



SEMAPHORE



June 2012

The next meeting of LIST will be on **Friday, June 15th at 8:00pm** at the Christ Episcopal Church, South Carll Avenue and Prospect Street, Babylon, New York.

THIS MONTH:

Don Fisher, President of the Rail Road Museum of Long Island, will be the guest presenter at this month's meeting. Don will show us material from the Museums archives

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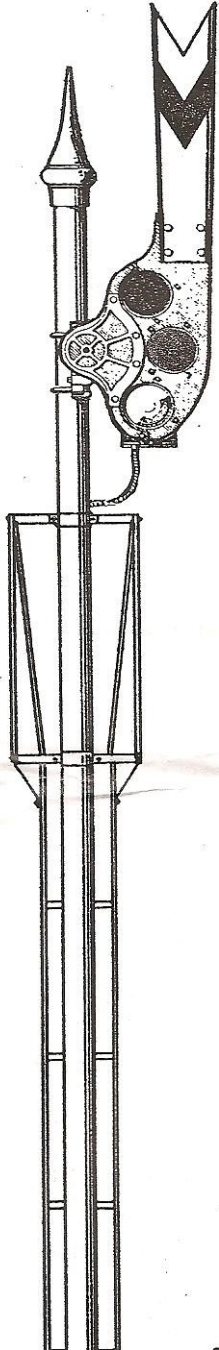
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#_____	2012 LIRR calendar	@\$8 each	Total _____
#_____	LIRR 175 th Anniversary 60 page book	@\$10 each	Total _____
#_____	NY Connecting RR Book	@\$27 each	Total _____
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For more than 4 calendars or extra books, please call or e mail Steve Quigley for the shipping cost.

Each additional book, add \$2.50.

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List Happenings by Steve Quigley

JUST A REMINDER, THE JUNE EDITION OF THE SEMAPHORE AND THE JUNE MEETING ARE THE LAST ONES BEFORE SEPTEMBER. AS THE SAYING GOES, WE'LL SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!

The June meeting will have time set aside for the annual elections. The slate of officers is as follow.

Board members are Michael Boland, Robert Cecere, Kenneth Katta, Kevin Katta, Richard Schulman and George Wybenga. Secretary - Craig Ash, Treasurer – Alan Mark, Vice-President – Robert Meyers, President – Stephen Quigley, National Director – Benjamin Young.

If anyone wishes to volunteer for one of the offices, please contact me.

I attended Amtrak's National Train Day which was held in among other places, NY's Grand Central Terminal. The attendance was very good and the displays as well as the rolling stock were excellent. The Amtrak 40th Anniversary Train was open for viewing, several private cars were also in attendance and the lines were long to walk through both the Anniversary Train and the private cars. An Acela Trainset was there as well as other Amtrak rolling stock. Thanks to Chapter member John Kilbride, I "volunteered" to help out and was given the assignment of assisting in the 40th Anniversary Train. I saw approximately 10 LIST Chapter members and all said it was a good day. Congratulations to the Amtrak personnel who put together a fine exhibition and a fun day.

Steamtown in Scranton PA will be having Railfest 2012. It will be held on Labor Day weekend, September 1st and 2nd. . They will have "visiting locomotives and equipment, excursions, shop demonstrations, special tours and more."

The Railroad Museum of LI will be having their annual Railfest on August 25th and 26th. LIST will have 2 tables where we will be selling books, some old calendars and promoting LIRR history. We can always use help at the Railfest. If you can spare an hour or 2, or the entire day, please contact me as your assistance is always appreciated. Thank to Mike Boland, Bob Cecere, Caroline Scannell and others, we have always had a good time at RMLI's Railfest.

Member George Wybenga is having an exhibit of his Caboose Art at Riverhead Town Hall. The exhibit will run from March 19th to June 29th of this year. Riverhead Town Hall is open during the day and until 7:30 PM on May, 14, 16, 24 and 29. Also open until 7:30 on June 6, 7,11,12,19 and 28.

I have added a new book to LIST's Bookstore. It is N Y City Electrified Railroads in Color by Al Fazio. The book focus is primarily on the New Haven RR, Amtrak and the Penn Central Railroads. It shows many pictures of the RR's that went into Penn Station, then and now. Very Few LIRR pictures were noted.

If your copy of the Semaphore does not arrive at your home in good condition, please let me know and I will send you another copy.

Also, if you have ordered merchandise such as a book or a calendar from our Chapter and have not received it, please let me know.

