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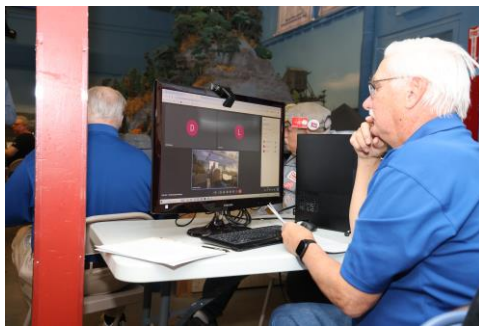


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April 2024

CLRC Holds Annual Members Business Meeting

On April 13, 2024 the CLRC membership came together to hear about our club's status. Ed Carter greeted everyone. He and Bob Ciolino gave the State of the club. Joe Smolinski shared the advertising strategy to promote our Open Houses to the surrounding community. Roger Keller let everyone know that he is coordinating the sale of CLRC shirts. At the end of the meeting, The Board Members answered any questions. Basically the club is sound and financially stable.



Ed welcomes fellow members. Joe sets up the meeting's web access. Joe tells everyone about our advertising.



Bob addresses the membership Roger takes orders for CLRC shirts Board Members answer Questions

LCCA Open House

We have invited LCCA members to join us at our May 18, 2024 Open House as our guests. We would very much like to make them welcome. If you have some LCCA cars, please bring them to run. The LCCA is also bringing in LCCA Raffle prizes exclusively for LCCA and CLRC members. Please take a look at the story that was passed onto the LCCA members. It is complete and gives a good idea of our place for the LCCA members.

ATTENTION ALL LCCA MEMBERS

The Chicagoland Lionel Railroad Club, Inc. Invites You To The Club's May Open House



A Bird's Eye View of the CLRC Layout. Photo by Herb Koch

- ☛ **See the largest interactive O gauge model railroad layout in the Midwest**
- ☛ **Watch trains run on the Club's museum quality layout**
- ☛ **Watch trains and enjoy a hot dog and cold drink in the Club's track side dining area**
- ☛ **Browse in the Club's gift shop and see its latest club cars**

The open house will be held on May 18, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Club's clubhouse located at 1311 S. Schoolhouse Rd. #4, New Lenox, Illinois 60451. There is ample on street parking. For directions visit the Club's website www.clrctrains.com.

In the meantime, visit the Club's website, www.clrctrains.com where you can read about the Club's history and see photos and videos of the Club's special events, open houses, and its model railroad operations.

OPEN HOUSES

Lets make our Open Houses more interesting. There was a guest who mentioned that we are running the same trains at our Open Houses all the time. He recommended that we rotate our trains, so each Open House is new to him. This is not a bad recommendation. If you can, try rotating your trains every two, three, or even four Open Houses. This strategy will keep our guests looking to come back for new train consists.

April Video Links:

[Lionel SF Doodlebug M160 TMCC Engine 2333520](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YUUwiKKa8DE)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YUUwiKKa8DE>

[CLRC April 2024 Open House](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jTO9mTqMxjU)

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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. Bill Trzaskus is taking orders now. Time is running out. Please let him know that you would like to attend.

Railroading Merit Badge – We need help for June 1, 2024 to man the “Stations” where the Scouts learn about Railroading from Operation Lifesaver, Train Types, Railroading Jobs, and more. Please email me if you can help. herbwkoch@gmail.com

Thanks

“Appropriated” Cab II – I need your help in retrieving my Cab II controller. I staged it with my train at the last open house (April 20, 2024). One can see that this person reached over and grabbed my Cab II. Please advise me if you who this is.



Stories by Herbert W. Koch

Pictures by Herbert W. Koch

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!