



SEMAPHORE



January 2024

The LIST Next meeting will be held on **Friday, January 19th at 8:00 p.m.**

This meeting will be **IN PERSON** at the historic Van Bourgondien house in West Babylon.

The address of the Van B house is 600 Albin Avenue in West Babylon.

THIS MONTH

This month, we invite you to come see another presentation of wonderful slides from our friend George Lightfoot. We will take another 'roustabout' style view of many locations on the Long Island, as well as several locations off of Long Island, including

New England, and other well known locations.

DUE TO AN ISSUE, THERE WILL BE NO ZOOM PRESENTATION.

The Zoom presentations will resume in February.

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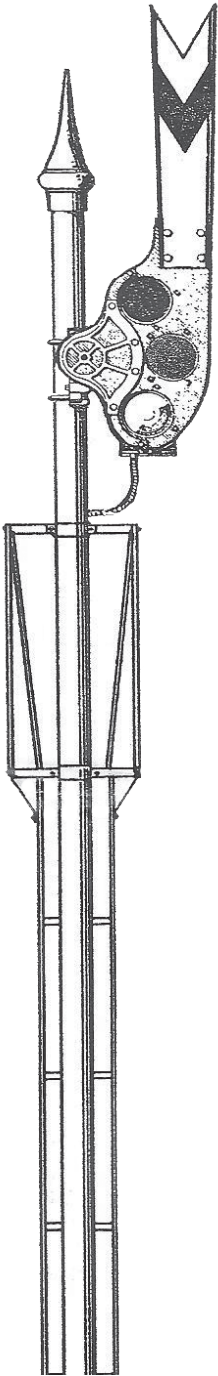
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January Membership Meeting Information by Ed Koehler

INFORMATION FOR THE JANUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Persons entering either this electronic meeting or the physical meeting room agree to not record any or all part of the presentation without the express written permission of the Long Island Sunrise Chapter NRHS, the host/producer and the presenter. Violations of this agreement could result in criminal and/or civil penalties. Thank you for your cooperation. Want to get in contact with a presenter? We will be happy to facilitate that.



The Greenport Freight westbound through Holtsville, 1950 by John Krause, from the George Lightfoot collection

8:00 PM on January 19, 2024

The Van Bourgondien House

600 Albin Avenue, West Babylon, New York, 117

For our entertainment we will be viewing selections from the photographic collection of Long Island Rail Road locomotive engineer George Lightfoot. We have enjoyed his 35mm slides before and there is no reason to expect anything less on this return visit.

Unfortunately there are two reasons for this meeting not to be broadcast via Zoom®. The first is that 35mm slides are not immediately compatible with digital delivery. We had a thought that the camera used to broadcast Old Town Hall Railroad in December might have some utility which leads us to the second reason. Because of a family event, Ed Koehler who handles the Zoom® broadcast of our meetings will be in Florida for that weekend and no one has ever approached President Quigley offering their Zoom® account and technical skills as a substitute (the free one hour service is inadequate to handle our meetings).

If you have any questions, please email Chapter Board Member Edward Koehler at EdwardMKoehler@NYC.RR.COM but remember Email service ends at 3:00 PM on the meeting date.

LIST Happenings by Steve Quigley

The 2024 dues renewal notice is again included in this edition of the Semaphore. We would appreciate it if you send back your dues renewal as soon as possible. PLEASE SEND YOUR DUES TO OUR TREASURER, ALAN MARK AT THE ADDRESS NOTED ON THE FORM. If you send it to our PO Box we have to forward it to Alan.

WE INCLUDED THE DUES NOTICE IN THIS MONTH'S SEMAPHORE AGAIN AS A REMINDER TO THOSE MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT SENT IT IN. IF YOU ALREADY SENT IN YOUR DUES, PLEASE DISREGARD THE NOTICE.

Our 2024 LIRR calendar is almost sold out! We have less than 10 copies of our 2024 LIRR calendar remaining. If you still wish to order, do it now!

Many thanks to two LIST members for taking the time and effort to sell a substantial quantity. Again, a big THANK YOU to Gene Collura and John Grocki for helping us make our 2024 LIRR calendar an almost complete sell out!

