



SEMAPHORE



October 2012

The next meeting of LIST will be on **Friday, October 19th at 8:00pm** at the Christ Episcopal Church, South Carll Avenue and Prospect Street, Babylon, New York.

THIS MONTH:

The program will be presented by Chapter member Dave Morrison, a retired LIRR Branch Line Manager who managed the stations on the Port Jeff Branch from 1990 to 1999. Dave has conducted numerous "LIRR Historic Stations Tours" under the auspices of the NY Transit Museum. He is the author of 4 railroad books, including two Arcadia Publishing Company books - "Long Island Rail Road Stations" and "Jamaica Station."

Dave will discuss the history of railroad stations from Hicksville to Port Jefferson and on out to Wading River. He will use historical photographs as well as photographs that he took while he was in charge of the Port Jeff Branch.

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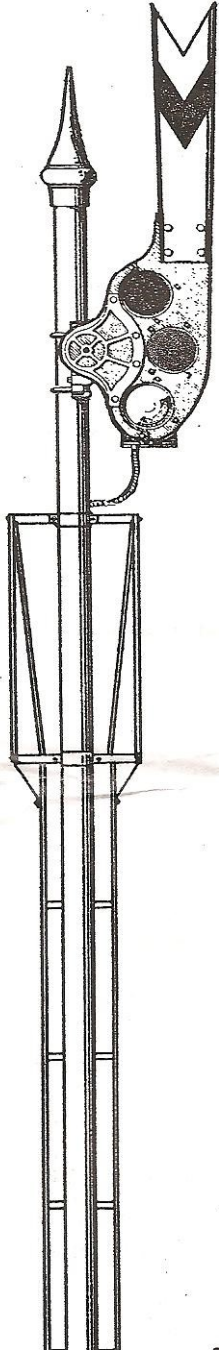
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#_____ 2013 LIRR calendar	@\$8 each Total_____
#_____ LIRR 175 th Anniversary 60 page book	@\$10 each Total_____
#_____ NY Connecting RR Book	@\$27 each Total_____
#_____ Jamaica Station by Dave Morrison	@ 18 each Total_____
#_____ LIRR Stations by Dave Morrison	@\$18 each Total_____
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#_____ The Cast Iron Eagles of Grand Central Station by Dave Morrison	@\$5 each Total_____
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Shipping for 1 calendar or 1 of the books, \$2.50

Shipping for 2 to 4 calendars, total of \$5.00

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.

[NY State Residents, please add 8.625% tax to the total of the merchandise PLUS the shipping. For example, 1 calendar shipped to an address in NY State would be a total of \$11.41] Thank You.

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List Happenings by Steve Quigley

I regret to announce that several Chapter members have passed away in the past several months.

Charter member Buzz Lubitz passed away after an illness. Buzz was one of the founding members of the Chapter back in 1966 and had moved to PA several years ago. Our condolences to his wife Mary Ellen.

Jim Gillin who was a long time Chapter member who moved to FL also passed away as well as the Rev. Francis Midura. Our condolences to their families.

Delivery of our Chapter's 2013 LIRR calendar has been delayed and should be in stock soon. Everyone who has placed an order for a calendar will be shipped one as soon as we receive them. Thank you for your patience. Although our cost went up slightly, we have maintained last year's price which is \$8 for members. The enclosed order form reflects the 2013 calendar.

The 100th Anniversary of the current version of Jamaica Station will be taking place on March of next year. Presently the Headquarters building is being renovated on the exterior with much scaffolding in place. LIST and the Twin Forks Chapters of the NRHS will be assisting the members of the LIRR in celebrating this occasion with commemorative items and publications. More information to follow as we get closer to this occasion.

If any Chapter member is interested in purchasing a book published by Morning Sun Books Inc., please email or call me and I will try to purchase it for you. Go to www.morningsunbooks.com to view the selection and then send me an email or call me regarding the procedure to purchase. Naturally, Chapter members will receive a discount off the retail price. [If the retail price is \$59.95, Chapter members cost will be \$48 plus S +H and tax if applicable]

The Chapter's book on the "Shortline Railroads of Long Island" is in the final stages of being written. This book is being produced by our Chapter with credit going to authors Ed Koehler and Harold Fagerberg. We hope to have the book available before the end of this year. Stay tuned!

Dues renewal will be sent out by National Headquarters in October. Please be timely with your response. The Chapter portion of the dues will remain at \$10. The \$10 Chapter dues do not cover the cost of the Semaphore and as a result we might have to consider a small increase in the Chapter dues in the future. Not this year however. Please mail back your membership renewal as soon as possible to our Treasurer, Alan Mark. Alan's address is on the renewal notice. Please do not send your renewal to the Chapters PO box as I then have to forward it to Alan. Please send it back directly to Alan. His address is on the renewal form. Your co-operation in mailing back your dues renewal in a timely manner is greatly appreciated.

