



# SEMAPHORE



## June 2021

The LIST May meeting will be held on **Friday, June 18th at 8:00pm.**

To comply with current restrictions regarding gatherings, this meeting will be held via Zoom. Please see details and directions on how you can join the meeting as provided by Ed Koehler on page #3.

Please note this meeting will be accessible to LIST Members **ONLY.**

### THIS MONTH

Information on this month's presentation can be found in the meeting information on Page 3.

In July and August, LIST will have special abbreviated Zoom meetings. Members will be notified by email.

The Semaphore will NOT be printed in July and August.

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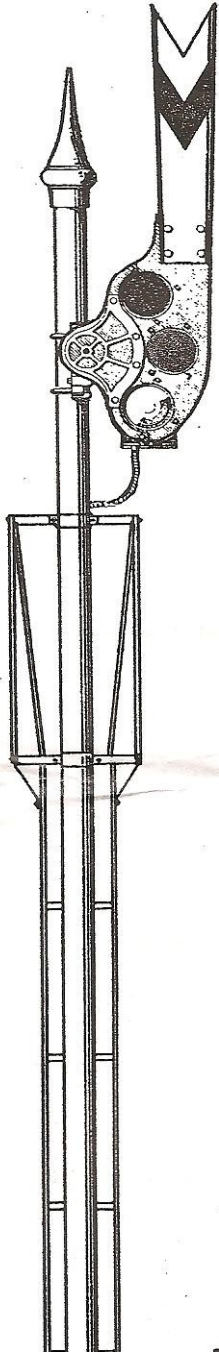
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# _____	The LIRR 1949-1980 by R. Sturm NEW Vol. 2	@\$38 each Total _____
# _____	The LIRR Co. A History 1834-1965 by R. Sturm	@\$38 each Total _____
# _____	Vol 1 and 2 of Bob Sturm's books	Both for \$68 Total _____
# _____	LIRR Babylon Branch by Dave Morrison NEW	@\$18 each Total _____
# _____	The 185 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the LIRR book	@\$12 Each Total _____
# _____	LIRR Multiple Unit Cars by M. Boland	@\$48 each Total _____
# _____	LIRR Main Line East by D. Morrison	@\$18 each Total _____
# _____	GCT + Penn Sta. Statuary & Sculptures by Morrison	@\$18 each Total _____
# _____	LIRR Trackside with Matt Herson by M. Boland	@\$48 each Total _____
# _____	LIRR Oyster Bay Branch 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 _____
# _____	The Long Island Rail Road, in color Vol. 1	@\$48 each Total _____
# _____	The Long Island Rail Road, In Color Vol. 2	@\$48 each Total _____
# _____	The Long Island Rail Road, In Color Vol. 3	@\$48 each Total _____
# _____	The Long Island Rail Road, In Color Vol. 4	@\$48 each Total _____
# _____	The Long Island Rail Road, In Color Vol. 5	@\$48 each Total _____
# _____	The LIRR, In Color Power 1952-2015	@\$48 each Total _____

Shipping for 1 of the books \$3.50. Shipping for both Bob Sturm's books is \$8.

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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## June Meeting Information by Ed Koehler

Please keep in mind that this meeting is for members only' please do not share login information.

To comply with current restrictions regarding gatherings, this meeting will be held via Zoom®. Around 7:45 PM on June 18, 2021 you can connect to the meeting by entering the below link in your computer's search engine (Bing, Google, Yahoo, etc.) and hit enter. You can also enter this meeting by just 'clicking on the link' if it is displayed in underlined blue on your computer screen. You will be brought to the opening screen of Zoom® where you will be queried for your name. After entering your name hit return again and you will be placed in the 'Waiting Room' for the host to admit you to the meeting. If you want to speed up the process, go to <https://zoom.us/freesignup> on the Internet and select 'Sign Up, It's Free' (Do not enter your work E-Mail on this page.) Do note that your normal internet charges will apply for both the meeting and the sign up.

Do note that your normal internet or cell phone charges may apply.

**Friday, June 18, 2021 at 8:00 PM** eastern time, **7:00 PM** Central Time: Long Island Sunrise Trail Chapter NRHS June Membership Meeting. We will be having a two part presentation this evening, the first will be **SINGING WIRES**, a presentation originally created by member Joe Bux on the New York and North Shore Traction Company, an interurban style line with served Whitestone, Port Washington, Mineola and Hicksville out of Flushing. Our nightcap will be the **SMALL TOWN AMERICA TWO RAIL BASED MUSEUMS** (the East Broad Top Railroad and Coal Company and the Rockhill Trolley Museum).