List Happenings...continued by Steve Quigley

Several of our Chapter members are in the process of writing a book on the "Shortline Railroads of Long Island." This book will focus on railroads such as the B.E.D.T., the Brooklyn Dock and Terminal Railway, the Bush Terminal Railway, the Degnon Terminal Railway, among others. We are looking for pictures of the South Brooklyn Railway as well as the BEDT and Bush Terminal Railway. If you have pictures of these as well as the McDonald Avenue trolley line, we would be interested in them. Any person who contributes to this book will be given appropriate credit. Most of the photos that we have were from Harold Fagerbergs collection which was donated to the Chapter by his son when he passed away. Harold is being noted as one of the authors of this book. This will be a book published by the Chapter and its members.

I was recently speaking with Ron Ziel who told me about his website. It is RonZielsteam.com. Ron moved to Tucson AZ a few years ago and was a guest presenter at a LIST meeting in 2010 when he visited LI. In addition, he related that his wife, Helen, passed away last year and many LIST members would have known her from the early years of LIST. Our condolences to Ron as well as his and Helen's family.

LIRR HAPPENINGS

Newsday, the Long Island Newspaper, had a front page article on May 20th that titled "LIRR We Will Fix This." Railroad vows \$200 M repairs at Hicksville and other main line problem spots. The article went on to note several LIRR projects on track which are as follows. Hicksville Station renovation, Hicksville Track and Signal improvements, repair of the Ellison Avenue Bridge in Westbury and improving drainage at the Mineola Station. The LIRR will be starting the first phase of the long needed second track between Farmingdale and Ronkonkoma this summer. This second track will be approximately 18 miles long and will eliminate bottlenecks and will greatly improve flexibility along the Ronkonkoma Branch. The construction will last several years and be done in several phases.

Don't forget, the 100th Anniversary of Jamaica Station is March 9th, 2013. LIST members are in the process of preparing Anniversary celebration items and we will keep you informed as to our progress. I expect to have more information for you when we get together in September.

We are always looking for new members. If you know of anyone who might be interested in joining NRHS – LIST, please let me know and I will send them information on how to join us.

If you have any questions or comments, you may e mail or call me. My e mail address is csquigley@optonline.net and my telephone number is 631-487-4766.

HAVE AN ENJOYABLE SUMMER RAILFANNING!

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THE LIRR MODELER...by Mike Boland

THE LIRR PASSENGER CAR FLEET IN 1935

A GOOD YEAR TO MODEL - PART 1

Well, it's time to get ready for summer and this is our last feature until the fall, when we return in September.

We didn't get to write about Rapido's Osgood-Bradley or "American Flyer" cars—LIRR coaches 7521-7550 and 8551-8553—in HO scale. We also didn't get the chance to write about ConCor's LIRR MP54 flat-roof MUs.

So, let's turn our attention to the year 1935.

1935. A great year. Why? Because there were 337 steam cars and 1072 electric cars on the roster for a total of over 1400 cars.

Headend cars are quite numerous. Eight B40s are in baggage-express service along with ten B62 baggage cars and ten PRR-style B60B balloon-roof baggage cars in LIRR colors and lettering.

There are 13 baggage-mail cars—BM60s 737 and 738—and 11 BM62s with several sub-classes, indicating minor differences. That's a lot of RPOs!

There were 23 combines in steam service, the older, flat-roof cars and the newer arch-roof combines. Headend traffic is so good that three MB62s—1217, 1218 and 1219—were pressed into service in steam operations, and operated behind steam locomotives with their headlights and destination lights. They never drew power from the third rail!

There was a Brill gas-electric for the Sag Harbor Branch and former car 1451 was in service as club car Smithtown. This car is one of two experimental steel coaches built by the PRR; PRR 1651 is the other. In fact, there are four more club cars in service...Oyster Bay, Syosset, Nassau and South Shore. All of them are high-roof P70s in the 800-833 series built by ACF as chair cars.

There is 2000, the observation car and wooden business car 2200.

And then there are coaches...lots of them. And lots of MUs, too, but we're saving them for when we return in the fall.

Until then, have a great summer, see you in September and happy modeling!



Stack Talk by Neil Moran

EDITOR'S NOTE: Due to spatial restraints, this and future issues of "Stack Talk" will contain only news in the United States and Canada. If you wish to receive this article in it's full format, please contact me via email at storb35@aol.com.

