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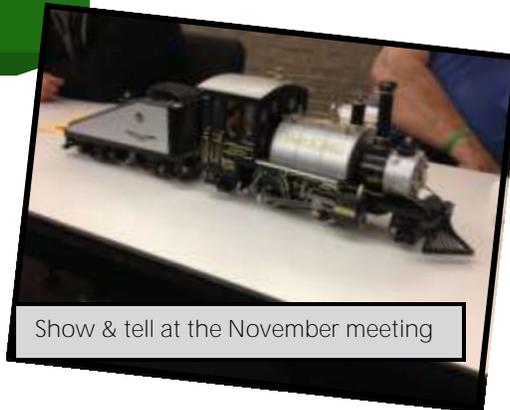
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Election of Officers for 2013

Election of CIGRS Officers was at the top of the agenda for the November Club meeting and with little discussion the current officers agreed to serve again in 2013.

Your CIGRS Officers for 2013 are:

President:	John Myers		
Vice President:	Mike Kidman	At Large Rep	Rob Renes
Secretary:	Jay Nugent	Editor	Ole Olsen
Treasurer:	Howard Hoy		



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Upcoming Events

- **January Meeting at West Des Moines Police Department**
- **Meeting Date is January 20, 2013 at 1:30 PM**
- **February 17, Meeting at the Redfield American Legion**
- **Cedar Valley Club will do a program on Live Steam at the Feb Meeting**

ANNUAL DUES

To remain a current and active member of the Central Iowa Garden Railroad Society, all member dues should be paid in January 2013. Please see Howard Hoy with your payment at the January meeting or mail your \$15 annual membership to:

**Howard Hoy, Treasurer,
615 S. Marshall St.
Boone, IA 50036.**

Our dues in 2012 were prorated to conform with the plan to collect membership dues in January rather than on your anniversary date per our vote earlier in 2012.

Club Updates

- New officers have been elected for 2012 (Can't believe you didn't see this on the first page).
- The Officers will present a 2013 Budget for the membership's review and approval at the January 2013 Meeting.
- The Redfield American Legion Hall has been reserved for the February & April meetings.
- Rob Renes has commitments for all the materials to build out a garden railroad for the Home and Garden Show in March.
- Thanks to everyone who has responded to our request to update birthdays and anniversaries. If you have not responded please email or contact Ole Olsen with your dates for our master IMPORTANT DATES FILE.



Welcome Back!!!

Richard Burkman brought long lost Jim Darby along to the November Meeting to confirm Jim was indeed alive and well. Richard said the Albia Victorian Stroll went well the first weekend in December and their train layout was a sight to behold. I can't remember how many trains he said they had running but it was a bunch with lots of whoos and aaahs as the trains made their way down the rails. Richard and Ron Hohneke team up annually to set this up for the community.

Well done Gentlemen!

Modeling Contest

Don't forget about the modeling contest held at the **February meeting**. The winner will again take home the **Gary Edlen travelling trophy** for the year.

THE 2013 CONTEST IS FOR THE BEST KITBASHING PROJECT!

Looking Back on 2012

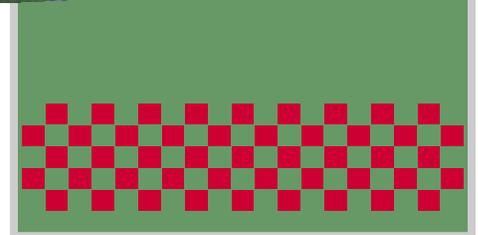
Our January 2012 CIGRS meeting was held at the West Des Moines Police Station. 40 members were present to welcome the newly elected officers. President John Myers, Vice President Mike Kidman, Treasurer Howard Hoy, Secretary Jay Nugent, Newsletter Cindi Hancock and member at large Rob Renes make up the Board of Directors. Joe Godfroy, Larry Nelson and Karla Gunzenhauser brought projects they had been working on. The order of business centered around the reading and approval of the new by-laws and setting the dates for the monthly meetings throughout the year.

For the February meeting, the club returned once again to the Washington Township School west of Minburn. The modular was set up in the gym in order to run trains. A number of members brought trains to run, to include 8 year old Grant Boes who brought his Bachman Climax engine. Lunch was served and then the results of the Flat Load model contest were announced. Fred Loveridge took home the honors and a nice trophy.

