

## Left Hand Running February 2026

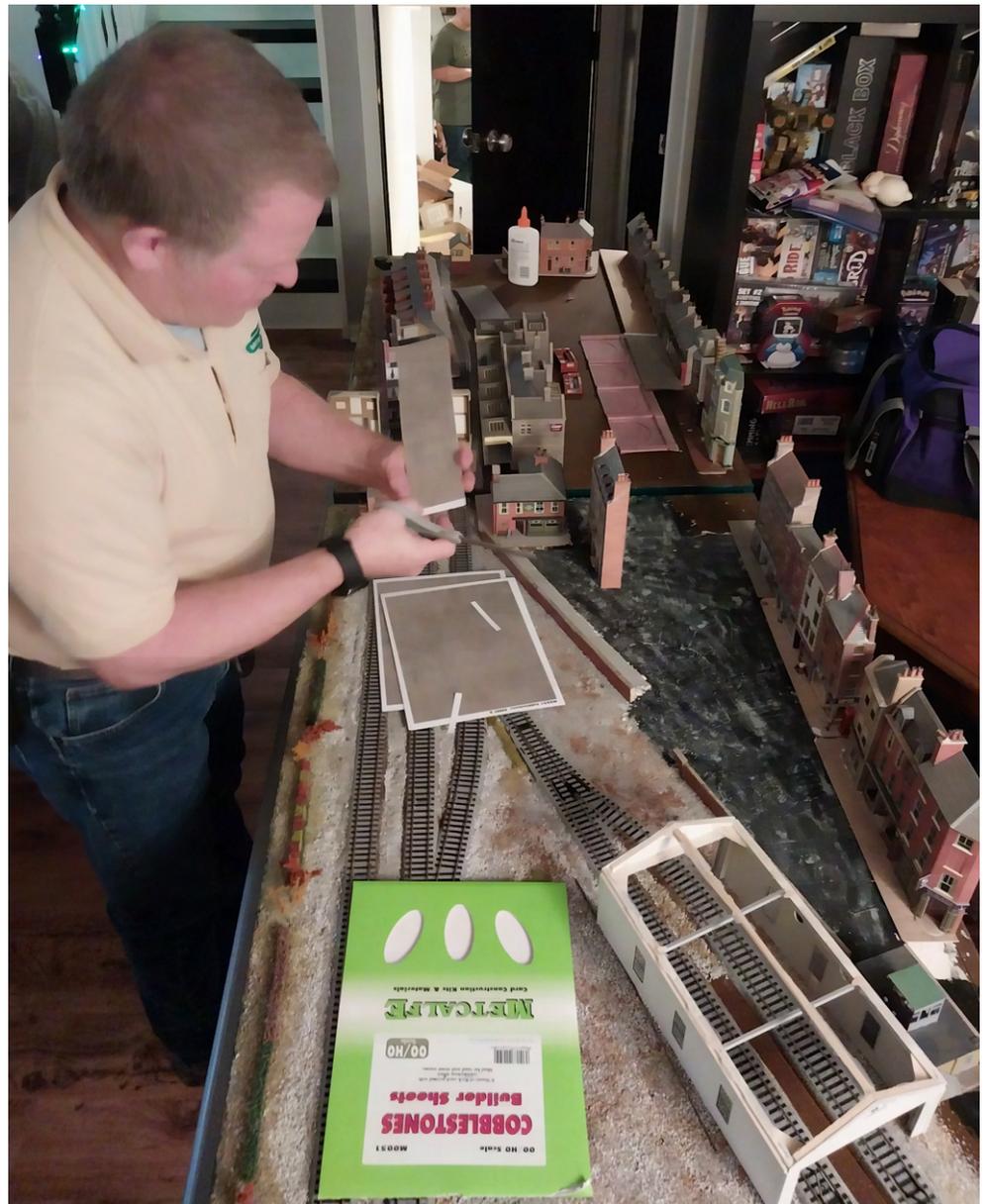
Greetings, members, and welcome to our February 2026 edition of Left Hand Running. Read on, as we have much to share.

Our next meeting will be 1:30pm Saturday February 14, 2026 at Jon Szajkovic's home, 603 Raub St, Joliet, IL. Due to domestic issues, our club layouts will now be stored at Jon's home. We intend to discuss the quickly upcoming All-American Railroad Show. Also on the agenda is proceeding with scenic work on our OO gauge layout. Suggestions, materials and assistance are all welcome!

Our January meeting was most productive. Members present made significant progress on decorating our OO layout. One previously undefined corner was plotted. Said corner to feature a roadside inn, adjacent to a road overbridge. All elevated much above the railway, giving a solid cutting.



Our two paired station/town modules had much of their structures attached. Low relief town buildings, scavenged both from our previous layout and Bill Donahue's collection were employed. We are reusing the station from the previous OO layout, along with much of the platforming. Parts of the previous station are being omitted. The decision was also taken to use and finish a scratchbuilt shed from Bill Donahue's collection.



Jon's scrapyards featured more development. Discussions are still ongoing about procurement of more appropriately scaled vehicles.



The decision was made to make one of the modules into an airfield, as present on the previous OO layout. Structures used on the previous airfield will be reused. Also, we will be using Bill's full main building. Previously, we only used one half of the building. A small station and running platform will also be added to the module. General consensus at the meeting was for the pictured arrangement. While we will have less space for aircraft, it allows better use of the airfield building.

Gil Koenigsaecker brought my attention to a show on Amazon Prime. *Full Steam Ahead* is about British Rail in the steam era. Gil speaks highly of the series. If you have access to Amazon Prime, or the knowledge on how to bypass a lack of access, I suggest you watch it.

I again apologize for any odd formatting in the newsletter. I am still trying to learn how to use the word processor available to me. Any tips or suggestions are much appreciated.

I hope you have all enjoyed this month's newsletter. We would greatly appreciate any who can attend our meeting on Saturday, February 14 in Joliet.

-Martin Sorensen,  
President

