



The Semaphore

October 2020

Official Newsletter of the Chicagoland Lionel Railroad Club

Members Running Trains as we get into Fall 2020

Corona Virus continues to haunt us. (Pun intended. Halloween, get it!) I have to say that our efforts to stand up to the virus are successful. No one has gotten ill from running trains at our CLRC Train House. We sure want the world to go back to normal. It is fun running our trains with fellow members around. It is always wonderful to have a friend tell us how nice the train that we are running is. Conversations begin this way often with the history of the train, such as its routes, years of service, power among other interesting notes.

We look forward to opening our Train House in the future. It looks like the Railroading Merit Badge on June 5, 2021 will be our next event. It will be nice to get back to some kind of normal.

Despite the challenges of the Covid 19 pandemic, we safely take a moment from the pandemic and enjoy running trains at our wonderful facility and take time to enjoy each other's company.

I want to personally thank all members for continually supporting our train club in these tough times. We will get back to normal, including our Open Houses.

To run your trains, please call me before 6 pm or Text or Email me to make a reservation and I will reply with a confirmation.
herbwkoch@gmail.com 708-577-3156



Dan M. loves running SP Steam



Kevin R. enjoys his MR SD-40



Ron F sets up big UP power



Ethan and Stan A. run Penn Steam



Jim S. highballs the SP Daylight

Thanks to Herb K. for the story and 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. Anticipated delivery is now summer 2021.



CLUB CARS FOR SALE

Are you new to the CLRC? Are you interested in purchasing older CLRC Club Cars? Thanks to the efforts of Bob Ciolino and his team, a limited number of CLRC club cars are available. If you are interested please contact:

Bob Ciolino via phone at 708-2041 or email at robertciolino@att.net



Atlantic Coast Line Operating Box Car
52170-562
\$49.00



City of New Orleans Box Car
52363-573
\$44.00



Railway Express Operating Box Car
52148-558
\$49.00



Southern Pacific Daylight Operating Box Car
52170-562
\$49.00



Western Pacific Box Car
52475-581
\$44.00



25th Anniversary Boxcar Volume II
Only 100 produced
52475-581
\$90.00

Railcars can be picked up at the clubhouse or shipped. Shipping is \$11.00 for the first car and \$4.00 for each additional car.



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

For Sale from the Retail Shop

All members receive 10% discount

Call Bob Ciolino 708-828-2041 or robert.ciolino@att.net

**CNW Bay Window Caboose illuminated
6-16533 \$35.00**



CNW Operating cattle Car & Stockyard 6-19828 in box \$90.00



CNW Box Car with ETD 6-16617 \$30.00



CNW hopper Car 6-16412 \$20.00



**CNW Woodside Refer 6-19502 with box
\$30.00**



From Kevin Rolley:

**KPRolley@hotmail.com
815-474-8037**

- 1. MTH RailKing "Ready to Run" series CSX Freight Special Set Like-New in box
Great for grandkids starting to outgrow Thomas The Train sets. (0-27 scaling and FastTrack for smaller floor/table space required and quick assembly)
Asking \$200 obo**
- 2. Manufacturer: MTH RailKing "Ready to Run" series Pennsylvania Express Steam Freight Set Like-New in box**

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Trains Wanted

CLRC Member Kevin Rolley is looking for the following CLRC club cars. If you have any you would like to sell, please contact him at:

KPRolley@hotmail.com

815-474-8037

1st car: C&NW Boxcar – 1995

2nd car: SF Caboose (standard roof) – 1996

3rd car: SF Caboose (black roof) – 1996

4th car: BN Maxi Stack – 1996

5th car: Shedd Aquarium – 1997

12th car: C&NW (yellow) – 2001

13th car: C&NW (black) – 2002

14th car: PRR (green) – 2001

18th car: UP of LA – 2004

21st car: GN Tool car – 2006

22nd car: GN Crew car – 2006

23rd car: GN Caboose – 2006

24th car: GN RC – 2006

25th car: UP of SF – 2007

28th car: CLRC ACW – 2016

29th car: CLRC 25th anniversary (yellow w/green trim) – 2018

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: TBD