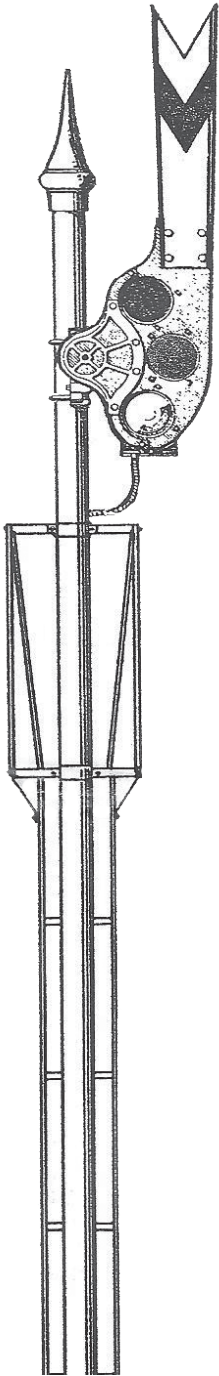




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January 2022



The LIST January meeting will be held on **Friday, January 21st at 8:00 p.m.**

The January meeting will be **both IN PERSON** at the historic Van Bourgondien house in West Babylon **and also available via ZOOM**. The address of the Van B house is 600 Albin Avenue in West Babylon.

Please if you live in the area make an attempt to attend in person leaving our limited bandwidth for our out of area members. Please keep in mind that this meeting is for members only' please do not share login information.

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THIS MONTH

Dave Morrison will give the September digital presentation regarding his latest book on the Montauk Branch, covering the stations from Bay Shore to Montauk. Dave will discuss some of his personal experiences such as the Oakdale Station wedding and the Sunrise Wildfire at Westhampton Station.

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JANUARY 21, 2022 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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Friday, January 21, 2021 at 8:00 PM: Long Island Sunrise Trail Chapter NRHS blended in person and Zoom® meeting at 600 Albin Avenue, West Babylon, New York. This is an In Person. Dave Morrison will be presenting a show based on the recent publication by Arcadia® of his book on the Montauk Branch.

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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 and we will talk.

The Speonk Train Station by Dave Morrison

A small cafe was recently opened inside the old 1901 Speonk Station building. This is a wooden structure with a wraparound roof overhang. Another similar station building existed at Blue Point; erected in 1900 and demolished in 1951. That station stop was eliminated from the timetable in 1980. According to the late LIRR historian Ron Ziel, "the Speonk and Blue Point buildings were delightful aberrations from the usual design of LIRR station buildings."



The photograph at top is a 1907 view of the structure, showing the LONG ISLAND EXPRESS sign on the left side of the building.

The bottom left photograph was taken by LIRR Claims Department photographer Fred J. Weber on January 13, 1949. Viewed looking west, a trainman is in front of the building with a passenger train at the platform. Look closely and you'll see the scalloped roof support brackets attached to the posts.

The new cafe, known as the **Little Gull Cafe**, was established by Chef Will Pendergast, who is seen with his family in this recent photograph taken by Kitty Merrill. Breakfasts and lunches are served 6 days a week with Mondays being closed. Information can be obtained by calling 631-801-2176 or emailing info@littlegullcafe.com. The address is 59 North Phillips Avenue. If you are a Long Island railfan, you should check out this place.



LIST Happenings by Steve Quigley

The members of the LIST Board and I wish you all a happy and healthy 2022!

The January 2022 LIST meeting will be in person as well as through Zoom. The Zoom log in information is included in this edition of the Semaphore as well as the bottom of this page.

The sales of our 2022 LIRR calendar were very successful thanks to several chapter members, notably Gene Collora and John Grocki. We have a few copies of our 2022 LIRR remaining so if you need one, send in an order and we will try and fill it.

We thank all the people who have sent in their dues renewal. If you have not done so, please send it in ASAP so that we will continue sending you the Semaphore and receive the discount on all the merchandise that we offer. I AM GOING TO SEND THE DUES RENEWAL NOTICE AGAIN TO EVERYONE IN THE JANUARY EDITION. If you have already sent in your dues, please ignore the notice. If you happen to send in your dues for 2022 twice by accident, of course we will send the 2nd payment back to you.

