



SEMAPHORE



June 2022

The LIST June meeting will be held on **Friday, June 17th at 8:00 p.m.**

The May meeting will be **IN PERSON** at the historic Van Bourgondien house in West Babylon as well as **by ZOOM**.
The address of the Van B house is 600 Albin Avenue in West Babylon.

THIS MONTH

The guest presenter will be Mike Boland and the topic of the show will be "MU Cars of the LIRR."

This will be the last LIST meeting until our Fall season begins in September.

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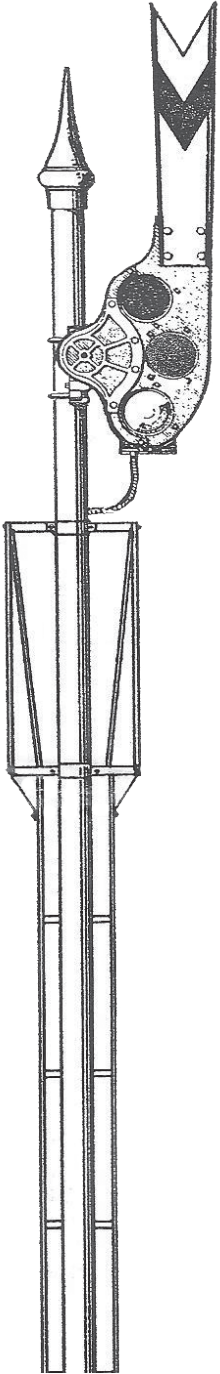
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April Membership Meeting Information by Ed Koehler

**LONG ISLAND SUNRISE TRAIL CHAPTER
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YOUR JUNE 17, 2022 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

June 17, 2022 at 8:00 PM eastern; 7:00 PM central: The June membership meeting of the Long Island Sunrise Trail Chapter NRHS will be held. Mike Boland will be presenting a Long Island Rail Road themed presentation from a remote site.

To attend this event, click this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88151932376?pwd=TDR5U3hsWDZMRWVla3Y5bVVRQ0lZQT09>
Meeting ID: 881 5193 2376 Passcode: 492740

Any questions or problem with Zoom® please contact Ed Koehler at EdwardMKoehler@nyc.rr.com or call him at 917-603-4276. E-Mail contact is discontinued at 5:30 PM eastern time the day of the event.

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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.

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LIST Happenings by Steve Quigley

Our June meeting is the last one for the season. This is the last edition of the Semaphore until our September one. We will resume meetings in September so I hope you all have a safe and enjoyable summer of rail fanning.

We will have a business meeting during our June meeting. Our annual elections will take place with the following all up for re-election:

Board members Robert Cecere, Al Johnson, Ken Katta and Frank Spada.

Secretary - Christine Quigley

Treasurer - Alan Mark

Vice-President - Robert Myers

President - Stephen Quigley

We are nominating Ed Koehler to be a LIST Board member. At the present time, Ed is our Zoom meeting production supervisor as well as in charge of our LIST calendar production and design.

If you wish to be considered for a LIST Board member position, please call or email me before our June meeting.

We are working on our 2023 LIRR calendar so if you wish to contribute, please send in your photos, slides etc as soon as possible. We are always looking for very old photos of LIRR rolling stock, stations and people, the older the better. If the old photos are not perfect in quality, send them to me anyway as unique photos can always be used. If you send digital photos, please make sure they are at least 600 dpi.

On May 13th, we were given a very interesting tour of the Brookhaven Rail Terminal in Yaphank. The 28 acre site was opened in 2011 and construction has begun to more than double the site size of the terminal. Our tour was conducted by Mr. Andrew Kaufman who is the President of the Brookhaven Rail Terminal. The tour was more than 1 hour long and we were afforded a walking tour of the entire site including the 200,000 square foot warehouse facility where lumber among other items is stored for future distribution. Attached are photos of the facility including a photo of a box car which is being unloaded inside the warehouse by a forklift. Home Depot uses the BRT as a distribution facility for items such as bulk lumber and construction material for all of its stores in Suffolk, Nassau, Queens, Brooklyn and the Bronx. The material is brought in by train and then loaded on to trucks for its various stores. The BRT handles bulk material as well as aggregate.

