



**ELMHURST MODEL
RAILROAD CLUB
NEWSLETTER
Summer 2026**

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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 MEET BIG NEWS!

We are Moving!!



**September 12th
Swap Meet
Trinity Lutheran
School
in Lombard**



SWAP MEET TOTALS FOR MAY 2026

Tables & Admissions	\$1,265.00
Club Sales	\$1,509.00
Concessions Donation	\$16.00
GROSS SALES	\$2,790.00
Lodge Rental	\$350.00
Table Rental	\$790.00
EXPENSES	(\$1,140.00)
NET	\$1,650.00

This was the last swap at the Villa Park location. We'd like to express our gratitude to the Masonic Lodge for accommodating us and our show. The new location is Trinity Lutheran School, 1165 South Westmore-Meyers Rd, Lombard. This is on the northeast corner of the intersection of Roosevelt and Westmore-Meyers Roads. You have to enter the grounds off of Westmore-Meyers Road or use Morris Avenue on the north side of the complex and take it to Church Street on the east side.

The new location does not have any stairs to deal with so access is greatly improved. Also rent at the Trinity facility is less and they have a sufficient quantity of tables so the need to secure some from an outside source has been eliminated. As you can see from the numbers above this will create a substantial savings right from the start.

Another issue at the swap that will be addressed is that of sales going on before the doors open. This does bother our attendees when they see vendors dealing before they have had a chance to even see what is for sale and it makes them call into question why they are coming to the event. So we'll be working on a solution that is amicable for everyone involved.

THE TIMES THEY ARE A-CHANGIN'. A tip of the hat to Mr. Zimmerman. The real point we're trying to make is that in the next year and half two Board members who have been stalwarts in the operation of the club will be stepping aside from their positions. We mention this because now an opportunity has opened up for the newer, younger members of the club to step up and get proactive (I hate buzzwords) with guiding the club into whatever future lies ahead. The club is planning on being around for a while and we're going to need to see some newer and younger faces on the Board.

PROTO SESSIONS. The last Proto Session until fall is on June 18th. They'll start up again on September 18th, October 16th and November 19th. If you are interested in being on the Proto Session notification list contact Ashley at: opssession2012@hotmail.com.

SUMMERFEST CANCELLED. We are anticipating quite a mess over the next few years with the old furrier building coming down and a medical office building going in it's place as well as the police station reconstruction. So because of the potential for a construction nightmare the Board decided to cancel Summerfest this year.

PARKING DILEMMA. With the onset of the aforementioned construction this will create a massive headache for parking at the club. Rumor mill has the parking lot outside our back door turning into a storage area for the construction projects. On the plus side the preliminary plans for the police station show the parking area remaining intact.

We give keys for the top door to members to allow them to unload vehicles and park elsewhere if need be. This was the intent from day one when they started to turn the area in to a "night spot" and we were concerned about parking affecting members and their access.

NMRA SHOW, LAGRANGE. On March 28th we had a table and small operating display at the DuPage Division NMRA show at Lyons Township High School in LaGrange. Shows like this always provide us with an excellent opportunity to showcase the club and our operations.



Thanks to Paul J., Evan S., Bob P., Mike O., Jason L. for spending their Saturday. A special nod to Val S. and N-Trak for letting us have some modules.

HO SCALE NEWS. Tuesday afternoons and evenings are busy with work night. It's good to see members coming down to help maintain the layouts. But there's always room for one more.



Learning how to use static applicators.

Refreshing scenery.



The electronics crew is busier than ever. Some upgrades are in the works and if they're lucky we have a wiring diagram otherwise there's a lot of head scratching, grumbling and then crawling back under the layout.

N SCALE NEWS. They're moving right along on the city area and repairing some minor damage. There were some electrical gremlins but they seemed to have disappeared.