



# ELMHURST MODEL RAILROAD CLUB NEWSLETTER

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**DELAY.** As is usually the case we withheld getting the newsletter out until after the swap so we can report the results.

**TUESDAY NIGHT, NIGHT WORK NIGHT.** The Board realizes that over the last few years work night has kind of morphed into work afternoon and nobody being there in evenings. Now that the weather is changing and summertime events and festivities are winding down we will be focusing more on getting back to Tuesday evenings being for work.

We have compiled a list of things that need to be done and we will be looking for members to step up. Some of tasks do not involve the layouts but still are essential to the club. Our premises also needs maintenance and upkeep. Ideas are always welcome.

Don't be shy about coming down to help. Admittedly a lot of the jobs are not glamorous, but they are necessary to keeping the club operating.

**PROTO SESSIONS.** The next proto session is on October 20th with the last for the year on November 17th. After a break in December the first batch for 2023 are on January 19th, February 16th, March 16th, April 20th, May 18th and before we break for the summer June 15th. If you are interested in being on the Proto Session notification list contact Ashley at: [opssession2012@hotmail.com](mailto:opssession2012@hotmail.com).

**ELECTION.** There is one position up for election on the Board of Trustees this year. If you are interested in running then you must be a member in good standing and your letter / resume must be posted on the bulletin board at the club no later than November 15th.

## SWAP MEET TOTALS FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

Concessions	\$253.00
Tables & Admissions	\$1542.00
Club Sales	\$685.00
<b>GROSS SALES</b>	<b>\$2480.00</b>
Church Rental	\$659.00
Truck & Table Rental	\$736.00
Concessions	\$302.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>(\$1697.00)</b>
<b>NET</b>	<b>\$783.00</b>

## 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.**

**CHICAGO & NORTH WESTERN HISTORICAL SOCIETY.** On Saturday, November 19th, as part of their annual "Chicago Area Get Together", the club will be holding an open house from 2:00 until 10:00. C&NWHS members have been invited down to visit and been given the OK to run if they wish. The C&NWHS has always been very supportive of our club so let's put on a good show for them.

**BOARD INFORMATION.** Your club has a board of directors consisting of seven members. Presently they are, in alphabetical order: Ashley Chmura, Andrew Fidone, Thomas Fretch, Dan Hollis, Nick Nowacki, Bob Pearson, and Darryl Van Nort. These seven people are elected by the membership at large and serve five year terms. For those of you new to the club who may not know, the board does not receive any compensation for their efforts and responsibilities. Board members volunteer to undertake the responsibility of managing the club, special events, the finances, and the membership, along with a myriad of other items.

**SWAP MEETS.** All future swap meets are on hold for the time being.

**DUES.** We really should not have to say this but you have to pay your dues on time. We have provided different means to pay so there is no reason that it cannot be done promptly. This habit of waiting until a member is three quarters behind and then they pay for one will be coming to a stop also.

**N SCALE.** We had a report of new scenery being created next to the quarry area. We launched the EMRRC drone and managed to secure some aerial images of the track and Salt Creek.



Another new addition on the N scale layout is the grain elevator on the second peninsula.



We did locate a damaged power supply under the classification yards. The damage to this unit may be either the cause of or a result of the ongoing issues in the yards. Some recent examinations of the trackwork have revealed a condition or two that will have to be repaired.

**HO SCALE.** The mainline track replacement is continuing. If you should find areas in need of attention let us know.

Layout detail lighting and other scenery are also on the to-do list. Some of the existing buildings now have interior lights and since the lights look so good we're going to go ahead and add interiors.



A large percentage of the work that is being done is electronics, both repairs and upgrades. We were pleased with the turnout of members wanting to learn and work with the electronics but a few would not hurt.

