



**December, 2022**

Happy Holidays to all!

**General News:**

A work day was held Nov. 17. Thanks to the eight men who showed up to help. My role was pretty much holding the door open for the dollies holding buckets of rubble. (Gotta go with your strengths.)

Another crew of members built a ramp at Dave Mohler's house to accommodate a temporary medical need. It was great to have such a team effort.

There are work opportunities ahead. Our train club has been asked to help at the Hands-On-Museum with the annual Lionel display. This is open during the holiday break, so lots of families come to the museum. Harold Link has sent a sign-up sheet and there are still plenty of openings.

Talk continues about expansion ideas, and other talks about improving or changing our existing lay-out.

The annual train show is right around the corner. February 18-19 at Saline Middle School. We need help from every member! Please contact Scott Merritts, Harold Link, or Bruce Amrine if you want to help.

## Dates to Remember:

Jan 4	Visitors
Jan 21	Saturday club day
Feb 1	Visitors
Feb 8	Board meeting
Feb 15	General Membership meeting. Final Wednesday before show
Feb 17	Train Show setup 3:00 to 6:00 pm
Feb 18	Train Show
Feb 19	Train Show, tear down

## Annual Dues and Membership Categories

The following is from the information Scott Merritts, President, sent to the members in a recent email.

*The deadline for your annual dues is January 31. Membership will be revoked for those members that have not paid by that date, per our bylaws. As a reminder the dues schedule is as follows:*

- *Full Membership: \$90.00*
- *Supporting Membership: \$25.00*
- *Junior Membership (Ages 12-18): Since our mission as a club is to promote the hobby of model railroading to the next generation, Junior Membership can only be held when a parent or guardian pays Full Membership Dues. There will be no dues for the Junior Member but they must register with the club's Membership Director (Bruce Amrine.)*

*All dues should be provided to the Membership Director. If this is not possible, they may be placed in an envelope and inserted in the donation box near the front door. Any money placed in the donation box that is not in an envelope and clearly marked for what it pertains to, will be considered a donation.*

*What do you get for your dues? Below is rundown of privileges and responsibilities:*

*All members are responsible for:*

- *Assist with building maintenance (to the best of their capability).*
- *Assist with any layout planning and maintenance.*

- *Assist in the planning, promoting and executing of the club's annual train show which is held February. All members are expected to be at the show (except for extenuating circumstances.)*
- *Assist with the club's mission of educating and promoting the hobby of model railroading.*

*Privileges that each member receives are as follows:*

*Full Membership:*

- *Layout operating rights.*
- *Voting Rights and the right to hold office*
- *Full Layout Construction Rights (Based on Layout Manager's project plan)*

*Supporting Membership:*

- *Layout operations only when supervised by a Full Member.*
- *No voting rights and cannot hold office*
- *No direct layout construction rights unless supervised by a full member.*

*Junior Membership:*

- *Layout operating only when supervised by a Full Member.*
- *No voting rights and cannot hold office*
- *No direct layout construction rights unless supervised by a full member.*

*If you have any questions regarding dues or membership rights, feel free to speak with any of the board members. We will be happy to address them.*

*Scott Merritts*

*President, AAMRC*

## Member Interviews

### **New Members:**



#### **Adam Goodrich**

Adam has loved trains since he was a child. He is from Ohio, went to Case Western University in Cleveland, is an environmental engineer and works for The Jacobs Engineering Group.

I asked what an environmental engineer does on a daily basis. He told me that they go to a contaminated site and work to make it better.

Adam has a large family. His wife, Jackie, is a researcher at the U, and they have three sons, Jonah, 10, Jude, 3, and Julian, 1.

They have an HO set up in their basement which keeps the boys busy and interested in trains!

#### **Sam Haase**

Sam grew up on Lionel and Brio. He joined the train club in January, 2020, the day after his 20th birthday. Sam says, “I walked into the club and met all these great guys: Fabian, Bill and Bruce.



“One of the best decisions I made was to convert from DC to DCC. I am into HO. I go to train shows and collect engines.”

Sam lives in Ypsilanti and works at Lowes in Brighton. He also loves airplanes. His goal is to get into Eastern Michigan’s aviation management program.

**Come one come all! Volunteer Opportunities:**

\_Talk to Bruce or Fabian at a Wednesday meeting or stop by on a Saturday. They will steer you to whatever projects need doing.

