



# SEMAPHORE



September 2023

The LIST Next meeting will be held on **Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m.**

This 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 who has written 2 books on the passenger cars of the LIRR . His topic at the meeting will be LIRR passenger cars from 1904 to the delivery in 1947 of the double deckers.

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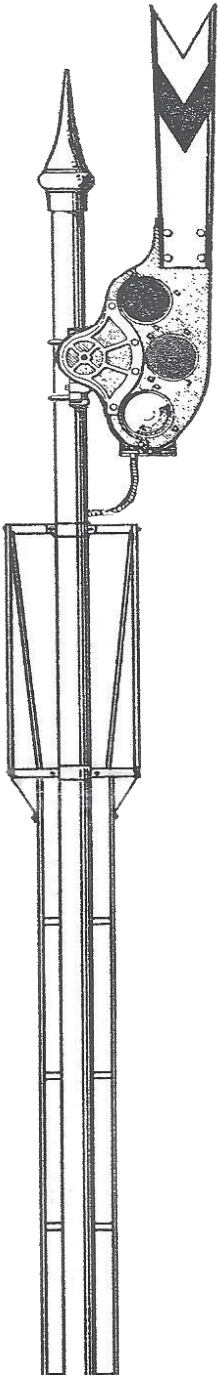
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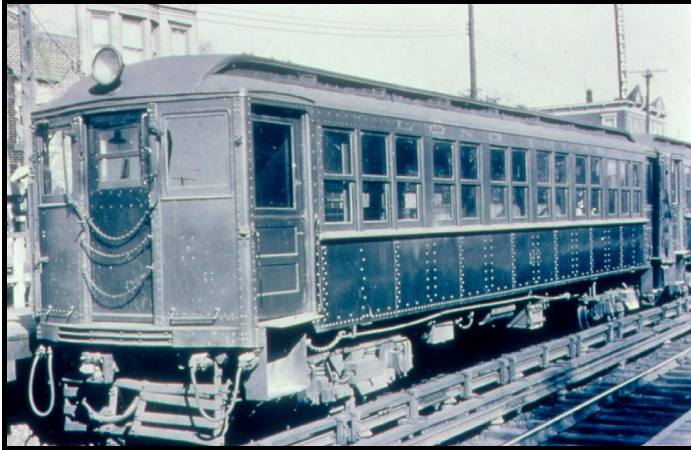
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## September Membership Meeting Information by Ed Koehler

### LOG IN INFORMATION FOR THE JUNE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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**(Left)** LIRR MP41 1031 at Morris Park Station in Brooklyn local service on October 24, 1939; this service would be discontinued on October 31, 1939. **(Right)** One of the double deck cars that were painted with a blue stripe for working with the blue striped 'Wyer Cars' when they were first delivered.

**Friday, September 15, 2023 at 8:00 PM** eastern, **7:00 PM** central: September Membership Meeting of the Long Island Sunrise Trail Chapter, NRHS. The entertainment is scheduled to be Mike Boland, the author of a recently published book on Long Island Rail Road multiple unit cars who will be presenting the first of two shows on LIRR multiple units. This installment will cover the MP41 cars to the postwar double deck cars.

To attend this event, click this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87993632962?pwd=Q2R1K3FmdVFhdnJEOHoyUW9lY9aQT09>

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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](mailto:csquigley@optonline.net) and we will talk.

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## LIST Happenings by Steve Quigley

Welcome back after what was, I hope, a great summer of train riding and watching! I hope you all had a great summer! At the June LIST meeting, we conducted our annual elections. Up for reelection were all the Board positions, the secretary, treasurer, vice president and president positions. The current slate of officers as noted below were all re-elected.

The following are the LIST Board members:

Bob Cecere, Walter Hilsenbeck, Al Johnson, Ken Katta, Ed Koehler, Frank Spada.

Secretary Christine Quigley

Treasurer Alan Mark

Vice-President Bob Myers

President Stephen Quigley

As I write this in early September, our 2024 LIRR calendar is at the printer. We expect that our calendars will be available after September 20th. The calendar will be as usual diverse in pictures with steam, diesel and electric locomotives as well as some great photos of stations. We know you will enjoy it. Please check the LIST price list in this edition of the Semaphore.

Trip Chairman Bob Grant has set up a trip to the Danbury railroad museum on September 30th.

