



LEFT HAND RUNNING

December 2025

Greetings, members,

Welcome to Left Hand Running December 2025, our monthly newsletter. I hope you all are having a fine holiday season. We have a couple items of note;

- December 12th, 5-9pm, Elmhurst Public Library - Polar Express set-up
- December 13th 9-5pm, Elmhurst Public Library - Polar Express Show
- December 14th 1-4pm, Elmhurst Public Library - Polar Express Show, day 2
- December 20th, 2:30pm, 1537 Warbler Dr, Naperville, IL - BTS Christmas Party

In re Polar Express: We have about as much information as we usually do with the Chicagoland T-Trak shows. We will have the N-scale T-Trak layout present. If you wish to come, bring N gauge trains and any T-Trak modules you may have. If I receive any more information, I will forward it to the club.

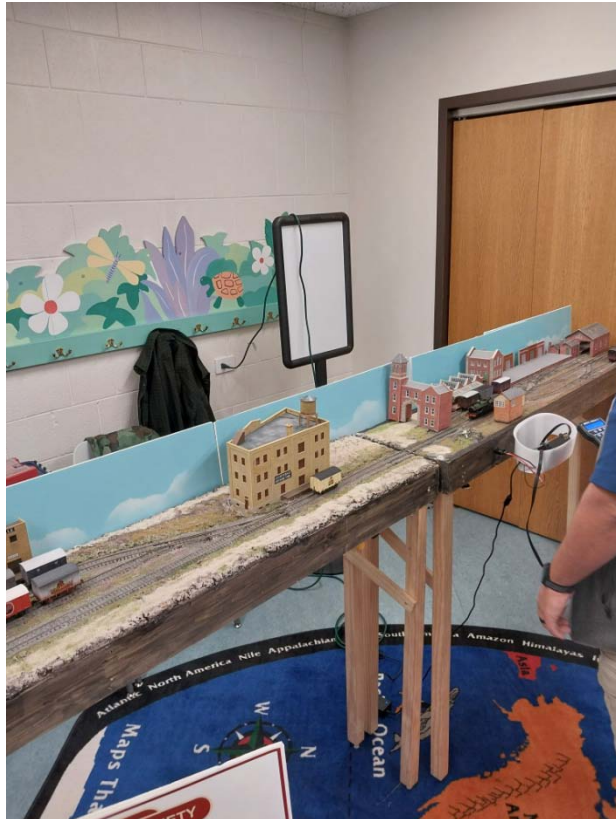
In re BTS Christmas Party; Please RSVP with me, Martin or with Alex Jackiw. All members and partners are welcome. We will be catering from the same barbeque as other recent parties. Harry has an OO gauge layout in his basement. Members are welcome to bring trains and deserts or sides. BTS will

provide a quiz with prizes and gift bags. I hope many members are able to attend.

On Saturday, November 1st and Sunday, November 2nd, BTS was again present at the Roselle Public Library Model Railroad Showcase. At this year's show, we had BTS's N scale T-Trak layout supplemented with modules by Jon S. and Alex J, Richard S's venerable OO gauge Tram layout, David D's fresh N scale layout, Alex J's 'Fiddlesticks' in OO, and Matt K's N scale switching puzzle. All ran well, barring one incident with a few children causing trouble. Thanks to all members who were present and helping. Photos shown below;



