

September 2023



Saturday September 23th
12:00-3:00
Hosts: Mike & Kathleen Kmeth
1 Sun Valley Ct, Northport, NY
DO NOT COME BEFORE NOON!



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

The Long Island Fair at the Old Bethpage Village Restoration will be September 8th, 9th and 10th from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm.

All members bringing trains to run can pull their vehicles up to our site but they must have them off the site into the parking lot by 9:00 am. Picking up your trains from our site must take place after 6:00 pm or you can carry them in or out. You can also use a wagon or hand truck if you have one.



The **BIGBOY SUPER 50/50 HOLIDAY RAFFLE** has been sent in the mail to the members. Please let us know if you have not received them. This year we hope the **winner's share of the GRAND PRIZE will be \$5,000.00**. The GRAND PRIZE will be drawn at our November meeting. In addition to the GRAND PRIZE, the **TICKET AGENT** (that's you and your family members) who issues the winning ticket will receive a \$500.00 Prize. This is a great and fun way to support the club and remember the more tickets you issue, the more chances you have at the **Ticket Agent's \$500 prize. BEST OF LUCK TO EVERYONE and may the best TICKET AGENT WIN.**

Please note that a slight typo appeared on the return envelope. Our PO BOX is 2002. Be sure to correct it on the envelope before mailing the stubs and checks back to us. Thanks.

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*Sat. home-hosted meetings have a rain date the following day,

2023 LIGRS Meetings & Events

Date	Program/Notes	Time	Place
Sept. 23, 2023 SATURDAY*	General Meeting	12:00 Noon important change of time	Mike & Kathleen Kmeth
Oct. 14, 2023	Anniversary Trip	11:30 AM Dinner Train	Essex, CT
Oct. 21, 2023	General Meeting	11:00 AM	John & Denise Girolamo
Nov., 2023	General Meeting	11:00 AM	TBD
Dec., 2023	Christmas Party	TBA	TBD

Reminder that our nominations and elections are coming up. The following terms of club positions are expiring: Vice President, Treasurer, Membership Dir. And 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.

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 631.486.2579 or email info to louisesewall@gmail.com 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



The setup committee did a fantastic job, heat and all, at the Nassau County Fair in the Old Bethpage Village Restoration. Hope that many of you came down to run trains and greet prospective new members and promote garden railroading.

Don't forget the BIGBOY RAFFLE which supports the work of the club. TICKET

AGENT Bruce has sold THIRTY TICKETS. That's a WOW!!! I am really blowing his trumpet. And remember that the proceeds of this raffle go towards all that this club does.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at our next meeting at Mike and Kathleen Kmeth's house. Be sure to come after 12 noon as the roads by his house will be closed until then.

This is an important meeting as we will be accepting nominations for open positions. The following club positions are up for election: Vice President, Treasurer, Membership Dir. And Director-at-large (2 positions). 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. Filling these positions are vital to the continuing health of our club. Incumbents will not be upset or insulted if you run for the office that they currently occupy.

Elections will be held at the November meeting.

Connie and I will be leaving for a family trip to Greece after the September meeting and will return towards the end of October ready to run trains and do the club's work.

Until then,

George



Chic Chat Corner

From Dave Smith

The Sunrise Trail Division welcomes you to the Cannonball Express Convention 2023, which will be held at the Long Island Marriot, in Uniondale, NY.

The convention will take place over the Columbus Day Weekend, from Thursday October 5, 2023 through Sunday October 8, 2023.

In the New York City and Long Island region — the Sunrise Trail Division — nothing is an understatement. It is home to the country's busiest commuter rail-

road, the busiest Amtrak station, and the busiest subway system. And, it is home to great model railroading. The Cannonball Express is shaping up to be one of the most exciting conventions that will help you build and enjoy a better model railroad. See the prototype and visit or operate on some of the region's best layouts. And, it's not far from Broadway, and not far from the vineyards of Long Island's East End.

So put the Cannonball Express in your calendar, and join us for a long weekend of clinics, layout visits, operating sessions,

prototype and non-railroad activities.

Activities begin on Thursday October 5, 2023, and wind up with the Awards Breakfast on Sunday morning, October 8, 2023 - leaving you Sunday for activities and travel home - as well as a day off on Monday! Many activities will be available to you, including a myriad of clinics at the hotel, and both prototype and non-rail related tours.

[Cannonball Express 2023 \(ner-conventions.org\)](https://www.cannonball-express.org)

In Addition

At the July meeting, we loved seeing this display while in Paul Simon's basement where his large scale layout resides.

It is a framed display of some of his favorite rolling stock from an older HO layout that he created.

See other photos on page 7.



From the Secretary



LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY INC.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING JULY 22, 2023

President George Stamatiades led us all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 George Stamataides opened the July meeting at Paul & Joan Simon's house in Southold. George thanked them for opening their house and showing their layout to us. George stated that the Raffle tickets will be mailed out next week.

We have a quorum.

