



SEMAPHORE



March 2016

The next meeting of LIST will be on **Friday, March 18th at 8:00pm** at the Christ Episcopal Church, South Carll Avenue and Prospect Street, Babylon, New York.

THIS MONTH:

This month's presenter will be a surprise!
Can't wait? Watch our website for details!

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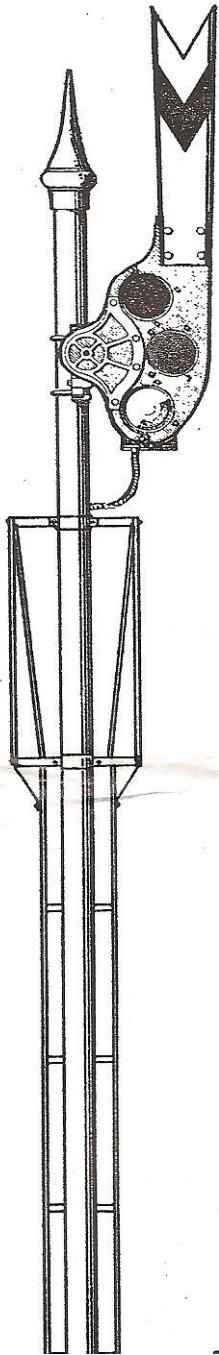
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Shipping for 1 of the books or calendar, \$3.50. Shipping for the pin is \$1

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List Happenings by Steve Quigley

The Long Island Sunrise Trail Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society is 50 years old this year! This historic milestone will be celebrated in several ways.

One of the first ways we are going to celebrate the anniversary is with a caboose trip on the NY & A Railway.

THE CABOOSE TRIP WILL TAKE PLACE ON APRIL 15TH, 2016. Rain or Shine! There will be TWO trips on the NY & A that day courtesy of Paul Victor who is the President of the NY & A. At the present time, the trips will be 2 ½ hours long each and will travel where the NY & A conducts their freight operation. THE COST FOR THE TRIP IS \$25 EACH PERSON. Due to the limit of a maximum of 20 PEOPLE TOTAL FOR THE 2 TRIPS, it will be limited to LIST Chapter members only, NO GUESTS!

At the March Chapter meeting, there will be a raffle to pick the attendees. You MUST be present at the March meeting in order to participate in the raffle, sorry, no exceptions as we wish to be as fair as possible to all those wishing to go on this rare mileage trip.

Dues renewal was included in the November edition of the Semaphore. If you did not receive a dues renewal notice, please let me know and I will send you the form. Any person who signed up as a new member from Oct., Nov. and Dec. is already signed up for 2016. Annual Chapter dues remain at \$15. The NRHS sent you separately a renewal notice and the NRHS renewal notice DOES NOT include LIST dues.

Our Treasurer, Alan Mark, would appreciate it if you sent back your renewal dues in a timely basis to him at the address noted on the dues renewal form.

I would like to mention in the Semaphore all Chapter members who have written and published a book or books.

If you have written a book whether or not it is on the LIRR, please send me the information and I will note it in the Semaphore.

Chapter member David Morrison has written several books and they are as follows.

“Images of Rail - Jamaica Station”

“Images of Rail – Long Island Rail Road Port Jefferson Branch”

“Images of Rail – Long Island Rail Road Stations”

“The Cast Iron Eagles of Grand Central Station”

Ed Koehler and Harold Fagerberg wrote a book for LIST titled

“The Shortline RailRoads of Long Island, a Compendium.”

Bob Sturm and Bill Thom wrote a book for LIST titled

“The New York Connecting Railroad.” We are almost sold out-only 6 copies remain.

Bob Sturm wrote a book for LIST titled

“The Long-Island Rail-Road Company A History 1834 -1965.

Bob Sturm also wrote a book on his career as a marine engineer on the SS United States. It is titled “The SS United States the View from Down Below.”

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List Happenings...continued by Steve Quigley

Next month I will mention Andy Sparberg's book. If I missed anyone, please let me know. [I am sure you will!] This list is currently limited to Chapter members and it can be on any topic.

