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The Central Iowa Garden Railroad Society was well represented at the 2013 Flower Lawn and Garden Show in the Varied Industries Building at the State Fairgrounds. This year the CIGRS voted to build a real garden railroad at the Show under the leadership of member Rob Renes and his Gandy Dancers: Lou Miner, Doug Doggett, Gordon Cox, Steve Evans, Richard Burkman, Mike Kidman and Larry Nelson. New buildings were erected, some on loan while others were donated.

The construction began just before 9:00 AM Thursday, March 14 and trains were running before noon on two levels. One loop ran through the mountain range on one end and across the long wooden trestle at the other. The lower loop ran by two industries, through a tunnel with custom portals and over a lake just like the Polar Express did in the movie. It was very cool.

Over the course of the weekend 700 + SAVE THE DATE fliers were handed out to passersby with encouragement to spend Saturday, July 13, 2013 viewing layouts all across central Iowa with all the proceeds after expenses going to the Make-A-Wish Foundation in hopes of funding a magical experience for a

young person and their family in need of an experience of a lifetime.

Several members brought locomotives to run on the layout which added many variations of trains running throughout the show including a C 19 some SD70 MACs, some 2-4-0's, a NW2, an RS 3 Alco, a few other GPs and some Classic Steamers. The sound was glorious including all the essential bells and whistles.

Thanks to everyone who spent time visiting with kids young and old who were full of wonder and excitement as they explored all aspects of the layout.

Before all was said and done an Award of Excellence was bestowed on our display for the quality of workmanship and theme.



Upcoming Events

- **SWAP Meet at Redfield Legion Hall**
- **CIGRS meets at the Hoys in the month of May**
- **June CIGRS to meet at Moser/Mash's**

Special Thanks

To those to helped breakdown the layout after the Show at the Fairgrounds. The space was spiked span by 5:15 PM

YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE!!!

Pictures for the Flower Lawn & Garden Show



Photos by Ron Mash & Lou Miner



All of the new buildings looked terrific. They brought many whoooos and awsssss from kids checking out the main street stores and the residences speckled around the layout





Flower Lawn & Garden Show Pictures Continued



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Entries from the 2013 Modeling Contest



Top two pictures are Gene Pritchard projects. # 16 & # 18

Entry # 20 is an early 30's Tow Truck modeled by Fred Loveridge

Entry # 14 is a Coach built by Howard Hoy and Entry # 30 is a Cattle Truck and a dual design fence hauler and unloading ramp modified and built by Karla Gunzenhauser.

Again the 2013 Winner is Ben Hancock for his 4-8-0 Bachman kitbashing and incredible weathering job.

Congrats to all for some great projects and fine work.

Central Iowa Garden Railway Society

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Important Dates and Observances In February & March 2013

MARCH Birthdays	
Joe Godfroy	(It's Classified)
Mary Ann Nolan	3-1
Cindy Doggett	3-7
Davy Jones	3-12
Denny Glick	3-13
Caleb Renes	3-20
Gordon Cox	3-21
Marilyn Shellenberg	3-25
Dawn Paeth	3-28
Anniversaries	
Mike & Renee Kidman	3-7
Phil & Barbara Deats	3-17

APRIL Birthdays	
Nancy Swessinger	4-5
Leshia Anderson	4-7
John Kilmer	4-11
Sandra Paeth	4-12
Mary Buczek	4-18
Phil Deats	4-28
Ron Mash	4-29
Anniversaries	
Mike & MaryAnn Nolan	4-1
No Foolin'	
John & Mary Haila	4-23

Dick Maresh, CIGRS member from Cedar Rapids died March 5, 2013.
Dick's Obit is posted online in the Cedar Rapids Gazette.



Photo by Jerry Barnes, Lexington, NE
River City Club member

Larry Nelson continues with his metal magic. This piece is designed for a loading dock for a Warehouse built of thousands of hand cut bricks. The warehouse was one industry included in the Flower Lawn and Garden Show Layout at the State Fairgrounds in February.

Strong work Larry.
Thanks to Larry for donating a bridge to the club layout.

to amaze us



Photos by Ron Mash



By: *The Band Man*

This month's "In The Spotlight" features Karla and Paul Gunzenhauser of Humeston, Iowa. Karla and Paul are Charter Members of CIGRS.



They attended their first meeting at Joe and Sheri Godfroy's home at the invitation of Bob Lewis, who at the time had a train store in Windsor Heights.



Paul had a train as a child, but Karla had to wait until she had her own house before getting into trains. Presently they maintain their "Flatland RR" outside in the back yard and also have a G scale basement railroad that features buildings and businesses that are named after family members. Paul got into G scale first after purchasing a USA John Deere reefer from Bob Lewis' store in 1998. He then built a bridge to display the car in their home. Karla followed with a Bachman "Heavy Haulers" 10 wheeler set, complete with a cattle car and caboose.

As club members can attest, Karla likes to build buildings. Over the years she has brought a number of her creations to club meetings to share with attendees. Paul is in the support role of the partnership, searching for the right wood and cutting it to usable lengths in his shop. They both keep busy during the winter with their projects for the basement layout, and then go outside in the spring to make ready the outdoor layout. Their plans for this spring and summer are to create a farmstead with appropriate buildings and structures, and to include some grasses to hide portions of the track.

Paul and Karla are both retired but keep busy with the grandchildren, their trains and working to expand RR Memorabilia Museum that is housed in the old Humeston Depot. Paul keeps busy at his lumberyard building helping others with their town beautification projects.

Paul was raised in Humeston, while Karla grew up in Rockwell, near Mason City in North Central Iowa. They first met when Karla was in 6th grade. That fall Southern Iowa's crops had failed and Paul, who was just out of high school, had come to the family Northern Iowa farm to help Karla's dad with the harvest. They did not meet again until years later when both their mothers, who had taught school together years earlier in Aplington, decided they needed to have a reunion. The Moms had kept in contact through letters and Christmas cards but had not seen each other in person for many years. The Moms arranged to have the reunion at the Ledges State



Park during the summer of 1967 and decided to bring their grown kids (the band man wonders if this was the real purpose) to enjoy the day. So, Paul and Karla met once again and the rest is history. They dated during the fall, winter and spring of 1969-70 and were married in June of 1970.



Coming next April
**THE GREAT MID-WESTERN
G-SCALE
SWAP MEET**

Go to: www.cigrs.net for all the details

*April 21, 2013 American Legion in Redfield, Iowa.
1st & Thomas*



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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