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Club News

Important Dates

November meeting is on Sunday the 18th at 1:30 PM

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Upcoming Events

- *November Meeting at WDM Police Dept*
- *December—No CIGRS Meeting*
- *January Meeting at WDM Police Dept*

Election of CIGRS Officers

Will take place at the November Meeting.

Your Vote Counts

Please Plan to Attend

October CIGRS Meeting at Myers

Business Meeting

Prior to the meeting, John had his trains running on the layout that he and Lori constructed in 2009. The pike is an over-under figure eight with a number of interesting scenes. The town scene features a movie theater, other main street buildings and a gazebo, which had a skeleton band performing. Also on the layout is the Brick Factory that once was Fred's layout. The "Two Wives Winery" billboard also caught my attention (John has a explanation for this). John runs on battery power, but can also switch to track power when guest or club members bring trains to run.

President Myers convened the meeting at 1:30 pm. He talked about his layout and his start into G scale trains. He asked if there were any guests or visitors, there being none he asked for committee reports. Jay Nugent reported that the members of this past summer's Tour Committee had discussed the prospect of using the profits from next year's

tour to help a local charity. Jay has contacted the "Make A Wish" foundation. He will present a proposal to work with this charity for the 2013 Garden Railroad tour at the November meeting.

Old Business

A number of club members have expressed interest in building flashing RR signals like those that were built by the participants for the 2009 tour. John Myers asked if anyone would like to form a committee and head up this project. At this point no one volunteered but it was suggested that this might be a good winter project. Gene Pritchard reported that the outdoor G scale display he has put together at the Historical Society's depot was well received during the Winterset Covered Bridge Festival.

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## Myers Meeting Continued

### New Business

Joe Godfroy talked about the April Swap Meet. He would like to promote the meet in the Garden Railroad magazine. After discussion as to when the meet should be held, Joe motioned that the meet be held on the third Sunday in April at the American Legion Hall in Redfield. Motion passed. John Myers then asked Joe to head up a committee to organize the meet. Joe accepted this responsibility and followed up with his suggestion that the club advertise the meet in the Garden Railroad magazine. He indicated that for about \$200, we could advertise the meet in two consecutive issues. Jay Nugent motioned and Jim Magnuson seconded that we advertise the meet in the Garden Railroad magazine for two consecutive months. Motion passed.

John Myers then talked about the February meeting. John has asked Joe Hall, president of the Cedar Rapids club, to do a presentation on live steam. Joe owns and operates a variety of live steam engines and has been involved in this activity for a number of years. A question arose if live steam could be run indoors and what restrictions the club might need to deal with at the Washington Township School where we normally hold the February meeting. After some discussion as to safety concerns as well as cost to rent a site, Joe Godfroy was asked to check to see if the American Legion Hall in Redfield would be available for the February meeting and if it would be possible to run live steam in the building. John Myers indicated that by the November meeting, we should have the February meeting site confirmed.

**Photo by Ron Mash**

### Program

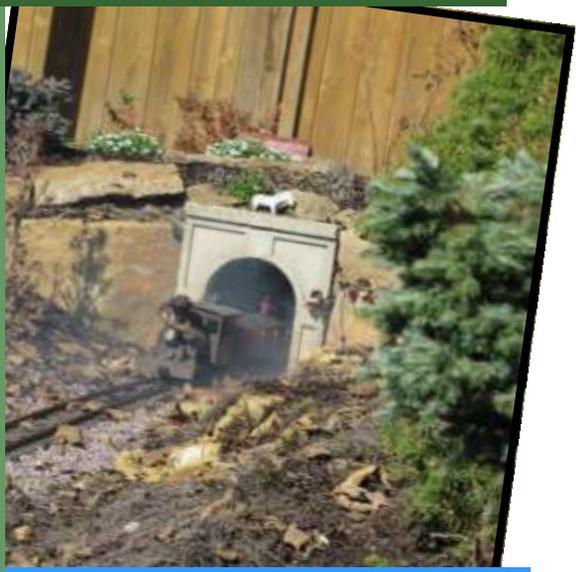
Jerry Kløver of the Hy-Vee grocery chain was the guest speaker for this month's meeting. Jerry is well known in Central Iowa as a long time plant expert for Earl May and more recently as the driving force behind Hy-Vee's expansion into gardening centers. He announced that he will be opening the first permanent Hy-Vee Garden Center at the new Urbandale Hy-Vee store in December. Jerry discussed many plants and trees that were visible in the Myers' yard and also the miniature plants on the train layout. He talked about the caring of these plants and trees and took numerous questions. It was a very informative program. At the end of his presentation, he gave away some plants.