The trip will originate from the Metro-North concourse in Grand Central Terminal with an 11:02 AM train departure and arriving in Danbury at 1:11 PM. We are working on a group rate admission fee to the museum and we will let you know by email. Our returning train will depart from Danbury at 4:33 PM with an arrival at GCT at 6:46 PM. There is a diner across the street from the museum. The museum has many things to offer including train rides in the extensive yard. Included in their rolling stock is an ex-LIRR power pack # 617 which was originally New Haven locomotive #0428.

We will be providing additional information at our September meeting or you may contact Bob Grant at [gorailroading2018@aol.com](mailto:gorailroading2018@aol.com) for additional information.

The LIRR Drawings of Vincent Quatroche book has been printed and in stock!

17 of Vincent's black + white drawings are contained in the book with other stories as well. The forward was written by Vincent's son who was part of a recent LIST meeting. The drawings are primarily of the LIRR's east end with stations, locomotives and rolling stock featured. Also included in the book is the color drawing titled "A Brief History of the LIRR, Then and Now." This is the color map of Long Island with drawings of LIRR locomotives and rolling stock around the perimeter. This color map is inserted in the book; it is NOT glued or stapled in the book. We inserted it so that this map which is 13" X 19" may be framed if you wish. .

The cost for LIST Chapter members is \$10 per copy. The shipping cost is \$4 and NY State residents must add \$1.21 tax. Total for NY residents is \$15.21 and out of NY, \$14.

Just a reminder!

The presenters of our Chapter meetings put in a substantial amount of time and effort in producing a show that we hope you like. PLEASE do not interrupt the presenter and keep comments to yourself. Hold your questions until the end of the show unless the presenter states they are open to questions. Courtesy and etiquette should be maintained during the meeting. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter!

**THERE WILL NO VIDEO TAPING OR PHOTOS OF THE MEETING CONTENT WITHOUT THE EXPRESS CONSENT OF THE PRESENTER.**

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 do not mail me hard copies of your articles. Please email your articles as we have to retype mailed copies.

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**LIRR News** by Steve Quigley**THEN and NOW****THEN**

The June 1973 edition of "Metro Lines" which is Reporting the Progress of the LIRR has the lead article regarding Continuous Welded Rail on the LIRR. The article goes on to state that the LIRR is presently installing continuous welded rail on some 50 miles of track. The rail was funded through grants from the Federal Government and is being installed on portions of the Port Jefferson Branch, the Main Line between Harold and Jay and between both Hall and Nassau and Divide and PW.

Each string of rail is made up of 12, 30' lengths which were welded together at Holban Yard into 468' lengths. Between 75 and 80 welds can be turned out during an 8 hour shift. The finished rails are then transported from Holban Yard on special cars. Because of the flexibility of the rail, the cars on which they ride can negotiate all main track curves on the LIRR. Tests have shown that welded rail can give a much smoother ride and the elimination of so many joints reduces track maintenance since the joint is no longer the weakest part of the track. Also, the rail lasts longer because of the elimination of joint batter.

[Thanks go to Walter Hilsenbeck who supplied the copy of this edition Metro Lines. Walter is a retired engineer of the LIRR with 37 years of service]

**NOW**

There is presently a proposed light rail project through Brooklyn and Queens with connections to an East New York LIRR station and 17 subway stations. This potential project known as Interborough Express would operate on the LIRR's Bay Ridge Branch which is presently used by the New York & Atlantic Railway. The branch stopped running passenger trains in the 1920's but would include connections to subway stops along a 14 mile corridor including Bay Ridge, Borough Park, Brownsville, Bushwick, East New York, Elmhurst, Flatbush, Flatlands, Jackson Heights, Kensington, Maspeth, Middle Village, Midwood, New Lots and Sunset Park. The MTA estimates that there would potentially be 115,000 daily riders and about 4 million annually. Transportation experts estimate that the project could cost up to \$4 Billion.

On Thursday August 3, a Hempstead bound LIRR M-7 train derailed about ½ mile east of Jamaica Station. All eight cars derailed shortly after 11 AM in the morning and 13 passengers were injured, none seriously. 1,600' of track was damaged as well as 900' of third rail. 400 concrete ties were also damaged and had to be replaced. The Hillside, Hollis and Queens Village Stations were bypassed during the track repairs. 2 of the passenger cars were damaged but were expected to be able to be repaired.

