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BIG BOXCAR AND CABOOSE ON MEZZANINE LEVEL

You have got to see what is happening upstairs. There are two full sized railroad cars on our mezzanine level for observation. Please realize that the station platform is up to the door level. The caboose and boxcar reflect two of the cars from our stable of club cars. The Chicago and Northwestern Boxcar and the Santa Fe Caboose were designed by CLRC and built by Lionel in 1996. We had a busy year.

Ana Krzywosz and Swav Kojro are working to make these cars a reality. The big logos are now in place. They are continuing with the cars and hope to have them finished by our December Open Houses.



Ana and Swav apply the Chicago and NorthWestern Logo on the side of the boxcar.



Finishing touches are made to the Santa Fe Caboose by Ana and Swav

Our Maintenance of Way team is continuously asked to perform tasks to make sure that our tracks are functioning properly. The last track repair was on track 95. The center rail joiner was loose and/or corroded. Joe Oster and Jeff Mills took on the assignment and corrected the situation.



Jeff Mills and Joe Oster repair track 95

Open House Fun

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Bill Trzaskus has been busy at work blending in the snow shed to the mountain. He has placed a layer of plaster between the snow shed roof and the mountain. Later he will scenic it with paint, rocks and grass.



Nice scenery work

One of our favorite attractions is the Grovers Mill Drive-In. It was inspired, designed, and maintained by Kevin Barry. "Kevin Barry Jr. Prop." Was added to the Drive-In compound in his honor. He would always have movies that would be relevant to the seasons for our Open House Guests. A fan favorite. Rest well our friend.



Kevin enjoyed creating, modifying, and working on the Grovers Mill Drive-In.

The Lager cars are in with TWO numbers!

Lionel advised that our latest club cars were built and ready to ship to us earlier this month with a three day window. I advised that we are not at our building every day and we would need to be informed when the truck would be scheduled. FedEx Freight advised that the terminal would call the day before the delivery. The terminal advised that the truck would come the next day. I let close members know that the truck was coming in sometime the next day and that the driver would call a half hour prior to delivery. I got the driver's call at 8:00 am advising that the delivery would be made shortly. It was like a fire drill. Members came in quickly. I want to thank the members who came out with the short notice and unloaded and stacked the new cars.

With this in mind, the CLRC Lumber Jack Lager Cars are in. Members are already running them on the layout. If you ordered them with delivery, you should have yours. If you did not get yours yet, you can pick them up now. If you are out of town, you can order yours and get it promptly. If you want to give it as a gift, order it now for Christmas. What a great gift and two great cars.



Members unload truck and move the Lumber Jack Lager Cars into our Train House

Take a look at the attached form and notice the “CLRC Water Tower Tap”, the Lumber Jack Lager logo and the two-tone paint on each car. Even better, there are two with different car numbers!

POSSIBLE 35TH ANNIVERSARY CLRC ENGINE



Thoughts of a 35th Anniversary engine. Prototypes are tentative and subject to Lionel approval.

Fellow members, after watching a YouTube episode of “Eric’s Trains”, we found that Lionel will produce a custom painted engine for our Club; minimum order 40 units. Jeff Mills and I felt, why not us?

We contacted Lauren Morris of Lionel and she advised that we need to see the 2023 Big Book in January and choose a Diesel locomotive to piggyback on their production run. Between now and then, we need to know how many members would be willing to spend approximately \$700.00 on the engine (no commitment now). The pictures of engines are to generate interest and get our imaginative juices going. The actual design is subject to our creative desires.

If we can’t get 40 members willing, no sense in proceeding (picking colors or designs, etc.).

Please email me if interested. herbwkoch@gmail.com

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