In March, the club participated once again in the Flower and Garden Show at the Iowa State Fair Grounds in Des Moines. Members worked to set up the modular and run trains throughout the weekend. The new modular involves setting up tables and covering them with burlap before track, buildings and trees are placed on the layout. Janet Moser has made a nice skirt to go completely around the outside of the tables to give the layout a finished look. Handouts were available for those interested in learning more about garden railroading and large posters were placed on both ends of the space to promote the upcoming summer tour.

April brought club members to Redfield for the Swap Meet. President Myers had invited members of the River City club in Omaha and the Cedar Valley Club in Cedar Rapids to attend. A number of CIGRS members brought train items to sell. Seems like everyone had a good time.

May was the first month in which the meeting was held in a club member's home. Jay and Cheri Nugent, along with their grandson Grant, treated attendees to the three different layouts in the lower level of the Nugent home. Jay has a large G scale layout in one room, while in the lower level family room he and Grant run their Lionel Standard Gauge and O Gauge trains. The business meeting was held in the backyard and headed up by President John Myers. For show and tell, Larry Nelson brought a 8 foot bridge that he had just finished and Howard Hoy brought a large scratch built turnout he had just finished. Mike Kidman brought some new Aristo graffiti boxcars for show and sell. Various members brought treats and Cheri had lemonade and coffee.



Looking back on 2012 Continued...

John and Pat Olsen hosted the June meeting at their home in Saylor Township/Des Moines. The afternoon started by running trains on Ole's layout that features three main lines and a number of sidings. Club members also enjoyed the potluck lunch and good conversation. Since the club president, vice president and treasurer were all out of town, club secretary Jay Nugent chaired the business meeting. The prime piece of business was to make sure everything was in place for the upcoming garden railroad tour. Also on the agenda was a change in the newsletter editor position. The club's current editor had experienced some health problems and had decided to give up the responsibility of publishing the newsletter each month. John Olsen was nominated and by unanimous ballot was selected to take on the duties as Newsletter Editor. For Show and Tell, Karla Gunzenhauser brought the engine shed that she has been working on. For Show and Sell, a number of members brought items to sell.

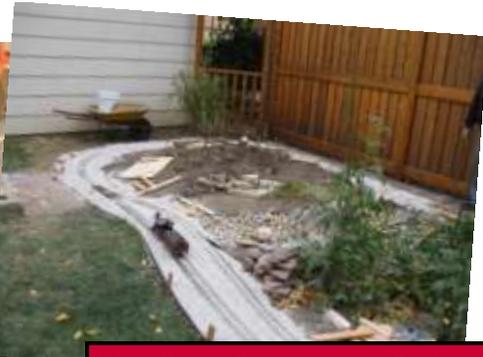
The forth-annual Central Iowa Garden Railroad Tour was held on July 21, 2012. Nearly 600 attendees viewed all or a portion of the six layouts on the tour. By all reports, those in attendance were impressed, with a number of visitors expressing interest in getting involved with the hobby.

For the July meeting, we moved just a few blocks to the north of the Olsen home to Gordon and Kathy Cox's home in Saylor Township. Gordon has a very neat layout featuring two main lines. His layout includes a tunnel, a water feature and a long stretch of trestles that he crafted to maintain a near zero grade. Gordon has also made use of a planting shed to run his trains into for overnight storage. President Myers was back to head up the meeting. All enjoyed a potluck while club members watched trains.

In August, the club met at Doug and Cindy Doggetts' home in rural Bondurant. Doug and Cindy have completely re-built their layout since hosting a meeting two years ago. Prior to the meeting, Doug and Cindy had a large number of engines, cars, buildings and track for sale. This proved to be a great opportunity for newer members to pick up equipment as they continue to plan and design their garden railroads. Snacks were available and Cindy provided coffee and lemonade to quench club member's thirst. For Show and Tell, Gene Pritchard showed off the Vanderbilt tender that he had kit-bashed and Phil Deats explained the procedure for volunteering at the Boone Scenic Valley Railroad.

As we entered the fall, club members enjoyed a visit to Rob and Amy Renes' home in Des Moines. Rob and Amy had spent much of the past year building a new over sized garage in their back yard, which required Rob to tear out much of his previous pike. Once the garage was complete, he designed and constructed a new layout that features one mainline, a bubbling water feature, a tunnel and a number of interesting scenes. At the meeting, headed up by President Myers, discussion centered on how the club could up-date the CIGRS web site. Club members voted to pursue working with a professional web designer.





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John Olsen will head up a committee to make the arrangements. A number of club members brought trains to run and all had a good time.

