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## March 2024

### Pullman Historical Foundation Honors CLRC Members

Tom McMahon of the Historic Pullman Foundation made a special trip to the CLRC Train House to honor Bill Herndobler and Tom Zeglicz for their Support of the Winter exhibit at the Pullman National Historic Site. The Pullman National Historic Site houses the Pullman Manufacturing Company buildings and its associated village, complete with the main building that was the inspiration for the Christmas Town in the Polar Express Movie.

Bill Trzaskus welcomed our guests at our March, St Patrick’s day Luck of the Irish Leprechaun themed Open House.

There is always cleanup to perform before and after our Open Houses. Bill Herndobler always makes sure that the retail shop is always in top order.



Tom gives certificates to Tom and Bill



Bill is ready to greet guests



Bill prepares for our Open House

Joe Smolinski really enjoyed getting the shelves for the Isle of Sodor Layout where many of Thomas the Tank engines and his friends can be displayed. Joe spruced up the shelves with a nice canary yellow paint. Nice touch.

Jeff Mills has been at work building snack shops and other carnival buildings for the Isle of Sodor Layout. They are really good. When you have a chance, ask Jeff about the portapotties and the lines.



Joe paints display shelves.



Patrons on at the Isle of Sodor food court enjoy a good meal and then afterwards...





Many regulars are enjoying the fun rides and walks at the Isle of Sodor's amusement area.

From Tom McGrath

### Members Only Swap Meet

We are planning a club member only swap meet for a Sunday this fall, exact date TBD. Stay tuned for more information. Questions or comments to Tom McGrath (twmcg904@comcast.net)

Prototypical Running – Sunday, April 28, 1-5 pm

Our prototype running session last month went pretty well with lots of good feedback on how we can improve. We'll get together again on Sunday, April 28 starting at 1 pm to try some new things we've added to address the feedback. If you are interested in participating in a prototype running session or want to know what this is all about, please contact Tom McGrath (twmcg904@comcast.net). You must contact Tom ahead of time if you want to run trains. Observers are welcome and need no advance notice.

(I know that Tom is simplifying train routing by taking advantage of our layout's multiple mainlines. One becomes the mainline and the adjacent loops become the sidings. He also has a new approach to establishing the blocks. Sign up with Tom McGrath to get more information. ...Herb)

### [CLRC Prototypical Running Video recap from February 25, 2024](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hQS9XWij_ts&t=1283s)

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Tom makes final preparations



Members get instructions to run trains with a purpose.



March Video Links:

### [Great Northern's Empire Builder – Lionel's High End 4 Engine 9 Passenger car set era 1955](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=re9pTFRkCeM&t=370s)

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(See Lionel's faux pas on the short dome's car seating arrangement and how I resolved it.)

### [March CLRC Open House](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nN-h4Y2Ft6U&t=105s)

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**SAVE THE DATE – SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 7, 2024 for our Thirtieth Anniversary Dinner Party!**

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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!**

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