George then asked for a motion to read the June 22, 2023, meeting minutes or forego the reading and accept them as written. Lou Cortese made a motion to accept minutes as written and Tony Enea seconded the motion. A show of hands approved the written meeting minutes.

Reports:

Treasurers' Report -- Ed Assaf highlighted the YTD FY 2022-2023 starting @ \$9,968.81 ending this morning @ \$8,875.36 Report was approved.

Membership Report – Anthony Bliss noted we have: Individual 26, Family 14, Life 7, Honorary 5, Junior 4, Total 70. If you did not get your membership card and have paid your dues, please see Anthony.

Program Director – Anthony Marino noted the following:

Picnic is August 5 @ the RMLI George stated that attending club members only, will receive their money back. All other attendees do not. The Museum is letting us use their BBQ grills. The rain date is Sunday. New members can run their trains all day at the museum..

September 23 – Saturday Mike & Kathleen Kmeth.

Note We still need a host for October. *(Editor's note. October hosts are the Giralamos)*

Review of Shows & Events: None

Upcoming Displays and Events:

September – Long Island Fair @ Bethpage Restoration – Set up Sept 5 & 6 run dates Sept 8, 9 & 10 Time TBD. We will need Volunteers.

Club Merchandise – Please see Georgiana & Steve Gaherty for club items such as, hats, shirts, jackets, mugs, pins and DVD's.

Club Resource Library - Nick Guarino will bring some of these resources to the next meeting and events for anyone that wants to purchase them.

Aluminum Can Tabs – Please save them to give 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.

Old Business: George brought up a suggestion about getting a patch for our 35th anniversary to put on jackets or shirts. Georgianna has investigated this and also embroidering.

New Business:

George brought up the upcoming Christmas party. Maybe a cocktail party in the evening with a DJ or live music, maybe an Entertainer or a Magician.

Ed Assaf brought up a possible Christmas party after the holiday.

Blue Point Historical has asked if we could do a tabletop display in December, on a Saturday or Sunday. George will investigate this.

Nick has part of the tabletop display that needs to find a home to stay at between shows. Any volunteers?

Mike Kmeth proposed That Louise Sewall be made a lifetime member.

George made a suggestion that we could have social gatherings in addition to our official business meetings.

50/50 winner this month. Not available at press time.

Next General meeting will be Saturday September 22 at Mike and Kathleen Kmeth's house. Directions can be found in Smoke n' Cinders *(page 8 this issue)*.

There is no date yet for the next BOD.

The meeting ended @ 12:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karl Wagner, Acting Club Secretary

Congratulations!

Kudos to our photo contest judge Kris Bosworth for this recognition in her new job at Tamron.

Her talent always sticks out and they are having her share it with others.

This copy of the event posted was shared by our other judge Patrick Friedmann.





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 the important Sept. & Nov. Business Meetings.

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

Scrapyards with rail connection often end up using some of the railroad equipment sent to them for scrapping. Gondolas for moving scrap around the yard are probably the most common... even if they weren't gondola



August Photo Contest Winner



August's winning photo "Gravel Pit Express" was taken by Bob Sewall of Mike Kmeth's train running on the Freeman Railway at our Summer Picnic at RMLI Riverhead.

September Photo Contest Winner



September's winning photo "Whoops Derailing" was taken by Lou Caputzal on his "Dad's Trains" layout..

July Meeting Photos at the Simon's



August Picnic Photos



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

A great time was had by all. Thanks also to the members of the museum for giving us the opportunity to view and ride on their equipment.



Remember...

Our 2023 photo contest entry dates will soon be over and voting will start for our annual winner. You have 3 more chances to take photos at any member's home layout or club display. (October, November and December)

A few members have sent in multiple pictures in order that they can be rotated into the monthly presentation to our judges Kris and Patrick. We would love to see some entries by our newer members. These can be sent electronically to louisewall@gmail.com or snail mailed for scanning to Louise Sewall, 30 Hauppauge Rd Unit 106, Commack, NY 11725.

The annual winner receives a \$25 check and the photo will be featured on the cover of the 2024 season copy of the LIGRS roster.