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.

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List Happenings...continued by Steve Quigley

My wife and I were recently in Poughkeepsie NY visiting my son at the college he is attending there. We had some free time so we took a walk across the Hudson River. No, we did not walk on the water; we walked on the "Walkway over the Hudson." This bridge, which is 1.28 miles long, was originally the New Haven RR Bridge built between the years 1886 to 1889. In 1974, a portion of the bridge burned and was never used as a railway bridge again. A few years ago, an organization was founded to restore the bridge and use it as walkway. The bridge reopened on October 3, 2009 and the result is a pathway across the Hudson River that is 212 feet above the water in the center and has a magnificent view of both shorelines as well as the River. On the East side, Amtrak trains to and from Toronto, Albany and GCT travel, while on the Westside, Northbound and Southbound CSX freight trains are frequently seen. Metro-North train service originates about 1/3 mile south of the bridge and ends at Grand Central Terminal. If you are anywhere near the bridge, take advantage of the magnificent view that it affords. While we were on the bridge, a wedding ceremony complete with a full wedding party took place officiated by a judge. An interesting sight 200+ feet above the Hudson!

LIRR Happenings

The new Barclay's Center opened in Brooklyn on Sept. 28th. It is located across the street from the LIRR's Atlantic Terminal. The Center, which is the new home of the Brooklyn Nets, houses the first Pro Team to be located in Brooklyn since the Dodgers left for LA in the 1950's. This arena is built over the LIRR's VD Yard which Chapter members and guests toured back in 2007 on the Farewell to the M-1's Fan trip. Extra train service is being offered from Atlantic Terminal on the days of events.

Newsday, the LI paper, recently had an article regarding fencing along the LIRR right of way. The LIRR is doubling the budget for barrier fencing but the cost to fence all 670 miles of track is not feasible so fencing has been and will be concentrated in key areas. 4.8 miles of fencing has been installed since 2010. Special fencing which is difficult to climb or cut is now being used as opposed to chain link fence which we all used to climb.

In last month's edition of the Semaphore, we mistakenly noted that I took a tour of the East Side Access Project which when completed, will allow LIRR trains to enter Grand Central Terminal. Chapter member Dave Morrison was actually the person who took the tour. My apologies to Dave on this error.

The NY transit Museum is again offering East Side Access Tours on November 13th and 15th. Please see www.mta.info/museum or call 718-694-3451 for further information.

If you wish to write an article for the Semaphore, just let me know and I am sure that we will be able to print it. I have a few articles waiting to be printed but we can always use more. My e mail address is csquigley@optonline.net and my telephone # is 631-487-4766.



THE LIRR MODELER...by Mike Boland***This Month's Feature:******Walthers PRR/LIRR Interlocking Tower...Part 2***

Last time we began a new series of articles on Long Island Rail Road interlocking towers that can be modeled by utilizing the recently-released Walthers PRR/LIRR Interlocking Tower kit in plastic. It is #933-2982 and is available in HO scale. So let's take a look at the LIRR's brick towers—both those in use currently and those towers that have been demolished—and see how we can model them.

Here we go; we'll study those brick towers that have been demolished first. Park Tower...an interesting tower that once stood between the mainline and the Hempstead Branch just east of Floral Park station when it and the surrounding trackage was on the ground. Once known as FK Tower, it was located on the ground as were all the LIRR tracks nearby—east of Light House Road, later named Tulip Avenue, and just east of where the Hempstead Branch veers away from the mainline. This brick tower was one of several that had a bay window on *both* sides of the tower that faced two sets of double-tracks. Both the mainline and the Hempstead Branch were later elevated in a major grade-crossing elimination project and Park Tower was razed. With a little work, this tower can be modeled with the Walthers kit.

Fremont Tower...we believe this tower was named after a nearby street named Fremont. This was a very interesting tower that our own beloved Harold Fagerberg worked before it was closed; it was razed many years later, we believe. (It was the only opportunity that Harold had to work on Long Island, where he lived.) The tower was located in the upper yard at Fresh Pond on the New York Connecting Railroad where LIRR and New Haven/Penn Central/ConRail trains operated on the LIRR Bay Ridge Branch as well as the New York Connecting Railway over Hellgate Bridge.

More on Fremont Tower and other towers next time.

Happy modeling!

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Timetable Listings by Richard Schulman

This is a continuation of the listings from the June, 2012 issue. The following is what has been issued by

The LIRR as of this writing, October 3, 2012.

