



The Lionel Legacy Users Group

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As always we would like to thank all of you for using Legacy and sharing their experiences and asking questions. We all learn from each other.

The Lionel Legacy User's Group is not associated with Lionel Trains in any way other than sharing the enjoyment and trading of information related to operating the Lionel Legacy System!

Agenda is as follows...

- Introductions and announcements.
- Questions submitted to Lionel.
- A brief review of the Legacy system history and basic operation. I will try to include basic connectivity, common issues, and a general review of some good practices.
- We will talk briefly about the Legacy Signal Booster. What it means for Legacy users. If John Will attends perhaps he can answer questions.
- Bob Phillips will talk about his 2 Legacy DVDs and his new book.
- This could be our shortest meeting. I will entertain a Q&A that we can all participate in and share our experiences. Any question we can't answer we'll send to Lionel to include in the summary.

- I will be available for Legacy (1.6 Base and 1.61 Cab2 and LC App (1.2) upgrades. If you want modules created, you will need 2 writable Black modules.

Questions submitted to Lionel...

**My question the radio tower, the sound box cars should really be command-able LCS devices as well, why not make them LCS devices in their own right? The general explanation is to issue a command through the LCS "infrastructure", and it gets to these devices in some manner. Example might be to issue a sound selection on these devices at point in time, or location based on the engine going over the track sensor. They'd have to add receivers to get commands, and they'd probably need to add to the command set also. ("Boxcar1: sound index 7, play 5 secs")

** Can you control two Legacy engines separately with Bluetooth with the same engine number or is it the same a Lionchief plus where they operate together? This would apply 2 an engine with the same SKU numbers.

** Any plans to have either the Legacy Controller or the LCS Ipad app be able to control Bluetooth or Lionel chief plus engines and Legacy engine/cars so you only need one controller going between engines and LCS accessories?

**My question is will Lionel eventually upgrade the legacy iPhone app so that you can increase or decrease the amount of momentum for the (M) setting like you can with the cab2 remote? Right now I think the settings are locked at 1 for low, 4 for medium and 8 for high. Also would they consider adding the speed limit feature as well?

** Is the new Lionel Defect Detector an LCS device? If not, why not -- and would you make it one?

**LCS IRV2 plus IVR2 Add-On Sensor. Differences in operation from sensor track.

** LCS STM2 vs LCS CSM2 for DZ-2500. Do you need both? Do you need the Breakout Board?

** LCS CSM2 DZ-2500 Breakout Board. How does this work without DZ-2001 Data Driver. Is it the same as the ERR board, or has it been changed.

** When editing a track plan/diagram in the LCS app the magnification feature does not work (spreading of the thumb and pointer finger). Can/will the engineers turn this feature on? It would make tapping/selecting Label Boxes and other items, much easier. Thank you.

** What is the status of creating the ability to upload LCS diagrams to the cloud?

** How do you change the order of the LCS diagrams? I would like to swipe less.

** There's an LCS SER2 which connects a serial to the LCS bus. I just bought one. But I got to thinking, wouldn't it be nice if there was a LCS USB1 -- for connecting by USB of course (directly, instead of through a converter)?

** Where is Lionel on what Dave Olson indicated in a slide at the April 2018 LUG that he would like Lionel to produce: an IR sensor kit that people could buy to install in their existing equipment? This is what is needed, together with the forthcoming track sensors that are independent from a special and expensive piece of track (the IRV2 and additional sensors to connect to it),

to give us the potential to integrate LCS into our layouts in a significant way.

** Also, going forward, will Lionel do a better job of publicizing and explaining the concept and benefits of LCS? The catalog would be a good place to start. What was in Lionel's two 2018 catalogs was wholly inadequate.

**In a previous LUG meeting there was talk of a TMCC/Legacy track signal car. Is this still something that Lionel is looking at?

*The LCS Partners, eTrain Console and High Rail will have flyers on hand. These will be posted in the summary as well.

The Legacy Users group would like to thank Rudy, Dave, and Dean as well as the entire Lionel Team for their continued support of our efforts to pass along information pertaining to all things Legacy. We would also like to thank the EDTCA for providing the room for our meeting. Most of all we would like to thank all of you for sharing your experiences and questions.