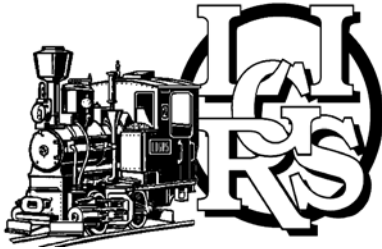


September 2020



Monthly Meeting Hosts
Paul, Eileen and Matthew Bonney
SATURDAY Sept. 19, 11:00 AM
Rain date Sept 20

23 Wellfleet Road, East Rockaway, NY 11518

IMPORTANT see Attn. LIGRS members on p. 8



Reminder that our nominations and elections are coming up. The following terms of club positions are expiring:

President, Secretary, Program Director, Director-at-large (2)

Please consider who you would like to nominate for these positions. Or if you are interested in running for one of the positions, have a member in good standing nominate you.

Nominations will be taken at the September meeting.

Incumbents will not be upset or insulted if you run for the office that they currently occupy.

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY INC

Smoke n' Cinders

Our in person meeting policy as posted on LIGRS.org

LIGRS COVID-19 Policy

All in-person club sanctioned activities, meetings, shows, displays and presentations involving membership presence shall conform with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's COVID19 general infection control protocols (face masks, social distancing to the extent possible, hand washing/sanitizing, etc.) for the duration of the pandemic emergency irrespective of the venue's policy. These protocols shall apply to all members as well as any persons accompanying them. This policy is being enacted by the Board of Directors of the Long Island Garden Railway Society, Inc. in the interest of protecting and respecting the health, wellbeing and safety of the club's membership, keeping in mind the number of members considered at risk due to their age and/or underlying medical conditions. The club will make disposable adult face masks, hand sanitizers and disinfectant wipes available at sanctioned events to participating LIGRS members and accompanying individuals as needed. Members are ultimately responsible for assessing their personal health situation and their willingness to accept any inherent risks when deciding to attend any LIGRS event.

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2020 LIGRS Meetings & Events Schedule

Date	Program/Notes	Time	Place
August 29-30, 2020	Railfest	Was cancelled	RMLI at Riverhead
Sept. 12, 2020	BOD Meeting	10:00 AM	ZOOM MEETING
Sept. 19, 2020 SATURDAY (Rain date Sept. 20)	Monthly Meeting And Nominations	11:00 AM	Paul Bonney
Oct., 2020	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Location TBA
Nov. 2020	Election Meeting Proxy forms needed	11:00 AM	Location TBA

Everybody says they want to be free. Take the train off the tracks and it's free-but it can't go anywhere.
Zig Ziglar

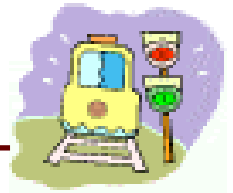
Attention Veterans



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 louisesewall@verizon.net with your branch of service and years served.

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

View From the Cab



Well we're just about three quarters through the year that doesn't exist "2020". Looking back I don't know where the summer went, we didn't go anywhere. We stayed home. I just worked on a half dozen train related projects. None are complete. All work is done outside whenever possible. Even though some projects, like repairing buildings and lighting them could have been done in the basement work shop my workshop is now an awning covered patio. My sweet wife is not happy with that. She would like her patio back! When weather is good I just can't stay inside. There's this huge magnet that pulls me to the outdoors. One of my bigger projects is rebuilding an existing waterfall and adding another on about the repaired existing one. I only work it early mornings, stopping around 9:30 am because the sun hits that area all day until about 5:30 pm or later. I can't take the sun and high temperatures we had this summer. So progress has been slow. Hopefully I will finish in less than two weeks.



Saturday, September 19, 2020 will be our 1st in

person meeting since our auction meeting in February. I'm looking forward to seeing you all. This is an important nomination meeting for club officers. Whether you can make the meeting or cannot, **please mail in your proxy** which was mailed out to all active members. At the meeting, please wear masks. If you forget your mask the club will supply one. We will also have hand sanitizer.

Going ahead we are looking into the October meeting. It should be another outdoor meeting. We've been invited to the Railroad Museum of L.I. in Riverhead. They have set up a very large tent next to the Freeman RR with tables. So with this, social distancing and masks we should be safe. Maybe we can run trains on the Freeman RR. Stay tuned for more information to follow.

God bless and please stay safe.

Mike Kmeth.



Amtrak Attack!

Amtrak WON!! That's EVE hunting.

Thought the club would get a kick out of her. She's nine feet up enjoying the view, while making her mother Connie nuts. Have a great September. George L. Stamatiades





Proxy Statement Form — May be used for Sept. Mtg. Business

PROXY --- LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY INC.

