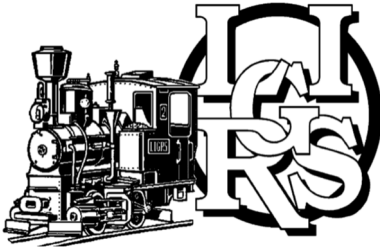


September 2022

Monthly Meeting  
Saturday September 24th  
11:00-3:00

Hosts: Connie & George Stamataides  
267 Longneck Blvd., Flanders, NY 11901



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



Old Bethpage  
Village Restoration

Where history comes alive!



### Once again we are displaying at the Fair!

We have an excellent opportunity to show the public what our club is about when, in conjunction with the Long Island Fair we man one of our inspiring ground displays. This fair typically draws thousands of families from the Island and the City. A large turnout of LIGRS volunteers, wearing identifying club apparel etc. is needed to make this display a club success.

MUST SHOW CURRENT MEMBERSHIP CARD FOR FREE ENTRY PLUS ONE GUEST

If you can come by 9:00am you can drive your vehicle to the site to drop off your trains and then move the vehicle to a special parking lot which must be done before 9:30 am. Fair entry to club members is free. Please bring your own chairs.

#### This Year's Club 50/50 Raffle

Long Island Garden Railroad Society's ANNUAL HOLIDAY SUPER 50/50 Raffle.

\$5.00 each. Limited to 500 Tickets

If you need more contact George at [glstama1@earthlink.net](mailto:glstama1@earthlink.net)

Drawing at our November MEETING

**You've got to be in it to win it!**

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## 2022 LIGRS Meetings & Events

Date	Program/Notes	Time	Place
<b>Sept. 10, 2022</b> <b>SATURDAY</b>	Fun Run (rain date 9/11)	Museum Hours	RMLI Riverhead
<b>Sept. 10, 2022</b> <b>SATURDAY</b>	BOD Meeting	10:00am	RMLI Riverhead
<b>Tuesday, 9/13-</b> <b>Thursday, 9/15</b>	Ground Display Set Up	10:00am	Old Bethpage Village Restoration
<b>Sept. 16-18, 2022</b> <b>Long Island Fair</b>	Ground Display	Restoration Hours	Old Bethpage Village Restoration
<b>Monday, 9/19</b>	Ground Display Take Down	10:00am	Old Bethpage Village Restoration
<b>Sept 24, 2022</b> <b>Date Change</b> <b>SATURDAY</b>	Monthly Meeting Nominations	11:00 AM	George & Connie Stamataides
<b>Oct. 15, 2022</b> <b>SATURDAY</b>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Paul & Elizabeth Bonney
<b>Nov. 12, 2022</b> <b>SATURDAY</b>	Monthly Meeting Elections	11:00 AM	Wantagh Park Marina Building

## 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 years served.

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

## View From the Cab



This Year our annual picnic was held at the Rail Road Museum of Long Island in Riverhead. This was a first for us to hold a picnic there. Turnout was fair, 35 tickets bought, 30 people showed. There was plenty of food, (4) 4ft hero's, (2) pizzas, franks, kielbasa, sausage and peppers, assortment of salads. Weather was good, warm, but no rain. Everything worked out well. I want to thank everyone that helped with the picnic particularly, Frank who made all the arrangements.

Some members brought their trains and ran them on the Freeman Rail Road.

**There's a topic that I should have brought before our membership a while ago, but like the ostrich I hoped it would go away, it did not! That's the first error. One of our Board members suggested we change the club's tax status. We are currently a 501(c)(7), some Board members want to make changes to a 501(c)(3). There are costs involved \$750.00 to start. There has been much heated discussion about making the change among the Board. Then I called a special Board meeting a Zoom meeting on the evening of July 6, 2022. It was a very contentious meeting to say to least. A vote was taken (3) said no, (1) abstention, (6) said yes.**

**Here's the second error, to pass this, the proposal should have gone to the membership first for approval. The board is not authorized to approve \$750.00 (The Board can only approve \$500.00). In the heat of the moment, (very hot), no one on the Board caught this error. So the member that proposed the change went ahead filing for the change, remember a majority of the Board approved this**

**measure. At this time I have no further information about status of tax application or the direction we will go with membership involvement.**

*Please read the last paragraphs of the notes of the July 6, 2022 BOD Zoom meeting on page 6 in the August issue of Smoke n' Cinders for added insight into this issue.*