The final outdoor meeting for the fall was held at John and Lori Myers in Adel. John and Lori have a perfect setting to watch trains from their deck or gazebo. Snacks were available as well as coffee. During the meeting, Joe Godfroy talked about his idea to expand the Swap Meet for 2013. After discussion, the club voted to host the meet in Redfield and to invite G scale clubs from Omaha, Kansas City, Cedar Falls and Minnesota. The club also voted to advertise the meet for two months in the Garden Railroad magazine. For a program, long time Des Moines garden expert Jerry Kluver talked about how to care for miniature plants and trees on our layouts. Jerry covered a broad range of topics. As a bonus, he brought some plants to give away. All enjoyed a nice fall day in Adel.

The final meeting of the year was held in November at the West Des Moines Police Station. Joe Godfroy got there early to make sure the room was set up and to make the coffee. Members were treated to a variety of treats furnished by club members and had time before the meeting to visit. John Myers opened the meeting with the main order of business to elect new officers. Club members unanimously voted to retain the entire existing slate. The Board of Directors for 2013 are: John Myers, president; Mike Kidman, vice-president; Howard Hoy, treasurer; Jay Nugent, secretary; John "Ole" Olsen, newsletter editor and Rob Renes, member at large. CIGRS is alive and well and looking toward the future and the continued promotion of garden railroading.

Submitted by,

Jay Nugent, Secretary

Work Day at Brion and Lisa Oakley's building their layout in their backyard. We had a great turnout for this project and we were running trains by 4:00 PM Saturday afternoon.
Who's Next?



Thanks to Howard for conducting a very informative program focused on making custom turnouts at the November Club Meeting. Very impressive!

Important Dates and Observances

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

Peter Paeth	12-7
Karl Swessinger	12-13
Susan Tinder	12-15
Ethel Herrig	12-21
Dave Dunn	12-27
Connie Burgett	12-28
Marilyn Magnuson	12-31

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS!

Alyssa Bickel	1-2
Bill Joy	1-4
Rosemarie Reese	1-5
Steve Evans	1-10
Dick Lamb	1-13
Mike Meston	1-15
Cheri Nugent	1-15
Larry Nelson	1-18
Catherine Burkman	1-23

ANNIVERSARIES!

Richard & Catherine Burkman	12-16
Steve & Cheryl Evans	1-10
Gerald & Rosemarie Reese	1-19

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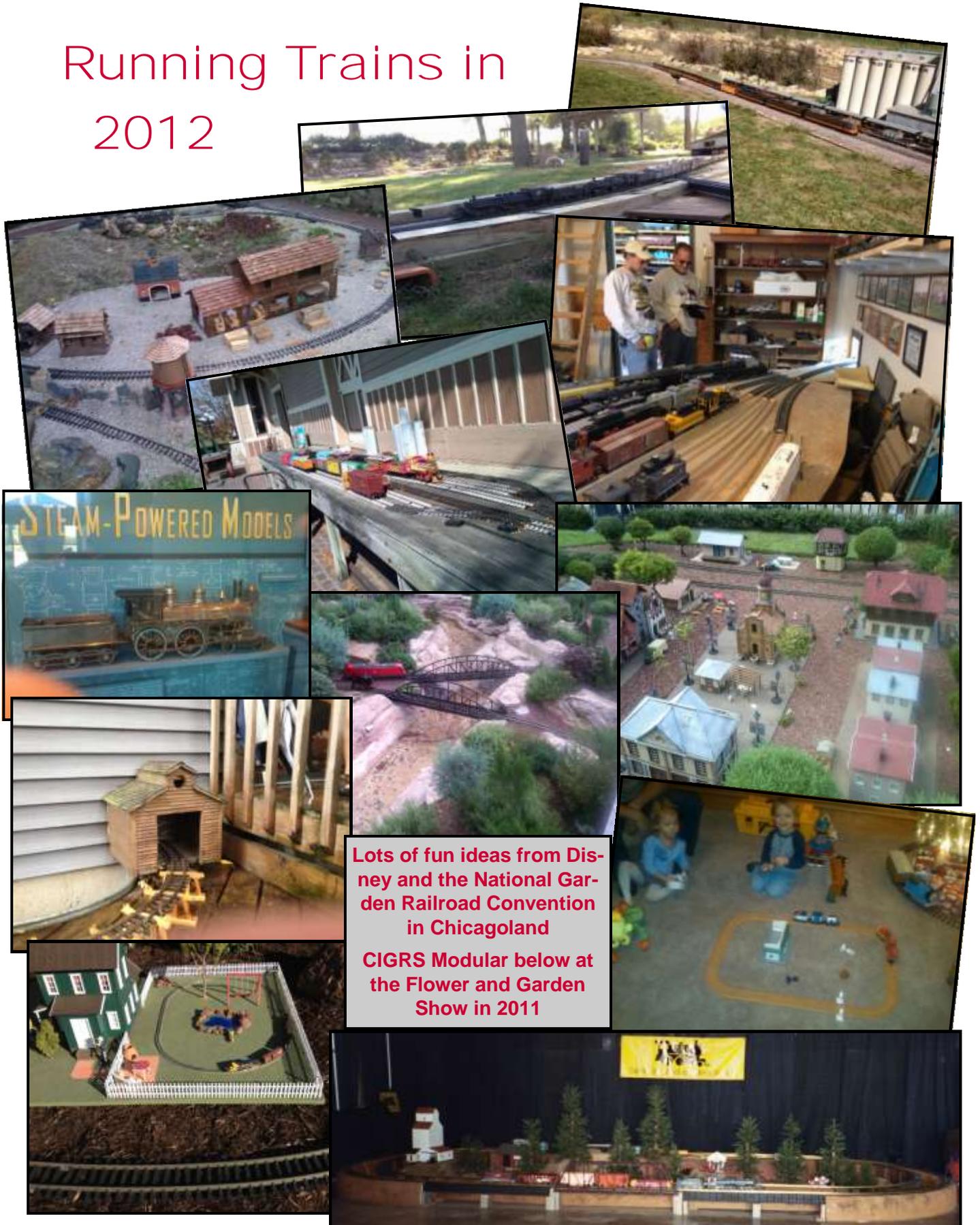
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Running Trains in 2012



