



SEMAPHORE



November 2019

NOTE: CHANGE OF VENUE

This months LIST meeting will be held on **Friday, November 15th, 8:00pm** at the **Mineola Community Information Center** which is located at 114 Old Country Road in Mineola; Suite 152 which is on the first floor. The Information Center is located approximately 1/4 mile west of Roslyn Road on the North side of Old Country Road. There is a parking lot and street parking directly behind the building.

THIS MONTH:

The topic of the meeting is the **"LIRR Expansion Project from Floral Park to Hicksville - 2019 Progress."** The presentation will include an overview of the project, its purpose, description and benefits as well as a tour of the Center and videos of the construction.

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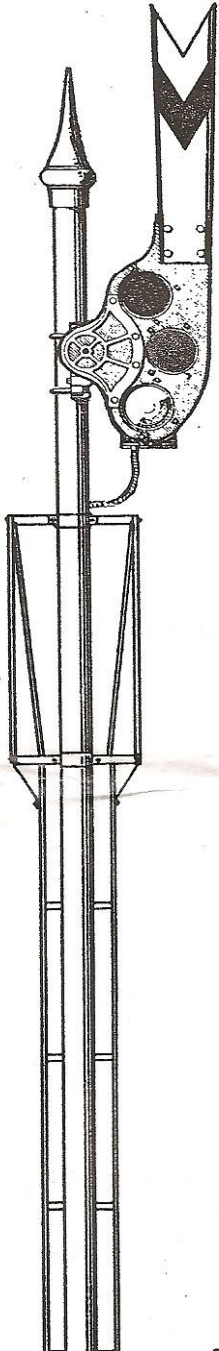
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List Happenings by Steve Quigley**IMPORTANT NOTICE!**

Our November meeting is being held at the Mineola Community Information Center. The Center is dedicated to information regarding the 3rd track Expansion project between Floral Park and Hicksville. Although the Center is open to the public only during daytime hours, we are fortunate in that the Center will open in the evening for our meeting. The Center has pictures, maps, charts and an extensive amount of information regarding the 3rd Track Project. The Center is located on the 1st floor of a building located at 114 Old Country Road in Mineola, just west of Roslyn Road on the north side of Old Country Road. There is a parking lot and street parking at the rear of the building. The entrance is at the rear of the building. This will be a very informative meeting regarding one of the most important LIRR projects along with East Side Access.

Our December meeting will be held at Old Town Hall in Babylon Village where we have had several meetings in the past. The building will be open only for us that night in order for attendees to enjoy viewing and running O Gauge model trains. It is a 240 sq. ft. U shaped train layout with 3 train lines, animated accessories and countless building and structures.


You are welcome to bring your O Gauge model trains and run them on the layout that night. This will be an evening of train fun, not the same size as the LIRR but we will be running LIRR trains in the scale of 1" – 48". If you wish to see LIRR trains as well as other "Fallen Flags" running on Long Island, join us at the December meeting.

Our 2020 LIRR calendar IS available for purchase. We used the same printing company as last year which provided us an excellent quality product. Almost all of the pictures are color with a couple of black and white photos due to their being very old shots. We kept the same price as last year so see the order form in this edition for information.

DUE TO NY STATE COLLECTING TAX, THE PRICE FOR MAILING THE CALENDAR TO NY MEMBERS IS \$12.49 WHICH INCLUDES TAX AND SHIPPING. The price for members out of NY State is \$11.50. There is no limit on the amount of calendars you wish to purchase. Several members have purchased multiple copies which they give as gifts to their friends.

The New York Transit Museum will have their 18th annual Holiday Train Show in the Gallery Annex in Grand Central Terminal. The exhibit will be open from November 2019 to February 2020 and will feature O Gauge trains in a mostly NY City setting.

The Downtown Brooklyn NY Transit Museum will have an exhibit titled "Reign of the Redbirds." The exhibit chronicles the many lives of NY's most iconic subway cars. The exhibit runs from November 7th, 2019 to September 13th, 2020.



LIRR NEWS by Steve Quigley

The new LIRR M-9 cars are in service and operating in regular runs. There is a 10 car train running on all branches with an additional 6 car train starting the week of 10/28. Each car has to run 4,000 miles on the LIRR before it is allowed to enter regular revenue service. The LIRR expects to add about 10 M-9 cars per month until all 202 cars in the initial order are in service which is expected to be by March of 2021. The LIRR may possibly buy 54 more M-9 cars from Kawasaki. It is expected that the LIRR and Metro-North will purchase up to 390 M-9A cars in the follow up order.