Branch Timetables were issued Effective

	<u>5/14 - 9/3/12</u>		<u>9/4 - 11/11/12</u>	
Babylon Branch	Form 7 – TPSS-41		7 – TPSS-42	
City Terminal Zone Branch	11	41	11	42
Far Rockaway Branch	6	41	6	42
Forest Hills and Kew Gardens Branch	12	35	12	36
Hempstead Branch	5	40	5	41
Long Beach Branch	8	42	8	43
Montauk Branch	10	67	10	68
Oyster Bay Branch	4	51	4	52
Port Jefferson Branch	2	48	2	49
Port Washington Branch	1	41	1	42
Ronkonkoma Branch	***		3	53
West Hempstead Branch	9	47	9	48
Hillside Facility/Bolands Landing Service	13	40	13	42

****Ronkonkoma Branch because of tie replacement 2 separate timetables were issued for the period May 14 - September 3, 2012. They were:

May 14 – July 22, 2012 Form 3 – TPSS-51 and July 23 – September 3, 2012 Form 3 – TPSS-52

Pocket Station Timetables were issued Effective May 14 thru September 3, 2012 and September 4 thru November 11, 2012. See the June issue for the Form Nos. There were only 5/14-9/3/12 issued for the Ronkonkoma Branch. KO2 and KO3 had a note to “consult the Ronkonkoma branch timetable dated July 23-September 3 for mid day service during this period.”

Special Timetables were issued for:

Belmont Park Spring Meet Effective April 27 – May 13, 2012	Form S3 – TPSS-19
Summer Meet May 16 – July 15, 2012	S3 - -20
Belmont Stakes June 9, 2012 Only	
Fall Meet September 8 – October 28, 2012	S3- -21
Mets-Willets Point Effective May 14 – September 3, 2012	Form S1 – TPSS-31
May 14 – September 3, 2012 (Revised)	S1 – -31 REV
starting September 4, 2012	S1 -32

Timetable Listings...continued by Richard Schulman

- U.S. Open Tennis Special Timetable #1 Effective August 21 – September 3, 2012 Form S4 – TPSS-7
#2 Effective September 4 – 9, 2012 S4 -8
- Greenport Tall Ships Effective May 26 & 27, 2012 Only GY Special – TPSS-9
- Harold Interlocking (East Side Access Tunnel Work) Effective Monday – Friday beginning July 9
Babylon Branch BY Card – TPSS-11
Long Beach LB Card – TPSS-5
Montauk Branch MY Card – TPSS-16
- The work was expected to finish by Friday, August 17 but was finished July 30, 2012
- Montauk Branch Extra Westbound Train Added On Summer Sundays Service began July 29, 2012
and ended September 3, 2012 The announcement was on a single sheet, 5 ½" x 8 ½", paper.
- Due to Pulaski Road crossing renewal track work
Babylon Branch Effective Saturdays August 11 & 18, 2012 Only BY Card – TPSS-1
Far Rockaway Branch Effective Saturdays August 11 & 18, 2012 Only HM Card – TPSS-6
(probably should have been FR Card and not HM)
- Hempstead Branch Effective Saturdays August 11 & 18, 2012 Only HM Card – TPSS-5
Hillside Facility Service Effective August 11 & 18, 2012 Only Form 13 – TPSS=41
Port Jefferson Branch Effective August 11 & 18, 2012 Only Form 2 – TPSS-50
- The Barclays PGA Tour Event Train Service August 21-26, 2012 (Service on the Ronkonkoma
Branch)
- Triathlon Schedules Oyster Bay Station Customers Sunday August 26, 2012 Only OB Card – TPSS-5
- St. Albans Customers Effective Sunday, September 8, 2012 Only (track work) WH Card – TPSS-8
- Switch Replacement/Renewal Track Work Saturdays, September 15 & 29, 2012 Only
Babylon Branch BY Card – TPSS-13
Far Rockaway Branch Form 6 – TPSS-43
Hempstead Branch HM Card – TPSS-6
Long Beach Branch Form 8 – TPSS-44
Montauk Branch MY Card – TPSS-17
- Port Jefferson Branch Saturday Track Work Schedules Effective September 22, 2012 Only
Form 2 – TPSS-51
- Ronkonkoma Branch Sperry Rail Testing Schedules Effective Saturday, Sept. 22, 2012 Only
KO Card – TPSS-8
- Barclays Center LIRR Brooklyn Train Service Effective September 28 – November 11, 2012
- Port Jefferson Branch Sperry Rail Testing Schedules Effective October 2 & 3, 2012 Only
PJ Card – TPSS-9

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