Starting with the January 2022 edition of the Semaphore, our new editor will be Michael Hack of Rollins Printing. Initially, if you are writing a column or if you have an article for the Semaphore, please email it to me at csquigley@optonline.net and then I will forward it to our editor. Just a reminder, please do not submit an article via the mail as it would have to be retyped into an email version.

We are in the early stages of possibly publishing TWO books. One of the books is being spearheaded by Robert Myers and it is the history of the LIRR timetables. If you wish to contribute to this book, please email me at csquigley@optonline.net and I will forward your information to Bob. The other book will feature the LIRR drawings of Vincent Quatroche. We have been compiling his drawings thanks to Don Fisher who is the President of the Railroad Museum of LI.

We are looking to place the books that LIST has published on Amazon to gain wider exposure and additional sales. If you have experience with placing items to sell on Amazon, please contact me with the information.

Chapter member Bob Sturm's book on The History of the LIRR 1949 to 1980 is in stock! The RETAIL price is \$49.95 for non-members and \$38 for LIST Chapter members. If both Volumes 1 and 2 are purchased together, the special price for members is \$68 for both. That is 10+% off the individual prices. The shipping cost for both books together will be \$10. NY State residents must add \$6.73 tax.

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 and my telephone # is 631-487-4766. Please do not mail me copies of your articles. Please email your articles as we have to retype mailed copies.

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The LIRR Modeler by Mike Boland

THIS MONTH'S FEATURE: THE NEW HAVEN RAILROAD'S "STATE OF MAINE PRODUCTS" 40-FOOT PLUGDOOR BOXCAR IN RED, WHITE AND BLUE

First of all, I wish everyone a Happy New Year and a healthy one, too!

Every once in a while, I strike gold and when I went to my local hobby shop in Hyannis not too long ago—it's Centerline Hobbies—I picked up a really cool boxcar kit that apparently came in from an estate sale and was never assembled. The car and kit was a boxcar, a 40-foot insulated plugdoor boxcar manufactured by Intermountain Railway company and yes, this company made kits before they concentrated on read-to-run rolling stock.

The car was a specialty item and had no number, but was simply known by its road number, #45074. The car, was owned by the New Haven Railroad and was painted in the BAR and NH railroads' popular and colorful red, white and blue "State of Maine Products" paint scheme. The car was apparently produced by Intermountain for Branford Hobbies in Branford, Connecticut at 609 West Main. I attempted to contact them in regards to the history of this car but no one ever got back to me; I was very curious about the history behind this kit.



Anyway, when I saw the label, I just knew I had to have this car so I bought it. I brought it home and realized I had a good amount of information on the "State of Maine Products" cars as owned by both the New Haven and Bangor and Aroostook Railroads. They had been written up by several modelers and the articles on them were quite informative.

These cars, with their red, white and blue-stripes, blue ends and roof made for a most colorful car and was probably one of the most attractive paint schemes ever introduced on a boxcar. Note mentioning is the blue on the car sides does not match the blue ends of roof of these cars. Still, it was an attractive paint scheme and I knew I was happy to have this car on my freight roster. Since I didn't know much about these cars, I thought I would read all about the cars before I assembled it.

For many years Maine had a robust potato business and it moved by rail. The top potato hauler was, of course, the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad. The potato-shipping season was September through June each year and March was the peak month. From September 1949 through June 1950, almost 47,000 carloads of potatoes originated for hauling and 86% of them road the BAR.

Potatoes were usually shipped in refrigerator cars but in 1950 the BAR had Pacific Car & Foundry build 300 insulated 40-foot boxcars with plugdoors and the red, white and blue stripes that ran the length of the cars with large billboard lettering.

Each car was equipped with a Luminator-Mitchell #14 charcoal heater suspended from the car floor. More about this later in my feature.

In 1953 the BAR had another 150 cars built. In addition to these insulated boxcars, the BAR had 1200 refrigerator cars and this was the second-largest railroad-owned fleet of cars for fresh produce service; Santa Fe Railway had the largest fleet at that time with about 14,000 refrigerator cars.