To attend this event:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82040067160?pwd=OHA0ajR6dHU3NDhpMHF2dDI5bFlDz09>

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Any questions or problem with Zoom® please contact Ed Koehler at [EdwardMKoehler@nyc.rr.com](mailto:EdwardMKoehler@nyc.rr.com) or call him at 917-603-4276. E-Mail contact ends at 5:00 PM on June 18, 2021.

**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.



## List Happenings by Steve Quigley

This is the last printed version of the Semaphore until September. However, if there is a special announcement, you will be notified by email IF you have provided us with your e mail address.

If you move or change your address, please send me note or an email so that I have your current address. If you are a Florida "snowbird," let me know when you move either way.

Regretfully, I am canceling this month's IN PERSON June Chapter meeting. WE PLAN ON RESUMING OUR IN PERSON MEETINGS THIS COMING SEPTEMBER AND WILL TRY TO HAVE A ZOOM MEETING AT THE SAME TIME!

We will have a Zoom meeting this month on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Please see this edition of the Semaphore as to how you may attend through your PC. Thank you to Chapter member Ed Koehler for handling the technical aspects of our Zoom Meetings. Our Zoom meetings are for LIST Chapter members only and invited guests, not for non-members.

WE WILL BE HAVING LIST ZOOM MEETINGS IN JULY AND AUGUST! Presenters have been lined up for the July and August Zoom meetings. The July and August meetings will be shorter than normal, possibly 1 hour in length.

We will TRY and have Chapter elections at this month's Zoom meeting. The following are the current LIST Board members: Bob Cecere, Al Johnson, Ken Katta, and Frank Spada. LIST Secretary Chris Quigley, Treasurer Al Mark, Vice-President Bob Myers, President Steve Quigley. Walter Hilsenbeck is nominated for an open position on the board. If you wish to nominate someone for a position on the LIST Board, please send me an email.

We are working with our friends at the LIRR to have a trip to Greenport in our own private LIRR car. THE SCHEDULED DATE FOR OUR TRIP TO GREENPORT IS OCTOBER 16<sup>TH</sup>. SPREAD THE WORD!!!! On board will be our private docent. We will have giveaways, raffles, books and the 2022 calendar for sale among other items. We will send out an email regarding the particulars during the summer as well as having the appropriate information in the September edition of the Semaphore. We are going to have a FUN TIME!

LIST is a distributor of the Conrail Quarterly which is a publication of the Conrail Historical Society. It is an excellent full color magazine which retails for \$12. We have several editions in stock that we will sell to Chapter members for \$7 plus \$2 shipping cost. New York State residents do not pay tax as this is a magazine.

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## Long Island Rail Road News by Steve Quigley

Major construction is complete on the East Side Access megaproject which will link the LIRR directly with Grand Central Terminal. NY State Governor Andrew Cuomo GUARANTEED on May 27<sup>th</sup> that the station will be open to LIRR trains by its December 2022 target date. When complete, the LIRR will have two stations in Manhattan, one on the West Side [Penn Station] and one in the East Side. [Grand Central] The estimated final cost will be \$11.1 Billion. The project entailed eight miles of new tunnels and the construction of a nine block long station that is three stories below street level.

There will be a 350,000 sq. ft. concourse with white marble walls, archways and storefronts which will contain an estimated 25 retailers. It is possible that commuters who use the East Side Access to Grand Central may save up to 40 minutes on their daily ride if they work on the East Side of Manhattan.

Construction of the Project began in 2006 with an estimated completion date of 2011. The Project was originally expected to cost an estimated \$4+- billion.

Harold Interlocking, which is an incredibly busy rail junction of Amtrak and LIRR trains, underwent \$1 Billion in upgrades. The remaining work on the project entails the installation of various electrical and communication technology such as signal systems. It is planned that test trains will be running through the tunnel this summer.

[I would like to be on one of the first regularly scheduled LIRR trains going into ESA. It will be History in the Making! SQ]

There has been mention that as a result of LIRR trains going into Grand Central, Metro-North will be running trains into Penn Station. Terms of the agreement and further information are still in the early stages.

LIRR timetables which have been printed in various versions since the 1830's will not be printed any longer. This is due to various reasons which include cost cutting as well as the fact that the LIRR schedules have changed many times in the past year.

As a result of the above, LIST is in the process of publishing a commemorative book on the history of LIRR timetable/schedules. The book is in the early stages so if you would like to contribute to any aspect of this book, your assistance would be appreciated. Among other things, we are looking for old timetables to copy and show in the book. All items will be returned to the owner. The book will be published by LIST.

Thanks to our friends at the LIRR, we were able to obtain copies of the last timetable that the LIRR has printed. This is the big foldout Branch Line timetable which lists all of the stations on a particular branch. If you wish to obtain a set of timetables of all 11 Branches of the LIRR, please send a check for \$8 to our PO Box. THE TIMETABLES ARE FREE, the \$8 is the cost of the Priority Mail shipping via the USPS. Just include a note stating that you would like a set of timetables in the envelope with your check. If you wish just ONE particular branch, call me or send a note or email and I will send it to you for free. [More than one Branch in an envelope is over one ounce which results in a substantially higher postage cost.]