As a result of the trains being delivered in the next few years, the present M-3 cars which have been in operation since the 1980's will continue to run until possibly 2024. [Our Farewell to the M-3's train trip appears to be delayed until 2023 or 2024] Some of the M-3's have received PTC and several have been refurbished with new fiberglass fronts. Some of the M-3's had fronts held together with duct tape! There are many pictures of the new M-9's on the internet as well as the current November edition of Railpace Newsmagazine.



Checkout LIRR MP-15AC with its new paint job. Although the fresh paint is still the same yellow and blue, the nose has a keystone with LIRR in it. Several of the MP-15AC locomotives have received full as well as partial repaints.

The MTA commissioned a study to the feasibility and cost of restoring the old Rockaway Beach Branch. Phase 1 of the study evaluates reactivating the branch as part of the LIRR Main Line or having the NYC Transit use it as part of the Queens Blvd Line. Phase 2 looked at linking the LIRR Rockaway Beach Branch to JFK Airport. This would result in a one trip ride between Penn Station or Grand Central Terminal and JFK Airport.

The study is extensive with pictures, maps and charts. If you wish to read this study, it is available on the web at new.mta.info/system/modernization/reactivating-rockaway-beach-branch.

In addition to several bridges being replaced on the LIRR Main Line between Floral Park and Hicksville this year, the Accabonac Road Bridge in East Hampton is being replaced. The old bridge which was built in 1895 has a clearance of 9'9" was removed on October 17th and the new bridge is scheduled to be put in place on October 27th. Buses are replacing regular train service to Montauk for the time being. The North Main Street Bridge in the Village of East Hampton which is 500' from the Accabonac Bridge has a clearance of 10' and is also being replaced.

List Happenings...continued by Steve Quigley

Included in this edition of the Semaphore is our annual dues notice. The dues are the same price as last year, \$15. Returning your dues in a timely manner is appreciated.

If you would like to receive an electronic version of the Semaphore, please email me with your email address and I will send you the electronic version which will have color pictures when we publish pictures.

For the time being, I am sending a paper copy of the Semaphore as well as an electronic version if you have requested an electronic version.

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...continued by Steve Quigley

LIRR ridership increased 2% this past September over September 2018. Year to date ridership is up 2.4% and the LIRR is on a pace to set another modern day record. LIRR on time performance has increased even though there exists an incredible amount of construction being performed on almost all branches. Tie replacement, bridge replacement, 3rd track construction, Harold Interlocking for ESA construction are just some of the construction projects taking place.

This fall, the LIRR Maintenance of Equipment Department, is using 2 high pressure water trains to clear the rails of fallen leaves. A new laser train blast pectin, which is leaf residue, from the rails. This train travels at 20 MPH while the water trains travel at up to 40 MPH. This is in addition to the alcohol train, [not a bar car] which deices the 3rd rail of snow and ice.

As part of the Third Track Project, the LIRR is expecting to demolish three of its older building in Mineola but the Village Historical Society is trying to save the buildings. Nassau Tower, which was built in 1923, the Mineola Electrical Substation which was built in 1910 and the South Station House building which was built in 1923 are all planned to be demolished so that the third track may go through the area. The Mineola Historical Society stated that they wish to have the buildings moved rather than being demolished. Nassau Tower is directly in the path of the third track while the Electrical Substation is slated to be a drop off space for commuters. The South Station Building is in close proximity to the present tracks and would be too close to the third track to remain in its present location.

Stay tuned to see if any of the buildings can or will be saved.



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Oyster Bay Railroad Museum Update by John Specce

October was a busy month for the Museum.

In conjunction with Oyster Festival weekend, Oct 19-20, we opened the doors to our three venues, Visitor Center, Station and Display Yard. Those visiting the Festival had an opportunity to enjoy the Museum experience. Attendance was brisk.

On October 26th we participated in the annual Halloween parade, featuring our mini DM locomotive pulling the little red caboose, adorned with spooky ghosts and goblins, a big attraction. This is the third year of the parade which traverses downtown Oyster Bay village to the delight of residents.

The week of October 28th saw the Education Committee, hosting third grade students from the Oyster Bay Vernon school. Each day approximately 25 students per class were presented with a program specifically tailored to their age level.

Mark your calendars for the weekend of December 14-15 for the Museum's annual Holiday Express celebration. As usual, kids and their parents, grandparents are invited to come to the Visitor Center for holiday treats, a visit from Santa, and for a chance to win fabulous raffle prizes. More information can be found on our website, www.obrm.org beginning in mid-November.

Lastly, the Board of Directors wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving!



