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## June 2022

### CLRC HOSTS RAILROADING MERIT BADGE

We invited area Boy Scouts, which now also includes Girls in the Boy Scout program, to earn the Railroading Merit Badge. The Roding Merit Badge includes Operation Lifesaver, making the Scouts aware of risks, laws, and courtesies of being around or on trains. Other requirements are scheduling a trip over 500 miles, designing a layout that you could enjoy, identifying various types of railroad cars and their uses and what career choices can be made as a railroad employee.

Registration was at 8:00 am and we started the program at 9:00 am. Kevin Barry and I gave a background to all the Scouts at registration. After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Scout Oath and the Scout Law, we began the program. The big Video Screen was on so all could see the instruction sheets. With each requirement, the lesson was presented, reviewed and then checked off on each Scout’s worksheet. At the end of the day, the Scouts sat down with a Merit Badge Counselor to earn the merit badge.



Kevin gives the details on Lunch



Herb welcomes the Scouts



Scouts learn about Railroading



Scouts getting lunch, Lunch break between sessions



Brian Valleau instructing Operation Life Saver



Curt shows how a Diesel Engine works, Master Chief Gary, ready for Lunch, Deb and Fran go on Amtrak



See more at the video: [CLRC Hosts Railroading Merit Badge June 6, 2022](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8FO3H001ySg)  
 Backup video address: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8FO3H001ySg>

## JUNE OPEN HOUSE

We ended our Open House season with a very fine showing. This was the last Open House of the Season. Guests from all over the world (mostly those in our neighborhood) came to enjoy our layout. Everyone marvels at the detail and creativeness of the layout. Who could blame them? I am amazed every time I see the layout myself. We are now working through the summer to refurbish our building and continue to add to the layout for the next season.



The Doors are opening, and everyone is ready to share with our guests our wonderful layout



Guest are enjoying our layout and interacting with our members

## LAYOUT ANIMALS

Jeff Mills had done quite a big in populating our layout with animals. Some were missed because they have been there for some time. Here are some additions. I also want to put a check list sheet together for our guests to discover and identify various items. At one Open House it can be animals, with other themes, such as, building, vehicles, and landscapes for others. Do you have any ideas. Here are some of the missed animals:



Sheep



Pig



Eagle

## NEW CLRC CLUB CAR

We also have a new car coming out later this year. We wanted a car of our own and what better way to do it than with a BEER CAR. Ours is definitely original with Lumber Jack Lager. How nice. 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!

The Chicagoland Lionel Railroad Club, Inc. is proud to present its new

# Lumber Jack Lager Reefers



This is the first CLRC road name limited edition car. Manufactured for the CLRC by Lionel the car is a Lionel PS-1 Scale modern reefer that features Die-cast sprung trucks and measure 11.5 inches. This car will enjoy riding with the rest of your CLRC consist or can be enjoyed on your wall with your other CLRC trophy cars. There will be a total of 200 hundred cars produced with two different numbers (586 and 587), 100 hundred of each number. Remember if one is good, two are better.. Sales are first come first serve.

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