



The Semaphore

June 2020

Official Newsletter of the Chicagoland Lionel Railroad Club

June was a good month for running trains

We followed the State of Illinois Phase 3 policy to open our Train House for 10 persons in our building at a time. We will 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 June 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

Much happened on our layout while we were running during these restricted times. To change things up, Bill Herrndobler set up night running. It was a nice change. Here are some of our nighttime views.

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. I look forward to getting more layout pictures for the monthly update. Please let me know if you would like copies of the original pictures. Again, please contact me to get track time.

Thanks to Herb K. for the story and pictures



Trains at Union Station



Downtown by the "L"



Turano Bread Delivery Downtown

Member Layout Updates

Fellow member Stephen Coffori sends in pictures of his layout.



What are great place to enjoy the stay at home order. **Thanks to Stephen for sharing.**

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.



Do you need something for your layout?

I spoke with Josie, one of our members, who runs Choo Choo Works at LaGrange Road and Route 30. Despite the Corona Virus and things being slow, they are still open and looking forward to seeing fellow members, on Monday through Saturday from 9 am to 6 pm. Josie is willing to talk deals on new and in stock items. Give Josie a call at 815-464-3314.

Thanks to Herb K. 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

Jim Ammirati has the following for sale:

Lionel Lion Chief NYC RF-3 loco C-10 \$100.
Alco Rio Grang Williams ABA. Both A units powered. C-10 \$125.

Lionel Vision Line NYC Niagara, two ton grey, C-10 Paid 2K, sell \$1500

He can be reached at: **815 370 1963**

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