



The Semaphore

May 2020

Official Newsletter of the Chicagoland Lionel Railroad Club

We are Opening June 3, 2020

We are following the State of Illinois Phase 3 policy to open our Train House. We can have 10 persons in our building at a time. By now you have already received the details. Members come in by appointment, up to 5 at a time every two hours on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Two big directives wear new gloves or wash hands as you enter and wear a mask. Those who have already signed up have let me know that they cannot wait to run trains on our layout and be with fellow members.

How do I make an Appointment to Run my Trains?

The board has adopted a reservation system for members wishing to run trains. If a member wishes to run his trains at the CLRC train house, he must contact Herb at 708-577-3156 to reserve a time. He will be available to accept reservations from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Reservations must be made at least 24 hours in advance. It is first come, first serve.

June 1, 2020 update

CLRC members sanitize the train house for our June opening. A big thank you to everyone who helped get our clubhouse ready for the running of the trains.



Bob cleaning the diner



Ed cleaning the condiment table



Tom cleans the sneeze guards



Michael wet vacuums the floor

Member Layout Updates

CLRC Member Bill Trzaskus let us know that he is in the process of building a harbor scene with a 375 foot lake ore boat. He is also building a float bridge based on one used in New York City. He is quite creative in his model building.



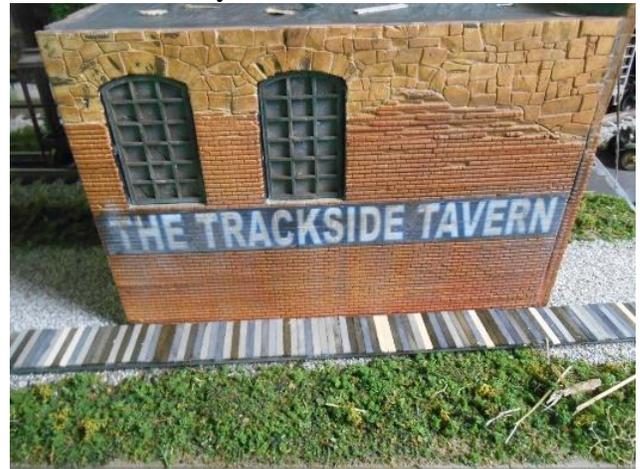
Harbor scene using corrugated cardboard

CLRC Member Thomas Eiden has been building his layout. He enjoys running his trains over his water feature and by the town. His scenes are so good they invite us to move into his space.



Fishing and boating in the canal

CLRC Member Bill Weigt has done immense scenery on our CLRC layout. With the corona sabbatical, Bill could not create scenery on our layout. At home he weathers cars and a new tavern for our layout.



New tavern for the CLRC ghost town

Thanks to Herb K. for the stories and to the many members for their pictures

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

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:

September 19th – Open House Event