I _____, a member of the Long Island Garden Railway Society Inc., 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 _____

What the Heck Puzzle Solution



Answer: The magnificent old German built PM3 steam train displayed at the Polish Railway Museum in Warszawa. This type was built from 1939 to 1941.

Photo Contest Winner



This month's winning photo "A Short Freight" was taken by Sue Cortese of their layout The Northern Valley RR



The judges also gave a "shout out" to the photo they referred to as "Godzilla Chipmunk" which was submitted by Mike Kmeth and entitled "Didn't His Mommy Tell Him Not To Play On The Tracks"

2021 Dues Reminder

Why not renew your membership to LIGRS before the busy holiday season? Individual memberships, and Family Memberships are available for persons over 18 years old with additional charges for **EACH** additional member in the same household.

We will be accepting checks beginning October 1st, made out to **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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Reprint of Bonney Member Profile



As a small child in Brooklyn I remember looking with amazement at my grandfather's train set running past handmade replicas of houses from our family's history. However, the strict "look but don't touch" policy, combined with the hidden location in the basement, meant my interest was short lived. I quickly moved on to Matchbox cars, Tonka trucks, and toy soldiers that I could build my own empires with.

When my son Matthew became interested in Thomas the Tank Engine books and videos, as his older brother Ethan had done years before him, my wife and I quickly (over)spent our hard earned cash on wooden trains, tracks, and simple operating accessories. Their delight in countless hours spent building and rebuilding layouts proved that we are a "hands on" family.

Traveling around multiple states we have marveled at various Garden Railroad layouts, both public and private. This shared sense of wonder in trains large and small has led us to creating "pop-up" garden railroads of our own. Our small group of friends enjoys when we combine trains train memorabilia, and mini golf in our backyard. A neighborhood favorite is our Trick or Treat train that we create in our front yard for Halloween. Naturally, we enjoy switching to indoor setups, in multiple scales, during the Christmas season.

Our hope in joining the LIGRS is to spend quality time with likeminded folks, share stories, and pick up a tip or two. What we would like to bring to the LIGRS is the youthful viewpoint that we have all possessed, that nothing beats getting one's hands dirty, for *both* operators and audience. We hope to spark some ideas on how to make the garden railroading hobby more interactive, and more accessible to fellow Long Islanders.

To that end, we are planning a small garden railroad that passing neighbors can view, called *The Strong Island Railroad*. A recent article about a young Jersey Shore man's *LBI Railroad – A Railway Built for Sharing* in Garden Railways Magazine, reinforced our commitment to overcome the logistical challenges we are sure to face. We would welcome any insight LIGRS members may have for us in the endeavor.



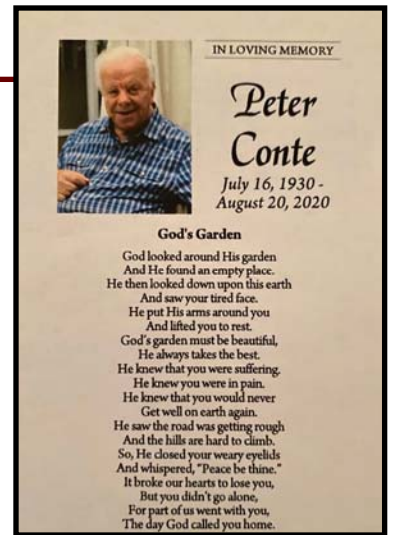
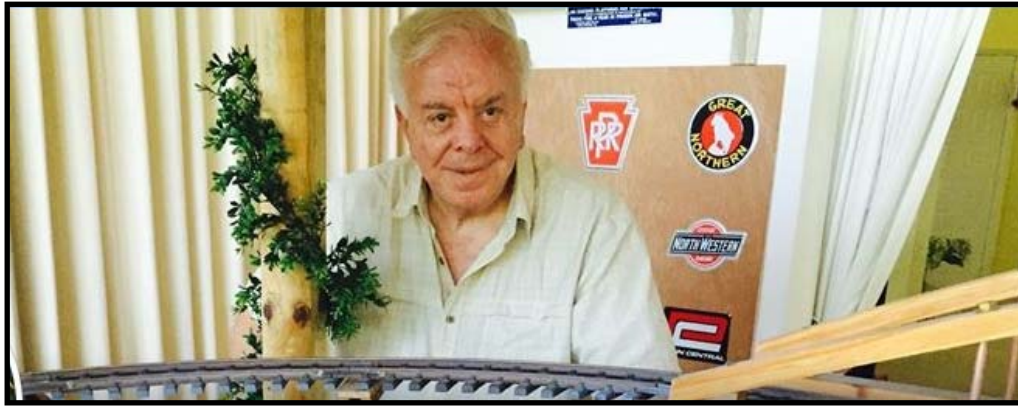
Our ultimate goal would be to have opportunities to share our neighborly spirit through participation in Kid-friendly displays at public locations and charity events. A dream would be to have another club railroad, like the one at the LIRR Museum in Riverhead, in a Nassau County family hot spot. Although we love our Long Island backyard, we believe coming out from behind fences and engaging others can bring back a touch of the good old days, when people from Brooklyn to Montauk knew the people on their block, cul de sac, or sandy lane.