Thanks to Chapter member Al Johnson, our website is being totally revised. Al has taken on the task of managing the substantial changes that are taking place to it. We should have the revised version completed soon. When it is finished, I will let you know and I hope you will peruse it and provide us with comments.

L I S T trip chairman is working on several tours and trips for Chapter members this coming spring. One possibility is a tour of the SONO Switch Tower Museum and another is a trip to the "Walkway across the Hudson in Poughkeepsie. We will keep you informed.

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 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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Moynihan Train Hall



30th street station in Philadelphia

LIRR News by Steve Quigley

THEN and NOW

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Continuing with the information provided in the April 1984 edition of "Along the Track,"

Did you know that the Long Island Rail Road...

...has its two steepest hills at Cold Spring harbor on the Port Jefferson Branch between Cold Spring Harbor and Huntington, and at Mount Olivet on the Montauk Branch between Haberman and Fresh Pond in Long Island City.

...The LIRR has 995 passenger cars with almost 44,000 side windows, a formidable job when it comes to keeping them clean

...Passengers ride in cars with a total of 7,960 wheels enclosed in 1,990 trucks.

...Had its highest ridership in 1929 when 118,888,728 passengers took to the LIRR rails

...Conductors and assistant conductors who punch tickets have their own individually designed punches, no two are alike. This is for identification purposes.

...served three stations in Hempstead, all within three blocks of each other. Now there is one.

...has not only moved people and freight during its long and colorful history but once also moved a hotel. Yes, a hotel. - the 6,000 ton, 3 ½ story 500' long Brighton Beach Hotel in 1888 when an exceptionally stormy winter and high tides threatened the building. Flatcars, hauled by steam locomotives on a series of parallel tracks eased the great structure inland some 600' from the Atlantic Ocean.

...has more than 2 million Pandrol clips along its 486 miles of track. [Pandrol clips look similar to pretzels and hold the rail to the tie plates SQ]

... has 300 miles of third rail track

...began operation of the first M-1, s in December 1968

More to follow next month

NOW

APRIL 24, 2024 IS THE 190TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LIRR. The LIRR is the oldest railroad in the United States still operating with original name and charter. Several railroads existed prior to the LIRR such as the Strasburg, B & O and the Camden and Amboy; they were not continuously or no longer operating railroads. I have been informed by management of the LIRR that they wish to celebrate this momentous occasion throughout 2024. Several ideas were already discussed.

One idea promoted is to have an historical exhibit in either Penn Station and/or Grand Central Madison. This exhibit would entail among other things, memorabilia from the history of the LIRR. The memorabilia would be contained in special locked cases and would be guarded by cameras and employees. If you wish to provide some historical items whether it is paper, photos or an item such as a lantern or sign, please let me know and I will communicate this to the LIRR 190th Anniversary Committee.

Another possible idea is a special fan trip on the LIRR

There will be interesting and fun happenings and things occurring throughout 2024 on the LIRR. So, if you have ideas or items you wish to share for this momentous occasion, please let me know.

The LIRR Modeler by Mike Boland

THIS MONTH'S FEATURE: MODELING LIFE-LIKE'S 50-FOOT DOUBLE-DOOR AUTOMOBILE BOXCAR KITS

Happy Holidays! I attended the annual train show in Marlboro, Massachusetts the first weekend in December last month and had a most enjoyable time. I usually pick up a lot of oddball and/or unusual items that can't be found elsewhere so that's why I really enjoy this show and spend the entire day at it. One of the items I picked up were a number of the old gray box LIFE-LIKE Proto 2000 Series boxcars kits at a very good price; they were available at the White Elephant table and seemed like a good buy. I brought them with me to Florida and on a couple of rainy day afternoons, I put them together.

These kits, packaged in attractive gray boxes, are 50-foot double-door automobile boxcars. I'm not sure how old these kits are but they were the first freight car released under the Proto 2000 names so that's a while ago. The model has 5/5 Dreadnaught ends, steel wheels, an AAR standard unerframe with an AB brake system, Murphy rectangular roof, Universal coupler pockets with NMRA X2F "horn-hook" couplers and 15-foot double Youngstown side doors with narrow seam panels. To bring the cars up-to-date, I replaced the old couplers with Kadee #148 couplers. This type of car with Dreadnaught ends came in a number of roadnames: ATSF, Southern, CB&Q, Nickel Plate, NYC and SP. A model with end doors was also available in CB&Q, Southern, UP, Erie, LV and GTW.

