



The Semaphore

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Official Newsletter of the Chicagoland Lionel Railroad Club

CLRC Announces 2020 Dues

Fellow Members,
It's that time of year to renew your membership in the Chicagoland Lionel RR Club. We have had a great year with the advancement of the permanent layout, building of the crossover lift bridge connecting the beltline and mainline, etc., and best of all, we have Central Heat and Air Conditioning in the club. Run your trains in comfort all year round.

In review, the HVAC system was \$27,500. Member's gifts currently total \$18,000.00. If you can contribute to our HVAC system, your gift is very much appreciated. It is our hope that we can close the financial gap of our climate control equipment.

We are no longer going to have Birthday Parties after our Open Houses. There were just not enough members to support the program.

With this in mind, we will not have the discount for paying early. Our \$150.00 annual membership remains the same. You will notice that when you get the

2020 membership renewal that there is no discount for paying early. The \$150.00 renewal is still due by December 31, 2019. The month of January 2020 will be a grace period. Please pay on time as most of us do. If the dues are not paid by January 31, 2020 your membership will be terminated. Should this occur, you will have to renew by paying the year dues in full prior to June 31, 2020. If you pay between July 1 and December 31, 2020 you will have to pay \$75.00 for the balance of 2020 and pay the 2021 dues of \$150.00, total of \$225.00, at that same time which includes your 2021 membership.

Soon you will be mailed the renewal form. Please fill it out in its entirety and mail back with your check payable to CLRC c/o Bob Ciolino, 19906 Pine Hill Rd, Frankfort, Il 60423.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact the Club Treasurer, Bob Ciolino, at robert.ciolino@att.net or via phone at 708-828-2041, or Herb Koch, President at 708-577-3156, or herbwkoch@gmail.com

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August Clubhouse Update

Fall is coming and we are getting ready for our September Open House.

We just got air conditioning and replaced our furnace system. We were given the operating instructions early in the month. Air conditioning made working on the inside structure and the layout much easier. The logging area is really coming to fruition. We can see where the logging camp has cut down many trees for the lumber mill. Other trees are growing for future lumber. The new passenger station is ready to accommodate passengers. A new lift bridge is being built to connect the Beltline and the Central Layout. It is designed to lift at a push of a button. It will connect three rail lines on two levels. When the bridge is up, all track near the bridge will automatically have power shut off to keep trains from going under the bridge to concrete mayhem. Speaking of our HVAC system, a new shroud has been built to minimize its view on the mezzanine level and the library is being moved. The entrance shop has been updated to have shelving on the ceiling.



Mark work on the lift bridge



Bill adds the finishing touches to the logging camp.



The new passenger station is ready for service.



Joe adds to Sodor layout.

Thanks to Herb K. for the story and pictures.

CLRC 25th 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. 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 – September 21st

Open House Event – October 19th