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NIGHT LIGHTING, A LOOK AT THE LCCA CONVENTION, LOCOMOTIVES CHARGING

Let's start out with an update on our Nighttime lighting. Swav Kojro can change our lights to blue which gives a nice stage nighttime lighting. Many of our areas are illuminated with buildings, streets, and other lighting sources. The blue light is just enough to compliment these areas and lightly illuminate the surrounding areas with a nice nighttime glow. Swav is prepared to turn on the blue lighting at our next open house. Will it be hourly? Every other hour? Who knows, but it will be blue at some point. Lets see how it evolves. To further illustrate the beauty and strength of using blue lighting the left picture is with the lights turned off. The right picture is with blue lighting only. One can see how more of the foreground is visible. It makes for a nice rich lighting. Kind of lighting one gets with the full moon. Regarding the isles, we observed that they are visible under the blue lighting.



Nighttime with building lights turned off

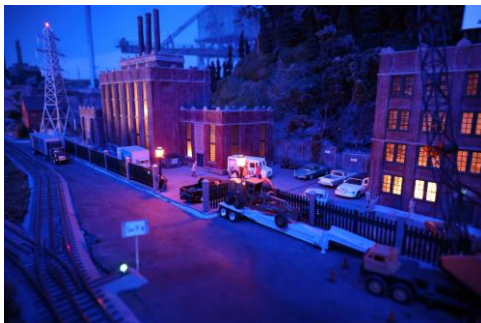


Nighttime with Blue Lighting

Other Blue Lighting nighttime views, where one can see the blue lighting compliment and fill the normally poorly lit areas with a nice wash of blue.



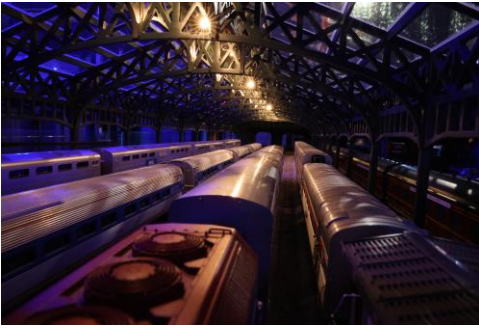
Our layout bathed in blue lighting



Power Plant at night



Chicago at 10:00 pm



Central Station



Oil refinery



Spindle next to the McDonalds

Continuing my experience with the LCCA Convention

I would like to continue sharing our trip to Omaha, NE with the LCCA. There was so much to do. On our second day at Omaha, we visited Fr. Flanigan's Boys Town, where he took on neglected boys (and now also girls) and built a town to support them. The Florence RR Station with the "Cars of the Girl's Train" was built in 1887. Our third day we went to Nebraska's Capital, Lincoln. The Capital building was our starting point which highlights the building of Nebraska including a mosaic of the golden spike. We saw The SAC (Strategic Air Command) Museum. There are over 100 planes including a B-52 bomber, in two super large hangers. Next, we went to the Museum of American Speed. It has one of the largest collections of racing cars, peddle cars and of all things, tin lunch boxes. At the end of the day, we visited a few private layouts. The fourth day was to Kenefick Park where the Big Boy and Centennial Diesel are proudly shown on a high cliff by Interstate 80. These engines are massive, we also enjoyed their garden RR. Omaha's Union station, now a museum, houses many UP's artifacts including a consist of passenger cars. Deb and I enjoyed a leisurely afternoon walking in a public sculpture park nearly a mile long. It starts out with a wagon train pushing west. It disturbs a buffalo (bison) herd, which in turn shakes up a flock of geese. How wild. The video links connect you to the full experience of these three days.



Boys Town, "he ain't heavy"



Florence RR Station with "Girls Cars"



SAC (Strategic Air Command) Museum



Museum of American Speed



Capital Golden Spike Mural



LCCA Members Layout Tour



The Big Boy at Kenefick Park



UP Museum Passenger Car Exhibit



Mile long Omaha Wagon Train Exhibit

[LCCA Tours – Mormon Memorial, Florence Bank, Mill, and Station, Boys Town and SAC Museum](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s2u1BTXArdo&t=6s)
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[LCCA Tours – Nebraska Capital, History Museum, Museum of Speed and 4 Lavouts](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WwH3IFHIYwM&t=4s)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WwH3IFHIYwM&t=4s>

[LCCA Tours – Kenefick Park, Union Station, buffalo Sampede and the LCCA Get Together](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TKiSwBIDuWE)
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CLRC Members Running Trains VIDEO

This month's CLRC Video has trains coming head on with me running away in the last moment. Not recommended for amateurs. These engines are barreling down the track, ready for impact. Note: No people or lenses were hurt or damaged in the making of this video.



All these engines come head on. I must be on my toes to get out of the way each time.

[hCLRC Member's Trains going right to me as I am capturing the final moments](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FC4PinTU90c&t=19s)
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NOTICE:

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE THIS SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2024 for our Thirtieth Anniversary Dinner Party! It is being held at Sawa's Old Warsaw Restaurant, 9200 W. 22nd Street, Broadview, IL. Get ready for some super surprises.

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Please let me know if you want any of the pictures in full file size.
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Below is the background information of our latest club car. It is quite unique and very nice. We need your help. Despite being such a nice car and a super addition to any railroad, it is not selling well. If you can swing it and can add it to your pike, please order it. Frankly, we need the sales. Thanks

The NEW Lager cars are in with TWO numbers!



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 have not gotten yours yet, you can pick them up now. If you are out of town, you can order yours and get it promptly.

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. Now is the time to get yours. Even better, there are two with different car numbers. Order now!