



# SEMAPHORE



## April 2021

The LIST April meeting will be held on **Friday, April 16th, 8:00pm.**

To comply with current restrictions regarding gatherings, this meeting will be held via Zoom. Please see details and directions on how you can join the meeting as provided by Ed Koehler on page #3.

Please note this meeting will be accessible to LIST Members **ONLY.**

### THIS MONTH

The guest presenter for the April 16th LIST meeting will be Phillip Eng, President of the LIRR. Mr. Eng will discuss various topics regarding today's LIRR.

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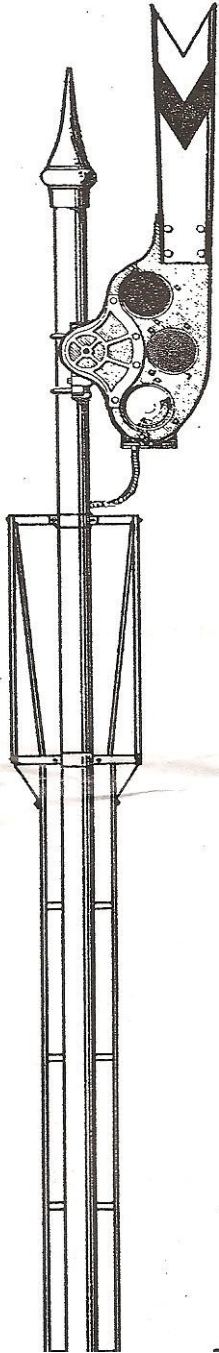
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# _____ LIRR Babylon Branch by Dave Morrison NEW	@\$18 each Total _____
# _____ The 185 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the LIRR book	@\$12 Each Total _____
# _____ LIRR Multiple Unit Cars by M. Boland	@\$48 each Total _____
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# _____ LIRR Trackside with Matt Herson by M. Boland	@48 each Total _____
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# _____ The Long Island Rail Road, In Color Vol. 5	@\$48 each Total _____
# _____ The LIRR, In Color Power 1952-2015	@\$48 each Total _____

Shipping for 1 of the books \$3.50.

Shipping for extra books, please call or e mail Steve Quigley for the shipping cost.

NY State Residents, add 8.625% tax to the total of the merchandise PLUS the shipping.

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## April Meeting Information by Ed Koehler

Please keep in mind that this meeting is for members only, please do not share login information.

To comply with current restrictions regarding gatherings, this meeting will be held via Zoom®.

In order to comply with security requests to imposed by the Chapter Board to limit this meeting to members only, members must send their E-Mail addresses to our Zoom® meeting host at [EdwardMKoehler@nyc.rr.com](mailto:EdwardMKoehler@nyc.rr.com) by April 14, 2021. Even if you have previously registered you must do this for the April membership meeting. After a validation of your request, a link will be sent to your E-Mail address on April 16, 2021.

Around 7:45 PM on April 16, 2021 you can connect to the meeting by entering the below link in your computer's search engine (Bing, Google, Yahoo, etc.) and hit enter. You can also enter this meeting by just 'clicking on the link' if it is displayed in underlined blue on your computer screen. You will be brought to the opening screen of Zoom® where you will be queried for your name. After entering your name hit return again and you will be placed in the 'Waiting Room' for the host to admit you to the meeting. Only recognized member names will be admitted; 'iPad (2)' 'Galaxy Phone' and duplicate names, etc., will be turned away. If you want to speed up your log in process, go to <https://zoom.us/freesignup> on the Internet and select 'Sign Up, It's Free' (Do not enter your work E-Mail on this page.) Do note that your normal internet charges will apply for both the meeting and the sign up.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 2021 AT 8:00 PM

After a brief business session, we will be offered a presentation by Long Island Rail Road President Phillip Eng. We all enjoyed his presentation the last time he visited us.

Any questions or problem with Zoom® please contact Ed Koehler at [EdwardMKoehler@nyc.rr.com](mailto:EdwardMKoehler@nyc.rr.com) or call him at 917-603-4276.

**Do you have something to offer?** If you have a computer based presentation or want to do a lecture via a computer based camera (or a combination of both); please send an E-Mail to President Steve Quigley at [csquigley@optonline.net](mailto:csquigley@optonline.net) and we will talk.



## List Happenings by Steve Quigley

First and most important, I wish all of the members of LIST and your families to stay healthy and be safe. PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT ITEMS!

Regretfully, I am canceling this month's IN PERSON April Chapter meeting. We will resume our in person meetings as soon as possible.

WE WILL HAVE A ZOOM MEETING THIS MONTH ON APRIL 16th. Please see this edition of the Semaphore as to how you may attend through your PC our Zoom meeting. In the future, we plan on conducting our in person meetings as well as having a Zoom meeting at the same time. Many thanks to Chapter member Ed Koehler for setting up and handling the technical aspects of our Zoom Meeting. For now, our Zoom meetings are available to LIST Chapter members only and invited guests, not to non-members.

I have lined up our guest presenters for the remainder of the season and you will really enjoy their presentations. Our presenters are special but remember our Zoom meetings are for members and invitees only so if you know someone whom would like to attend, tell them to join LIST as a member.