We are always looking for new members. If you know of anyone who might be interested in joining LIST, please contact me and I will send them information on joining. Remember, if you bring in 2 new members in one year, your total annual dues will be free for the following year.

At our Chapter meetings each month, we used to have what we called an Extra Section. It took place after the guest presenter and it was anyone who wished to perform a brief slide or? show for 5 or 10 minutes. I would like to reinstate the Extra Section so if you wish to bring a few slides or a short movie to show after the guest presenter, bring them down and be prepared to perform a brief presentation.

In each of the coming editions of the Semaphore I will note a special occurrence to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of The Long Island Sunrise Trail Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society. We are planning on many fun and interesting things this year!

WATCH FOR THEM IN FUTURE EDITIONS OF THE SEMAPHORE!!!!

If you wish to write an article for the Semaphore, just let me know and I am sure that we will be able to print it [sooner or later]. My e mail address is csquigley@optonline.net and my telephone # is 631-487-4766. Please email your articles.



LIRR NEWS...A History Lesson by Steve Quigley

Morris Park is one of the lost communities of Queens. It is situated between Richmond Hill on the north and South Ozone Park to the south. Morris Park once had its own LIRR station. The original LIRR station was built in 1878 and was located at 124th Street. It was called Morris Grove. The name of the station was changed in 1878 to Morris Park when the LIRR built a new station at 120th street and Atlantic Avenue which was adjacent to a park it owned with the same name.

In 1939, when it was announced that the LIRR was being buried beneath Atlantic Avenue, the station was closed and the name eliminated. However, the Morris Park shops of the LIRR which was located nearby remained open. The shops were a favorite of local rail fans when on site tours were allowed. Today, the Morris Park Shops which were originally built in 1889, have the only operating turntable on the LIRR. The Oyster Bay Rail Road Museum is in the process of restoring a turntable to operating condition and Greenport has a turntable that does not operate but has been cosmetically restored. RMLI has the bridge for a turntable but the pit that originally housed the turntable is still filled in.

The practice of letting rail fans into the Morris Park Shops ended years ago.



THE LIRR MODELER by Mike Boland

This Month's Feature: PROTO RAILS 2016 PART 2

This month I want to continue my look at the fabulous time I had at Proto Rails 2016 held in Cocoa Beach at the Hilton Hotel in early January. Just about everybody comes for the clinics and this year there were 263 modelers, including several women modelers. One, Cinthia Priest, of Paired Rail Publications and White River Publishing (WRP), is a big ATSF fan and is married to Steven Priest, co-author of several books (with his wife) on the Santa Fe. Steve now is editor of Railroad Model Craftsman, published by WRP after being rescued from Carstens Publications, which went belly-up under Henry Carstens and left a lot of authors—including me—without payment after publication.

Cinthia presented an interesting, useful and informative show; it was about getting published and what potential authors need to know. I hope to use this information well and soon since I have several ideas for potential articles.

It's tough sometimes to try to attend all the clinics that interest you but I think I was successful, considering that there were 96 clinics offered and each clinic is offered twice. Among the many, many clinics offered were: Andy Carlson (Reefers, Flats, Tanks and Covered Hoppers from the 1960s); Frank Angstead (Manufacturing the Intermountain Way); Jeff Cauthen (Passenger Car Trucks); Stuart Forsyth (Cajon at War-Seven Days in May 1945); Stephen Funaro (C&O Panel- and Welded-Side Hoppers); Jared Harper (Modeling Midwestern Trees);

Charles Hostetler (Anthracite Coal Shipments by Rail 1935-1962); Jim Langston (Seaboard Coast Line Passenger Service July 1, 1967 to April 30, 1971) and a number of other fine clinics. I offered my LIRR passenger cars clinic twice, too.

