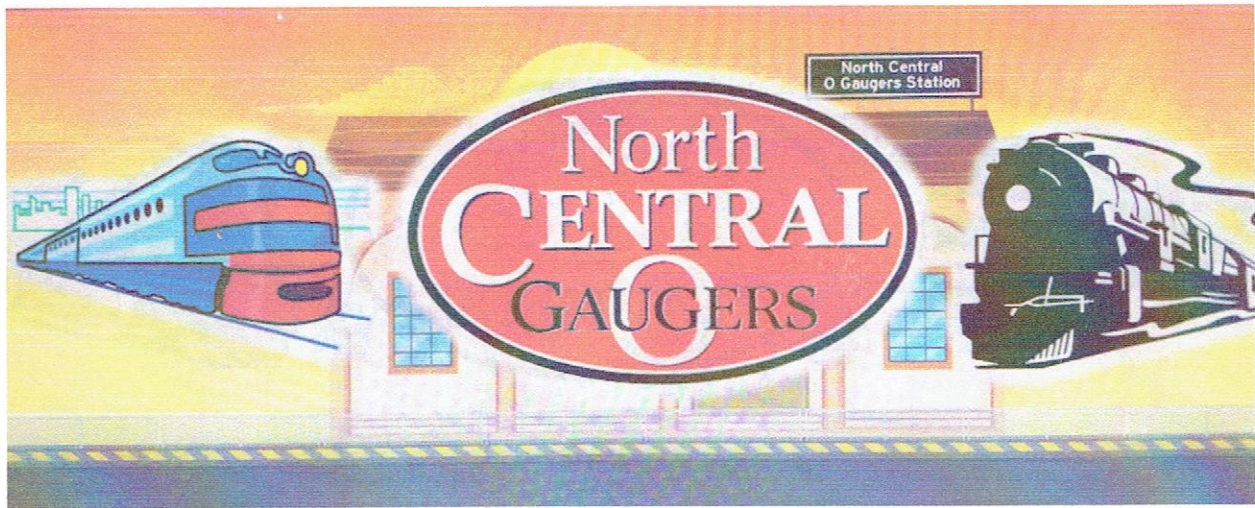




WELCOME TO THE NORTH CENTRAL "O" GAUGE MODEL RAILROAD.

As a new member or a possible new member the following information will help you become acquainted with our club.

#### HISTORY

The club originally started in Antioch Illinois with two of our members. For 20 years, we had our layout in the Fremont Public library in Mundelein. About 5 years ago they needed the space and asked us to move. Fortunately, the Village of Mundelein had some vacant space in a former water management building. Unfortunately, the building was sold and about 3 years ago they gave us the use of the room in the Archer building. This room is rent free as well as all utilities are free. We thank the Village of Mundelein for this room.

#### OFFICERS

David Groh; President  
Rip Patterson; Vice President  
David Jerbi; Treasurer  
Ed Pappert; Secretary

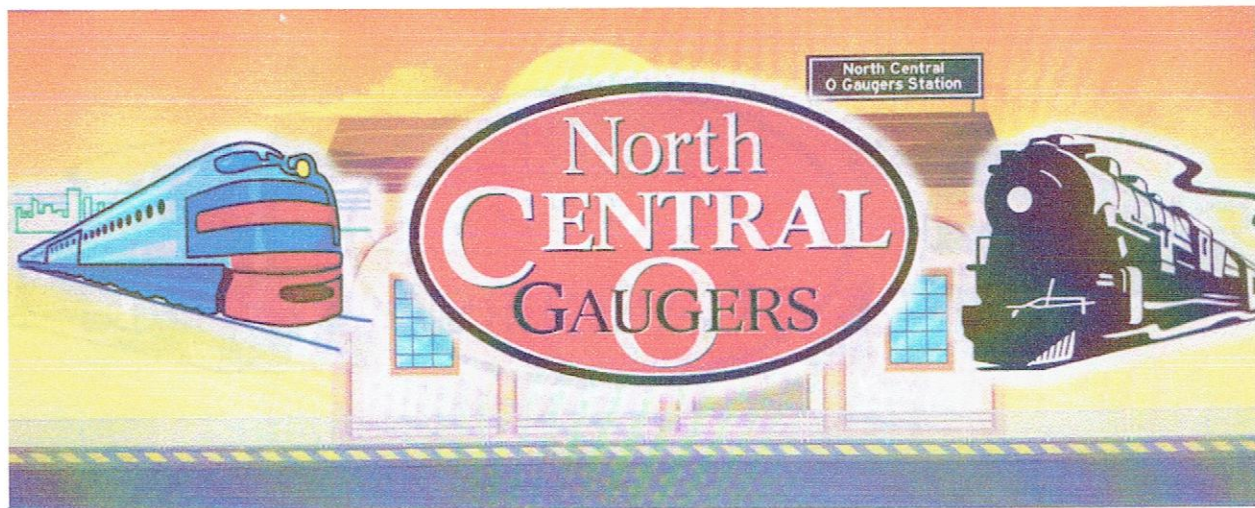
#### DIRECTORS,

Vern Lappe; Special runs, Village Liason  
Jon Krause; Webmaster  
Hank Hahn; Open house