Now for more pleasant subjects, trains. Did anyone catch the article in Newsday about the LIRR wanting to use battery powered passenger cars on the non-electrified branches? They had a study done and found costs were prohibitive to convert existing passenger cars to battery. They would not have enough room for the batteries required. Then a few days after that article appeared, someone wrote in (letters to the editor) asking why the study didn't suggest using a battery car. That person must have been a garden railroader. Some if not all newer garden rail engines are setup today for pulling a battery car. I know some of my engines were. Union Pacific is looking into battery powered engines in their yards. We have not seen the last of battery power on the LIRR, it will be back again.

Please note our club will be doing a ground display September 16, 17, 18, 2022 at the Long Island Fair which is being held at the Old Bethpage Village, Old Bethpage, NY. Set up dates 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> tentative. Please review your e-mails for updates for setup. I would love to see all hands on deck to help with setup. Pizza will be serviced for lunch provided by our club. On setup day you can bring your car to the setup sight and leave it parked there all day.

Remember on run days bring your

trains and share the track. If you want to unload your trains at the display area on public show days you have to be there early and remove your car to the parking area. I will post the time that all cars/vans have to be out of the setup area on e-mail once I know the time. Cars have to remain in the parking area until close of day or you have to walk your equipment out or in, 1,500ft. Approx..

To all members I do not see at meetings both new and old members try come out to the show on run days just to be with other club members. You do not have to bring your trains just bring yourself!

**Very important;** Saturday, September 24, 2022 @ 11:00am monthly meeting. This is the meeting we nominate new club officers for BOD. Election of nominees will be voted on at our at November meeting.

Make your best effort to attend this meeting as it is important for the future of club! Meeting will be at George's home on the water in Flanders, just past Long Island's land mark "Big Duck."

I look forward to seeing you all, current, unseen, past members, family and friends at upcoming events.

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

Mike



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



### **KEEP IN MIND!**

The LIGRS annual Christmas Party Brunch will soon be in the planning stages. Date and other information will be announced.



## **Proxy Statement Form — May be used for Sept.&Nov. 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



A tender overflows from taking on too much water from a track pan. The locomotive is 'A4' No. 60022 Mallard and the location is Langley troughs, on the East Coast Main Line, in June 1962. COLOUR-RAIL photo.

## Photo Contest Winner



This month's winning photo of a one of our Planting Fields displays was taken by Karl Wagner



## Chic Chat Corner—Two brief, informational articles.

Watch this video of a new tunnel bypass construction on John Girolamo's Greenbelt Railway. He is running a nice long freight through it. Take a look. <https://rumble.com/v1g0j01-new-tunnel-bypass.html>

Great work John!

### More about "Tom's What the heck - GG ½"

PRR GG1 4846 was damaged in a wreck in the mid-1960's and instead of rebuilding it, the PRR cut it down in half and turned the less damaged part into a snowblower that was used at the electric shops at Wilmington, Delaware. The blank end of the unit had a large plenum ending close to the tracks that functioned as a blower. Apparently, It was not capable of moving itself and had to be moved around by an engine as overhead catenary supplied power for the blower. It was reportedly scrapped in 1983.

Submitted by Bob Sewall



## 2022 Progress on the Ridgway Grande Scenic Railway



*A few years ago, when on a train trip through DC, we visited this couple to see their ambitious layout in progress. Just received an update email with photos. WOW!*

Jo Ann and I have been busy “working on the railroad” since our 2021 update. We’ve made a lot of progress with scenery, plants and rail. Plants have a dramatic ability, turning rough scenery into complete landscapes. Jo Ann has done an excellent job of selecting the right plants to blend rock faces into believable scale scenic vistas.



All 13 of the trestles are now stained, waterproofed and secure in their planned locations. Most still need girts added to be fully realistic. All trestles are modeled after Rio Grande Southern structures with bents and panels derived from the drawings in “The RGS Story” (With the exception of height and length). The 12 foot long Butterfly trestle is the most accurate, having only one bent less than the prototype.



The size of our back yard limits the amount of tangent track available so many curved turnouts had to be used to successfully allow for replicating real areas of the RGS. Thanks to the exceptional skill of Mike at Laggas Creek Railways, getting things right was much easier.