Among the clinics I attended were Bill Darnaby's Maumee Route update about scenery and kitbashing; custom layout designer Lance Mindheim's on planning and enhancement tips for structures; Roger Hinman on general American refrigerator cars; Tony Koester on planning and building a large layout; Dr. Bruce Smith on the PRR's X29 boxcar and Andy Harman on heavyweight high-window observation cars on the New York Central's 20th Century Limited. I attended 14 clinics in all and learned quite a lot. I hope to put all to good use.

Next time I'll tell you more about the incredible models that were on display and I still plan to write about the 2016 Amherst Railway Society's big show at West Springfield, which I also attended. If you can't wait and want to see some great models in all scales, call this site up on your computer: <http://gregkomar.smugmug.com/Trains-Large-small/Railroad-Meetings/Prototype-Rails-2016/>

New items: MTH has brought out GP38-2s 254, 255 and 256 without sound or Proto Sound 3 in the blue and white as-delivered LIRR scheme with red gothic lettering but no "M" logo along with NY&A locos 270 and 271 with and without sound. These units are reasonably priced but apparently MTH could not reach agreement with MTA licensing to use their logo.

Until next time, thanks to Greg Komar and happy modeling!

Stack Talk by Neil Moran

We are now saying goodbye to Winter (Amen) so now we can look forward to Spring when steam locomotives come out of hibernation, in other words "Spring has Sprung" Now let's go "across the pond".

UNITED KINGDOM – LONDON: Great news from London, the Flying Scotsman locomotive is back and is alive and well. The legendary locomotive will be making its first run this year on the North Yorkshire Moors Railway in March. The locomotive a LNER Class A3 "Pacific" 4-6-2 was built in 1923 for the London & North Eastern Railway at Doncaster Works and was designed by Sir Nigel Gresley. In 1924 she was selected to appear at the "British Empire Exhibition" in London when she was renumbered from #1472 to #4472 when she was given the name of "Flying Scotsman". As a result, the locomotive was the first ever to offer non-stop London to Edinburgh service which began on May 1st 1928 reducing the travel time to eight hours. A few years later in 1934 the Flying Scotsman was clocked at 100 mph which was the first time any locomotive reached that speed in England. LNER passenger engines have always been painted apple green, but during WWII it was repainted in war time black. After the war it was repainted again to its original color and rebuilt as an A3 Pacific until her retirement in the 60's. The upcoming locomotives trips are already sold out and being held from March 12th through the 20th. Additional trips are being scheduled such as on June 11th when the National Railway Museum in York is teaming up with the Railway Tours Company to run other excursions. In April "Stack Talk" will have more information on the return of the "Flying Scotsman". For now – cheers!!

MINNESOTA – DULUTH: New boiler tubes have been installed in the boiler of former Duluth & Northwestern 2-8-0 Consol #28 now undergoing restoration at the Lake Superior Railroad Museum in Duluth. The next step in the rebuilding of the Consol is the fabricating of arch tubes followed by a hydrostatic test of the boiler. The tubes were installed using a crew from Fraser Shipyards of Lake Superior, Wisconsin while the Friends of the #261 loaned tools to the museum for some boiler work. Museum Director Ken Buhler said "when the boiler is done it will have to be reassembled which will take some time". They will repair the wheels as the next task. Generally, the museum operates steam excursions during the weekend in the Fall. But they may be adding to their current schedule. American Locomotive Works built the engine in 1906 for the Duluth, Missabe & Northern #332 who later purchased the locomotive in 1955 and renumbered #28. The locomotive remained in service till 1964 when they donated it to the museum. The museum has no timetable for operation right now, but they hope to pull trains on its 26-mile North Shore Scenic Railroad between Duluth and Two Harbors during the Summer or Fall of 2016. We wish them the very best of good fortune!!

