

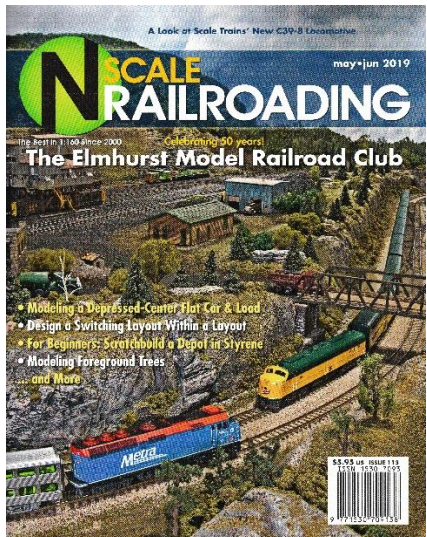


ELMHURST MODEL RAILROAD CLUB NEWSLETTER

Summer 2019

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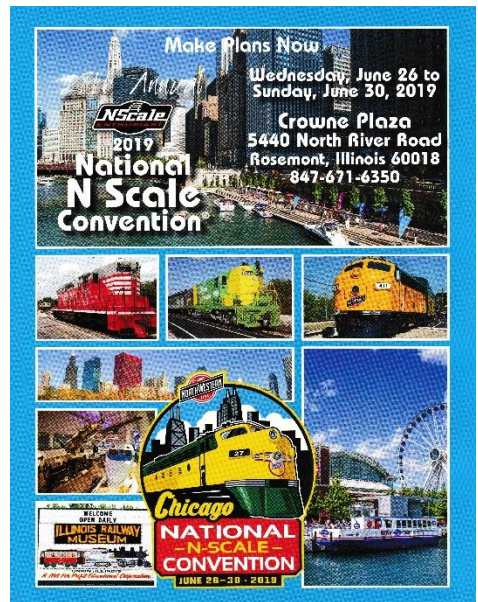
N SCALE NEWS. Two big events for our N scale layout.



First up is an excellent article on the club in the May-June edition of “N Scale Railroading” magazine. Written by Andrew Fidone with photos by Dio Erpete the article goes into detail about the construction of the layout and the electronics that are part of the operating system. Pick up a copy today.

And next on tap is the N Scale Convention being held in Rosemont from June 26th thru June 30th. We are on the tour agenda for Wednesday the 26th as well as our regular Friday and Sunday Open House Hours. Flyers for the convention are at the club by the front door. Additional information is available at: “National-N-Scale-Convention.com”.

We will be needing operators for all day on Wednesday the 26th for both layouts. E-mail us at emrrc@comcast.net or let us know some other way if you are available to help.



SWAP MEET TOTALS FOR MAY 2019

Concessions	\$266.00
Tables & Admissions	\$1208.00
Club Sales	\$153.00
GROSS SALES	\$1627.00
Church Rental	\$400.00
Table Rental	\$355.00
Food Items	\$250.00
EXPENSES	(\$1005.00)
NET	\$622.00

CLUB HOURS

Sunday: Noon until 9:00 pm
Open house until 4:00
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday
7:00 until 10:00 pm
Friday: 7:00 until 10:00 pm
Open house all night
Saturday: 3:00 until 10:00 pm
Tuesday night is work night.
No operation.

THE SWAP MEET SCHEDULE FOR 2019 AND 2020. September 6th will be the last swap for 2019. As of this writing we are still working out the dates for 2020. The swaps are held three times a year at the Elmhurst Christian Reformed Center, 149 Brush Hill in Elmhurst. If you're interested in getting a table or lending a hand, contact Steve Cerka at (630) 309-8475 and let him know. Flyers advertising the swaps are at the front door and kept in the office, please don't hesitate to grab a handful and pass them out. One issue we do have to deal with on a regular basis is breaking down after the swap. If you can stick around after 9:00 and lend a hand it would make things so much easier and faster.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS. Meetings are now being held on the Saturday after the swap meet at 7:00 at the club. The last meeting for this year will be on September 7th (subject to change based on the activities by the City of Elmhurst). The Board gets together as needed to deal with issues.

HO PROTO SESSIONS. The last proto session before the summer break is set for June 20th. We'll start up again with September 19th, October 6th (another Sunday night special) and the last session for 2019 on November 21st. The group meets at 6:45 and then start operations at 7:00 except for the Sunday session that meets at 5:30. If you're interested in being on the proto session notification list e-mail Ashley Chmura at opssession2012@hotmail.com.

50th ANNIVERSARY EVENTS. What can we say about that weekend. First of all we'd like to thank everyone who came down and helped out getting the place ready. Many hours were spent repairing, upgrading and cleaning. Lots of cleaning.

Then the weatherman decided it was time to make things interesting. Friday was nice but as the day progressed we had winds grow to a steady 20 mph with gusts of over 40. Fortunately a few hardy souls including members from other clubs ventured out into the night and stopped by for a visit.



Representatives from Kato USA in Schaumburg stopped by with a generous donation to club.

Tom Fretch works his charm on City of Elmhurst Alderman Mark Mulliner (who remembered us from phase 1) and his wife Barb.



50th ANNIVERSARY EVENTS (CON'T). Saturday was near perfect. The winds had died down, the sun came out and there was a steady stream of visitors all afternoon. Paul Jasiczek has posted a video of some of Saturday's activities that can be viewed at: "youtu.be/SJLZXsyuvq0".

And then came Sunday. We were blessed with around 5 inches of wet, slushy snow with colder temperatures to boot. There were some visitors but it just wasn't in the cards for us to have a nice weather weekend.