Several days later, it was noted that the derailment occurred due to a faulty switch. The train received a signal that the switch was aligned for a straight move when it was actually set for a different route. The train had departed GCM and as noted was bound for Hempstead. As a result, the LIRR conducted an assessment of all 1,045 switches in the LIRR system. The train was traveling as 54 MPH at the time of the derailment which was below the speed limit for the area.

The LIRR is having additional trains stop at the Mets-Willets Point station for the U S Open Tennis tournament through September 8. Three peak westbound trains will stop during the 8 AM rush hour. There are more than 800,000 people expected to attend the tournament and the Mets have a homestand at the adjacent Citi Field during the US Opens first week as well.

## The LIRR Modeler by Mike Boland

### THIS MONTH'S FEATURE: ATTENDING AND PRESENTING AT THE 2023 NEW ENGLAND RAILROAD PROTOTYPE MODELERS MEET IN SPRINGFIELD, MASS. JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup> AND 17<sup>TH</sup>

Well, it's September and the summer is more or less over. Where did it go? It sure went fast but here I am as another "season" of the LIRR Modeler begins! So what better way to start off than by writing about one of my favorite RPM meets, the New England Railroad Prototype Modelers meet held in early summer every year. This year's meet, held a little later this year than most, was another great meet and saw me jumping on the Mass Pike to go west on Interstate 90 and stay at the LaQuinta Inn in Springfield with more than 200 modelers who come from all over the northeast to converge for two days of clinics, comradeship, buying, selling and exhibiting some really great models in all scales. Unfortunately, next year's RPM meet cannot be held at the LaQuinta Inn.

This meet, run by Dave Owens and his very capable crew, is the spring/summer highlight for me and simply inspires me to be a better railway modeler and make better models. If you have not attended an RPM, then you really should.

It was two full days of clinics on a number of different subjects. I presented my "LIRR Locomotives, Passenger Cars and Consists 1900 to 1955" and I was amazed that I had about 40 people in attendance. Generally speaking, the numbers attending the many clinics were quite high and it was standing room only if you got there late.

The breakdown of clinics goes like this: there are two morning clinics at 9am and 10:30am, then lunch from noon to 1pm. There are three clinics in the afternoon, at 1pm, 2:30pm and 4pm. Dinner is from 5pm to 7pm and then the evening concludes with two clinics at 7:15pm and 8:30pm.

Unlike some other RPM events that I have attended and presented at, NE RPM has only two clinics presenting at once, which makes it pretty easy to attend. Clinics here are only presented once, so a modeler sometimes has a tough decision to make. Among the clinics offered were "Modeling the Valley Local" by Chris Adams; "Researching the Prototype" by Andreas Kuehnpast, "BNSF Lakeside Subdivision in HO scale" by Dave Oppedisano; "Building steam locomotives from scratch" by Mal Houck; "The Alabama Southern Railroad: A Short Line you Can Model" by our old friend Ray Rhodes; "The PRRR Pre-war Hopper Fleet" by John Frantz; "New Haven DL-109 Diesel Details and Paint Schemes" by Randy Hammill; "Expanding the Newark Terminal" by Jim Homoki; "Granite Block Infrastructure on the B&M's Cheshire Branch" by the brilliant and talented Jim Dufour; "Lehigh Valley Update" by Mike Rose; "Designing a Floatyard for the Allegheny & Western by great marine modeler Vince Lee, a LI native and a good number of other clinics that were informative, entertaining and quite enjoyable.

It's just a shame that one cannot attend ALL of the clinics because they're all GREAT! And Ted Dilorio's Hands-on Weathering Clinic, which was ongoing for both days, was a big hit with many modelers bringing their own cars to work on.

I purchased some books and some model kits and I'll write about them later this season.  
I'll be doing freight cars, passenger cars, some tugs and a few surprises, too!  
I've got some great features planned for future issues.  
That's it for now. It's great to be back. Until next time, happy modeling!

## Lindenhurst Railroad Museum Information by Skip Meinhold



**LINDENHURST HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
1901 RESTORED LONG ISLAND RAIL ROAD DEPOT  
AND FREIGHT HOUSE MUSEUM  
IRMISCH HISTORICAL PARK, LINDENHURST, N.Y.  
by "Skip" Meinhold, Museum Manager**

The 1901 Restored Long Island Rail Road Depot and Freight House Museum will officially reopen for the 2023 season on Wednesday, June 7th and will be open all Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 2:00PM till 4:00PM through to October 28th. Admission is FREE but donations are gratefully accepted.

