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It is truly nice to be at a CLRC Christmas Open House. Members and trains are decorated in full Christmas Spirit. Santa and Mrs. Clause came in and shared their time with us and our guests. Santa and Mrs. Clause are a real delight. I watched in a corner as he interacted with a young girl who was scared to see Santa. (I did not know that this was possible but saw many who had that concern.) Santa got her attention with a friendly smile and a hello. She ended warming up to him and enjoyed sharing her wish list. At the end of the day, we thanked the Clauses with some bubbly for their New Year's celebration.



Santa, Mrs. Claus and guests



Santa and Mrs. Claus



CLRC Thanking the Clause Family

Open Houses are always a fun time for our members to interact with our guests. One of the best ways is to run trains. We kept our rails full so all could enjoy. We get many comments on how nice the layout is, the trains that are running and the interaction with our hospitable and knowledgeable members.



Nick runs his "J" Freedom Train



Big Christmas tree on the layout



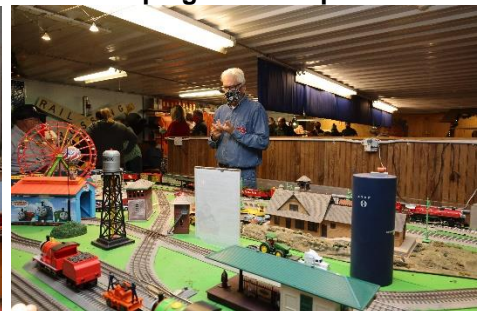
Joe O. helps guest take pictures



Michael sets up his BIG boy engine



Jeff runs the CTA Santa train



Joe S. maintains the Thomas Layout



Curt shares CLRC layout with family



Lining up to see Santa



Grovers Mill Drive-in showing Polar Express



The Chicagoland Lionel Railroad Club 2022 Calendar is out and is free to members. The Board approved and Michael Fradin directed the making of this fine CLRC Calendar. I was able to give Michael the pictures. I must admit, it really looks GREAT! You can pick up your copy at the Train House. If you cannot get to our facility, it can be mailed for \$10.00. Additional copies are discounted for members at \$5.00 each.

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. Right now, you can come in on Saturday or Wednesday between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm and Saturday until 8:00 pm without an appointment. Run times are as before, first come first served, signing onto the Run Board. Looking forward to seeing you.

Our next Open House is January 15, 2022. Please let Ed Zeglicz know if you can help. THANKS!

Regarding our current Club Car, it is in our building. If you have not ordered your car yet, it is worthwhile to order and send the completed application to Bob Ciolino. [ORDER FORM](#)

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