Directions to the Monthly Meeting

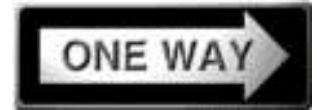
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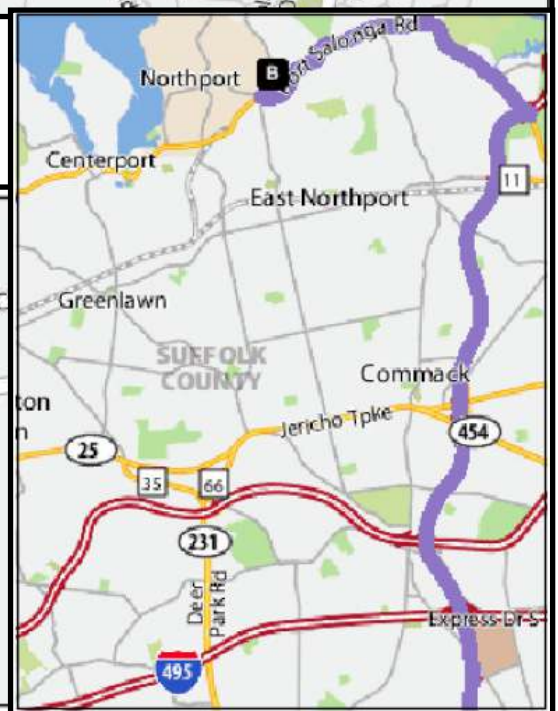
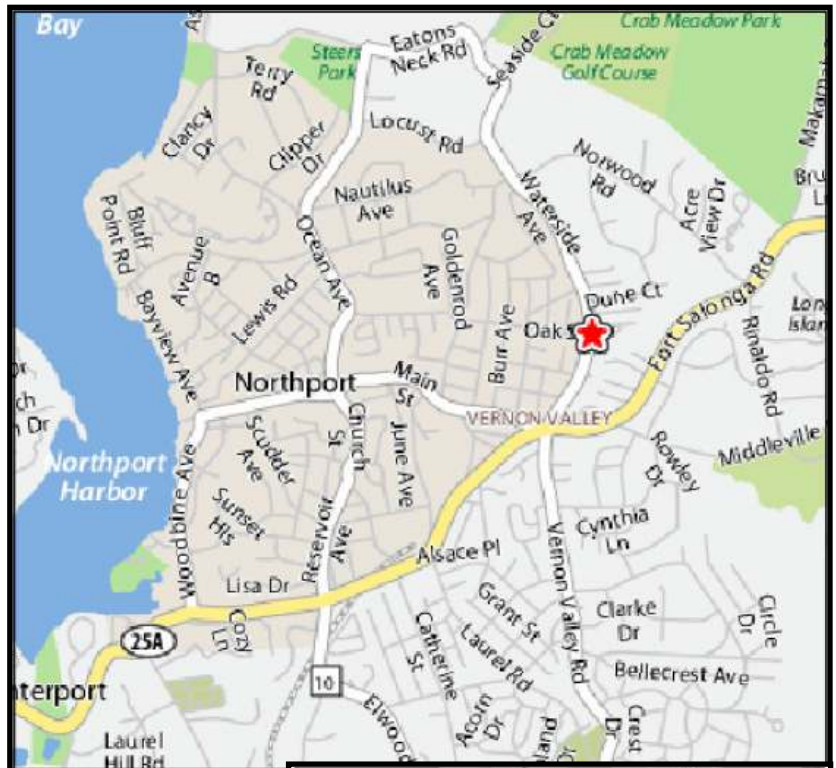
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Take Sagtikos Parkway North to exit SM5W/Huntington—onto Fort Salonga Road (25A) go 4.3 miles.

Go north, Right, on Waterside Avenue. There is a Nocello's Restaurant

on the corner and a traffic light. About .3 of a mile Sun Valley Ct is about one street up and they are the first house on the corner.



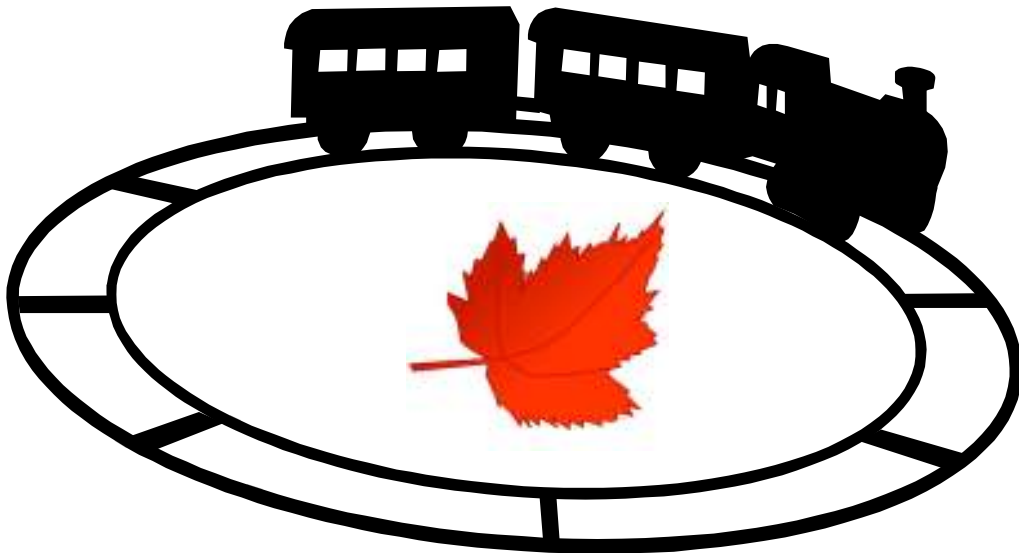


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-F. Scott Fitzgerald



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