We are exploring the possibility of having LIST Zoom meetings during July and August. We have not had in-person LIST meetings primarily due to it being vacation time but since it will not be in-person we may have them. Let me know if you think you might be interested in attending our July and August meetings.

LIST is a distributor of the Conrail Quarterly which is a publication of the Conrail Historical Society. It is an excellent full color magazine which retails for \$12. We have several editions in stock that we will sell to Chapter members for \$7 plus \$2 shipping cost. New York State residents do not pay tax as this is a magazine. The current edition features Conrail SW 1500's and is 37 pages in length.

We have purchased copies of "Waterfront Railways of N Y Harbor" by Robert Yanosey. The retail price is \$39.95 but for Chapter members the cost is \$30. Shipping is \$3.50 and the tax is \$2.89 for books shipped to a NY State address. This is NOT on our order form; if you wish to buy a copy just include a note with your check.

We have very few copies of the Arcadia Publishing Co books The LIRR 1925-1975 and the additional book, Revisiting the LIRR 1925-1975 by David Keller and Steven Lynch. These books were published in 2004 and 2005 respectively and the price for Chapter members is \$18. S+H is \$3.50; NY State residents must add \$1.85 tax. These books are not on our order form as we have only a few copies. Just include a note with your check.

By the time you read this, Chapter member Bob Sturm's book on The History of the LIRR 1949 to 1980 will be at the printer. This important book on the story of the LIRR will be available to LIST Chapter members in late April or early May. The price is being finalized but as usual, Chapter members will receive a discount off the retail price. We plan on having a special price if both editions of the History of the LIRR are purchased together.

We are always looking for articles 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](mailto:csquigley@optonline.net) and my telephone # is **631-487-4766**. Please email your articles.



## Long Island Rail Road News by Steve Quigley

LIRR timetables which have been printed in various versions since the 1830's will not be printed any longer. This is due to various reasons which include cost cutting as well as the fact that the LIRR schedules have changed many times in the past year. Track work on the Main Line as well as other Branches made many revisions to the schedule necessary. The last printed timetable was Effective May 18 – July 12, 2020 but was never officially in effect due to the schedule being revised as a result of the Covid virus. The most recent printed timetable that was actual and effective was the one Effective March 9 – May 17, 2020. These two timetables may be collector's items as the new LIRR Train Time App provides much more information than a timetable and appears to be popular. If you have not tried the app, please do so as it is very informative and updated in real time especially when it shows where your train is located.

[If you would like a couple of past timetables, email me or send a note and I will send you a few of the large full branch timetables and a smaller station specific timetable. I have been sending timetables and LIRR brochures to people who buy our calendar and books but I will send you a couple of them if you ask. Steve Q]

On March 8<sup>th</sup>, the demolition of the Mineola Substation was begun. By the end of the day, a substantial portion of the building was taken down with the remainder being taken down the next day. A slight mishap occurred when a portion of a wall came down and damaged a portion of the Southwest corner of the roof of Nassau Tower. At the same time, there were several workers in Nassau tower and when the wall fell, it blocked the door and they left through a window with no injuries. (Photos of the demolition appear on the last page of this newsletter)

Chapter member and LIRR Historian Dave Morrison and I were there watching the demolition both days and I asked one of the workers if he could get a couple of bricks from the building as souvenirs for Dave and I. I looked at the brick and on it was "Sage." Research reveals that the Sage Brick Company was located in Greenport at that time, or currently Southold. The address was 1670 Sage Boulevard. The Sage Brick Co. was in business from the late 1800's until 1938. The "LI Express" Hurricane of 1938 flooded the clay deposits on the site and thus the business ended. The State Hospital in Central Islip was a Sage Brick company customer and supplied as many as 30 million bricks for the construction of the hospital in 1898. The State Hospital had its own LIRR siding for construction and later visitors. The Sage Brick Co. had its own ½ mile long siding on the Main Line and it was 93.22 miles from LIC.

The Property ended up as Fred Young's Boatyard which was then sold in 1950 and eventually became the Brick Cove Marina.

How all of this ties into the LIRR today, is an interesting story. A grandfather of an LIRR employee worked at Young's Boatyard for several years. He painted the wood boats that were brought in service or repair. This person also kept his boat at the boatyard. This person was originally from Brooklyn and later moved out east as many people have done. A Sage Brick was given to the LIRR employee in question who then related the story of his grandfather to me. The LIRR employee, whose grandfather worked at Young's Boatyard which was originally the Sage Brick Co., which supplied bricks for the construction of the Mineola substation, is Walter Hilsenbeck whom is currently the #1 engineer in seniority on the LIRR! Walter has worked for the LIRR for 35+ years and both sides of his family have a total of 225+ years of service at the LIRR!



