



**ELMHURST MODEL
RAILROAD CLUB
NEWSLETTER
Winter 2025-2026**

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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.

The club is closed on holidays.

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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION FOR 2026. There was only one letter / resume submitted to the Board. Congratulations to **Nick Nowacki** on re-election for another 5-year term.

PROTO SESSIONS FOR 2026. The next Proto Session is set for January 15th (there is no session scheduled for December). After that they're on February 19th, March 19th, April 16th, May 21st and June 18th before the summer break. Proto Sessions begin at 7:00 pm with a pre-meeting at 6:45. If you want to be on the notification list contact Ashley at: opsession2012@hotmail.com.

WEATHER OR NOT. If you're not sure if the club is closed due to adverse weather conditions your best bet is to call and see if there is a key monitor.

SWAP MEETS. Everything has been signed and we are ready to go for 2026. January 10th will be our first swap of the year. May 2nd will be the next and September 12th will be the last for 2026. Flyers are available at the club, grab some and spread the word. For information or table reservations you can contact: **Don Fisher at 630-564-1099 or e-mail: emrrc @ comcast.net.**

N SCALE NEWS. It's getting cloudy in the basement. The layout backdrop has been transitioning from sunny and clear to partly cloudy.



Also the passenger terminal area is getting the lift-out section ready to go.

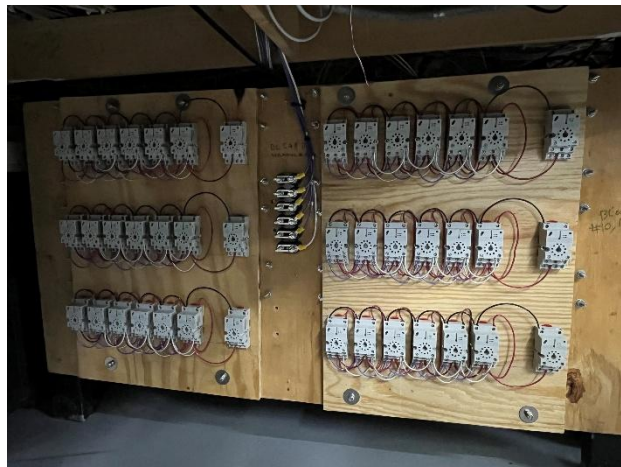


CLUB CLOSURES. The club is closed on holidays. Again let's list which holidays: New Year's Day, Easter Sunday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. As a matter of record the club is closed on these days. Also because traffic and parking is such a pain the Board decided to close the 2 nights of Rock the Block in 2026.

BATTERIES. The new UT-6D uses AA batteries. Right now at the front desk we have two chargers with batteries to keep an adequate supply available. When turn your throttle back in to the key monitor and key monitors take note, when the batteries are replaced in the chargers the red mark must be on the same side as the red mark on the charger.



HO SCALE. A lot of the activity on the HO layout has either been out of sight or under the layout or is being done elsewhere to be installed at a later date. One item of note is the new relay boards under block 10.



ALL AMERICAN RAILROAD SHOW. Also affectionately referred to as the LaGrange Show is scheduled for March 28th, 2026. Last year we could not muster enough people to put in an appearance. Let's not have this happen twice. A sign-up sheet will be going up shortly and all we're looking for is a few hours on a Saturday to help promote the club and the hobby.

DUES INCREASE. Nope.

2025 IN REVIEW. What can be said about 2025? We had more than our fair share of problems but on the flip side we had our fair share of successes. Our membership is steady and our finances are good. We are seeing a slight uptick in younger members signing on. And yes, we've had to make some mid-stream changes and adjustments but so far everything appears to be working out without too much difficulty.

If you take a minute and look around you'll see that there is a lot involved in keeping our club up and running. The club needs cleaning and upkeep. There is maintaining the vending machines, dehumidifiers and air cleaners. Someone has to pick up and organize donations. There is layout upgrade and maintenance. We have to deal with our landlord and with the other tenants in the building. Key Monitors especially Open House Key Monitors have to keep the club open for others to enjoy, both members and visitors. There's Proto sessions, Summerfest, special group visits and even manufacturers using our layouts for promotional purposes. The list goes on but all of these items have one thing in common, these things do not take care of themselves. Someone has to step up and do it and to those members who give their time and effort to make things happen the club graciously says "Thank you".



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.