



**ELMHURST MODEL
RAILROAD CLUB
NEWSLETTER
Summer 2025**

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CLUB HOURS OF OPERATION:

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

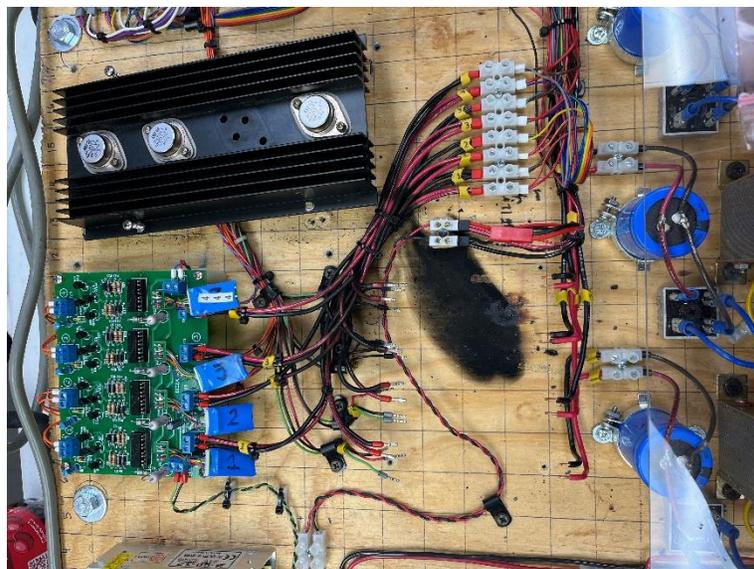
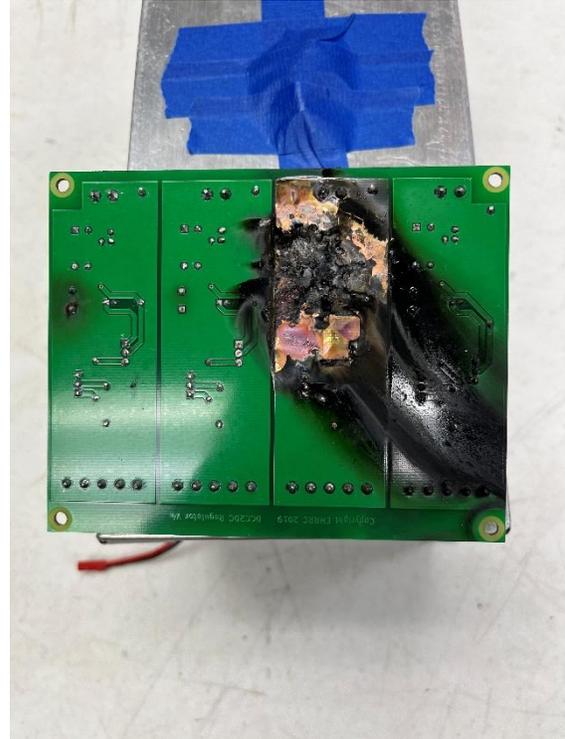
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm. Friday night is **Open House**.

Saturday: 3:00 pm – 10:00pm.

Tuesday is work night, there is no operation that night. Starting at 3:00 pm.

WE'VE GOT
GOOD NEWS
AND
BAD NEWS!

LET'S GET THE BAD STUFF OUT OF THE WAY FIRST. The voltage regulator on one of the DC2DC boards suffered a major meltdown in May. Is it repairable and replaceable? Yes. Will it take time to do it? Yes. Are we able to figure out what happened and try to prevent it from happening again? We don't know for certain. Ashley is working with John Purcell on this.



LET'S GET THE BAD STUFF OUT OF THE WAY FIRST (CON'T). Basically we are down to one (1) DC cab working. The DCC was unaffected and is functioning normally. It will take the better part of the summer and possibly into the fall to replace the voltage regulator circuit board, repair the damaged wiring, program and test the new board and reinstall.

