

Weird Happenings at CIGRS January Meeting

The man we are all used to seeing sitting at the front table is now sitting with the members.

For the first time in many years Joe Godfroy is a member only. He sure looks happy about it! From President to member. Joe refused to be nominated again this year, and because he was present at the meeting he could not be railroaded! Thank you, Joe, for your many years of keeping us all in line!



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Upcoming Events

- February meeting at the Washington School house on February 19: Bring trains to run!
- Flatcar load model judging at Feb. meeting
- March we will be at the Flower, Lawn, and Garden Show at the Iowa State Fairgrounds in Des Moines.
- April will be our 2nd Annual Swap, info next month

Railroad nails with a number stamped in the head signifies the year the tie was laid.

## Club Updates

*January*

Since we are now incorporated, I will include the minutes of each formal meeting. These will be on their own pages so those that like to print the newsletter do not have to print them if they do not wish to.



Thanks to Joe Godfroy for this bit of trivia

Henry "Box" Brown, a Virginia slave, earned his unusual nickname by escaping to freedom in a very unique way. Brown commissioned a carpenter to build him a wooden crate measuring 3 ft. x 2 ft. x 2-1/2 ft., climbed inside, and mailed himself to abolitionists in Philadelphia. His crate was carried over wagon roads, steamboat routes and railroad tracks.

Source: B & O Railroad Museum

Our new board members are hard at work

President John Meyers

Treasurer Howard Hoy

Secretary Jay Nugent

Not pictured

Vice-President Mike Kidman

## *Modeling Contest*

February is judging time for the modeling contest. This year's theme is the best flatcar load.

## The Gang gathered



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Joe Godfroy had an interesting diorama for sale.  
 He had decided to go out of the brothel business.  
 Looks like it comes with customers included!  
 “sold to Larry Nelson”



## Important Dates and Observances

### FEBRUARY

#### Birthdays

Sheila Roemer	2-5
Joe Buczek	2-11
Bill Paeth	2-16
Pat Olsen	2-19
Karla Gunzenhauser	2-21

### MARCH

#### Birthdays

Davy Jones	3-12
Denny Glick	3-13
Marilyn Shellenberg	3-25
Dawn Paeth	3-28

#### Anniversaries

Mike & Renee Kidman	3-7
Phil & Barbara Deats	3-17

## Share



Larry Nelson and his birdhouse camper with electrical poles he crafted.

Karla Gunzenhauser — general store building with interior that she and her grandson are building.



## **CIGRS meeting, January 15, 2012**

The Central Iowa Garden Railroad Society meeting was held at the police station in West Des Moines on Sunday, January 15, 2012. President John Myers called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm. There were 40 club members in attendance. Treasurer Howard Hoy gave a treasures report that shows the club to be in excellent financial condition. After review, the treasurer's report was approved. This meeting was designated as an official meeting in order to review and approve the proposed by-laws for the club.

The next order of business was to review the proposed by-laws. Howard Hoy moved and Joe Godfroy seconded that the by-laws be accepted as the treasurer presented them. President Myers opened the motion up to discussion. At this point, the president proceeded to go through the proposed by-laws line by line.

Fred Loveridge motioned and Connie Joy seconded that in Article III, section 3 that the wording in the second sentence be changed to read: "Each membership is entitled to two votes, but both members must be present in order to cast two votes." Motion passed. Bill Joy motioned and Connie Burgett seconded that in Article III, section 3 the wording in the second half of the first sentence stating "election of officers will be by plurality" be deleted. Motion passed.

Howard Hoy moved and Joe Godfroy seconded that in Article IV, Section 5, that the words "properly turn over financial records to the audit committee" be changed to read, "turn over financial records for examination, and such other duties as befit the office." Motion passed.

Joe Godfroy motioned and Ben Hancock seconded that the by-laws be accepted as amended. Motion passed.

The next order of business was the approval of the proposed budget for fiscal year 2012. Treasurer Howard Hoy presented the budget for 2012. Howard Hoy motioned and John Olsen seconded to approve the budget. After discussion, the motion passed.

The next order of business was to schedule the monthly meetings. The February 19<sup>th</sup> meeting will be at Washington Township School, west of Minburn. The building will be opened at 9 am to set up the modular layout, a potluck lunch will be at 12 noon and the meeting will be at 1:30 pm. For the March meeting, the club will once again set up the modular display for the annual Flower and Garden Show that will be held at the Iowa State Fair Grounds in Des Moines. The dates are March 16, 17, and 18, 2012. It was proposed that for the April meeting the club hold a swap meet again and invite members of the Eastern Iowa Club and the Omaha club. Joe Godfroy will look into securing space either in Redfield or at the Washington Township School. The swap meet is schedule for April 15<sup>th</sup>.

It was suggested that a flyer to promote the club be designed and made available to hand out at the Flower and Garden Show in March. In addition, it was suggested

that an updated video also be made available to show. Joe Godfroy and Jay Nugent will work together to develop these publicity items.

Gene Pritchard presented a fund-raising idea that had been suggested to him as a means for the club to raise additional funds. The proposal failed to gain a motion.

