



The Semaphore

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Official Newsletter of the Chicagoland Lionel Railroad Club

The CLRC visits Illinois Live Steamers

The [Illinois Live Steamers](#) invited the CLRC for a second year in a row to their annual Open House August 17 to 19, 2018. What a great time. Members who attended were in awe at what was in front of us. The ILS club grounds are located approximately 30 miles southwest of Chicago. The club has tracks in four (4) gauges including: 6000+ feet of 7.5" gauge track, 5000+ feet of 4.75" track and approximately 500 feet of elevated 3.5" and G gauge track combination. We had a GREAT time!



It looks like Roger and George are having a good time!

Thanks to Herb K. for the pictures and the story



August Layout Update

August was a good month. We keep on building our layout to a high level of expectations. Work is being continued at the main layout north wall, and a new village is being built over the west lockers. It is truly interesting to see how the trolley line is routed around the village. We wrap up the summer as we work our way into our next Open House Season beginning September 15, 2018.





Bill, Joe and Jeff work to make our layout great!
Thanks to Herb K. for the pictures and story



August Lionel Ambassador Program Update

The CLRC successfully completed the requirements for the month August and received the maximum points.
As of the end of July, the CLRC is tied for first place with two other clubs for Ambassador Club of the Year.

Everyone needs to continue to view and “like” our videos and click the Ambassador link on our website. Also remember to “like” us on Facebook.

Notes From the Clubhouse Manager

Open House Help Needed

Members are needed to help at the open house between 8:00a.m. and 3:00p.m. Help is needed to run trains, answer questions and be a liaison for the club. Work times will be staggered so everyone does not have to be here at 8:00 a.m. or stay all day.

A sign-up sheet is available at the clubhouse.

Birthday Party Help Needed

Members are needed to run trains during the birthday parties after an open house. Four members are needed to run trains from 3:00p.m. to 5:00p.m. Those running trains do not need to be at the clubhouse until 2:30p.m. Besides running a train, the member will be answering questions from the kids and are encouraged to allow the kids to blow the whistle on the train.

A sign-up sheet is available at the clubhouse.

Training

The Command Control System training course is scheduled for Saturday, September 22nd at 3:00 p.m. at the clubhouse. The course will run for about 1 ½ hours. Running of trains will be suspended during the training.

All members who run trains on the club’s layout are required to take the course. The course covers the system’s parameters and how it has been implemented on our layout. If you haven’t taken the course, please sign-up for training on the 22nd.

A sign-up sheet is available at the clubhouse. See Al Havlicek for more info.

Hawaii Train Ride

Yes, Hawaii does have an excursion train to ride! On a recent trip to Oahu, (my wife and) I had the opportunity to ride the narrow gauge train operated by the Hawaii Division of the National Railway Historical Society. It is all that remains of the Oahu Railway and Land Company started by Mr. Dillingham, under a Royal Charter in the late nineteenth century. The train is powered by a 45 Ton Whitcomb center cab engine, repainted into its original U.S. Navy markings, and the excursion cars are converted flat cars that served the U.S. Army and Navy supplying Pearl Harbor during the 1930's and 40's. The cars have been frame stripped and rebuilt to include benches, siding and a roof. The Hawaiian sun can be merciless. Mr. Dillingham's personal car, currently in the shop for a rebuild, is normally available for charter and an ice cream run on one Sunday a month.

Don't miss this ride or the ice cream stop at Two Scoops. I recommend the pineapple sherbet. The trip is about 5 miles and runs from EWA to the sea. You go past the new Disney Resort and Maui, the demi-god from Moana was on board the day that we made the trip. There is also a garage sized toy train museum featuring an all Lionel fleet on display. Peter Caderas did a great job with the space he had to work in!



Thanks to Kevin B. for the story and pictures





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

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:

Open House Event – Sept. 15th

Open House Event – Oct. 20th