The Main Line and most sidings are complete. We have a lot of ballasting that still needs to be done before it is 100% complete. The Telluride yard is over 50% complete and can be used for preparing consists to go over the mountains.

The RGS is narrow gauge 1:20.3 scale, with 215 Laggas Creek track. The main line has about 40 feet of level track. There’s 160 feet of 2% grade up and 160 feet of 2% grade down. I mention this for Live Steam railroaders because I don’t have a clue how live steam handles down hills. This is a dead rail system so all engines must be battery powered!

There are plenty of freight and passenger cars, but limited locomotives. Feel free to bring your own steam engines to tackle the San Juan Mountains. If you are interested in a visit this fall, just let us know when on the above email address. Please provide the dates and a contact phone number and we’ll be in touch.

Jim and Jo Ann Kottkamp  
jim\_jo@cox.net  
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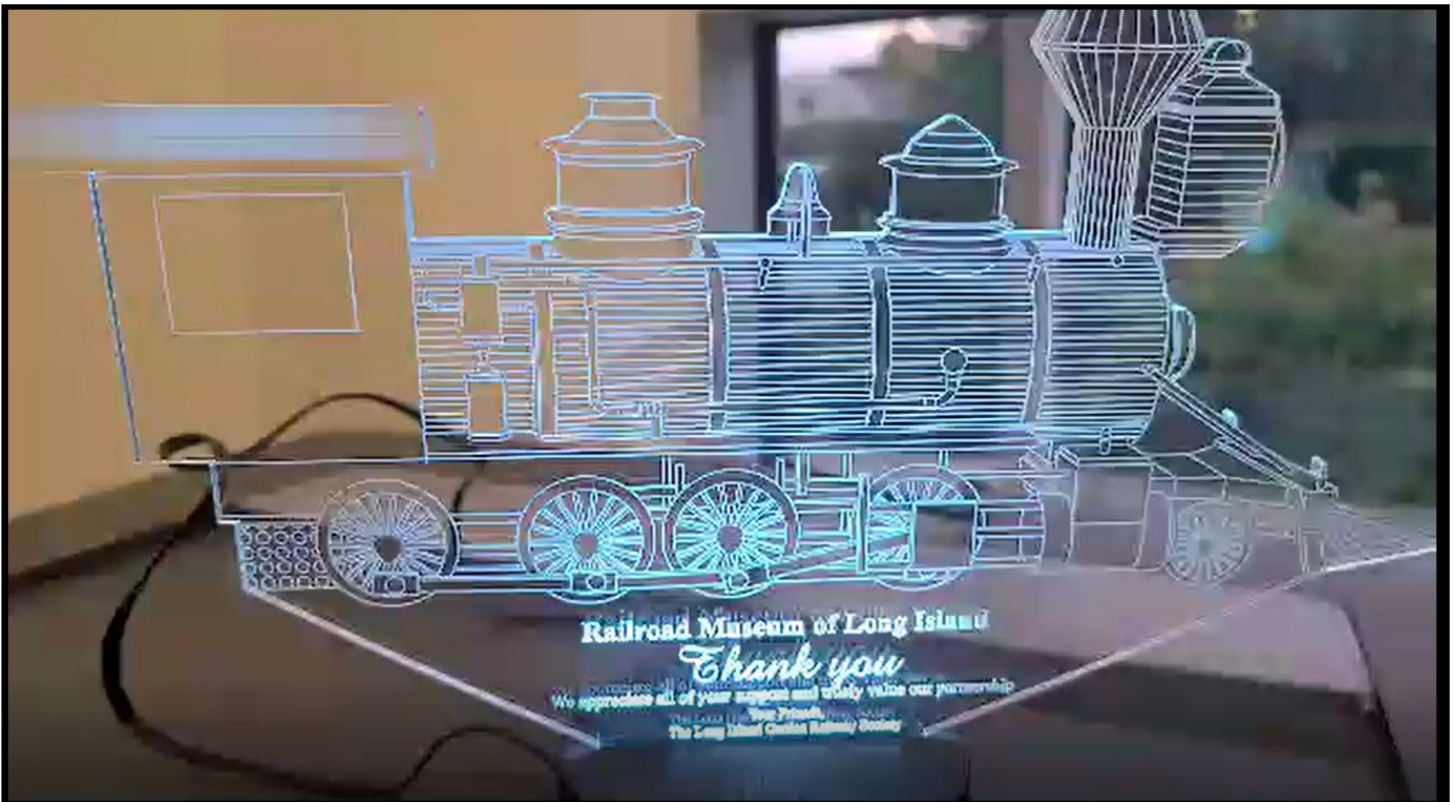
## Our 2022 Picnic at the Railroad Museum of LI Riverhead



Special thanks to the picnic committee, headed by Frank Clemente for all their preparation and the work on the day of the picnic.

