



The Semaphore

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Official Newsletter of the Chicagoland Lionel Railroad Club

Big Wind Damage, Fortunately Not Our Building

There were severe winds the beginning of August in New Lenox, IL. David Lerner called me up and said that our Condominium Complex had some building damage. When he looked, our building did not have any. That was truly fortunate for us. The next day I was able to view the damage. What a strong wind!



Thanks to Herb K. for the story and pictures

We are Still Running Trains

We are still following the State of Illinois Phase 3 policy to open our Train House for 10 persons in our building at a time. With our rotation program, many of our members have been coming in to converse with fellow members and enjoying their trains on the CLRC Layout. Swav Kojro continues to “fog” the building and our layouts every week to minimize any Covid 19 threat. With our Anti-Covid 19 program, no one has been in contact with the virus.

To run your trains, please call me before 6 pm or Text or Email me to make a reservation and I will reply with a confirmation.
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Bob P. SF rounds out of the valley



Andy T. with his Doodlebug
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Club and Building Update

Bob Ciolino advises that we continue to stay solvent. As you know, we have not had any income since the beginning of the year from our Open House and other income generating programs.

Bill Herndobler and Tom Zeglicz advised that the Backshop lighting fixtures have deteriorated and recommended upgrading to LED lighting. They got them and replaced them and others.

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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.



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: Lionel #6438, Great Northern Bay Window caboose. New/Open Box condition. Smokestack still attached to undercarriage with scotch tape. No dust and no rail marks on any of the wheels.
Box was some writing on it but is intact and undamaged. Listed by Greenburg at \$65.00. Asking \$30.00.

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



Coming Down the Tracks

Important upcoming events: TBD



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.