Matt K's N scale

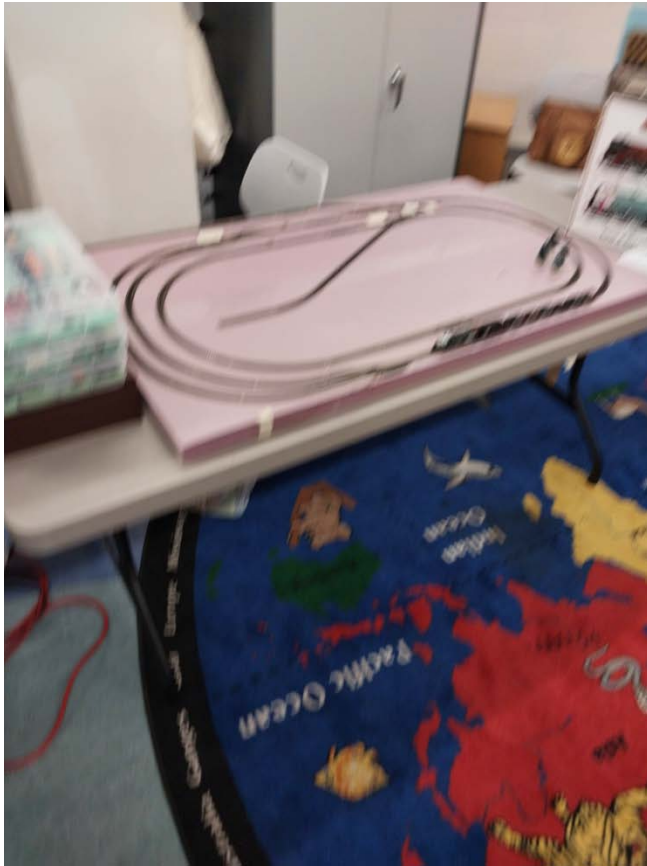


Alex J's 'Fiddlesticks in OO



member modules

BTS N scale T-Trak, with



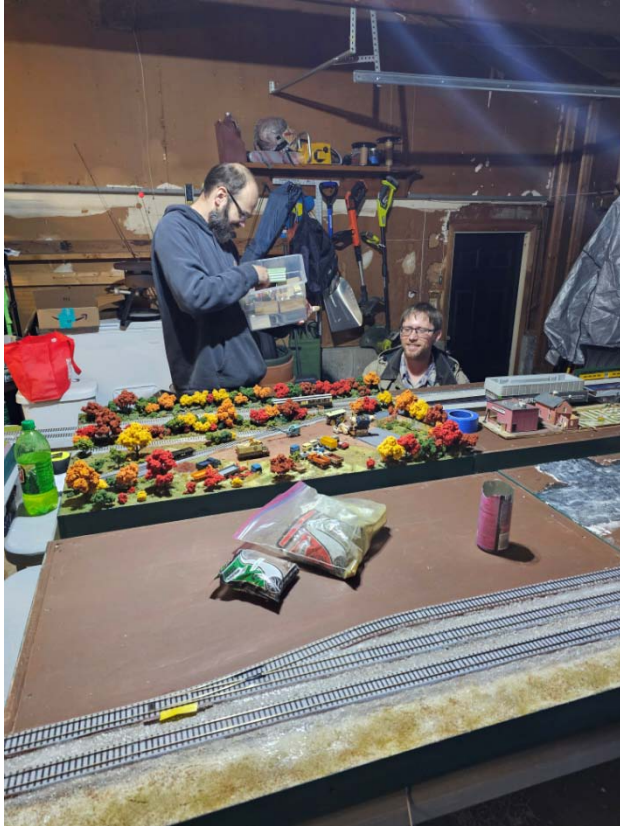
David D's new N scale



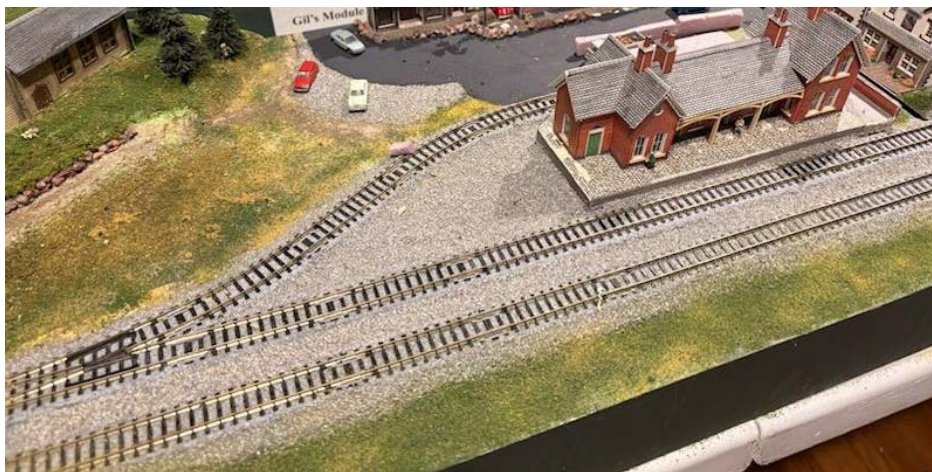
Richard S's Tram Layout

Saturday, November 8th was our November club meeting. Members present ballasted our OO gauge T-Trak layout. Photos are below;





Finally this month, member Jon S had revised our N scale T-Trak! We had had compatibility and running issues with the core station module. Jon replaced a faulty switch, removed another altogether, relocated the station, and restored scenery where work had been done. Many thanks to Jon for his efforts.







Apologies for any formatting issues present in these newsletters. I am long out of practice with Microsoft Word, or any word processor. I only realized halfway through this newsletter I can set text to wrap around photos! Hoping to improve matters as time wears on.

Happy Holidays,

Martin Sorensen, President.