This same year—1953—the New Haven Railroad had a fleet of 100 similar cars built. The New Haven car is the one I will construct. More about this car next time.

Until then, happy modeling!

LIRR News by Steve Quigley

On 1/2/2022, the LIRR commenced work on the Denton Avenue Bridge which goes over Denton Avenue in Garden City Park and Tanners Pond Road in Garden City. The Village of Garden City granted the work permits that the LIRR and MTA had sought for almost 1 year. The delay in the construction of the bridge which is a small single lane tunnel could delay the completion of the 3rd Track Project and could potentially cause the \$2.6 billion project to go over budget. In December, the LIRR persuaded a NY State Supreme Court justice to compel the Village to grant the needed work permits. Even after losing the appeal, the Village refused to do so. On December 22nd, the LIRR asked the court to hold the Village in contempt! On December 31st, the Village granted the requested permits. Since the village granted the permits, the contempt suit has been dropped.

It is unknown if the tunnel will be for one way traffic or if there will be traffic signals on each side to permit two way traffic through a single lane wide tunnel. Informed sources have told me that the Village does not want traffic signals and that the one way designation can later be made two ways as it is a Village road. It remains to be seen if the bridge work will be completed in time for the grand opening of the East Side Access project but if history repeats itself, the work on the 3rd Track Project will be completed just in time for the ESA Grand Opening!

On Monday, 1/2/2022, the LIRR restored 15 trains to its schedule that had been cut for most of the pandemic. With these added trains, the LIRR is running between 20% to 23% less peak trains than before the pandemic. The railroad is averaging between 52% and 55% of its 2019 monthly weekday and weekend ridership. As of the beginning of December 2021, the LIRR on time performance was 96.2%. This percentage represents the trains that arrive at their final destination within 5 minutes and 59 seconds of their scheduled arrival time. It is planned that the LIRR will return to peak rate ticket fares on 3/1/2022. The ticket charge prices are as follows: When purchased through eTix, a new 20 trip ticket will offer 20% off the comparable 20 peak fares. Monthly tickets which are currently discounted between 48% and 61% off one way peak tickets will be discounted by an additional 10%. "City Ticket," which is for travel within NYC on weekends, will be extended to all weekday off peak trains at a fare of \$5.

The LIRR has started to rollout Help Points to additional stations. The intercoms, which can connect passengers to emergency services or general travel information, were first piloted by the MTA on the subway system. The MTA has allocated \$5 million in its 2020-2024 Capital Program to bring Help Points to all LIRR stations. The LIRR has been experimenting with a new design that includes an additional button and yellow flashing beacon for passengers who need boarding assistance. It is currently projected that a system wide rollout of Help Points to all LIRR stations to be completed by December 2024.

Third Track Expansion Project by Dave Morrison

A new station building was dedicated at Mineola on September 22, 1923. This two-story, gambrel-roofed building, on the north side of the tracks, had an upstairs living quarters for the station agent and family. On the south side of the tracks, opposite the new building, a substantial waiting room building was opened to serve eastbound passengers. The 1935 photograph at right shows an eastbound passenger train, hauled by steam locomotive No. 29, heading through the station area. The eastbound waiting room building is at the left side of this photograph.



As part of the LIRR Third Track Project, the eastbound waiting room building was demolished due to the fact that it was in the path of the new third track. Two photographs below, taken from the roof of the Mineola Boulevard parking garage, show the progress being made on the project. The January 17, 2021 photograph (left) shows the cleared pathway for the installation of the new track. The foundations for a new pedestrian overpass, east of the station building is evident in this photograph. In another photograph, taken about a year later, on January 3, 2022 (right), the progress on the new overpass can be seen. Progress has probably been slow because there was a serious accident on March 13, 2021 when the center span for the overpass was being installed.

The good news is that the station building is going to be preserved and renovated. Next year, 2023, will mark the 100th Anniversary of Mineola Station. That should be quite a celebration!



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Shipping for 1 Calendar or book is \$4.00. Shipping for both Bob Sturm's books is \$10. Shipping for other 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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