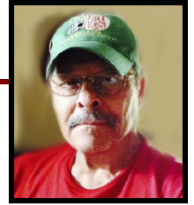


Photo Contest Winner

“Over and Under” this month’s winning photo, was taken by Karl Wagner on Steve Borokowski’s Crystal Falls RR



September Meeting At Connie & George Stamataides



George kept all the members attending the meeting comfortable by moving the tables, chairs and refreshments into his heated, two car garage. We accomplished a lot of club business, including the election nominations. As the day warmed up many moved back outside to enjoy the lovely day and view. Thanks again George and Connie.

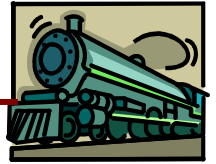


What the Heck Puzzle Solution



The slowest train is the Metupalayam Ooty Nilgiri which runs as slow as 6mph. At that speed you could jump off and back on if you drop something. The Nilgiri Mountain Railway (NMR) is a world heritage train in India, which attracts numerous tourists travelling to Ooty. Nilgiri Mountain Railway commonly known as Toy train or Nilgiri passenger travels between Mettupalayam to Ooty daily and it covers a distance of 26 km and passes through 208 curves, 16 tunnels and 250 bridges.

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.

All Candidates Are Uncontested
George Stamataides — President
Pat Russo — Secretary
Anthony Marino — Program Director
Paul Bonney — Director at Large
Frank Clemente — Director at Large
Ray Shelton — 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 _____



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 membership 18-22 years old \$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:

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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SATURDAY

October 15th, 2022

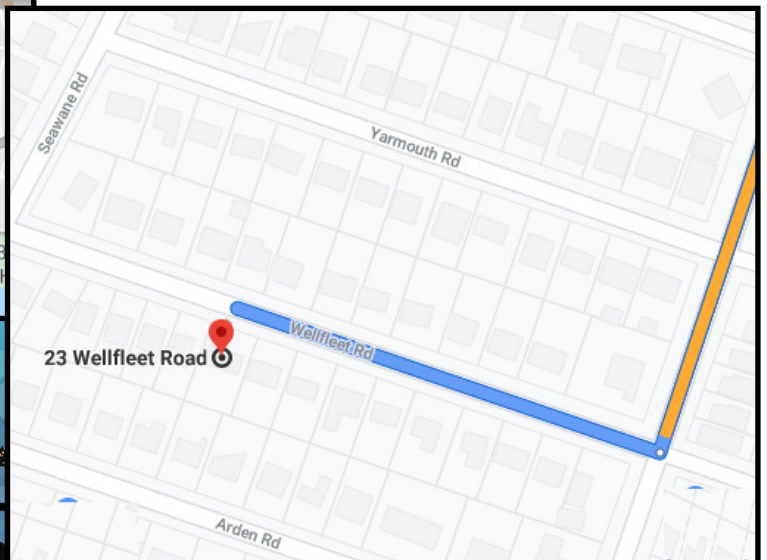
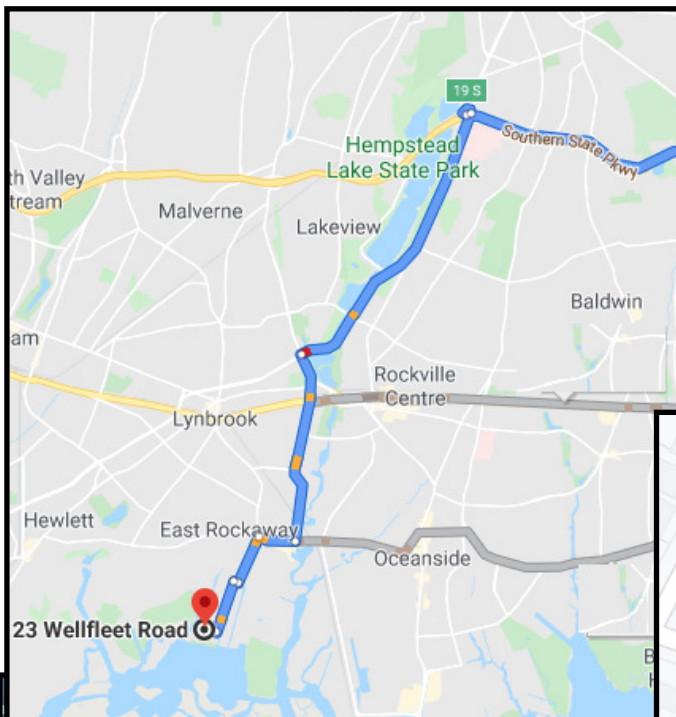
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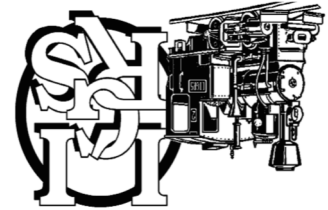
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23 Wellfleet Road, East Rockaway, NY 11518



- Take Southern State Pkwy **towards NYC** to Peninsula Blvd in West Hempstead, exit 19 S
- Make left off of Peninsula on-to Ocean Ave.
- Right on Atlantic Ave
- Left on Baisley Ave in East Rockaway
- Right on North Blvd for one block
- Left on Hewlett Point Ave.
- Wellfleet Rd will be on the right, however park on the side streets as parking on Wellfleet is limited.





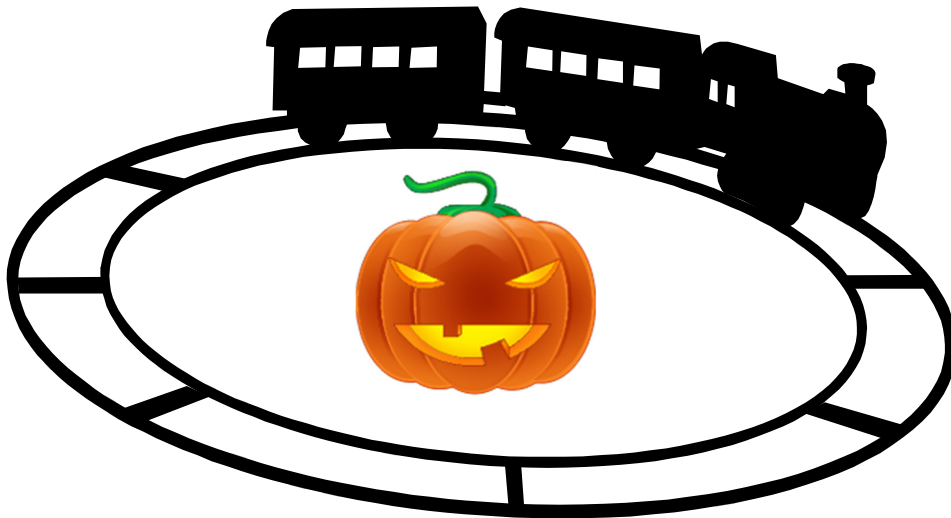
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Happy Halloween!



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