NORTH CAROLINA – SPENCER: The Virginia Museum of Transportation and the North Carolina Transportation Museum have announced the 2016 schedule of the N&W Class #611 excursions and special appearances in today's world the J611 is the only Class J 4-8-4 in existence and is owned by the Virginia Museum of Transportation. "Indeed the J611 is the star of the museum's collection plus a traveling ambassador for the remarkable rail heritage of the Norfolk Southern Railroad" said Beverly T. Fitzpatrick VMT Executive Director. The J611 has been moved from Roanoke to the North Carolina Transportation Museum at Spencer, North Carolina in preparation for maintenance along with its Federal Railway Administration Inspection. After the maintenance work is completed 10 excursion trips will begin in the Spring on April 9th Spencer, N. C. to Lynchburg, Va., April 10th Spencer N.C. to Ashville N.C., April 23, Greensboro N.C. to Roanoke, Va. May 7th Roanoke Va. to Lynchburg, Va. and Roanoke to Walton, Va., May 8th Roanoke, Va. and Roanoke to Walton, June 4th Manassas, Va. to Front Royal (one run), June 5th, Manassas Va. to Front Royal (two trips). In addition to opportunities to ride and watch the locomotive in action the public is invited to take advantage of a number of "special" opportunities to get a really good close up of the J611 under steam. May 14th weekend – visitors to the Virginia Museum of Transportation will get to see the J611 fired up and meet the crew. June 4th following morning excursions to Manassas #611 will make a

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guest appearance at the Manassas, Virginia Heritage Rail Fest. Sometime in June the #611 will be on display at the Virginia Museum of Transportation. Then in July she will be featured at the North Carolina Transportation Museum for special events. In early August the #611 will return to the Virginia Museum of Transportation for special events and maintenance. The highlight of the year will be when the #611 travels on September 24-25 to Danville, Virginia to be featured in the towns Rail Heritage Days. Sometime in the Fall the #611 will return to Roanoke following North Carolina's Transportation Museum events. Obviously this is a very ambitious schedule which is bound to make any rail fan take notice and make plans to ride or chase after one of the immortals of steam. Go and enjoy!! For more information, visit the VMT.org site.

WEST VIRGINIA – CASS: "2015 was a very busy time for our staff and management" said President John Smith and he further went on to say "the first year was indeed a challenge as we set out with a very ambitious schedule and for the most part we succeeded in reaching our goals" In the 2015 season we ran 950 trains from three locations which were the depots of Elkin, Cass and Durbin and recorded ridership at nearly 90,000 for the past season. Cass alone recorded over 40,000 passengers. In just two days during the Fall color season, more than 3,000 riders rode behind steam. Mr. Smith continues "over the Winter months the Cass shops crews were busy installing flues on Cass Shay #2 a Shay engine that was built in 1927 by Lima. Crews have already restored the locomotive to running condition. Additionally, former Moore & Keppel Climax #3 has been loaded on a truck from Durbin to the Cass shops for its Federal Railroad Administration Formal Inspection. The locomotive is expected to return to service in the Summer of 2016. The engine was built in 1919. Track work is going on at several locations due to the increased volume of trips. A very important function!

MARYLAND – CUMBERLAND: The anticipated completion date of former C & O #1309 has now been moved up to July 24th 2016. Boiler work is going well and wheels have been removed so now the mechanical work is underway. Great progress has been made on the tender which is fully repaired. The locomotive wheels are already at Strasburg and being worked on. The group was recently awarded Trains Magazine's Annual Preservation Award which comes with a \$10,000 grant which will really help in the restoration of the former C&O #1309 a 2-6-6-2 Mallet type freight steam locomotive that was built in 1949 by the Baldwin Locomotive Works. The locomotive was the last locomotive built by the Baldwin company. Work is also being done to restore the freight cars for future photo specials. The foundation is currently running a donation drive to generate funds to complete the restoration of #1309, if you would like to help visit the www.movingfullstearahead.com.