Railroad Museum of Long Island Update by Don Fisher

1. On Saturday and Sunday, December 7 and 8, 2019; 10:30 AM – 2:00 PM at the Museum located at 440 – 4 th Street, Greenport, New York. Admission is FREE and everyone is welcome. Santa arrives each day from the North Pole on the LIRR Greenport Scoot train at 11:00 AM. Refreshments will be served and a LIONEL Polar Express Toy Trainset will be raffled. For the train lover on your list, our Gift Shop will be open for holiday shopping.
2. On Saturday and Sunday, December 14 and 15, 2019; 11:30 AM – 3:00 PM at the Restoration and Visitor's Center located at 416 Griffing Avenue, Riverhead, New York. Admission is FREE and everyone is welcome. Santa arrives each day from the North Pole on the Museum's 1921 H.K. Porter steam locomotive at 12:00 noon. Refreshments will be served and a LIONEL Polar Express Toy Trainset will be raffled. For the train lover on your list, our Gift Shop will be open for holiday shopping.
3. New for 2019 – Extended holiday hours for viewing the Historic Lionel Layout and shopping opportunities at our Riverhead Museum Gift Shop, 416 Griffing Avenue. Saturdays, December 21 and 28 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Admission is FREE.

Please direct questions to Don Fisher, President; at **631-765-2757** or via e-mail at dfisher@rmlj.org Thank you for your continuing interest and support.



THE LIRR MODELER by Mike Boland***This Month's Feature:*****1959 AND PRR PULLMAN HEAVYWEIGHT PARLOR CARS ON THE LONG ISLAND RAIL ROAD, PART 2**

In last month's feature I began to look at LIRR parlor car operations in August 1959, thanks to an old memo that I got many years ago. It was dated August 5, 1959 and was issued by R. D. Spore, Superintendent of Transportation. (God, how I wish I had more of these!) It deals with the parlor car lineup of Friday, August 7 through Tuesday, August 11, 1959.

I've always found LIRR parlor operations interesting and this peek into the pre-"Weekend Chief" era of the late 1950's is loaded with modeling possibilities. This era would be fairly easy to replicate and model. The LIRR used a fleet of PRR 28-1 ex-Pullman heavyweight parlor cars. The 28-1 parlor car had 28 chairs and one drawing room with five seats and was the "standard" parlor car used in this service, although there were other configurations used such as 24-1, 26-1, 30-1 and 34-1 parlor cars.

These cars can be easily replicated by the Walthers HO model heavyweight parlor car brought out recently. For more information on these fabulous cars, read my series on LIRR parlor cars printed in THE SEMAPHORE several years ago. Right now these cars are difficult to find but they may be still around; you'll have to look hard. Ebay may have them from time to time.



*Club car OYSTER BAY is laying up in its namesake's yard on 1/03/1959.
George E. Votava photo, Dave Keller archive*

Until now there were no parlor cars lettered LONG ISLAND except for the two ex-Lackawanna parlor cars Virginia Dare and Julia Ward Howe purchased in 1958. These two cars originally ran in Lackawanna colors and lettering until the LACKAWANNA lettering along the letterboard above the windows was painted over with gray paint in a patch job and relettered with standard LONG ISLAND lettering. Incidentally, Dashing Dan heralds were applied to the two car sides in the window belt around this time.

THE LIRR MODELER...continued by Mike Boland

Sometime after this, probably in 1960, both Lackawanna cars were painted in standard LIRR colors and the cars were renamed Montauk and The Hamptons. These two cars were classed as P74C, while the PRR cars—apparently leased by the LIRR—were classed as P74D, indicating that there were differences between the Lackawanna cars and the PRR cars. One obvious difference was in the shape of the air-conditioning duct on both Lackawanna cars.



Club car SOUTH SHORE is catching the early morning light of a summer day in the yard at

Speonk, NY on Independence Day (4th of July) 1963.

William Lichtenstern photo, Dave Keller archive

Usually this was a rounded duct, as evidenced on the Walthers car and the New England Rail Supply part. Instead, the duct was more straight than curved, something that could be duplicated by laying styrene over the existing curved duct to more closely model its unique squared shape. (Other LIRR parlors had this feature; one such car was named Commack).

Each Montauk train also had a lounge car. Train #16 had 7022 Thomas Jefferson, a PRR 12 chair-16 lounge seat-drawing room-buffet-8 seat sun room. Train #24 had 7034 Elks Club and Train #28 had 7035 Lions Club; both were 16 chair-buffet-16 lounge seat cars rebuilt by Pullman and originally named Mercury and Saturn. The rest of these cars were PRR 28-1 parlor cars with the exception of R. R. Livingston, a 30-1 parlor car. A number of these cars were eventually purchased by the LIRR in 1962 and repainted in the popular “Blue-Ribbon Fleet” Weekend Chief colors.

Until next time, with some great news about new HO DD1's in the 1939 World's Fair paint scheme and P54D's from GHB.

Happy Thanksgiving from the LIRR Modeler!





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2020 CHAPTER

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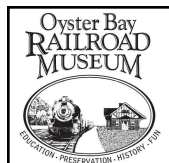
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