#### FACILITY

Our layout is in a building owned by the Village of Mundelein. They provide the room to us at no charge. This includes rent, lights, heating and A/C. To get into the facility a key card and key are required. A list of card holders is attached. Unfortunately, we are limited, by the village, as to how many cards we are allowed. We have normal hours where you can run your trains. We are available on Wednesday mornings, 9 to about 2 PM. We are also in the building on Saturdays, again 9 to 2 PM. If you want to run at a different time and can work with one of the card holders you are allowed to come in. We do not suggest coming in the evenings.

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## OPERATION

Our layout has 3 tracks all connected to a program called Legacy (A Lionel system) and for operation of MTH as well as K line and Williams engines. The operation of your trains is completed using remote hand controls or even your I phone. When you bring in your train ask one of the experienced members to show you how to get your system running. If you think you would like to work from the Yard then take some time to learn how to set the switches for each track. We suggest actually doing the setup, not having someone spend a few minutes tell you what to do.

## RUNNING TRAINS

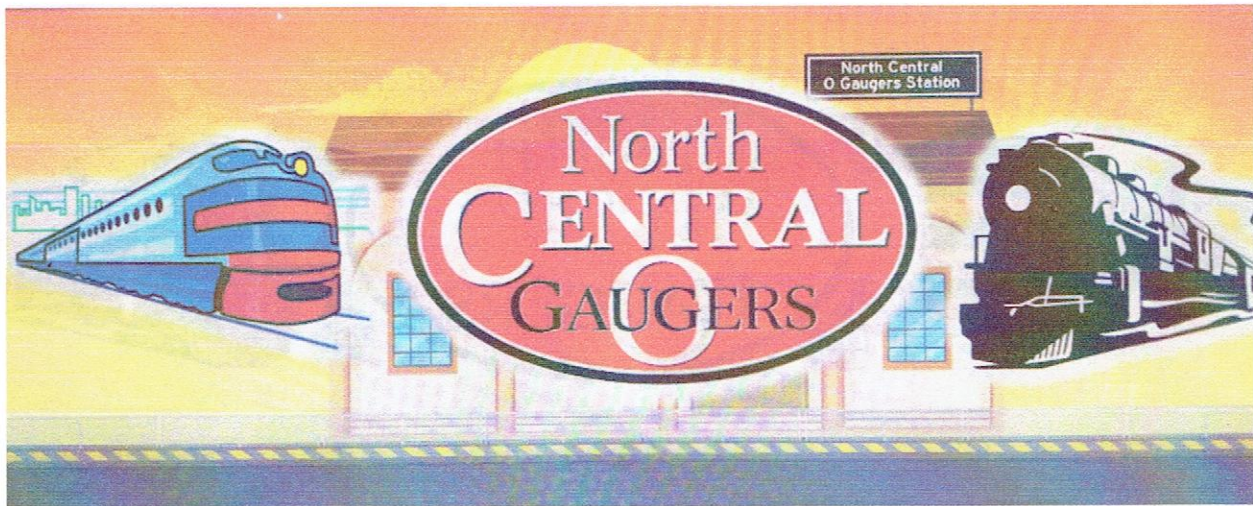
To get as much run time as possible we usually go into the meeting room, get your system out of the box or tote and put it one of our carts. When a track opens you can quickly load your train and begin to run. It is general practice that after you have run for 30 to 40 minutes look around and see if there are other members waiting to get on. If so take your trains off and let them get their run time in. If no one wants to run you can continue to run.

## SPECIAL RUNS

Our club has a traveling layout in a special trailer. 4 to 5 times a year we take this layout to a library here in Lake county. (we have a list of ten libraries that use us) We set up the layout and let visitors come to see the trains. We do this on a Saturday agreed upon by the library. We have several libraries that ask us to come once a year or every other year. They pay us \$700 to come for the day. In one day we usually draw to the library over 800 visitors and sometimes as many as a 1000. The libraries love this kind of turnout. As you can imagine this is a job requiring work. We run the trains on a typical Saturday 9 AM to 3 PM. However, on the Thursday before we come to the library about 3 PM to set up the layout. The setup usually takes about 3 hours. We need help doing this and every member is expected to help on at least one or two of these events. We have lots of jobs so everyone is able to help

On Saturday we have members bring their trains and run them for people to watch. We decorate the layout in one of four themes. City, Halloween, Winter Wonderland or Circus Carnival. We urge the members to bring their trains with the same theme.