CANADA – VANCOUVER: The West Coast Railway Association has just purchased a new Elesco feedwater pump for the groups "Royal Hudson" A 4-6-4 Hudson Type #2860. Hopefully she will make round trip excursion between North Vancouver and Squamish this year as well as other destinations. The original feedwater unit broke down, and the group was forced to buy another one. The locomotive was originally was built in 1940 in the Montreal Shops. This was a very critical item for the #2860, and cost the group over \$5,000. They are now asking for your help in paying off this debt. WCRA is in financial straits, and is hard pressed to handle the cost. Please help by sending a contribution to the West Coast Railway Assoc., PO Box 2790 STN Term Vancouver, B.C. V6b3x2. In other news from our neighbors across the 49th parallel, there is still no news whether the other Canadian Pacific Hudson #2816 will be running this year or not our of Calgary. The C.P. has yet to name a new President. If indeed there will be a change at the top, then it's very unlikely that the man in charge will allow #2816 to run any fan trips at all. He is rather young and knows little about steam engines. From what I heard, and this is only a rumor, he wants no part of a steam excursion running on his track blocking money making freight trains. So right now steam fans are in "limbo" waiting for his decision, that is if course if he becomes the new president of the C.P. We wait with baited breath.

UNITED STATES – CALIFORNIA – SAN BERNARDINO: The former Santa Fe 4-8-4 #3751 got a little extra running in, she spear headed an excursion out of Los Angeles to San Bernardino on a round trip celebrating San Bernardino's Railroad Days. This was a two day excursion that saw many people come down to the towns historic railway station. There were many items for sale, with lots of good food. Of course the main attraction was the #3751 which included tours up to the cab that seemed to delight all people both young and old. This was just a little warm-up for it's big excursion over to the Grand Canyon starting on May 12th and not returning until May 19th.

TEXAS – GEORGETOWN: Unfortunately Union Pacific's #844 has run into some serious problems with their big 4-8-4. Trying to maintain a rigorous schedule throughout the south western part of the United States she developed serious tire problems on her main drivers forcing it to stop running. At this time the railroad is installing all new tires on her drivers. This is happening in the town of Georgetown, Texas. Union Pacific is hoping to have the #844 back soon so they can maintain a good part of their schedule. But this will take some time each set of driving wheel must come off and be refitted. The town of Georgetown fortunately has a drop table that is big enough to handle such a locomotive. This all happened while on tour of Texas and Louisiana for the railroad's 150th anniversary. It has flat spots on all of its eight drivers. Because of the size (80 inches), they require special handling. And as they say "when it rains it pours" As if the mechanical problems of the #844 wasn't enough, the UP took another hit when a boxcar that carried supplies for the engine was damaged in an accident on the Georgetown Railroad. The boxcar collided with a gondola, smashing in the end of the box car and derailling it off the tracks. When things are going good, their going good!!



Stack Talk...continued by Neil Moran

COLORADO – GOLDEN: Former Denver Boulder & Western narrow gauge 2-8-0 #30 owned by the city of Boulder has been moved to the Colorado Railroad Museum along with a cabooses. Brooks Brothers Locomotive Works built the Consol in 1898 for the Colorado & North Western Railway. No 30 had a long career with several owners to say the least. In 1904 the Colorado North Western Railroad was sold under foreclosure to the Colorado & Northwestern Railway Company. In 1909 the railroad was sold again and became the Denver & Boulder & Western, where # 30 worked until 1919. When (you guessed it) was sold to an equipment dealer. It was resold to the Colorado & Southern in 1919 and renumbered #74. Denver equipment dealer Morse Brothers Machinery & Supply acquired #74 and then sold it in 1949 to the Rio Grande Southern where it worked until the railroad shut down. The people of Boulder raised over \$5,000 to purchase the Consol, along with a Denver & Rio Grande Western coach #74 plus a cabooses and donated them to the city of Boulder. All of the above were placed in the city park for display in Boulder.

MINNESOTA – CHISHOLM: Help is on the way for a “sinking” train display at the Museum of Mining in Chisholm. In 1954, the first exhibit at the new museum was Duluth Missabe & Iron Range Railway 2-8-0 # 347. The 1907 Alco was built for the Duluth, Missabe & Northern. The museum later acquired three 1938 vintage ore cars and a cabooses, and put them on display with the 347. After 58 years with just a shed over the display the ties and tracks have decayed under the #347 and are slowly sinking into the ground. Now thanks to a \$10,000 grant from the DM&IR successor Canadian National the track will be rebuilt by the North Shore Track Services of Duluth. To do so the train will be winched backward, section by section onto a temporary track panels. The old soil will be dug out, the roadbed rebuilt, drainage improved, and the rotted ties and old rail replaced. North Shore has offered to do the rails free of charge, but the labor and materials will cost \$27,000.