Now let us make a point: what happened, happened. We don't know why and we will make every attempt to get it fixed as quickly as possible. Please do not badger Ashley, other Board members or workers about when it will be completed, it will not make things any better to be barraged with questions when the handful of people who are willing to work on the layout are doing their absolute best. If you can help out then we'll see you Tuesday.

AND NOW FOR SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT, GOOD NEWS. On Saturday, May 3rd we held our first Swap Meet in over 2 years. By all indicators it was a success. The turnout was good for both customers and vendors. There was plenty of parking and room for everybody. We still have room to use upstairs since we are leasing the entire building for the morning not just the basement.

Let us start with Kudos to Don Fisher for stepping up and taking charge. Organizing these events is not easy and takes a fair amount of work. Also lending a hand were: Doug R., Andrew F., John F., Mike S., Bob P., Nick N., Tim S., and Anthony A. A nod of thanks to all of them.

SWAP MEET TOTALS FOR MAY 2025

Tables & Admissions	\$675.00
Club Sales	\$2659.00
GROSS SALES	\$3334.00
Lodge Rental	\$350.00
Table Rental	\$904.00
Concessions	\$110.00
EXPENSES	(\$1364.00)
NET	\$1970.00

It was such fun, let's do it again on September 6th, same time, same place. Now we have a lot more lead time and more space for tables so let's make the turnout bigger. Flyers are at the club. For information call: **Don Fisher at 630-564-1099** or e-mail: **emrrc @ comcast.net**.

NEW PHONE NUMBER (AGAIN). After we had to change providers (again) we could not keep our old number so we had to start from scratch (again). **The new number is 331-322-8383.** We are in the process of changing signs and electronic media but please make a note of the new number. There is a Samsung Galaxy smart phone at the front desk for club usage.

PROTO SESSIONS. June 19th will be the last session before summer break. After a few months off we will start up again on September 18th, October 16th and we'll wrap up the 2025 season on November 20th. If you are interested in being on the Proto Session notification list contact Ashley at: opsession2012@hotmail.com.

SUMMERFEST 2023. MARK YOUR CALENDARS, AUGUST 3RD, STARTING AT NOON AT THE CLUB. FOOD AND FUN, WEATHER PERMITTING.

WORK NIGHTS. Tuesday night is work night. The Board voted to alter the work hours with an official starting time of 3:00 pm until the last person leaves. The list of "to do" items keeps growing and lately there has been an uptick in the number of workers coming down. While this is a pleasant surprise, we can always use more..

Electronics people are high on the priority list. If you have a knowledge of electronics we could really use the help. We have lost several members of the electronics team in the last few months.



CLUB CALENDAR. We'll give it a try for 2026. Get your cameras out and start taking pictures. Use your imagination and get creative. You can only look at roof of a locomotive so much.

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

If in the course of your time operating you damage something or find something damaged or not functioning let the key monitor know so it can be written up and repaired.

The club is closed on holidays. Again let's list which holidays: New Year's Day, Easter Sunday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. As a matter of record the club is closed on these days.

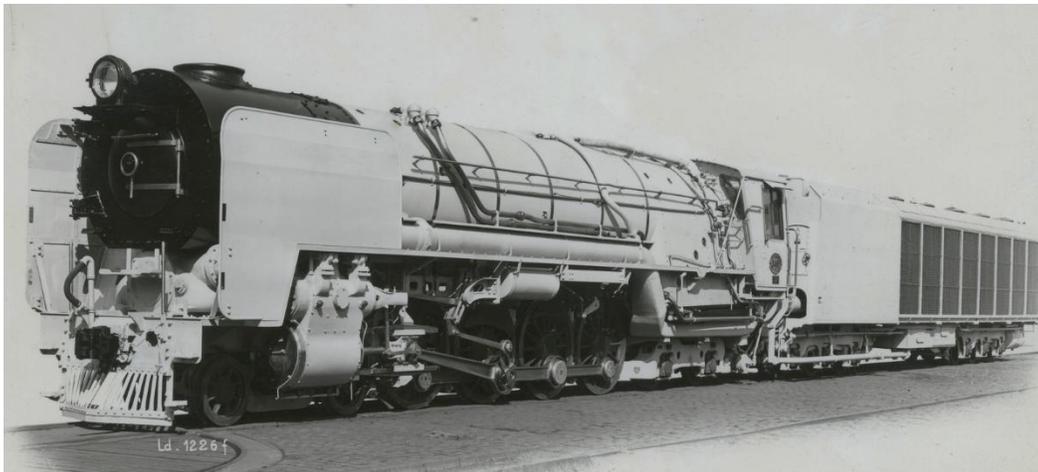
Storage totes under the layout is limited to one (1) to a member and subject to the following:

- They cannot be any larger than 36" long, 24 "wide and 26" high.
- They must be on wheels so the can be moved for work night.
- They must be locked.
- The owners name must be clearly visible.

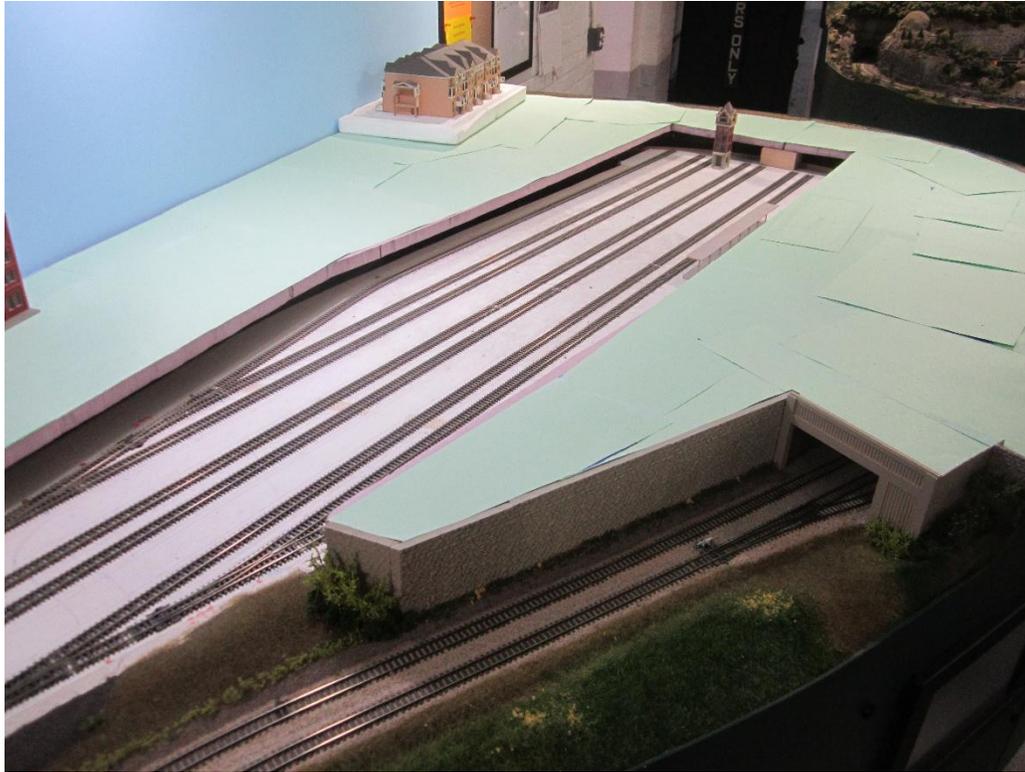
CONSTRUCTION HEADS UP FOR THE HO LAYOUT. We don't know when but there is a time in the not too distant future when the HO layout will be shut down for a few days to complete the wiring upgrades and isolating the bus wires. As this period of time approaches we will make every attempt to keep the membership informed. As planned the shut down will not affect Open House times.

PICK YOUR BRAIN. Much to the disappointment of many here's another.

Putting it simply: What is with this locomotive and the weirdness of the tender?



N SCALE NEWS. While some wiring bugaboos continue to get ironed out the scenery continues to be the big thing on the N scale layout. The passenger terminal and its surroundings are next up for attention.



A piece of the Masonite along the back wall had to be replaced because of water damage but that didn't stop the scenery from continuing.