A great time was had by all and the weather cooperated holding off the rain from the incoming storm. Thanks also to the members of the museum for giving us the opportunity to view and ride on their equipment.

Below is a photo of a steam engine engraved into Lucite which we presented to the Museum. See some other photos on the following page.



## 'BAGRS World' starring RRs that will be open during the 2023 National GR Convention

Hello Clubs:

Our new YouTube Channel has logged more than 4,000 video views in less than 2 months! We have now posted 'BAGRS World' the first in a series of slideshows that will feature garden railroads that will be open during the National Garden Railway convention in the San Francisco Bay Area. Our YouTube channel will be a great place for your members to learn more about the 2023 Convention and the 75 + railroads expected to be open July 1 to 8, next year. It's going to be spectacular! Stay tuned! But first check out 'BAGRS World #1' here:

<https://youtu.be/-a0DXKPvmcY>

Cheers, Mick Spilsbury, Bay Area GRS at: [marketing@GRNews.org](mailto:marketing@GRNews.org)



## Picnic Photos



What a good time was had at our annual picnic. There was so much food! Many tables and chairs under the cover on the new cement patio.

Trains were running on all three tracks all day. The general public enjoyed watching them as well as riding the New York World's Fair train. Some of us also rode around on it and were able to spy what was left of the old foundations for the original turntable and water tower.

Towards the end we made a presentation to the LIGRS president Don Fisher of a steam engine made of Lucite which lights up. He happily accepted and said that it will be made a permanent fixture on the indoor Lionel layout.



## Fun Run Days



The end of August we scheduled 2 Fun Run days at the RMLI Riverhead on the newly renovated Freeman Railway, one in August and the other in September. Shown in the photo is a section of the display with Anthony Bliss' locomotive and train.

Many thanks to Frank Clemente and his helpers for all their hard work during the dog days of summer.

Looks wonderful, great job guys!



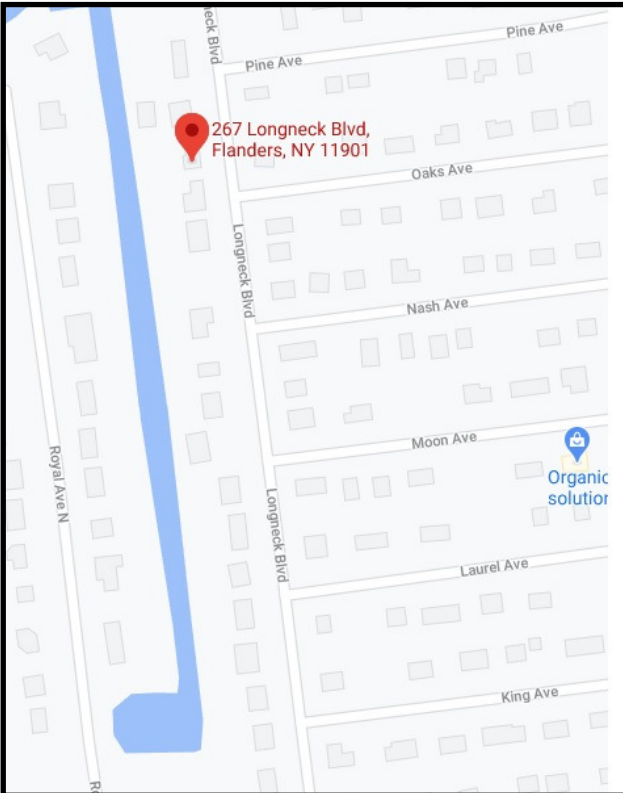
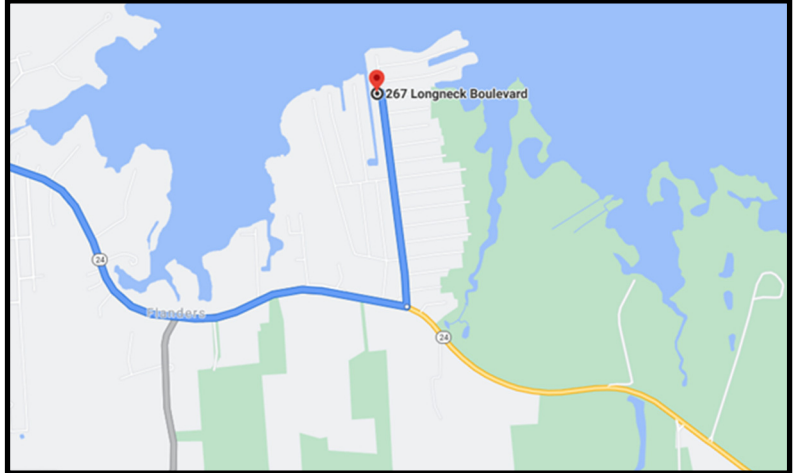