The next order of business was to elect a Member at Large to serve on the Board of Directors as specified in the newly adopted by-laws. Bill Joy and Rob Renes were nominated. The vote produced a tie. Bill Joy withdrew his name, and Rob Renes was named as the Member at Large.

John Olsen motioned and Nancy Swessinger seconded that any member who had served his/her term and gone off the board, be made an honorary member. After discussion, motion failed.

Janet Moser made and donated a bag to hold the clips that attach the skirt to the tables of the modular layout.

Show and Tell: Larry Nelson brought a Bird House that looks like a travel trailer that he purchased for \$20. Sherry Godfroy showed a model that Joe made that represented a Brothel. Larry Nelson purchased this for his layout. Karla Gunzenhauser showed a general store building with interior that she and her grandson are building.

Show and Sell: Mike Kidman brought three new cars to show. The first was a AML Bethgon II Coal Porter. The other two cars were new tanker cars made by USA Trains.

The final order of business was to pass a motion to utilize US Bank to handle the club checking account. The names of President John Myers and Vice President Mike Kidman were added to Treasurer Howard Hoy on the documents to be made available to the bank so either one of them would be eligible to sign CIGRS checks as needed.

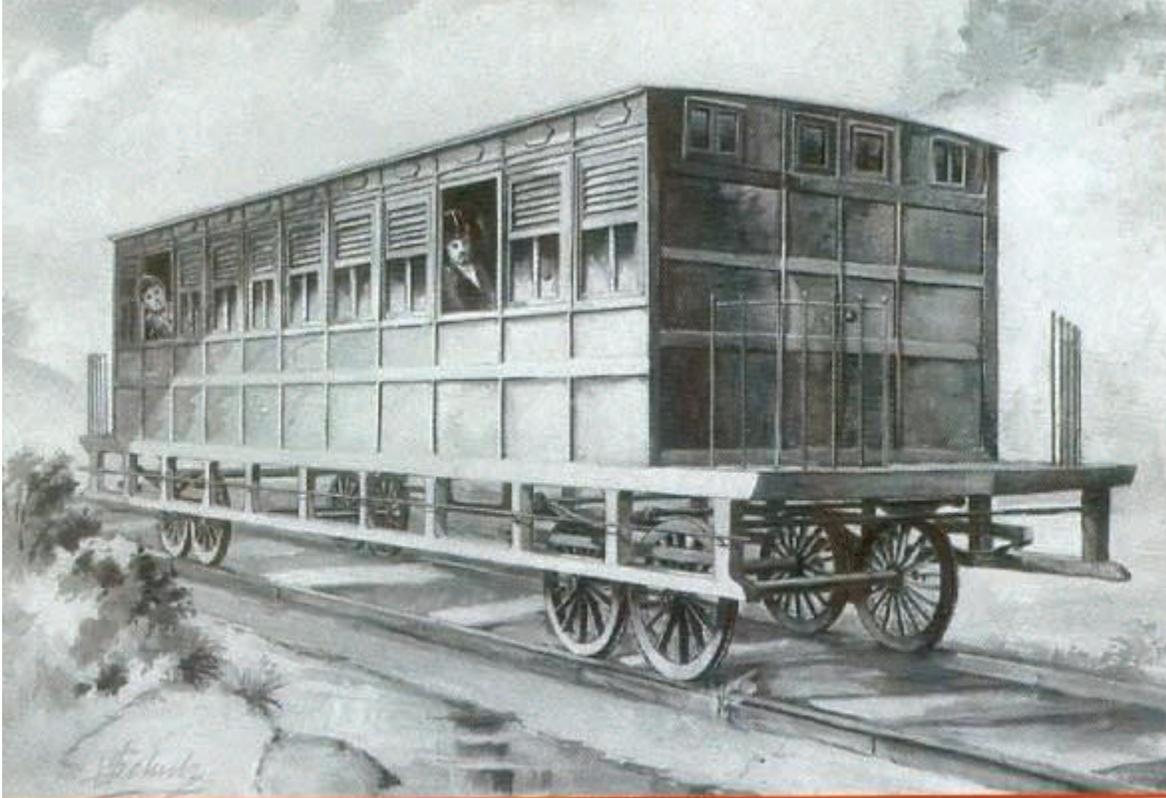
Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by,  
Jay Nugent, Secretary

# Odds and Ends

From Pete

I found this on a Trivia calendar I got for Cmas. Thought our "modeler" friends in the club might need a winter project... Can't get much simpler... especially like the 2 wheel trucks... ;)



*Drawing of an 8-wheel passenger car from the 1830s*

## Profiling the Next Generation

We are seeing more of the next generation. I would like to profile them on occasion. If anyone does NOT want pictures of their little one in the newsletter, please let me know and I will follow their wishes.

Ben Hancock with grandson, Daniel Ross, 2 yrs old. Danny loves to run trains with PaPa. WooWoo is a word often heard. Danny makes sure PaPa takes breaks each day and watches the train videos on youtube.com



