



# The Semaphore

## July 2019

### Official Newsletter of the Chicagoland Lionel Railroad Club

## CLRC Gets Air Conditioning!

We are growing into our building even more as we now have a new HVAC unit with duct work that travels throughout the building. The Duct Work was routed through the attic, so no trunk duct work is observed. (I did not even know that we had ample space in the attic.) Two big outlets are in the center of the main hall and duct work extends to the CLRC Store and Back Shop. Two big heater/AC units were installed. Both units run for the AC and one heater runs with the second unit joins in when needed. By the way we were told not to change the AC setting as the units work better when maintaining the temperature, rather than the big swings that turning it off will bring. It was tested Wednesday, July 31, 2019 and was it sweet. The AC thermostat is set to 74°. The next time you come, you will enjoy the comfort.



**Two Big Compressors**



**Two big units on mezzanine level**



**CLRC Crew observing installation**

Thanks to Herb for the story and Herb, Bob and Jeff for the pictures.

## The Big Boy Comes to Town

On July 27th, 28th and 29th, West Chicago, Illinois was the temporary home of the Union Pacific BIG BOY #4014. The engine, all 133 feet of it, was at the Frank Provo Training Center of the UP RR.

The engine, three tenders, the UP Experience Baggage car, an observation car, several passenger cars and a beautiful square ended Observation car were on display.

The 4014 is out on its Victory Lap around America celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the driving of the Golden Spike at Premonitory, Utah and commemorating the joining of the rails to complete the transcontinental railroad.



Thanks to Kevin B. for the story and the pictures

## FALLEN FLAGS

**Richard P. "Dick" Kughn**, former owner of Lionel Trains Inc. passed away on June 8, 2019. He was credited by many as "The Man Who Saved Lionel". He truly loved the hobby and was responsible for many innovations and including bringing Neal Young into Lionel.

**Al Havlicek**, Director and former Secretary, long time member and Yardmaster for the CLRC. He influenced many of the projects that went into our current layout. Al was responsible for the acquisition of the Chicago Union Station at the east terminus of the Belt Line.

Smooth Track and High Signals.

Thank you to Kevin B. for the kind words.

## HVAC Gift Request

An excerpt from a recent email from CLRC President Herb Koch:

As we continue to grow, we are taking on our next big improvement. HVAC, Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning. YES, AIR CONDITIONING! The system we are having installed is a high efficient heating and cooling unit, with ventilation in the attic, for \$27,500. A big gift was given to get us started. We have received other gifts so now we ask if you can

help our club with a twenty-fifth anniversary gift. It can be anything you feel comfortable giving. We are excited about our adding the HVAC system.

Please send your gift Payable to CLRC.

Send to:  
CLRC  
c/o 19906 Pine Hill Road  
Frankfort, IL 60423

Sincerely,  
Board of Directors of CLRC, Celebrating 25  
CLRC Years

### CLRC 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Club Car Two

Our Anniversary car TWO is Lionel's modern LionScale 57' O-Gauge Refer Car, with Rotating Bearing Cap Trucks, separately applied extras, including the ladders and more. 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.

This car is made in the USA at Lionel's Headquarters, Concord, NC. Over 50 of the 100 cars have been sold. Sales are first come first serve. Get yours before they are gone.



### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 – September 21<sup>st</sup>

Open House Event – October 19<sup>th</sup>