Within the last 3 years, LIRR Cabin Car C-53, behind the depot, on tracks laid with the help of the Oyster Bay Railroad Museum many years ago, was repainted back to its original factory coloration of orange and black with yellow highlights. This was accomplished with the help of Twin Forks Vice President Gerard Jewels. ART SIGNS in West Babylon was contacted to make the LONG ISLAND lettering down both sides and all lettering on the roof ends and cabin car weight. They even made ' The Route of The Dashing Commuter ' logos and had them installed also.

Next project will be to restore and repaint the inside of this cabin car. This cabin car is one of only 6 that were made for the Long Island Railroad as they have no side pushouts or cupolas. Of the 6 made in 1958 by the International Rail Road Car Company, only 3 remain in existence; ours, one in Oyster Bay and one in the LIRR Team Yard on Albin Avenue in West Babylon. Unfortunately, cabin car C-50 in the team yard, is rusting away and is basically used for storage on a siding.

This museum is dedicated to the rail road and the initial South Side Rail Road Company back in 1867. Without the railroad, there would be no Lindenhurst.

A wall with a large South Side schedule is on display as well as a wall deicated to "Mile-A-Minute" Murphy who pedaled a Columbia Tribune " Blue Streak " bicycle behind a LIRR train, over the course of a mile, in under one minute in 1899.

All are welcome to come and visit.

Contact "Skip " at [mrskip613@yahoo.com](mailto:mrskip613@yahoo.com) or my cell at 631-678-2698 ( leave msg )

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# _____	The LIRR drawings of Vincent Quatroche <b>NEW</b>	@\$10 each Total _____
# _____	LIRR Port Washington Branch D. Morrison <b>NEW</b>	@\$18 each Total _____
# _____	The LIRR 1949-1980 by R. Sturm <b>NEW</b> Vol. 2	@\$38 each Total _____
# _____	The LIRR Co. A History 1834-1965 by R. Sturm	@\$38 each Total _____
# _____	Volume 1 and 2 of Bob Sturm's books	both for \$68 Total _____
# _____	Shortlines of Long Island by H. Fagerberg, E. Koehler	@\$27 each Total _____
# _____	LIRR Montauk Branch by Dave Morrison	@\$18 each Total _____
# _____	LIRR Babylon Branch by Dave Morrison	@\$18 each Total _____
# _____	The 185th Anniversary of the LIRR book	@\$5 each Total _____
# _____	LIRR Multiple Unit Cars by M. Boland Vol. 1	@\$48 each Total _____
# _____	LIRR Multiple Unit Cars 1953 - 2020 by M. Boland Vol. 2 <b>NEW</b>	@\$48 each Total _____
# _____	LIRR Main Line East by D. Morrison	@\$18 each Total _____
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# _____	Jamaica Station by Dave Morrison	@\$18 each Total _____
# _____	Sunnyside Yard+Hell Gate Bridge by Morrison	@\$18 each Total _____
# _____	LIRR Stations by Dave Morrison	@\$18 each Total _____
# _____	LIRR Port Jefferson Branch by D. Morrison	@\$18 each Total _____
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# _____	The LIRR, In Color Power 1952-2015	@\$48 each Total _____

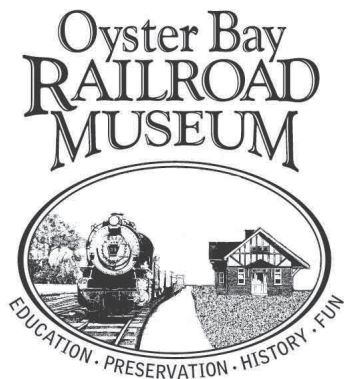
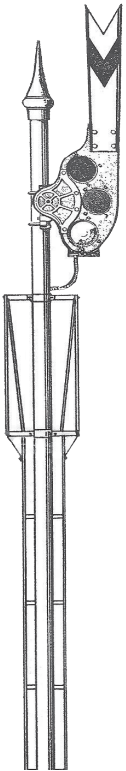
Shipping for 1 Calendar or book is \$4.00. One calendar cost is \$13.36 for New York State residents. Shipping for both Bob Sturm's books is \$10. Shipping for other extra books, please call or email Steve Quigley for the shipping cost. NY State Residents, add 8.625% tax to the total of the merchandise PLUS the shipping.

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