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Business Meeting

The Official meeting for 2013 of the Central Iowa Garden Railway Society, Inc. was held on 1/20/13 at the Police Station in West Des Moines, Iowa. President John Myers called the meeting together at 1:30 pm. The agenda started with the treasurer's report from Howard Hoy. Treasurer Hoy presented to club members a financial statement that shows the club to be in a strong financial condition. Howard also noted that annual membership dues, according to the by-laws, are now being collected in January of each year. Report accepted.

2013 Budget

The Secretary presented the proposed budget that Executive Board members had compiled at their board meeting in December for the 2013 fiscal year. After discussion, Howard Hoy motioned and Sheri Godfroy seconded to accept the proposed budget for 2013. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Joe Godfroy reported on the Swap

Meet to be held April 21st at the American Legion Building in Redfield, Iowa. The meet has been advertised in the Garden Railroad magazine one time and will appear once again before the meet. The meet is open to club members and non-members alike, with no charge for a table. Tables will be delegated on a first come, first serve basis. Contact Joe if you want to reserve a table. Set up time is 10 am. The meet will run from 12 noon to 4 pm. Dealers are welcome to participate, but the club ask that only used items be displayed and sold.

Jay Nugent reported on the upcoming Garden Railroad Tour that will be held on July 13, 2013. This year the club will be partnering with Iowa Make-A-Wish. All net profits (profits after expenses) from ticket sales will go to Make-A-Wish. Any additional donations will go 100% to the Make-A-Wish organization. We have signed an agreement with Make-A-Wish that will allow CIGRS to use their logo on our promotional materials, web site, posters and flyers.

Upcoming Events

- **February 17th CIGRS Meeting in Redfield, IA**
- **March Event at State Fairgrounds**
- **SWAP Meet at Redfield Legion Hall**

Set up for February Meeting starts at 10:00 AM

Meeting Starts at 1:00 PM

Live Steam by Cedar Rapids Club immediately after meeting

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Make-A-Wish will also promote the tour through their normal channels of information, and will invite their volunteers to help out at the various layouts on the tour if they wish.

Modeling Contest

This year's modeling contest will be held in conjunction with the February meeting to be held at the American Legion Hall in Redfield, Iowa. This year's theme is "kit-bashing". Members are asked to bring any production model kit of a building, train, etc that they have altered or "bashed". The Traveling trophy will be presented to the model winning the most votes from club members.

Future Meetings

President Myers passed out forms for members to fill out if they would like to host a meeting during the months of May, June, July, August, September and October. The meeting locations will be finalized and listed in the newsletter once the slate is full.

New Business

The Master Gardeners are in the process of making renovation to the Des Moines Botanical Center. In addition to renovations, the name will also be changed to the Des Moines Botanical Gardens.

They have asked CIGRS if our club would be willing to set up a train layout in one of the Greenhouses for the Christmas Holidays. President Myers will be attending a Master Gardeners 6:30 pm meeting on January 28th to learn more as to what they have in mind for the layout and how CIGRS can best work with the Master Gardeners to accomplish the joint effort. Club members asked John what CIGRS members were to

provide for the layout such as buildings, trains, track, etc. At this point in time John is not sure, but should know more after attending the January 28th meeting.

Discussion then turned to adding buildings to the club layout. Fred Loveridge motioned and Connie Burgett seconded that the club invest some money into buildings for the club layout. After some discussion as to what era to represent, and what types of buildings the club might purchase, the motion was amended to appoint a committee to look into what structures might work best with the club layout. Motion passed. Fred Loveridge will head up the committee. A target date to make a proposal to the club will come sometime after the Flower and Garden Show in March.

Announcements

Mike Kidman reminded club members of the upcoming model train show to be held in Council Bluffs on February 3rd and 4th. This show has developed into a good show that includes vendors in all the popular scales to include G scale. Area clubs also set up displays in an adjoining room. The show is well attended.

Show and Tell

Ben Hancock brought a coal-dumping ramp that he has constructed out of redwood. He has included two hand-built hopper cars and demonstrated an ingenious approach he uses to allow the bottom hatches of each car to open as they were backed up on the ramp.

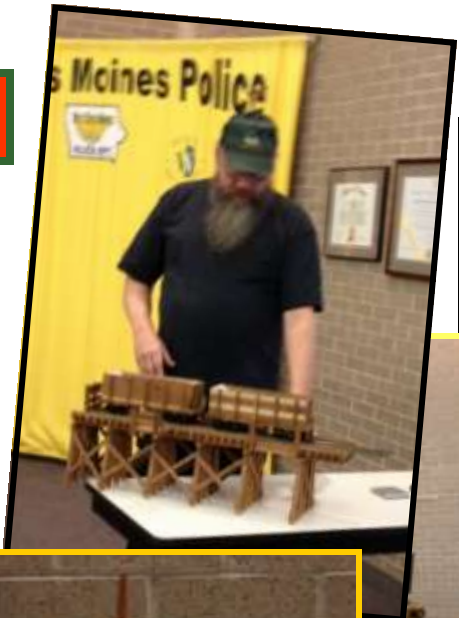
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Member Projects

Show and Tell *continued from pg 2*

Karla Gunzenhauser brought a gazebo style "Band Stand" complete with a German Band she has been constructing over the past year. She talked about the various types of wood she uses and also how she constructed the basic frame and applied the shake shingles to the roof.



