



**ELMHURST MODEL
RAILROAD CLUB
NEWSLETTER
Winter 2022 / 2023**

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CLUB HOURS OF OPERATION:

Sunday: 12:00 pm - 9:00 pm. **Open House** is 1:00 – 4:00.

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm. Friday night is **Open House**.

Saturday: 3:00 pm – 10:00pm.

Tuesday is work night, there is no operation that night.

SWAP MEETS. As of right now swap meets are on hold until further notice. The ECRC decided not to renew our agreement with them citing changes in their policy. We solicited location ideas from the membership and received some very good options. Now we have to follow up on them and see if anything rises to the top. This takes time and as soon as we hit the jackpot or if we have to keeping hunting we will let everyone know.

PROTO SESSIONS. Proto sessions will kick off again on January 19th. Followed by February 16th, March 16th, April 20th, May 18th and June 15th. Then we will break for the summer. If you are interested in being on the Proto Session notification list contact Ashley at: opssession2012@hotmail.com.

ELECTION. There was only one resume / letter posted on the bulletin for this year's Board election. So Dan Hollis will remain on the Board for another five-year term.

DUES. Dues are \$75.00 per quarter (\$300 for the year) and due on the first of January, April, July and October. We have provided different means to pay so there is no reason that it cannot be done promptly.

CHICAGO & NORTH WESTERN HISTORICAL SOCIETY. The club welcomed the C&NW Historical Society on November 19th. We were told the turnout was very good and the visitors enjoyed the layouts. We will gladly open up to any of the historical societies all you have to do is ask.



ELECTRONICS. The electronics team has recently gotten a much needed shot in the arm from members who have stepped up. A lot of what these members do is behind the scenes and rarely if ever visible to the membership at large. Ward C., Brian A., Sean G. and Zach G. are diligently working together on the layout's electronics and some serious progress is getting made. Also we cannot leave out John P., our long distance member who was the EE that designed the DC2DCC boards and is a text or phone call away from lending a needed hand.

As with any project or operation like this there is an associated learning curve and these members have jumped in with both feet and are getting a three-fold payout. They're using existing skills, learning new ones and benefiting the club all at once. This team is doing meticulous work and the club as a whole really appreciates their dedication and work ethic.



The electronics people at work.

There's always room for more if you are interested. Stop down Tuesday night.

HO SCALE. The majority of the work has been the electronics (as noted earlier) and mainline track replacement. The focus has been on block 21 through block 2. Kade H. and Ken H. have been digging out the old ballast (a tedious job that can be easy or difficult depending on the adhesives that were previously used). Then Ashley C. and Tim S. pull up the old code 83 track and replace it with code 100. Kade H. comes behind and ballasts the track with a newer ballast to give the mainline a higher quality look. While all this is going on Bob R. has been working at the Grover's Mill ballasting the siding.



Tuesday night has become a very active time for this team and other members are more than welcome to come down and be part of this project. No experience is necessary.



N SCALE. Lots of activity on the N scale layout. The Salt Creek area with new bridges, buildings and trackwork continues to get better with each week.



The control board for the branch lines and sidings on the first peninsula was installed and the process of wiring it in has begun.



HISTORICAL SOCIETIES. If you want to bump your modelling up a notch or just learn more about your favorite road(s) then you might want to join up with their historical society. Pretty much every fallen flag and some current roads have a historical or modelling society. We've got links to a few on the club's website.

2022 IN REVIEW. In retrospect 2022 was an interesting year for the club. We've seen an uptick in Tuesday night workers. We lost our facility and our ability to hold swap meets (for the time being). Even though the membership tends to ebb and flow our numbers have remained steady. Our financial situation is strong.

Before we sign off for 2022 we would like to take a minute acknowledge the members who are willing to give that little bit extra. The key monitors, who are willing to spend their time, the Tuesday workers who donate their time and talent to not only keeping the layouts running but improving them. The people who tend to the little items like maintaining the rest room, filling the vending machines, emptying de-humidifiers, paying the bills, picking up and sorting donated items, organizing, setting up and taking down swap meets, providing the goodies and cooking at Summerfest, posting Facebook pictures and stories and every other task that needs to be and somehow manages to get done. To them from the club we say "Thanks".

MERRY CHRISTMOOSE AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