The Bonney Family,

Paul and Elizabeth, Ethan (not shown), and our young engineer Matthew!

See our publication distribution policy on the home page of LIGRS.org

In Memory of Pete Conte



Our longtime member Pete Conte passed away last month in Florida. He had moved there a number of years ago to be near family. Before then he lived in Shoreham. His large, basement layout at that place was named after a play on words relating to that town. Wet=Shore, Pig=Ham Rail Lines.

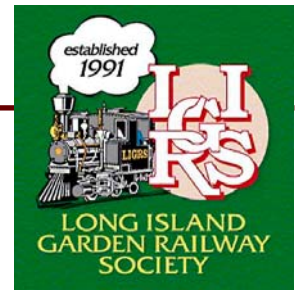
He was always ready to welcome club members to his home to see the trains. This didn't change when he moved to FL as a number of us were able to visit and see the new layout.

See following page for a reprint of a member profile about Pete from 2009



Attention LIGRS Members

In an effort to ensure a quorum for our September nomination meeting proxy forms have been mailed to all eligible voting club members. A return envelope has also been provided.



Thank you to all members who have already mailed in their proxies for this by-laws required Sept. nomination meeting. If you haven't already done so please be sure to sign, date and mail as soon as possible.

Pete Conte Member Profile from September 2009 Sn'C



Pete Conte is not only a LIGRS member but sits on the Board of Directors. As a young boy his traveling experiences were via trolley car, subway/elevated, bus, riding his bike or walking. Then, while standing on the ground at the station in Rye, NY, waiting for the train to arrive, he heard the whistle, saw the headlight, felt the ground shake, (the noise was indescribable). All the smoke and steam added to his fascination. The story of how he became involved with the club begins before he retired and was working as a dentist. It seems that the tube that he used to administer nitrous oxide, which was attached at one end to the wall of his treatment room and at the other end to a mask failed. He drove to Farmingdale to a business on Smith Street to get it repaired. While it was being worked on, he took a walk and came to The Train Shop. There he noticed that they displayed and sold G scale. A scale that he was, at that time, unfamiliar with. He picked up some G scale related pamphlets, brought them home and read them. He happened to mention them to a patient who knew about G scale and was a friend of a friend of Ray Shelton. Pete attended a LIGRS open house meeting and ended up joining the club.

At that time he lived in a high ranch, which had no basement, so he decided to make one of the bedrooms into a train room. He built a layout on a 13' X 15' piece of plywood which he built so that it could be hoisted by a cable & pulley device, something like a garage door, when the room was needed for other uses. All of the track, buildings, people and autos etc. were securely fastened or bolted down so that they would survive the motion.

When he retired and moved to his present *home (editor's note.it was Shoreham at that time)* he took that first layout and used it as the start of his new layout in the basement. It had legs that screwed on and off. Over time he added on to the sides of it, so it is a bit larger. He models the steam era during the 1940s and earlier but does have one diesel engine. He also has a crocodile electric train with catenaries. All of his engines are LGB except one, a 3 truck Bachmann Shay. The other rolling stock are from mixed manufacturers. He calls his railroad the Wet Pig, which is a play on the name of his town, Shoreham. His card displays a wave and a pig, the wave making the pig wet.



His current project is designing a waterfall. It will be built so that when not in use it will be air tight to avoid excess moisture, mildew and evaporation. The track runs in a tunnel in a mountain and the waterfall will run over the face of the mountain.

He and his 3 siblings had a Lionel tin-plate set. It included a Starliner engine which was green and had a large headlight. It looked like A & A diesels that LGB put out. The set was taken out at Christmas and ran on a circle around the tree with no buildings or any other bells and whistles.

