



**ELMHURST MODEL  
RAILROAD CLUB  
NEWSLETTER  
Summer 2024**

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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, starting at 5:00 pm. There is no operation that night.**

**PROTO SESSIONS.** The last Proto Session before summer break will be on June 20th. Things will start up again on September 19th. The session starts at 7:00 with a pre-meeting at 6:30. If you are interested in being on the Proto Session notification list contact Ashley at: [opssession2012@hotmail.com](mailto:opssession2012@hotmail.com).

**SUMMERFEST 2024.** Summerfest will be on July 28th this year starting at noon and ending whenever we run out of goodies or the chef gets tired. Stop in, have a burger and enjoy the good times (weather permitting).

**KEURIG MACHINE.** Thanks to Andrew Fidone there is now a Keurig machine in the club room for those of you who wish a coffee or hot chocolate. You have to supply your own coffee or chocolate. We will keep a supply of cups and other materials on hand.

**PETS IN THE LAYOUT ROOMS.** We love our pets as much as anyone else but one misplaced wag of a tail and wires can be disconnected or worse. So to keep the playing field level for all parties it was decided back in 2022 that pets are to be in the club room only.

**LAGRANGE NMRA SHOW.** Back in March we had some tables at the DuPage Division NMRA Show held in LaGrange. Our volunteers spent the day handing out flyers and talking with people. Thanks to Paul J, Bob P, Zach G, Ken and Adam W and Mike O. You never know what results you may get from doing shows like but it's always fun to try.



**CLUB CARS.** Two quick things on club cars. If you come across a club car that is in need of repair please put it in the red basket on the table next to the test track. Also if someone donates any rolling stock the key monitor needs to be informed and it must be written on the shift report. This insures that it gets properly inventoried before being put out on the layout.

**C&NW HISTORICAL SOCIETY.** On May 19<sup>th</sup> the club ran the swap meet at the C&NWHS annual meet in Crystal Lake and by the time all was said and done we netted \$1548.00 for the club. Thanks to Bob P, Don F, Tom F and Nick N for their help.

**SET THE WAYBACK MACHINE, SHERMAN.** How many members remember this? What is it and where did we get it?



**HO SCALE.** The latest new look on the HO layout is the fascia replacement. The areas that were missing a fascia have been getting a new one installed. We hope that all of the bad, damaged or just plain ugly fascia will be eventually replaced.



**N SCALE.** Over on the N scale side streets and sidewalks are going in around the 'Elmhurst Station' with more scenery and details to follow. The retaining wall landscaping between the 2 mainlines along the arrival/departure yard is nearing completion. The rear backdrop behind the upper mainline along the same area is in design stages.

We're still dealing with some electrical gremlins including DC1. But since a lot of them are intermittent unless someone with electrical knowledge is standing there at the right time in the right place it may take a while to even find the problem.



**WORK NIGHTS.** Tuesday night is work night. The “to do” list keeps growing. A lot of the items on the list do not require any special skill or knowledge just a pair of hands and a willingness to put in the time and effort.

**Electronics are a high priority.** If you already have a knowledge of or are interested in learning about the layout electronics contact Zach Godzicki at: [zgodzicki@gmail.com](mailto:zgodzicki@gmail.com) to get things started. Pictured below Zach gives a brief how-to on basic throttle repair. Thanks to the members who stepped up and are willing to learn.



### **BLURBS.**

With the warmer weather here we remind you to take your food trash outside when you leave. This helps reduce the numbers of unwanted visitors and reduces odors. Also empty your drink can / cup in the sink before putting it in the garbage can.

There is a bag of name tags at the front desk. Check and see if your's in there.

During Open House trains cannot exceed the maximum length. On the HO it's the flags on the back wall (or 3 set up tracks). For the N scale use the longest 2 set up tracks. This includes power. No exceptions.

**WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR KEY MONITORS.** We know this is getting redundant but we need people in these positions to keep everything operating. Our Key Monitor pool is still shallow and we need members to fill in the gaps. We're only looking for one or two days a month. Current key monitors need to step up and start taking over some slots in the schedule. If we cannot find people to cover these assignments then our only option is to start closing on certain nights and we do not want that to happen.