**Long Island Rail Road**

## ***THE LIRR MODELER by Mike Boland***

### ***This Month's Feature: PRR P70 COACHES ON THE LIRR AND SOME FINE NEW DECALS***

Well, I've reached the "halfway" point for another year of the LIRR Modeler. What a fitting way to end my feature until the fall than by writing about two interesting subjects on the LIRR: what trains ran on the Long Island with PRR P70 coaches and news about some new LIRR decals.


First, let me write about P70 coaches. These PRR coaches were used on a number of LIRR trains, according to a July 14, 1929 memo issued by the PRR.

Here are the trains using PRR P70s:

- Train #4 to Montauk had two P70's.
- Train #8 had three P70's.
- Train #20 had five P70's Monday through Thursday with three P70's for Montauk and two for Greenport.
- Train #212 to Greenport, a Friday-only train, had three P70's.
- Train #12 ran with five P70's.
- Train #25, westbound, ran with two P70's.
- Train #3 ran with two or three P70's.
- Train #4215 had an unknown number of P70's.

As an added note, all these trains ran with mail cars, parlor-buffet-lounge cars and some trains had PB70 combines.

Next, I need to write about a new line of decals that has come out by K4 Decals. K4 has four Long Island Rail Road decals available in multiple scales. How great! I've ordered the LIRR decals but at the time of this writing I do not have them. The LIRR decals offered are a 37-foot wood boxcar in white; headend, reefer and passenger car lettering in Gold; caboose decals in blue and white; and a fabulous passenger car set in white that has modernization decals and the small letters "F" and "CD" for MU cars. K4 Decals realizes that he has to color-correct some caboose lettering as they are printed blue and need to be black or a dark gray; he'll correct this in the future. These are great sets that all LIRR modelers can use no matter what scale!



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Until September, have a great summer and happy modeling from the LIRR Modeler!

**LIST Happenings...continued by Steve Quigley**

Chapter member Bob Sturm’s book on The History of the LIRR 1949 to 1980 is at the printer. LIST is the publisher of the book. This important book on the story of the LIRR will be available to LIST Chapter members July 1+-. The RETAIL price is \$49.95 for non-members and \$38 for LIST Chapter members. If both Volume 1 and 2 are purchased together, the special price for members is \$68. That is 10+% off the individual prices. The shipping cost for both books together will be \$8. NY State residents must add \$6.55 tax. I have read the draft copy and it is an excellent volume telling the story of the why and how things occurred on the LIRR during that time period. I know you will enjoy reading this book!

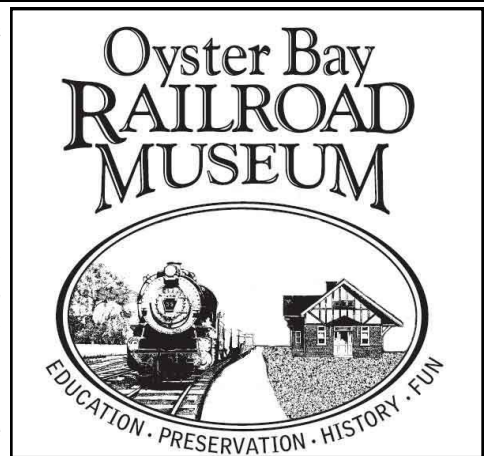
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**Oyster Bay Railroad Museum Update by John Specce**

Saturday, May 15th, was our opening day at both the historic Presidential Station and the Display Yard. If you've been following us on Facebook, our website or other social media you have seen the tremendous effort put forth by board members and volunteers in getting ready for this momentous occasion.

I always considered the interior of the station cathedral-like, with its volume, lofty ceilings and hallowed ground that Theodore Roosevelt once occupied in his frequent travels as president. Over the last 4 - 5 months all efforts were concentrated on converting that space into a venue that now is the home of educational displays, artifacts, operating O gauge layout, Museum store, Information Center and much more, all with the purpose of providing visitors a unique experience.



At the Display Yard, many years of planning culminated in making the landmark turntable fully operational! The Garden Railway, along with the various simulators and rolling stock were made ready for this season. Hats off, again, to all those who contributed to this effort.

To celebrate these 2 major steps forward, the station and turntable projects, the Board of Directors wishes to extend an invitation to all to join us for a formal dedication ceremony on Saturday, June 26th, 10AM at the station, 11AM at the turntable. If you plan to join us, please RSVP to 516 558 7036 or [ROBLB105@AOL.COM](mailto:ROBLB105@AOL.COM). Hope to see you there!

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