VIRGINIA – ROANOKE: The city of Roanoke, with the help of the Norfolk/Southern Corporation gifted the Virginia Museum of Transportation the countries last remaining examples of the most advanced steam locomotives of their kind with the Norfolk & Western Class J611 4-8-4 and Class A1 #218 a 2-6-6-4. The proclamation was made on the museums 50th birthday during a press conference. Beverly Fitzpatrick the museum’s Director said “What a beautiful birthday present” This gift shows great faith in the Virginia Museum of Transportation by the cities leaders”. Due to the city’s charter the city of Roanoke still owns 40% of the equipment on display at the museum. The Class A #1218 locomotive was known for its durability and power hauling long coal trains and pulled troop trains at 70 mph. The Roanoke shops built 43 of these engines. The sleek streamlined J #611 could pull fifteen passenger cars at 110 mph across level terrain. Only fourteen were built at the Roanoke shops.

WISCONSIN – GREEN BAY: The National Railroad Museum of Green Bay and Exporail, the Canadian Railway at Delson Quebec, will send their British A4 Class 4-6-2s to Great Britain this summer. The engines are 60008 the Dwight D. Eisenhower, and #60010 Dominion of Canada, the two will be shipped together to the National Railway Museum in York, England. They will stay for two years. While there they will help celebrate the 75th anniversary of the record breaking speed run of the A4 #4468 on July 3rd 1938 when it reached 125.88 mph. Thirty Five were built with a streamlined design that made them instantly recognizable. Six now survive two in North America and four in the United Kingdom.

Now it’s time to thank all the people who took the time to send me the news you’ve just read. John Biehn (Dayton RR Society), John Batwell (Union of South Africa), Emma Rodgers (Press officer – National Railway Museum), York, U.K., Warren Smith (RRE-NY), Rich Taylor (Kearney NJ), and from your most humble servant in steam.

UNTIL OUR TRACKS CROSS AGAIN

Timetable Listings by Richard Schulman

I became interested in trains in 2008. Prior to that my interests were in the history of hotels. My wife and I took a trip to Canada to visit hotels in Western Canada. Part of that trip included a trip on Via Rails Canadian cross country train. Most of the Grand Hotels of Canada were built by the railroads: Canadian Pacific, Canadian National, and Grand Trunk. While there are many books devoted to the hotels only, there are also many railroad books that include historical hotel information. So between the railroad/hotel books my interests became more about the railroads. Since then I've traveled over 40,000 miles on Amtrak. I've also ridden commuter rail, heavy rail, light rail, and trolley systems in more than 30 cities in the U.S. and Canada. In addition to riding trains I also collect railroad ephemera i.e. timetables, tickets, menus, dinner and silverware, etc.

The Long Island Rail Road issues a prodigious amount of timetables each year, far more than the total of all the other area commuter rail roads combined. I'm not in Penn Station on a daily basis and I'm sure I've missed many. So I'd like to use this space when, available, to list what has been issued. As I'm not at Penn Station that often I would appreciate help from any of the members. I'll then use this space as a clearing house to list what is/was available. I only ask that you include information on timetables you've actually seen. The websites often include timetables that are available on the website only and I just want to list printed ones. If space is available I would eventually like to also include the timetables of Amtrak, Metro-North, NJT, NYC Transit, and Path.

The LIRR basically issues 3 types of timetables. They are the large folded Branch, small pocket station (also known as TDI, but now published by CBS Outdoor), and Special ones that reflect changes due to track work, signal work, etc. The Branch and Special timetables are printed by the Long Island Rail Road.

The following is what the LIRR has issued in 2012 to date. This is being written on April 24, 2012.

The first ones for the year were actually issued in 2011. Effective December 12, 2011 – February 26, 2012. The next group was then issued Effective February 27 – May 13, 2012. These included the following Branch Timetables:

	<u>12/12/11-2/26/12</u>		<u>2/27-5/13/12</u>			
Babylon	Form	7 – TPSS-	39	Form	7-TPSS-	40
City Terminal Zone		11	39		11	40
Far Rockaway		6	39		6	40
*Forest Hills and Kew Gardens	Form	12 – TPSS-	33		12	34
Hempstead		5	38		5	39
Long Beach		8	40		8	41
Montauk		10	62		10	63
Oyster Bay		4	49		4	50
Port Jefferson		2	46		2	47
Port Washington		1	39		1	40
Ronkonkoma		3	48		3	50
West Hempstead		9	45		9	46
Hillside Facility/Bolands Landing	Form	13 – TPSS-	37		13	38

*I include this with the above even though it's smaller 3" x 6 1/8" (they're also a different size from the pocket timetables & don't have advertising). It's called a Branch Timetable by the LIRR and has the same type Form nos. as the other Branch Timetables.

Timetable Listings...continued by Richard Schulman

Pocket Timetables were issued Effective December 12, 2011 – February 26, 2012 and Effective February 27 – May 13, 2012. The form numbers are the same for each time period.