In retrospect the weekend wasn't a total bomb. Did we get the attention and recognition that we had hoped for? No, but there were a few bright moments not to mention at least 20 of our members pitched in and cleaned and painted and mopped and fixed and decorated anything that needed attention. To everyone who gave so willingly of their time and effort on behalf of the club we deeply thank you.

EMRRC.ORG. The new club website is up and running. There are still a few areas that are being worked on and since we now have access to the inner workings we'll be able to change it as needed and keep it current. Membership applications and dues payments can be processed through the site also.

The "Members Only" section is accessible. If you are interested in having access you need to submit your name and a working e-mail address to emrrc@comcast.net. So far we've got about 60 members listed.

As time progresses you will see the site changing. We have to strike a balance between having a site that is useful for our members but still appealing to the general public. So bear with us while we get this together. If you have questions, concerns or ideas don't hesitate to let us know at the above e-mail address.

CLUB CLOSING FOR CLEANING. On June 24th and 25th which are the Monday and Tuesday prior to the N Scale Convention we will be closed so we can give the place a good cleaning.

SIGN IN AND SIGN OUT. Key monitors and everyone else you need to sign in on the sheet even if you are the only one present. Print neatly your name, times in and out and your DCC addresses. We need to have the addresses legible so that if they have to work on or clear the system while it's in use an active train does not get messed with.

EMC SALZBURG. On Monday the 20th of May, while on their way home from Big Boy chasing out west, a handful of gentlemen from the Eisenbahner Modellbahn Club in Salzburg, Austria stopped in to spend some time with us. One of the visitors is a stationmaster for the railroad in Austria and he was quite surprised (as were we) to see that our ATCS monitor and system is the same system they use over in Salzburg.



Dave Phillips talks N scale operations with one of our overseas visitors.

Everybody liked the double trestles on the narrow gauge.



HO SCALE NEWS. Most of the activity on the HO layout has been maintenance and members learning some of the electronics. Paul Jasiczek continues to work on Shelbina while Derek White keeps replacing the mainline.

The sub-roadbed in the ore dock area was upgraded and straightened out and holes are being made in the wall for track. We are waiting for a track plan to be submitted for approval which will be the next step.

NEW DOOR AND CEILING REPAIRS. Ever since the Red Arrow mangled our premises the rear interior door was difficult to close and had gotten to the point that you almost had to throw a shoulder in to it to get it shut. Also there is the absolutely hideous grease trap over blocks 2 & 5 on the HO layout.

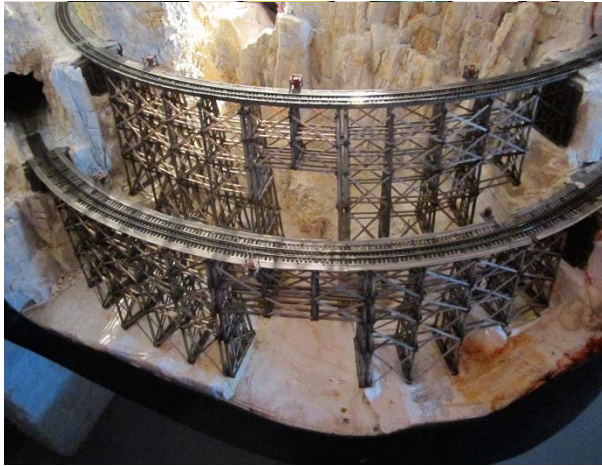
It took some time and unfortunately some money but we finally found a contractor willing to fix both of the problems. After the existing frame and door was removed the small wall was rebuilt and a new door assembly complete with a window was installed. The passenger station wall remained but needed a little bit of cosmetic work.



Hiding the grease trap was another matter. Fortunately we only had to down the layout one night and even that was optional but rather than risk damage by removing the plastic and putting it back a few times we opted to just leave it all in place and get it done.



HOn3 NEWS. The push was on to get the double trestles permanently in place for the 50th weekend and HOn3 crew did not let us down. A special nod goes to them for the extra effort. If you have not seen the trestles you need to stop over and take a peek. The broken lights in the town were repaired while the now retired Dr. W. Stein put the finishing touches on his cattle ranch.



(photos taken by the EMRRC drone fleet)

LAGRANGE NMRA SHOW. On March 23rd we attended the annual DuPage Division of the NMRA show at Lyons Township High School in LaGrange. From all indications the crowd numbers were up from last year and we made some good contacts with people. Thanks to all who were there to help.



OPEN HOUSE, AGAIN... Interacting and being friendly with visitors is paramount. Be helpful and answer any questions.

Keep our eating confined to the club room. Keep the bench open for our guests to use and not congregate around the desk. If you need to take a breather that's why we have the club room.

Appropriate appearance and behavior is expected of all members. Key monitors you are responsible! You'll never get a 2nd chance to make a 1st impression.

Open house is our chance to show what we are all about, let's make the most of it.

CLEANING. It's not really that difficult for you to pick up after yourselves and be sure your trash winds up in the can. We provide the tools and supplies for cleaning the bathroom so it's not asking much for you to take 5 minutes to put them to good use. If it was done 3 times a week then keeping it clean would be easier and the room would be much nicer.

CLUB DONATIONS. This issue has previously been brought up but it looks like it needs to be addressed again. Should the situation arise where a person stops in and wishes to donate items to the club then you need to offer them a receipt (which are in the top left desk drawer). The items are to be left in their boxes until a proper inventory is completed and a note is to be left in the mailbox stating that there was a donation. **Items donated are property of the club.** When you are key monitor or a member and you are at the club or representing the club at an event then you are acting on behalf of and as an agent of the club as an organization. Hopefully this will clear up any confusion.