

CHICAGOLAND LIONEL RAILROAD CLUB, INC.

Membership Code

The Chicagoland Lionel Railroad Club, Inc. is a voluntary not for profit corporation organized for the purpose of providing members a place to run model trains, enjoy the company of fellow model railroaders, and enjoy the pleasure that the hobby, in all of its facets, can provide. As a voluntary not for profit organization the Club is completely dependent upon its members for its success and its very survival. Without the cooperation and participation of each member the Club cannot hope to survive let alone be able to provide the full panoply of experiences that the hobby offers. The Chicagoland Lionel Railroad Club recognizes and understands that members join the Club to enjoy model railroading and to interact with other model railroaders. Nevertheless, as a voluntary organization it is necessary for members to participate in the Club beyond merely paying dues. Accordingly, the Board of Directors has adopted the following Membership Code, adherence to which the Board feels will enhance the experience of all members:

1. Members should be courteous and friendly to each other. Civility breeds civility while incivility breeds hostility and resentment which can ultimately destroy the camaraderie that is the necessary foundation for a voluntary organization to exist.

2. Members should be honest in their interaction with the Club and with other members. Trust among an organization's members is critical for the organization to be successful.

3. Members are expected to be responsible in their use of Club property. To the extent members are irresponsible with Club property, that irresponsibility will frequently cost the Club money to repair or replace property that has worn or broken prematurely, cause the Club to incur additional operating expenses, or require extra work by other members, whether that work is to pick up trash that has not been properly disposed of or to repair equipment that has been carelessly handled.

4. Members should participate in the operation of the Club. It is recognized that members have different interests, different skills, and different times of availability. Members are urged to select and participate in an activity which fits their interest and availability. The Club offers opportunities for members to participate in either or both the hobby or business side of the organization. Members with hobby skills or wanting to acquire those skills can participate in maintaining the layout, repairing equipment, or working on scenery. For members with business skills there are numerous opportunities to participate in the business side of the Club.

5. Members should be dependable and meet the work commitments they make to fellow members and the Club. As a social organization the Club is dependent upon volunteers to staff its activities, maintain and improve the club house, and perform business functions. To the extent a member promises to staff an activity or do other work for the Club and then fails to do so, he casts an additional burden on the other members who volunteered to work or perhaps causes the Club to miss a deadline or fail to meet a commitment it has made.