## ***THE LIRR MODELER* by Mike Boland**

### ***This Month's Feature: BROADWAY LIMITED'S NEW RUN OF PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD P70 COACHES PART 2***

Let's take a good look at this new run of Pennsylvania Railroad P70 standard long-haul coaches manufactured by Broadway Limited in HO scale. To do this, I am enlisting the help of Tim Garner. Tim is a fabulous PRR modeler in HO scale, as well as a big PRR fan and he is President of the New England Chapter of the Pennsylvania Railroad Historical Society. He also does a superb job as editor of THE EAST WIND, which the chapter's fine quarterly publication. He's handled my two contributions on the Long Island Rail Road heavyweight Pullman and ex-PRR parlor cars and did a great job with my writings and photographs. I've gotten to know him since I joined the chapter when I moved to Mashpee on Cape Cod in Massachusetts and I think very highly of him and what he does for our chapter. I am indebted for the kind permission that Tim has given me to use information that was featured in his review of these cars that appeared in THE KEYSTONE MODELER, Issue Number 99 for the Winter of 2017. Thank you so very much, Tim, for this privilege. I have also used some information that appeared in a review of these cars that was in the November 2017 issue of MODEL RAILROADER magazine written by Dana Kawala.

So let's now take a look at our model. The model's plastic body features well-defined molded detail, including rivet seams that are properly placed. Handrails and roof vents are separately applied, as are the end diaphragms. The model is smoothly painted with a Tuscan body and black roof and underbody. The early run of Broadway Limited cars were decorated as the prototype appeared from 1933 until the early 1950's with gold lettering and striping. The fonts and lettering placement accurately match prototype photographs of these cars. After the early 1950's the color of them lettering was switched to a buff yellow.

The plastic underframes are accurately detailed for both the P70 and the P70R; in 1933, the Pennsylvania Railroad began adding ice-air-conditioning to their P70 cars and reclassified them P70R. The P70R model had a large ice bunker and separately applied air-conditioning components for the underbody. Metal weights have been placed between the underframe and the interior floor. The truck side frames are molded in black plastic to match Pennsylvania Railroad class four-wheel 2D-P5 roller-bearing trucks.

The body is held to the frame by locking tabs. By carefully spreading the sides of the car, the body can be lifted off the frame should you want to add passengers. Passenger figures have not been included but it would not be difficult to add them. The interior arrangement of this popular car matches the prototype floor plan. The seats of these cars are maroon and the floor and walls are painted in a green shade. All of the car windows feature clear plastic glazing.

More on these great cars next time. Until then, happy modeling!

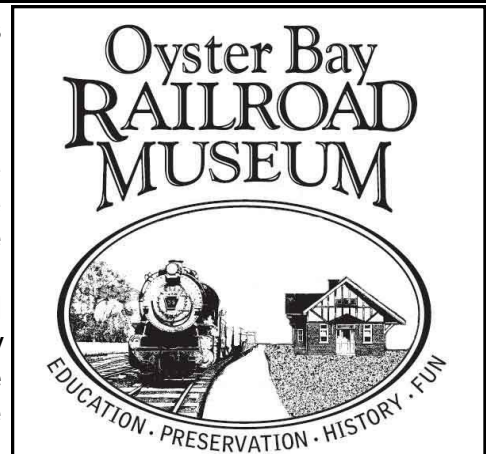


**Long Island's Railroad Museums are set to open this Spring. Please be sure to get out and show your support. Whether RMLI, OBRM, The Wantagh Preservation Society or Lindenhurst Historical Society, all are in need of your time, your visitation and most of all, your financial support. Each eagerly welcomes volunteers on all levels, whether skilled or novice. Check out their websites and Facebook pages for more information on when they open for the season and how you can help!**

## Oyster Bay Railroad Museum Update by John Specce, President

Spring is here and the Oyster Bay Railroad Museum volunteers are busy at both the Historic Train Station, and the Display Yard, preparing for the anticipated opening date of May 1st.

At the Station, great strides are being made; A new O gauge operating train layout is under construction, display walls have been erected, inventory has been taken of merchandise for the new Museum Store, and lots of new interactive displays are being set up. At the Yard, work continues on steam locomotive #35, and we're readying the other pieces of rolling stock and garden railway for opening day. Our experienced docents and volunteers are returning for another season to ensure an enjoyable and safe experience for our visitors, while complying with all NY State DOH guidelines.



For current information on Museum happenings, please visit our website at [www.obrm.org](http://www.obrm.org) or for more up the minute information, details and lots of photos, look us up on Facebook at **OYSTER BAY RAILROAD MUSEUM**.

Happy Spring and stay safe! We look forward to seeing you at the museum!

## Railroad Museum of Long Island Update from RMLI website

### Riverhead:

Riverhead reopened for the 2021 Season on Saturday, April 3, 2021.

### 2021 Admission for Riverhead:

Adults: \$12.00

Children 5-12 years: \$6.00

Infants – 4 years **FREE!**

### Greenport:

Greenport will reopen for the 2021 Season on Saturday and Sunday, May 29 and 30, 2021.

### 2021 Admission for Greenport:

Adults: \$8.00

Children 5-12 years: \$4.00

Infants – 4 years **FREE!**



Visit RMLI on the web at [www.rml.org](http://www.rml.org)

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## Demolition of The Mineola Substation by Steve Quigley