Thank you Mr. Kaufman for a very interesting tour of the expanding facility which takes thousands of trucks off our roads each year!



Photo by Andrew Grahl



Photo by Steve Quigley



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Photos by Steve Quigley

The former LIRR Brentwood station has been converted into a unique restaurant which serves a fusion menu with Halal Pakistani and Latin American cuisine. The restaurant is named "La Estacion" which translated means The Station. The building was the LIRR Brentwood station from 1905 until 1987 and was vacant until 2006 when it became a café. The café closed in 2009 and was vacant until 2018. It has extensive indoor and outdoor seating. The former LIRR Speonk train station became "The Little Gull Café" last year which is another example of a former LIRR station being saved and used for another purpose. We wish both restaurants great success and a long life. [I have visited the Little Gull Café in Speonk several times and have found the food to be excellent and reasonably priced in a charming atmosphere - an old LIRR station! SQ]

The March and April editions of RailPace magazine have excellent articles written by LIST Chapter members Andrew Grahl and William J. Skeats. The articles are titled "Railfanning the North Fork of Long Island" and it tells the story of railfanning the LIRR from Ronkonkoma to Greenport. Part 1 is from Ronkonkoma to Calverton and Part 2 is in the April edition and it continues the story from Riverhead to Greenport. The articles are well written with much information and many pictures. I have ordered copies and they are available to Chapter members for \$16 for BOTH the March and April editions and the \$16 includes shipping! No tax on magazines. Please send your check to our P O Box.

This past October, Trains Magazine had an 8 page article titled "Long Island Bets Big on Growth." It is the story of East Side Access which as you know is the LIRR having trains go to Grand Central Terminal. The projected date for LIRR trains going to GCT is December of this year. I have ordered copies of this edition of Trains Magazine at a reduced price. If you would like a copy of this magazine, please send in a check for \$9 to our P O Box. The retail price of the magazine is \$7.99, reduced to \$6 for Chapter members and the shipping cost is \$3.

Both magazines are very informative with each aspect of the LIRR!

Since the LIRR will be arriving at GCT later this year, this is a very timely and informative article regarding the LIRR's East Side Access.

If you are writing a column or if you have an article for the Semaphore, please email it to me and then I will forward it to our editor. Just a reminder, please do not submit an article via USPS mail, send it via email.

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.

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 email 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.

The LIRR Modeler by Mike Boland

THIS MONTH'S FEATURE: A FOND LOOK BACK AT MODEL RAILROADER MAGAZINE OF 1983

I thought it might be interesting to take a nostalgic look at Model Railroader magazine as I close out this "season" of articles that appear in the SEMAPHORE. On a recent visit to Centerline Hobbies in Hyannis, I came across two copies of the "MR" magazine and I purchased them. Centerline always has an ample supply of these old MR magazines and they can be had at a very cheap price. So I bought two copies, one from February 1983 and the other from December 1983. Both copies cost \$1.75 when new, which is only 25 cents more than what the magazine cost me to buy almost 40 years later. I bought them at the hobby shop and in later years, I subscribed by mail

The first thing I noticed—and this is very obvious—is the size or thickness of the magazine. Both of these issues were pretty thick compared to today's issues, which run about 76 pages. February 1983 MR, with its cover article "Industry comes to the Jerome and Southwestern" had 172 pages! December 1983 MR had 204 pages! Wow!

So many pages! And so many advertisers! There were 223 advertisers in the February issue. Man, that's a lot! Do you remember any of these? Perry's Hobbies. America's Hobby Center, Inc. on West 22nd St. in Manhattan. How about Broad Ripple Station? I bought a lot of brass locomotives at great prices from him. World of Trains. Nickel Plate Products HO Gauge Brass Models. Overland Models—I believe they are still around.

