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## February 2023

I hope everyone has had a chance to look at our Lumber Jack Lager Car and notice that it has a picture of our water tower with a locomotive tap thanks to the inspiration of Jeff Mills. Once the car was out though, he knew that our water tower needed to match the image on the car. It needed the corresponding tap. Jeff found a N-Gauge engine and painted it to look like the one on our car. My neighbor, John Lahola, donated the tapper and Swav Kojro found fittings to mount the assembly. Jeff put it all together and boy does it look great. (Even though it looks very tempting, it is for looks only.) To put it into perspective, the water tower hides our digital projector, but it was made to supply the water to make the great Lumber Jack Lager at the brewery below it. What a nice touch.



Here is the evolution of having the Lumber Jack Lager Tapper image on the car go to our CLRC water tower.

You can see that the scenery team headed by Jeff Mills did quite a lot to bring the brewery to the CLRC layout.



The water tower high above the Brewery.

The Brewery.

Brewery car staged to be loaded.

We celebrated a few birthdays this month with George Stangel and Rich Jusack. George is our oldest member at 87 and Rich is not too far behind at 84. Both can be found in the Backshop repairing Lionel items going back to prewar items and to those which are new. Emilia Martinez joined the diner crew helping her father Dan and the rest of the Diner Crew.



George celebrates his 87<sup>th</sup> Birthday.



Rich celebrates his 84<sup>th</sup> Birthday.



Emilia joins the Diner Team.

Valentine's Day was a hit at our Open House. Wayne Matulis led the event with his Valentine's Train. Tom Zeglicz, Joe Smolinski, and Jeff Mills remounted the brake wheel making it sturdier for our Open House guests.



Valentine's Train for Open House.



Joe, Tom and Jeff rework the caboose brake wheel making it more robust.



Nick Pucel designed a new folding step to better get behind the scenery of the Beltline. It has a special pull rope to swing the stairs out. The easier access is needed when trains stop, for any reason, by the power station. Mike Sterne makes good use of the member's workbench to work on his engine. While I was up on the mezzanine level, I again enjoyed the view which is always spectacular.



Nick lowers the new Beltline Stairs.



Mike is working at the members work bench.

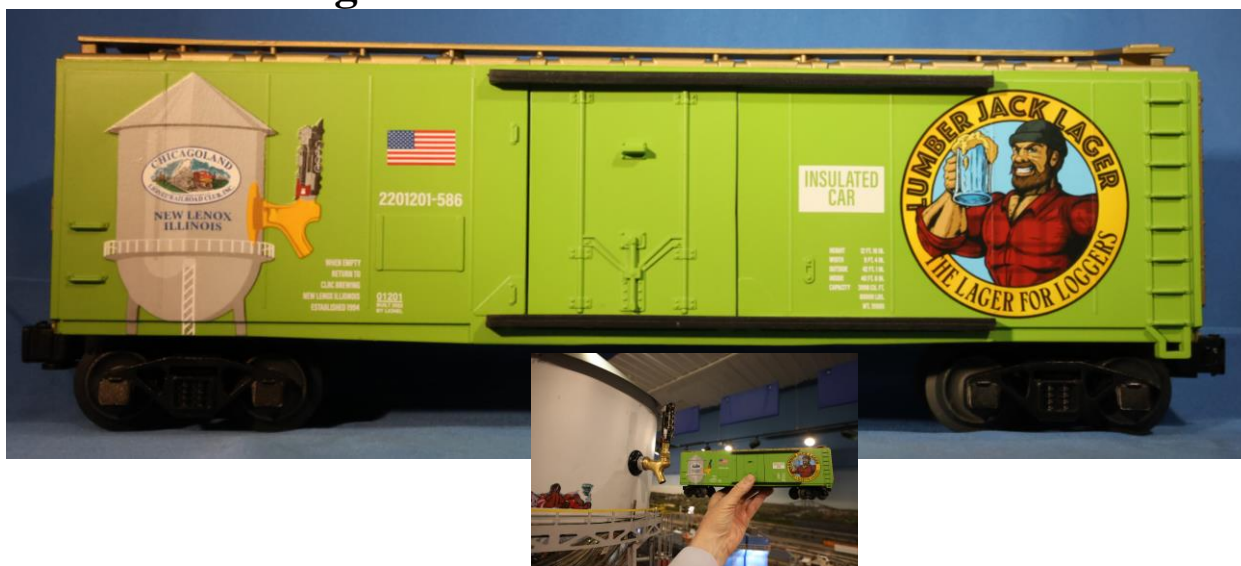


A nice view from above.

Jeff Mills advised that the aluminum recycler we used, which was near the Club, has closed. We need someone to take care of recycling of our aluminum cans. Would anyone be willing to take the cans from the CLRC to a recycling location near you and submit the payment back to the Club as needed? Contact Bob Ciolino @ 708-828-2041 & leave a message or email [robert.ciolino@att.net](mailto:robert.ciolino@att.net).



## The 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 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.

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. Order now!

I posted a video of our February Open House. It turns out that we get over 1000 views each month. Not bad for our CLRC train club.

[February 18, 2023 Open House](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sm7Wxcuj9AA&t=67s>

I brought back a video favorite of mine, the Lionel Burlington Zephyr. I made this video with Kevin Barry. It brings back good memories.

[Lionel Burlington Zephyr with Kevin Barry](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qfvdgUD3BfE>

# Chicagoland Lionel Railroad Club 2023 Special Election

We are having a special election to fill the Director at Large position currently held by acting director at large George Stangel who has chosen not to run for the remaining two years of the term. The details of the special election were emailed to members in good standing in February 2023. If you do not have an email, it was mailed to you. Also, you can vote in person at our March 18, 2023 Open House. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Stories and Pictures by Herbert W. Koch

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