Fifty-foot boxcars first appeared during the industrial era after the Depression and before World War Two. These cars were designed to carry automobiles as the market for U. S. autos grew and grew. The cars were also used for other products as specific, longer cars were designed to carry automobiles, allowing the 50-foot boxcar to be used carrying just about anything.

The cars I bought were: NKP 87143, ATSF 10428 and ATSF 10384 with their Map Herald and slogan "Ship SF All The Way," SP 65203 and SP 65342 with Black Circle herald and CB&Q 48047 "Way of the Zephyrs." All the cars are in their respective Boxcar Red colors with the SP cars having their trucks painted Boxcar Red. Putting together the cars is not a difficult task but here are some tricks that I employ to make the task easier and keep my boxcars looking keen. I enlarge the holes for everything I add to the car. This includes ladders, grab irons and brake gear on the "B" end of the car. This includes all the underbody details, which are quite realistic. I usually add the underbody details, brake rigging and lagging, etc. when I'm just about done with the car and after I add the trucks to the car floor.

All the parts and details of these beautiful cars are somewhat delicate but not as delicate as the old Branchline kits so be careful as you put these cars together. I even drill the corner hand grabs in each corner of the roof walk and yes, I do drill out the holes to add the roof walk to the top of the car at each end. I use strips of styrene to glue both doors of each side together and also put a strip across the door opening so I can attach the doors to the car sides. Don't do this if you want a car with its doors open and if you take a good look at photos of freight cars in yards and in trains, there's always a car that has its doors fully open or partially open—that's up to you. Remember to paint the car interior by the doors.

I thought the poling pockets of the cars were a little too large so I carefully sanded them down without destroying their shape; you can do this, too, but be careful. While I haven't had the chance to weather the cars, I did repaint the underbody, its details, trucks and wheels with Scalecoat II's Railroad Tie Brown. This is a color that I think best represents the underbody of freight cars seen on the LIRR but it's increasingly difficult to obtain. I may decide at some future date to mix my own color or find a "reasonable facsimile" in terms of color.

Well, there you have it. Purchasing cars like these is a great way to increase or round out your fleet of boxcars.

Let's face it, while the LIRR had all kinds of freight cars in its trains and yards, the vast majority of cars for decades has been the boxcar, although this has changed recently. Just remember what era you model and that will determine what freight cars you operate although you may have to do some research in this and this is half the fun.

Get those cars in service when you complete them.

Until next time, happy modeling. I'm on my way to the 2024 Proto 24 Cocoa Beach Railroad Prototype Modelers Meet and I'll be writing about this fabulous meet next time.



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NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2024 CHAPTER

MEMBERSHIP DUES NOTICE

(Payable by January 1, 2024)

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Chapter Donation \$ _____

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IS YOUR ADDRESS LABEL CORRECT???? If not, please write correct address on this dues notice; also include your email and phone number.

Alan Mark, Treasurer

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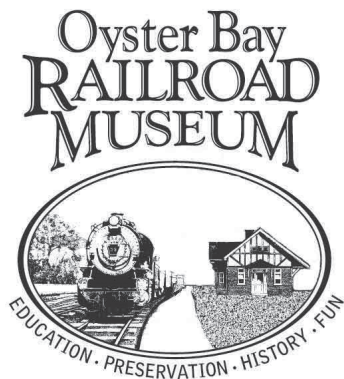
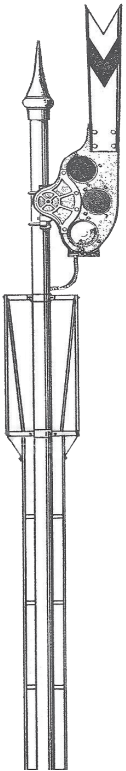
Shipping for 1 Calendar or book is \$4.00. One calendar cost is \$13.04 for New York State residents. Shipping for both Bob Sturm's books is \$10. Shipping for other extra books, please call or email Steve Quigley for the shipping cost. NY State Residents, add 8.625% tax to the total of the merchandise PLUS the shipping.

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