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LIGHTING WITH A PURPOSE, AMERICAN FLYER STANDARD GAUGE, HEAD ON TRAIN VIDEO, AND MORE

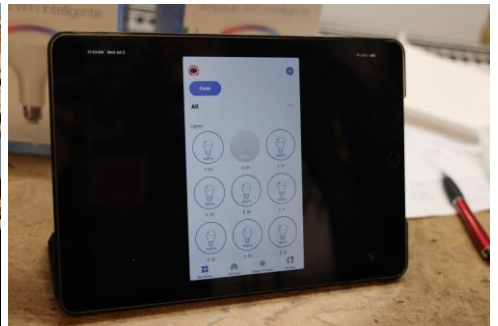
Swav Kojro, our imagineer, has been focusing on illuminating daylight, twilight, dusk and maybe thunder and lightning in the future. New Internet boosters, dedicated to the programable lighting system, had to be added. The lights have been installed. Each one needs to be programmed for unique lighting transitions. The bulbs are capable of thousands of different shades of light. The lighting sequence is being worked on and once that is completed, we will have rolling lighting. One more characteristic added to our club’s enhancements.



Swav is adding new lights server



Lights are being programmed



Tablet used to control the light sequences

A patron of our club asked if we would want an American Flyer Standard Gauge train. It is big. The train was running on two banquet tables. See the July Video to see it run.

Jeff Mills proposed to display this train on the East Wall over the Back Shop doors. He got the appropriate board, American Flyer track, and mounting brackets. With the help of Bill Herrndobler, and Tom Zeglicz, Jeff completed the display. This train is now on display. Jeff says, “Enjoy the view.”



Pristine AF Standard Gauge Train



Powerful AF Engine



Jeff working on a display track for AM train



Tom and Bill get the display platform ready.



Tom and Jeff load the train



What a super train display

Earlier this month, Deb and I participated in the big LCCA Omaha Convention taking a ride on the Boone and Scenic Valley Railroad. The train ride was quite enjoyable, traveling to the junction where patrons would go to dinner for a nice Sunday meal. We also road their trolley. In the Engine House we saw the last Steam Locomotive, a Mikado, that was made in the world. It was made in China to US standards. It was imported in the 1980's and is still operating today. It was good to share this ride with our LCCA friends.



CLRC Members Al and Bev Laseke



Sad note: I just heard that Charlie McCarthy passed. He meant a lot to the club. A little history with Charlie being instrumental to the club. In 2009 I coordinated with Lionel to make our club an official Authorized Lionel Service Station. I knew Charlie was very interested and asked him and Lyle Eimen to participate. Both jumped at the chance to become Lionel Accredited Repair Persons. The club sponsored them to the Lionel Service Station School. Here is Charlie's Certificate. In 2013, Charlie, Lyle and I went to Lionel's Ohio Service Station Headquarters. You can see Charlie enjoyed running a big engine there. We continued to New York to visit with Lionel's President Jerry Calabrese. Charlie always enjoyed helping members and repairing trains for them. He also held special run sessions for some of our members with compromised immunity. Charlie was a good friend and loving member of our club.



Charlie's Lionel Certificate, Charlie running a big train at Lionel, We met with Jerry Calabrese, Lionel's President

CLRC Members Running Trains VIDEO

I tried something different this time, running trains head on. You will see that I had to get out of the way of the trains in the last minute.

[Members running trains, looking at them head on](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FJ7oy7gE0zU&t=4s)
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Here is the video of the of the LCCA Convention riding the Boone and Scenic Valley Railroad.

[Join us with the LCCA as we ride the Boone and Scenic RR](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zL9vMJev4gk&t=737s)
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NOTICE:

SAVE THE DATE – 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!