

NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE LONG ISLAND LIVE STEAMERS

Long Island Live Steamers, Inc. was founded in 1966 to promote the fine art of precision model making, especially as applied to steam machinery. While our outdoor tracks, and the trains that run on them, represent our most visible activity, our members also build scale model steam boilers, stationary steam engines, steam powered boats, steam powered tractors, and other miscellaneous functioning models. Only a few of our members are professional machinists. Others are hobbyists with small basement shops. Others have no shops or projects, but are interested in steam power.

The club site is located in Southaven (Suffolk) County Park, which is near William Floyd Parkway and Sunrise Highway. The county has made available about 8.5 acres of land on which to build operating railroad layouts. We have constructed a railroad for ¾" and 1" scale trains with about 2000' track, and a layout of about 5000' for 1 ½" scale. In return for the use of park land, the club offers visitors rides on our Run Days scheduled for the second and last Sundays of the month, from mid May until the end of October.

While some of our members are prevented by geography or circumstances from working at the track (some members live as far away as Florida and Texas), we encourage ALL members to come out for some fresh air and exercise whenever they can to work on the railroad. Members work at the track almost every Sunday, year around, and on some weekdays and Saturdays as well. Members are equally important to the success of the Run Days and Meet Days. But, best of all, we get together to share our interest in the making, maintaining, and operating and diesel machinery and railroads. All members receive the monthly newsletter, Smoke Signals.

In order to meet the needs of all who would like to join us, there are five classes of membership.

Full Members are the voting members of the organization. They elect and can serve as officers and vote on business matters. People must be Full Members in order to run their own engines on the club track whenever they wish.

Affiliate Members are Full Members of other recognized live steam clubs, and who, because of their enjoyment of the hobby, wish to also become members of the Long Island Live Steamers. Affiliate Members are always welcome at operating and work sessions, as well as social events and meetings (although they are not voting members).

Associate Membership was created for those who want to learn more about the club as they become involved in club activities. Associate Members are always welcome to participate in Run Days, Work Days, social events, and attend meetings (although not as voting members).

Junior Membership is open to children 17 years of age or younger, who are sponsored and supervised by an adult member (in good standing) of the LILS. Junior members are invited to come out to the park to help on Public Days, Work Days, many social events, and to attend meetings (as nonvoting members). Children can learn many skills as they participate in this very special hobby. The child's parent must also join, as either an Associate or Full Member, and provide direct supervision.

Family Membership is available where both parents are considered Full Members, and the children (no limit on the number) are Junior Members.

Club Meetings are held monthly. A club schedule is set for each year and updated in each issue of Smoke Signals. In addition to the Run Days, we hold three Meets a year. On those weekends, live steamers from Northeast U.S. and Eastern Canada are invited to join us at the track for demonstrations, displays, discussions, and running lots of trains. In addition, there are social events for members only.

If you have any questions, please e-mail joinlils@optonline.net

If you would like to join us as a member, please fill out the form below and return it to us. We would welcome your participation in the club.

Long Island Live Steamers Application Form

_____ I am interested in attending the next work session. Please send me the date and time.

_____ I am interested in Full Membership. Enclosed is my initiation fee of \$100 and Full Membership dues, \$100 per 12 months (for a total of \$200). Dues owed are prorated, as the year progresses.

_____ I am interested in Affiliate Membership because I am already a Full or Regular Member of _____ Live Steamers. Enclosed is \$20.

_____ I am interested in Associate Membership. Enclosed is \$40.

_____ I am interested in Junior Membership, sponsored by _____ who is a Full/ Affiliate/ Associate (circle one) of the LILS. Enclosed is \$15. My parent is joining as an Associate or Full Member and will check that category and enclose that dues too.

_____ We are interested in a Family Membership. Enclosed is \$200. Plus \$100 initiation fee. (for total of \$300)

NAME _____ PHONE (____) _____ - _____

SPOUSE'S NAME _____

(or Junior Member's sponsor) _____

SPECIAL INTERESTS or SKILLS _____

ADDRESS(Street) _____

(City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____

(E-mail address) _____

Members may have special skills helpful to the club. Please let us know if you are: a CPA; civil engineer; machinist; plumber; lawyer; electrician; gardener; photographer; literary editor.

Please mail your application to the Membership Secretary: Mark Little, 172 Hobson Avenue, St. James, NY 11780.
We look forward to seeing you soon. Club phone: (631) 345-0499.
Website: trainweb.org/lils