### Show and Tell

Howard Hoy has been building his own switches (turn outs) for his railroad. He brought a functioning spring switch that he demonstrated for the club. Howard also explained the prototypical SS marking on the switch stand tells the train engineer that it is a spring switch. Very impressive! Larry Nelson brought a large metal water tower that he has been working on. He said everything is brazed not welded, and that the light blue paint he chose is prototypical. He indicated he invested about 12 to 13 hours in the project, but most likely could reduce the time spent by a couple hours on the next one. Anyone wanting a neat water tower for your layout should contact Larry.



# Myers Penoach Valley Railroad



Photos by Ron Mash & Julie Nelson

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**Central Iowa Garden Railway Society**

**Drawings**

**Key Contacts for 2012**

A number of items were made available for the drawings including a "Fairy Garden" full of plants from Jerry Kluver. Thanks to all who brought items.



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**Announcements**

***The November meeting will be held at the West Des Moines Police Station.***  
***The election of officers is at the top of the agenda.***

**Jay Nugent, Secretary**

# Important Dates and Observances In November

November Birthdays

Richard Burkman	11-4
Julie Nelson	11-16
Cindi Hancock	11-17
Suzanne Lundy	11-24

## Show & Tell Pics

Club Members share their latest creations. Howard Hoy demonstrates his scratch built turnouts and Larry Nelson creating magical structures out of scrap metal yet again



Guest Presenter— Jerry Kluver  
**Hy-Vee's Garden Pro shares his stuff and brought gifts too.**

Photos by Ron Mash



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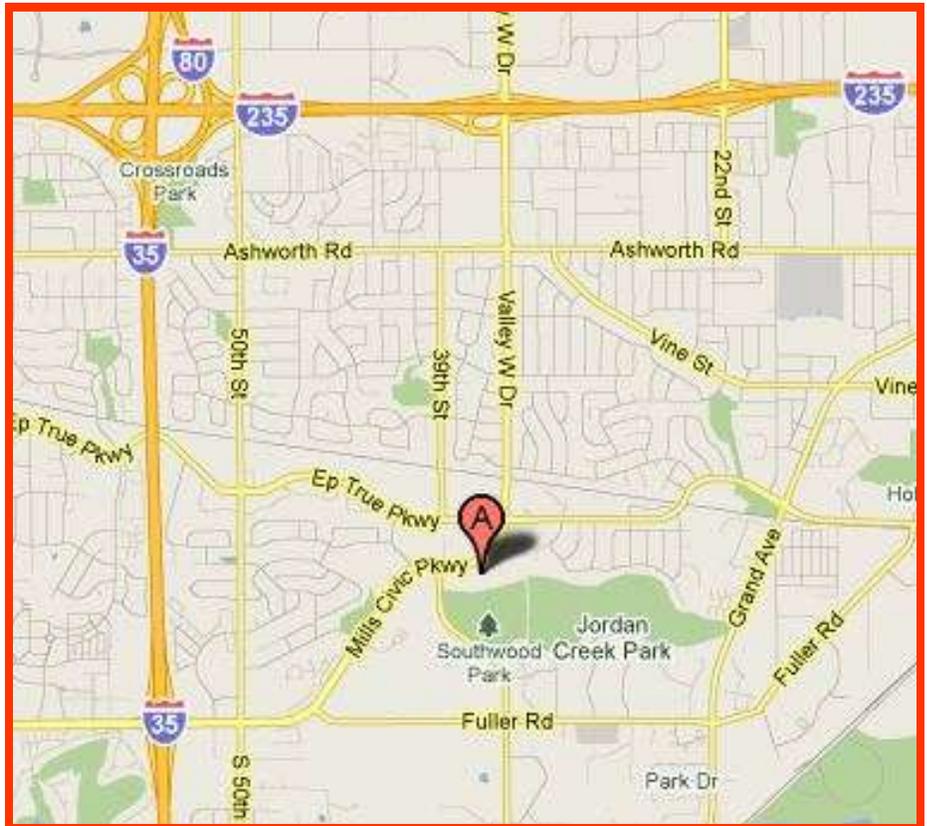


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250 Mills Civic Pkwy  
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**The November meeting is on  
the third Sunday of the month:**

**November 18, 2012**

**Meeting will come to order at  
1:30 PM.**



The Central Iowa Garden Railway Society has regular monthly meetings at which we discuss one another's current projects, hobby news, and the latest products on the market.

Programs are presented at some meetings, either by one of our members, or by someone brought in from outside the organization. The programs generally cover some element of the hobby, from the history of local and other Railroads, to rolling stock to track work, to locomotives, includes electric operation, battery-powered and trains that actually run on live

steam. Most of our members have, or hope to have, gauge G, or gauge 1 railways in their gardens or back yards.

Meetings are generally held on the third Sunday of each month. Specific dates and times, as well as program topics, are announced in the CIGRS Telegraph. Club members are encouraged to involve themselves in any of a variety of functions, including special model railway exhibitions that are staged in the area.

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