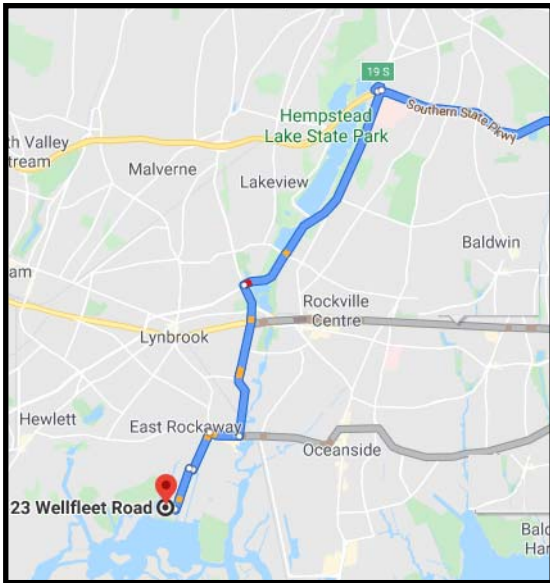


Monthly Meeting
Sept. 19, SATURDAY
11:00-3:00

Paul, Eileen & Matthew Bonney
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 onto 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 an adjacent street as parking on Wellfleet is limited.

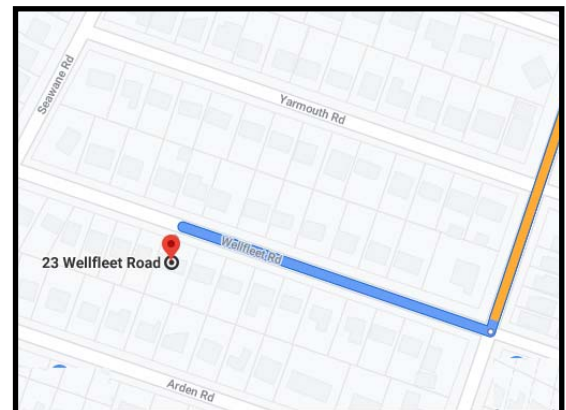


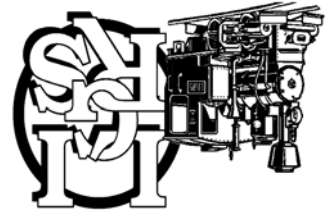
This will be an outdoor meeting. Please bring face masks for your family.

Rain date is set for Sunday the 20th.

Parking instructions

The address is 23 Wellfleet Road East Rockaway NY, between Hewlett Point Ave and Seawane Rd. My home is on a narrow street with limited tight parking, however there is very good parking on Hewlett Point Ave, especially where it ends at Hewlett Point Park which has 2 parking lots and is an easy walk back to my house. ..Paul



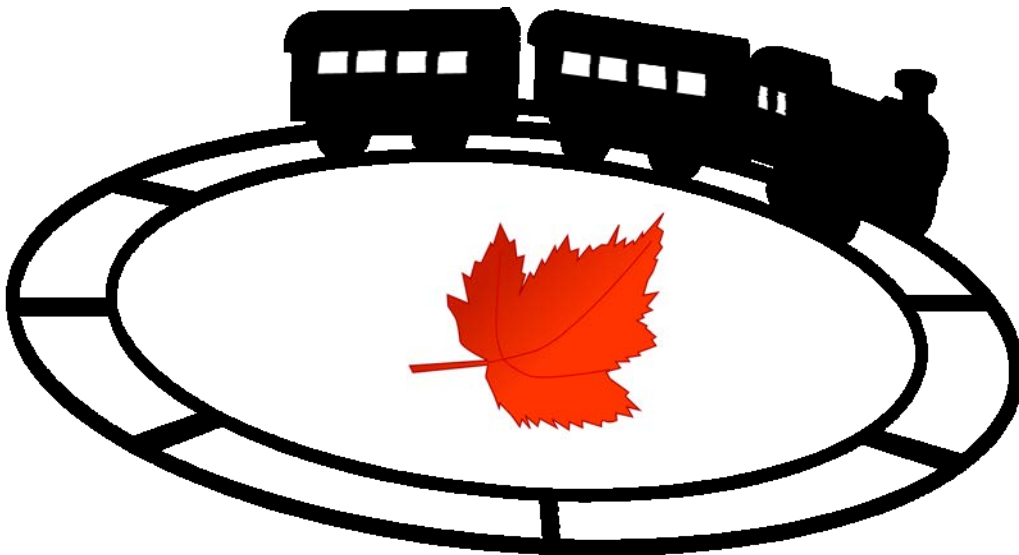


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And then the sun took a step back, the leaves lulled
themselves to sleep and Autumn was awaked.
– Raquel Franco



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