



# The Semaphore

## February 2020

### Official Newsletter of the Chicagoland Lionel Railroad Club

#### The February Open House Event

The February Open House Event was a busy Saturday. Our visitors enjoyed the running of the trains and the many new additions to the scenery on the layout.

One of the areas getting the most attention is the large mountain that greets our visitors when they enter the layout area. The recent addition of the abandoned trestle and ghost town generate discussions of railroads gone by.

Thank you to the many members who helped to make this event possible. Your efforts make the CLRC a place people want to visit again soon.



#### Clubhouse Update Part II

I continue to share our accomplishments that we have made over the last few years, where the CLRC landscaping team has done a superb job in making our layout very realistic and enjoyable.

Many thanks to Bill Weigt, Steve Goshko, Tom Zeglicz, Jeff Mills, Bill Herrndobler, Tom McGrath, Joe Oster, Joe Smolinski, Tom Mott, Herb Koch, John Billone, Mark Fears, Roger Keller and I am sure there are more. Please let me know if I overlooked anyone and I will add them to this list.

This month I am going to highlight many of these vignettes, structures, scenes, and dioramas that have been created out of the minds and imagination of our members. They are highly detailed and museum quality. Look at these pictures of our member's efforts. Use it as a list to search where each one is located, like a scavenger hunt. Some are easy, some take a while and some intensified searching to find. Try it out the next time you are at our Train House. We may put a scavenger hunt together for our next Open House March 21, 2020.



Log Loading



BT&B Rail Truck Dock



Maintenance of the Way RR Tie Yard  
Thanks to Herb K. for the story and pictures



## The CLRC is proud to present the 31<sup>st</sup> Club Car

The CLRC is proud to present the 31<sup>st</sup> 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.



## Illinois RailRoad Trivia

Did you know the Illinois Central railroad was chartered in 1851? A prairie lawyer by the name of Abraham Lincoln was largely responsible for the company receiving its charter. The initial rail line ran from Chicago to Cairo Illinois. In 1999 the company was merged into the Canadian National Railroad, however, the logo has remained on some of the rolling stock to this day.



## 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

1. Santa Fe FE3 ABA \$300.00 or best



Offered by **Jim Ammirati** 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](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 – March 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Open House Event – April 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Open House Event – May 16<sup>th</sup>**