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At 3 PM we shut down, take the system apart and load it back into the trailer. If we have a good crew we can do that in one hour.

### OPEN HOUSE

Every third Saturday of the month we have open house for visitors to see our layout and watch the trains. Our layout has a lot of buttons to push which activate various buildings or equipment. The kids get a great thrill pushing the buttons. We also have a small kids layout in a separate room. They can run three trains by themselves. Our open house is free and it draws visitors from all over Lake, Cook and McHenry County. We are very well known.

The layout is running from 9 AM to 3PM and we urge our members to bring trains and run them for the visitors to see.

### GUESTS

We have a guest program. Often visitors say they have a train at home that dad owned or they owned when they were a kid. It is usually a steam powered Lionel. We urge them to bring it in. Bob cleans and oils the engine and very often it runs as good as new. We then put the train on our regular tracks and let them see their train run using our remote hand control. It's free and they really enjoy the chance to see their trains run again.

### REPAIRS

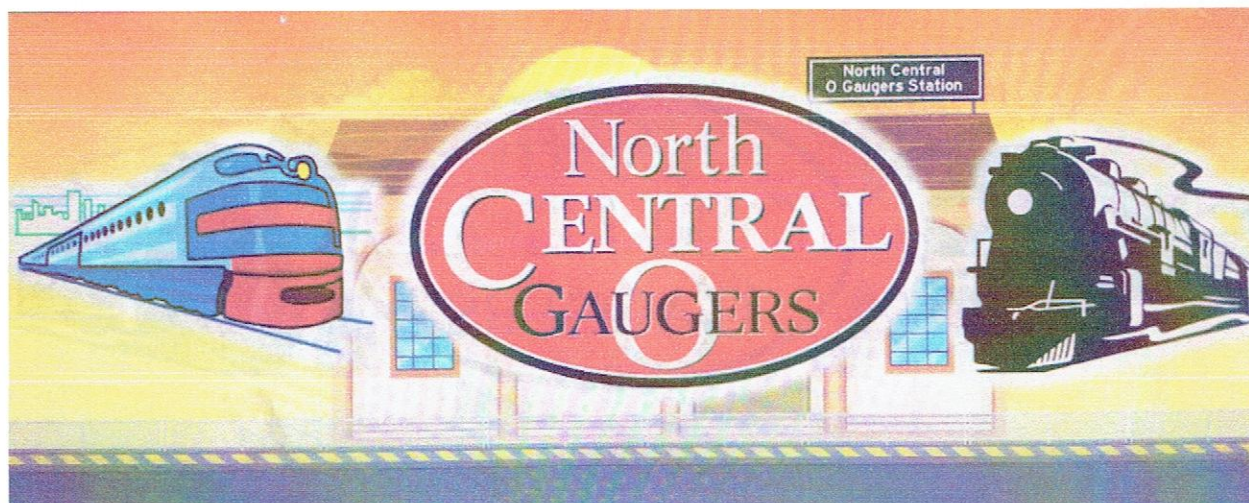
We are very fortunate in that we have one of our members who is very good at repairing Post-war trains. His name is Bob Larsen and he has test equipment in our store room. Obviously, he cannot repair everything. We have a great source for repair and purchase of train equipment. Our source is Sommerfelds Trains. 12620 W. Hampton Ave, Butler Wisconsin. Phone is 262 783 7797

If it's for repair ask for Matt. Otherwise the owner Jack will be happy to help you. Mention that you are with the North Central O Gauge Club and he is very good with pricing. They have a great supply and are very very helpful. Yes, it's about a little over 1 hour drive from the layout but it's worth it.

### DUES

Our annual dues are \$100 payable in January and February. If you join in April, May and June we charge \$75.00. Join in July, August or September the dues are \$50 and

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the last quarter we charge \$25.00. Make your check out to North Central O Gauge Club or just NCOG.

#### KEY CARD HOLDERS.

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| Vern Lappe   | 847 404 2347 | David Groh    | 847 354 9729 |
| David Jerbi  | 224 456 4854 | Rip Patterson | 847 372 4858 |
| Larry Bader  | 847 997 5751 | Dan Olech     | 773 497 7067 |
| Harold Flood | 847 223 4186 | Hank Hahn     | 847 223 0910 |
| Bob Larsen   | 847 634 2771 | Ed Pappert    |              |

#### WEBSITE

Our Member Jon Krause is our webmaster. He has over 100 videos on our website of various train runs or events. Go to [ncogtrains.com](http://ncogtrains.com) and you can see all of these videos and more information about the club.

Welcome aboard and have a great time running your trains and being a member of a very active friendly group of Train enthusiasts.

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