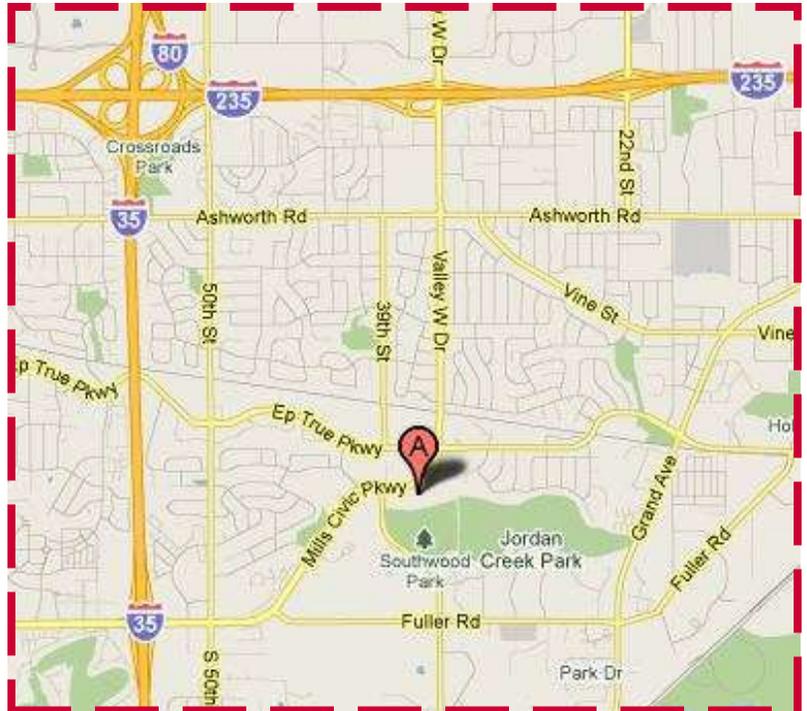
Lots of fun ideas from Disney and the National Garden Railroad Convention in Chicagoland

CIGRS Modular below at the Flower and Garden Show in 2011

Future Meetings in 2013

January 20	WDM Police Department
February 17	Redfield American Legion Hall
March	Home & Garden Show - Iowa State Fair grounds
April 21	SWAP MEET Redfield American Legion Hall
Outdoor Schedule to be determined by February meeting	

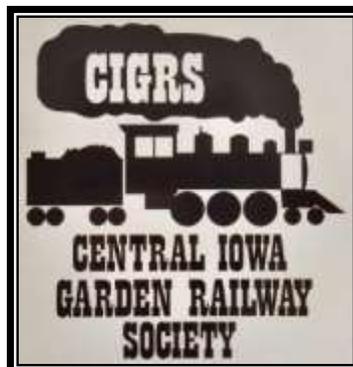
*West Des Moines Police Department
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The Central Iowa Garden Railway Society has regular monthly meetings at which we discuss one another's current projects, hobby news, and the latest products on the market.

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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