Ben describes his coal unloading project. All scratch built. Great looking detail.

Show and Sell

Mike Kidman brought the new Bachman model of Emily from the Thomas the Train series. The engine and tender come in a set. Bachman has also made available two passenger cars to match that can be purchased separately. Rick Isard brought along some of his new battery products to include their third version of switch controls. He said they are now expanding and offering batteries for both O gauge and HO scale. John Olsen said he has been contacted by Bill Joy about a friend, John Glass, from Perry who is selling his trains. Ole will put a notice in the up-coming newsletter listing the products for sell.



Submitted by: Jay Nugent, Secretary

New member Rick Isard of Cordless Renovations gives an overview of their batteries and special widgets for running trains.



Mike shows off Emily, the newest loco in the Thomas Train Series by Bachman.



Clinic on building structures that will withstand mother nature...

Fred Loveridge presented a clinic to the club on building structures that will withstand the weather. Fred had a building on display that he says he could leave out all winter



and it would be fine. Club members enjoyed having Fred tell them about the materials he uses and watching and learning about his approach to constructing his buildings.

He also is interested in selling the building he had for display and the one he brought to use as a kit for his workshop.



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**Thanks Fred,
Well Done!**

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Important Dates and Observances In January 2013

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

Steve & Cheryl Evans	1-10
Gerald & Rosemarie Reese	1-19

Modeling Contest

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

THE 2013 CONTEST IS FOR
THE BEST KITBASHING

Albia voted 2012 Christmas Town in Iowa. Community Service at its best!

The Victorian Stroll... Did you know, Richard Burkman has been doing this for at least 10 years and Ron Hohneke joined in 8 years ago. First people could only look in the front windows, about 6 years ago Richard built the bridge that people could come into the room and be above the trains. We have anywhere from 15 to 20 trains running all day long. The bank is open from 8:00 in the morning to 8:00 at night. People come all day long and the kids will lay on the bridge to watch the trains. Members Richard Burkman & Ron Hohneke really bring these trains to life. ***Great Job Gentlemen!***



Photos by Ron Hohneke





By: **The Band Man**

Featured in this month's "In The Spotlight" column is Dick and Marilyn Shellenberg. Dick and Marilyn became early members of CIGRS in 1997, about the same time that they began their



plans for the M & D Garden Railroad that is now is a big part of their back yard in Corning. Dick purchased a # 2888 Union Pacific 4-6-2 by Aristo and started out with 100 feet of track. He placed the roadbed on two inch Styrofoam then covered that with roofing cement and chicken grit. Fifteen years later it is just now beginning to break down. After running trains of this loop, Dick says it seemed like his trains were "going nowhere". So, he added an additional 200 feet of track a number of miniature pine trees (now almost 4 feet tall), buildings, landscaping and a LGB trolley line.

Dick says he was not into trains as a kid, but he did make lots of balsa wood airplane kits that ended up crashing. His first experience with trains was at the age of 10 or 11 when his mother and he rode a steamer from Council Bluffs to California. As a teenager, his father thought he needed to develop a work ethic, so he got Dick a summer job as a Gandy Dancer on the railroad. Dick says he decided in a hurry that he didn't want to do that the rest of his life.

Dick and Marilyn tell how they met for the first time as high school students in Council Bluffs. Marilyn was a student at TJ (Thomas Jefferson) High School and Dick was a student at AL (Abraham Lincoln) High School. As seniors, there were both selected to represent their respective high schools in the Council Bluffs Mardi Gras Festival. Dick says they were lined up by height for the procession. Dick was the shortest boy and Marilyn was the shortest girl, so they were paired together. Thus began a relationship that has led to 57 years of marriage.

Dick retired as an elementary principal in 1995 with the Corning Community School District. Marilyn says she was going to continue working as a secretary and medical transcriptionist with Alegent Health Family Home Care. After a particularly hard day, she also retired. In retirement, Marilyn has taken up quilting as a hobby, which Dick says, is fine with him because every time Marilyn buys new material, he gets more track. They are both involved in the community development, are hospice volunteers and work out daily at the local wellness center. Dick is also proud of his 27 years as a member of the Corning Rotary Club.



Dick says, "CIGRS has been a most enjoyable way to enjoy a hobby. Sharing with others makes it exciting. Friends made and lost are never forgotten".

CIGRS February Meeting is Sunday the 17th. Bring a train to run. Fire up your steamers with the Cedar Rapids Club immediately following the Club meeting at 1:00 PM.

**American Legion Hall
Corner of First St. and Thomas Ave.
Redfield, IA 50265**

Joe said he would have the doors open by 9:00 AM if volunteers want to come and help set up the tables for the modular and for lunch.



Click on:
[American Legion Hall](#)

**For directions to:
First & Thomas Streets.
Redfield, IA 50233**

Watch for a Google Map as we draw closer to February 17th with directions to the American Legion Hall in Redfield, IA

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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