Babylon Branch	BY1 - BY5	City Terminal Zone	CT1 – CT2
Far Rockaway	FR1 – FR3	Hempstead	HM1 – HM2
Long Beach	LB1 – LB2	Montauk	MY1 – MY3
Oyster Bay	OB1 – OB3	Port Jefferson	PJ1 – PJ6
Port Washington	PW1 – PW4	Ronkonkoma	KO1 – KO4
West Hempstead	WM1		

Special Timetables were issued for:

Sperry Rail Testing Schedules

Montauk Branch Effective March 12 – 15, 2012 Only Form 10 – TPSS-65

Port Jefferson Branch Effective March 28 & 29, 2012 Only PJ Card – TPSS-8

Port Washington Branch Effective Saturday, March 24, 2012 Only PW Card – TPSS-8

Ronkonkoma Branch Effective Saturday, April 14, 2012 Only KO Card – TPSS-6-REV

St. Patrick's Day Parade Extra Service Effective Saturday, March 17, 2012 Only

Babylon Branch BY Card – TPSS-10

Port Washington Branch PW Card – TPSS-9

Ronkonkoma Branch KO Card – TPSS -5

Montauk Branch Montauk St. Patrick's Parade Westbound Service Effective March 25, 2012 Only MY Card – TPSS-15

Mets-Willets Point 2012 Mets Home Games Effective April 5 – May 13, 2012 Form S1 – TPSS-30

Hillside Facility Service Special Track Work Schedule Effective April 7 & 8, 2012 Only Form 13 – TPSS-39

Special Eastbound Trackwork Schedule Effective Saturday & Sunday April 7 & 8, 2012 Only

Hempstead Branch HM Card – TPSS-4

Long Beach Branch LB Card – TPSS-4

Port Washington Branch Special Westbound Trackwork Schedule Effective Saturday & Sunday April 7 & 8, 2012 Only PW Card – TPSS-10

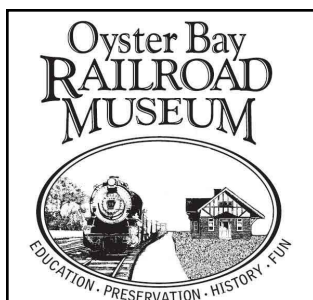
Special Timetable East Of Speonk Customers Shinnecock Canal Bridge Rehabilitation

Effective April 10-13, 17-20 & 24-27, 2012 Form 10 - TPSS-66

Belmont Park Spring Timetable Effective April 27 – May 13, 2012 Form S3 – TPSS-19

If there are any additions or corrections I can be contacted at 8 Talbot Lane, Smithtown, NY 11787, 631 360 0001.

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Spring has marked a very busy time at the **Oyster Bay Railroad Museum**. Most of our recent efforts have been geared toward preparation for the upcoming season. Memorial Day kicked off the **Spend A Day in Oyster Bay** project. We've partnered with the LIRR's "**Long Island Getaways**" campaign. This year our visitors will be treated to a tour of selected Oyster Bay attractions and historical sites via our Spend A Day Trolley, and a self-guided walking tour. Sites include Billy Joel's 20th Century Motorcycle Museum, the Oyster Bay Railroad Museum, Sagamore Hill Historic Site, Theodore Roosevelt Bird and Animal Sanctuary, Raynham Hall Museum, Western Waterfront, Oyster Bay Historical Society's Wightman House, and others.

We believe that this initiative will be of great benefit to our community. It not only provides exposure for our numerous historical, cultural and educational resources, but also attracts individuals and families to our downtown business community. We hope that you and your family can join us this summer for a fun-filled day in Oyster Bay.

The **Summer Solstice Celebration**, one of the Oyster Bay Railroad Museum's major fund raising events will take place on Thursday, June 21st at the Sagamore Yacht Club. This relaxing annual evening welcomes the official arrival of summer, and raises much needed funding for the Museum's ambitious menu of projects and programs. I invite you to join us for this fun evening featuring cocktails, soft drinks, and a buffet dinner superbly prepared by Jack Halyard's American Bar & Grill. Live entertainment will once again feature The Gathering Time Trio. Last year this "easy listening" group had the crowd smiling and singing along to their country/rock standards, plus a great selection of railroading songs. The popular "50/50" raffle, and silent auction featuring great prizes, will take place during the cocktail hour. At sunset, we will gather on the lawn, and salute with a champagne toast, the official arrival of summer 2012!

I hope you can join us. For ticket information, please call 516-802-0255.
For more information you can visit our website at www.obrm.org.