Sunset Models, Peco, Walthers, Athearn, Key Imports, and the beloved Madison Hardware. Bookbinder's (Lionel) "Trains unlimited," LMB Models, Charles Ro—he's still around and about 90 minutes away from me by car. Bowser's still here and about to bring in the correct LIRR Phase III ALCo RS3's painted in my beloved World's Fair paint scheme. Roundhouse I/Roundhouse II were two hobby shops, one in White Plains and the other in Manhattan. Standard Hobby Supply in Mahwah, NJ.

Walthers. Oriental Limited. The Train Shop, in Carmen Webster's old store in the basement of 23 West 45th St. in midtown Manhattan. Caboose Hobbies. Pro Custom Hobbies, Inc. San Antonio Hobby Shop. The Original Whistlestop.

Both magazines had lots and lots of great and helpful articles. One of my favorites was "Paint Shop" and at that time written by Jim Hediger. There was also MR Clinic, another monthly feature.

How about NJ Custom Brass? Jack and Nick were really good to LIRR modelers such as myself by bringing in a number of LIRR items in brass in HO scale.

Alco Models was good to us, too. Train World in Brooklyn and Trainland in Lynbrook. The Red Caboose. Cary Locomotive Works. Champ Decals, they made some great LIRR decals in both O and HO scale. Clover House. Cal-Scale. Gilbert's Hobby Shop. There were prints available from paintings by Gil Reid. Model Die Casting. All kinds of books from Kalmbach. Mitchell's Brass. Owen Upp Railroader's Supply Company. Miller Advertising (decals).

The magazine back then had a paid circulation of 180, 265.

Where did they all go? Some are still with us but many are not, unfortunately.

The hobby, though, continues to thrive and indeed, these are great times for us.

Until September, have a great summer and happy modeling!

LIRR News by Steve Quigley

The long awaited completion of the LIRR's \$11.2 billion East Side Access project is nearing completion and it will result about a 50% boost in LIRR rush hour service. However, a side effect is a significant reduction of LIRR service into Penn Station. In the last week in May, it was announced that the name for the new station which is below Grand Central Terminal, will be "GRAND CENTRAL MADISON." As previously announced, the expected grand opening for the station is expected to be this coming December. It is expected that a person who commutes on the LIRR to GCM will reduce their commuting time up to 40 minutes per day if they work on the East side of Manhattan.

Once the project is complete, it is expected that the LIRR will increase the total number of westbound trains into Manhattan from the current 113 to 159 trains. The Eastbound evening rush will see a greater percentage increase in that there will be 158 trains from the current 98. This will mean trains to Huntington and Ronkonkoma will see service every ½ hour and trains to Mineola and Hicksville will see service every 15 minutes.

Due to this, there will be 10 fewer trains into Penn in the morning but there will be 3 more trains in the evening rush. [All of this is subject to change the closer in time we get to the opening of GCM. SQ]

While all this is going on, the current LIRR Penn Station concourse is being renovated with the ceiling being increased to 18' all the way across from its prior barrel shape and the concourse is being widened from 30' to 57'. There will be a new elevator to the concourse as well as for elevator replacements. All of the prior retail establishments are gone, the pizza restaurants, beer stands, breakfast shops etc. and they will be replaced with higher end retail and dining establishments! The renovations are expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2023.

In addition, the LIRR Expansion Project is being completed with a Third Track being installed between Hicksville and Floral Park. As previously noted, the Expansion Project is 9.8 miles in length, 8 grade crossings were eliminated, 7 bridges were modified and 6 stations were enhanced. All of this was done with minimal taking of private property along the Right-of-Way. The 3rd Track Project is also expected to be completed in December of this year.

This is an incredible amount of construction, changes, renovations and improvements to the LIRR that should be completed by the middle of 2023! If the price of gas continues to rise, the ridership on the LIRR might rise to levels approaching that of 2019 level as commuters will see that the LIRR is less expensive and more convenient than driving a car!

