



The Semaphore

July 2020

Official Newsletter of the Chicagoland Lionel Railroad Club

July had no Fireworks, but We Enjoyed Trains

We have finished our second month of following the State of Illinois Phase 3 policy to open our Train House for 10 persons in our building at a time. We continue this policy into July 2020. By now you have already received the details. Members come in by appointment, up to 5 at a time every two hours (9 to 11, 11 to 1, 1 to 3, 3 to 5) on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Two big directives wear new gloves or wash hands as you enter and wear a mask. By the way, in July there have always been openings. You can run trains and or come in to chat with other members. With the masks, we still work at keeping a 6' distance. Members who have attended say they have enjoyed seeing their trains run on our big layout. Please call me before 6 pm or Text or Email me to make a reservation and I will reply with a confirmation. herbwkoch@gmail.com 708-577-3156

By the way, our Air Conditioner is working very well. Al and Beverly, thanks again.

Jeff Mills is in regularly enhancing various dioramas on the layout. He really has a touch in putting pizzazz into the scenes. I am amazed at his patience and eye for making scenes jump out.

I want to personally thank all members for continually supporting our train club in these tough times. We will get back to normal, including our Open Houses. If anyone would like their layout highlighted, please send me some pictures and a note describing them. I look

forward to getting more layout pictures for the monthly update. Please let me know if you would like copies of any original pictures.

Bob Ciolino has advised that the store has new inventory. He is sorting it out now and should have a list for the next newsletter in August. If anyone would like to buy or sell trains, contact Curt Ward at cward508@msn.com.



Jeff working on fences for the water pumping station



The water pumping station looks great



Members running trains

Thanks to Herb K. for the story and pictures

The CLRC is proud to present the 31st Club Car

The CLRC is proud to present the 31st club car. The Santa Fe Special Orange PS-1 Boxcar is made by Lionel in their Concord, North Carolina, USA manufacturing facility. It is Lionel's modern LionScale PS-1 Boxcar with Die-cast Trucks, separately applied extras, including the ladders and more. The length is 11.5".

This car will enjoy riding with the rest of your

CLRC consist on your railroad or enjoyed on your wall of other CLRC trophy cars. We have 100 cars on order with Lionel. Sales are first come first serve. Anticipate delivery is October 2020.



Virtual Railfan Opportunity

Save Sunday evening, August 23rd!

Join the 20th Century Railroad Club and the Midwest Rail Rangers for a You Tube tour of the Wisconsin Great Northern Dinner Train from Trego, Wisconsin at 7:00 P.M.. If you missed their 90 minute You Tube tour of the ex L&N Lounge Car on Sunday July 26th, you might be able to still see it on You Tube. It was fantastic.

Thanks to Kevin B. for the information



Classified Ads

This space will be used to advertise items for sale by the Club or by members.

Club owned items may be purchased by seeing **Bob Ciolino** at the clubhouse or contacting him via phone at 708-828-2041 or e-mail at robertciolino@att.net. For member owned items, the seller must provide contact information. Member listings are restricted to two specific items, or a general listing identifying the type(s) of items for sale. Listings will continue to appear in the newsletter for two consecutive months, or until sold, whichever is the shorter time. Member listings shall be submitted to **Curt Ward** either via e-mail at cward508@msn.com or via snail mail at 1211 Prairie Creek Trail Joliet IL 60431

For Sale: K-Line #K612-1371 Milwaukee Road Bay Window Caboose.

Very little track wear on the wheels. Lighted and had a full interior and two crew members. It has an illuminated side lamps and smoke unit. Instruction sheet included.

Asking \$40.00 or Best Offer.

Kevin Barry Jr., KGB60655@aol.com or 708-606-5677.



**Do you have something you
want included in the
newsletter?**

Club member Curt Ward will be creating and distributing the newsletters. If you have material for the newsletter, you can send it to Curt via e-mail at cward508@msn.com. To help Curt please use MS Word to create the information and format it into a two column page.



Coming Down the Tracks

Important upcoming events: TBD