ILLINOIS – CHICAGO: May 2016 the American Association of Private Railroad Car Owners is planning an all private car special from Chicago to Bureau Junction and Rock Island, Illinois on the Iowa Interstate Railroad where the train will also travel from Rock Island to South Amana, Iowa and return via Rock Island, Denrock, Savanna and Rochelle, Illinois. The train will be powered by a former Chinese QJ 2-10-2 steam locomotive that is maintained and operated by Central States Steam Associates. However, the group has not yet received approval from the host railroads. The groups are having serious talks as this story is being written. Here is the tentative schedule for this trip. Sunday May 15th 8:00 am when the QJ 2-10-2 departs Rock Island via Iowa Interstate for South Amana, Iowa. When the train reaches South Amana the locomotive will disconnect from the train and continue westward. Then an Iowa Interstate Diesel locomotive will return the train to Rock Island. Sorry about that there are no turning facilities at South Amana.

Now it's time to thank all the people who send me the news you just read. John Biehn (Dayton Ohio Railroad Society), Peter Chatman (London, England), Richard Taylor (New York Railroad Enthusiast) and from me your humblest servant in Steam! And remember Steam Never Dies!

UNTIL OUR TRACKS CROSS AGAIN

RMLI 10th Annual Educational Forum by Don Fisher

The Railroad Museum of Long Island is pleased to announce its 10th Annual Educational Forum:

The Electrification of the Long Island Rail Road, 1905 - 1955

You are invited to a slideshow and discussion by Long Island Rail Road Historian Ed Koehler who will present his views and data on the progressive electrification of the Long Island Rail Road. This talk will focus on the work done by the railroad under the ownership of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

Saturday, March 26, 2016 at 1:00 PM in the Riverhead Public Library, "Stage Room," 330 Court Street, (across from the Suffolk County Historical Society), Riverhead, NY. Ample municipal parking is available in the courthouse parking area, Osborne and Court Streets – across from the Library and the Riverhead LIRR Station.

Mark your calendar now and plan to attend this fascinating retrospective of railroading history on Long Island. Admission is FREE and open to the public. Visit us on the web at www.rml.org Please direct questions to **Don Fisher** at **631-765-2757** or via e-mail at dfisher@rml.us Thank you for your continuing interest and support.

At the January 15, 2016 LIST meeting, officials of the Railroad Museum of Long Island and Long Island Sunrise Trail Chapter – NRHS presented Mary Cascone with an historic, hand-lettered, LIRR station sign from the Babylon Train Station. L to R: Richie Schulman, LIST Director; Steve Quigley, LIST President; George Wybenga, LIST Director-RMLI Trustee; Bob Meyers, LIST Vice President; Mary Cascone, Babylon Town Historian; Dennis Harrington, RMLI Trustee; Dick Horn, RMLI Trustee; Don Fisher, RMLI President.