Islander hockey fans and concert goers to the new UBS Arena in Elmont will be able to take the train from the east as well as the west when the Islander 2022-2023 hockey season opens. This past November, the new Elmont-UBS arena station opened but only to eastbound riders. Riders coming from the Island had to travel to Jamaica then change to a Hempstead bound train to Elmont station. However, riders coming in on the Babylon and Montauk lines will still have to travel to Jamaica and then change to a Hempstead train.

A pedestrian overpass was installed in March of this year over the course of 1 weekend and it connected the east and westbound platforms. Presently, the Elmont station is only used when events are scheduled at the UBS arena but when the 3rd Track Project is completed, it is expected that round the clock service to the Elmont station will take place.

The Oyster Bay Railroad Museum by Steven Torborg

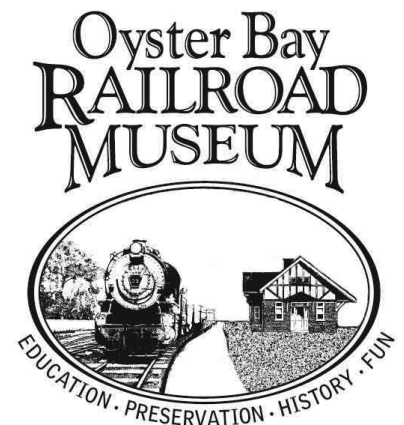
In last month's Semaphore, we updated you on each of our exciting projects. Things continue to progress at an impressive pace. Steam Locomotive #35 continues to be put back together and the crew working on our Ping Pong Coach has begun experimenting with their new "hot riveting" tools, honing their skills with this ages old artform of construction... or in our case, reconstruction. Meanwhile our forces have descended upon the World's Fair Alco Cab and Dinky Diesel #398 performing body and paint work, and our display tracks #1 and #2 are fully complete. There's even a few exciting surprises we have to report, but we'll save that till September!

Please be sure to follow us on Facebook as we post weekly updates on all projects with lots of exciting photos. You'll also get a "heads up" for when our riggers move numerous pieces of equipment onto the display tracks by crane, as well as the following installation of display tracks #3 and #7. Suffice to say its going to be a very busy summer at the Oyster Bay Railroad Museum! Remember, we're open to the public Saturdays and Sundays, 12 noon to 1pm, with turntable rides offered on Saturdays ONLY at 1pm and 3pm.

The Education Committee hosted 4 elementary classroom visits from the Theodore Roosevelt School in May. These were well-received and a continuation of the program that was suspended during the Covid restrictions period. On another note, please be sure to support our annual fundraising event, the Summer Solstice, being held on Tuesday June 21 from 7 - 10PM. This year's theme is a Night in Italy and features great food and beverage, live music and fabulous raffle prizes.

Information can be found on our website, www.obrm.org. Hope you can join us!

The museum is now open to the public on Saturdays and Sundays from Noon to 4pm. Turntable rides are offered on Saturdays ONLY at 1pm and 3pm. The station is expected to be open beginning June 4th. For more on what's happening, as well as hundreds of photos and videos of our work, visit our Facebook page at OYSTER BAY RAILROAD MUSEUM.



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# _____	2022 LIRR calendar (a few copies remain)	@\$5 each Total _____
# _____	The LIRR 1949-1980 by R. Sturm NEW Vol. 2	@\$38 each Total _____
# _____	The LIRR Co. A History 1834-1965 by R. Sturm	@\$38 each Total _____
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# _____	Jamaica Station by Dave Morrison	@\$18 each Total _____
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# _____	LIRR Stations by Dave Morrison	@\$18 each Total _____
# _____	LIRR Port Jefferson Branch by D. Morrison	@\$18 each Total _____
# _____	The Long Island Rail Road, in color Vol. 1	@\$48 each Total _____
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# _____	The LIRR, In Color Power 1952-2015	@\$48 each Total _____

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 email 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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