## Directions to the Monthly Meeting

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**267 Longneck Blvd., Flanders, NY**  
**11901**



### Turn By Turn Directions

**LI Expressway to Exit 71.** Make right at stop sign continue 4Mi. to circle get out at 24 SOUTH. Watch your speed. (40MPH) Continue about

4.2 Miles. To USA gas station on left, There's a left turn signal there to make things safe. (Longneck Blvd) continue to 267 Longneck Blvd on left.

As you come down you will notice on left an empty lot with two balloons at gate. You may come down to the house to drop off passengers and chauffeurs my go back to the lot to park. If one is early you may park in driveway.

**Sunrise Highway Exit 24 North** to USA gas station make **RIGHT** follow above directions.

### Did you Know?

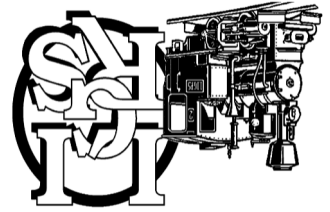
Are you aware that N&W 611 will be at Strasburg, PA, 9/30 through 10/2? Are you also aware that you can pay for 30 minutes of throttle time on 611?

It is an amazing experience. Just ask Mike Iannacone. He lived his lifetime dream of "driving" a steam engine for 2 hours at the Essex RR. [https://youtu.be/26\\_rT\\_1tp58](https://youtu.be/26_rT_1tp58).

Tickets will be going fast, so if interested they are available on the Strasburg web page.

[StrasburgRailroad.com/611-experience/](http://StrasburgRailroad.com/611-experience/)



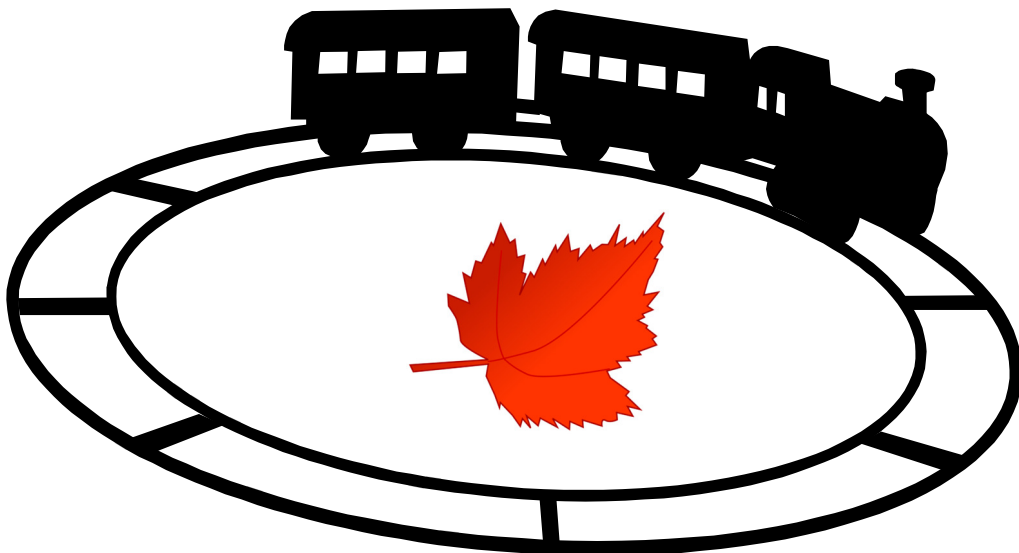


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– Patience Strong



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