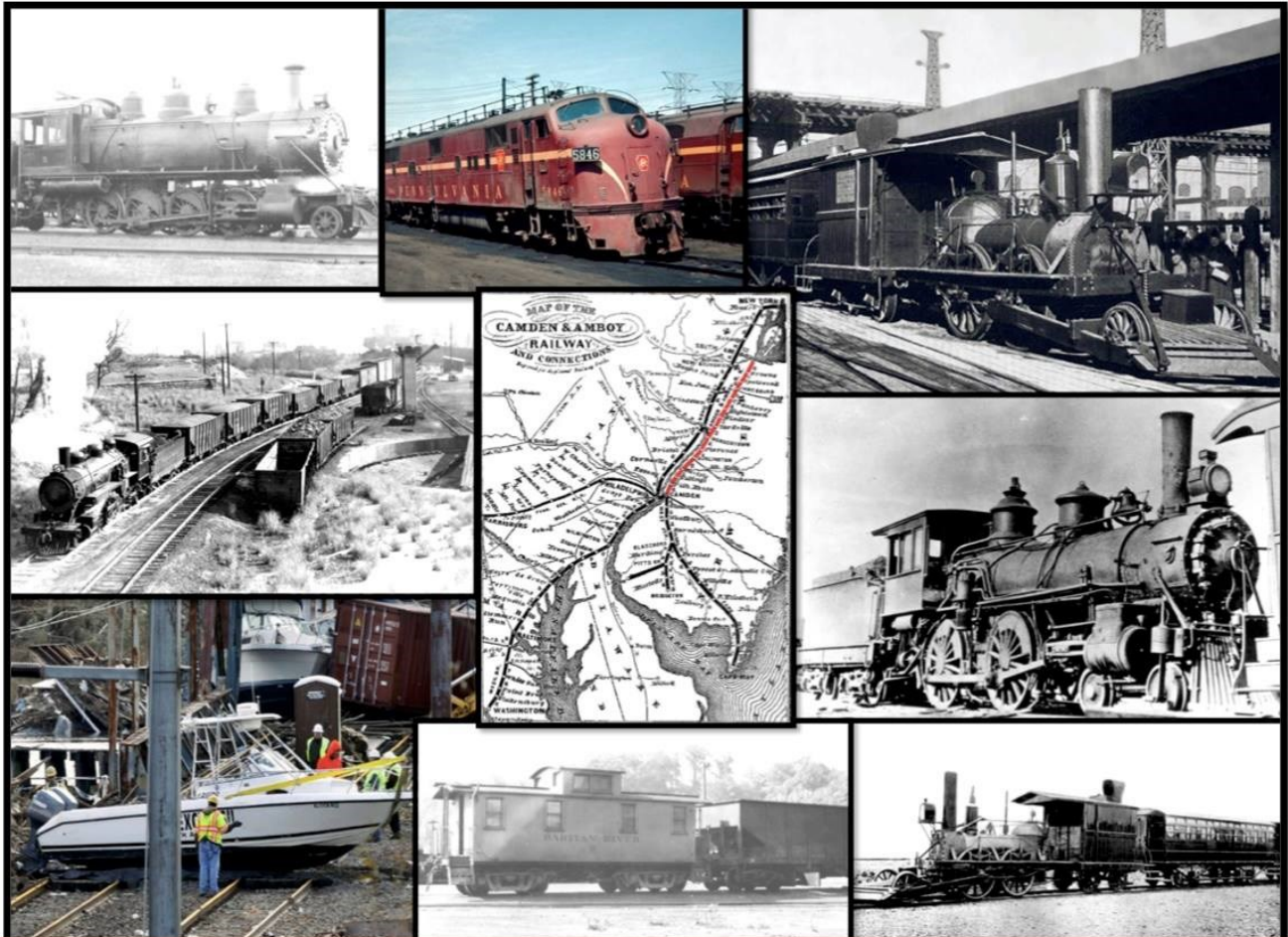


New Book in the Making by Dave Morrison

I'm in the process of writing another book to be published by Arcadia Publications. It will be titled:

Sunnyside Yard and Hell Gate Bridge

Please mention this in the next issue of the SEMAPHORE. I'm seeking pre-1990 photographs of Sunnyside Yard, Harold Interlocking and/or the Hell Gate Bridge. If anyone has such photographs that they would like to loan me for possible inclusion in the book, they should contact me soon. **David Morrison 516-935-3145 daverail999@gmail.com**



The Historical Society of South Amboy
4th Annual Open House

- Guest speakers will discuss the railroad and its influence on South Amboy
- Local history, old photos, genealogy, artifacts and more...
 - Bring your photos to scan and share

April 30, 2016 12pm-3pm

Free hot dogs and other refreshments

Senior Center, 108 S. Stevens, South Amboy

This event is being held in conjunction with the City of South Amboy
Visit us on Facebook for more details

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

As part of the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Long Island Sunrise Trail Chapter of the NRHS, we will be taking a tour of the Brookhaven Rail Terminal in Yaphank. The Tour will take place on **Friday, May 20th** at 10:00 AM, RAIN OR SHINE. The cost of the tour is \$10. If you wish to attend this tour of the BRT, send a check for \$10 payable to LIST to our PO Box. The tour will be taking place on Friday due to the fact that there is more action at the BRT on weekdays and a NY & A train typically arrives at 10:00 AM. More information including directions in the April edition of the Semaphore.