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The May meeting of the Central Iowa Garden Railway Society was held at the home of Howard and Kay Hoy of Boone. Howard's Rio Grand and Western nicely detailed railroad represents the narrow gauge lines that used to operate in Colorado and New Mexico. All the cars are prototypical of the rolling stock you would have seen on those lines. To enhance the scenes, Howard has built a round house on South end of the loop and various industries at stops along the way to the other end of their yard. Howard explained that the Rio Grande would run mostly C-19 and K-27 steam engines, though they did run a few Moguls early on. He has chosen Bachman Spectrum C-19 and K-27 engines as locomotives for his railroad.

Commanding Officer of the Iowa National Guard. He has a number of LGB trains and is the process of designing and building a layout.

Committee Reports

Jay Nugent reminded members of the July Garden RR Tour and that volunteers would be needed to help at each of the seven layouts on this year's tour. Joe Godfroy reported on the Swap Meet that was held in April. Even though there were not a large number of vendors, club members were supportive of having the meet again next year. John Myers gave a brief update on the progress of the Des Moines Botanical Gardens discussion for our club to

Upcoming Events

- **June CIGRS meeting at Moser/Mash's**
- **CIGRS Garden Railroad Tour in July**
- **CIGRS meets at Larry & Julie Nelson's in July**
- **August meeting in Humeston, IA**

Special Thanks

To Kay and Howard Hoy for hosting the club meeting in April. We had lots of home-made treats with trains providing passenger service and freight throughout the day

Meeting

President John Myers called the meeting together at 1:30. He recognized Rex Engelkemier as a new member. Rex is from Cedar Rapids who has just recently retired. Rex has just finished restoring a John Deer tractor and is looking for a new hobby. Bob King was also recognized as a new member. Bob is the past



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build a layout for the Christmas season. The theme will be "Toyland". The garden club is still in the planning stages, so we will need to visit this project in future meetings. Discussion then turned to the club trailer, and as the club accrues additional equipment, we may need to purchase a larger trailer.

New Business/Announcements

Gene Pritchard said he is responding well from his back surgery and thanked club members for their help with cleaning out the Depot Museum in Winterset. Joe Godfroy said that Fred Loveridge is the Park Ridge Nursing Home in Pleasant Hill and encouraged club members to give Fred a call.

Show and Tell

Joe and Sheri Godfroy recently took a couple of train related trips. The first was to the National Train Museum in Green Bay, WI and the other to Marceline, MO for the 125th celebration of the Santa Fe Depot. BNSF gave away a number of items that Joe and Sheri brought to the meeting to distribute to club members. Thanks Joe and Sheri. John Myers told about his trip to Saint Louis and the visit to the Transportation Museum.

Everyone enjoyed the treats. Thanks to all who brought them.

Submitted by, **Jay Nugent, Secretary**



Photos by Ole Olsen



Howard's dream house in the woods



Howard is all about the details.

Strong work Howard!



Kay Hoy's creative juices at work out in their backyard as well. Watch out Howard!



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SOUND OFF

It has been a year since the new Telegraph Editor grabbed the design brush, recruited a team of writers and photographers to create the latest club happening into a monthly publication. We did what most teams do with little or no experience... *went by the seat of our pants*. So, now is the time for you to say your peace and give us your feedback and some suggestions of fun things you would like to see in the coming year as a part of your newsletter. What do you like? What has not tripped your trigger and what information can we integrate into the Telegraph going forward.

Please send your remarks, suggestions and if you would be interested in joining the Telegraph Team please step forward by emailing the Editor at: olsenj725@me.com

Important Dates and Observances In June 2013

June Birthdays	
Betty Lamb	6-6
Jim Magnuson	6-7
Rob Renes	6-9
Sandra Bickel	6-18
Ione Edlen	6-20
Sheri Godfroy	6-24
Sandy Glick	6-28

June Anniversaries	
Bill & Connie Joy	6-12
Jay & Cheri Nugent	6-16
Eric & Sandra Bickel	6-18
Paul & Karla Gunzenhauser	6-21
John & Pat Olsen	6-21
John & Lori Myers	6-28



**Need a hand getting trains out?
*Schedule a work day.***

Are you thinking you'd like some help to get your layout ready to run trains? CIGRS has some great gandy dancers and lots of awesome Conductors too.

Say the word and lets get a date on the calendar and get a workday scheduled.

Contact any club officer to get the discussion started.

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**Welcome Aboard New Members
Sam Mora, Joy and Bob King**



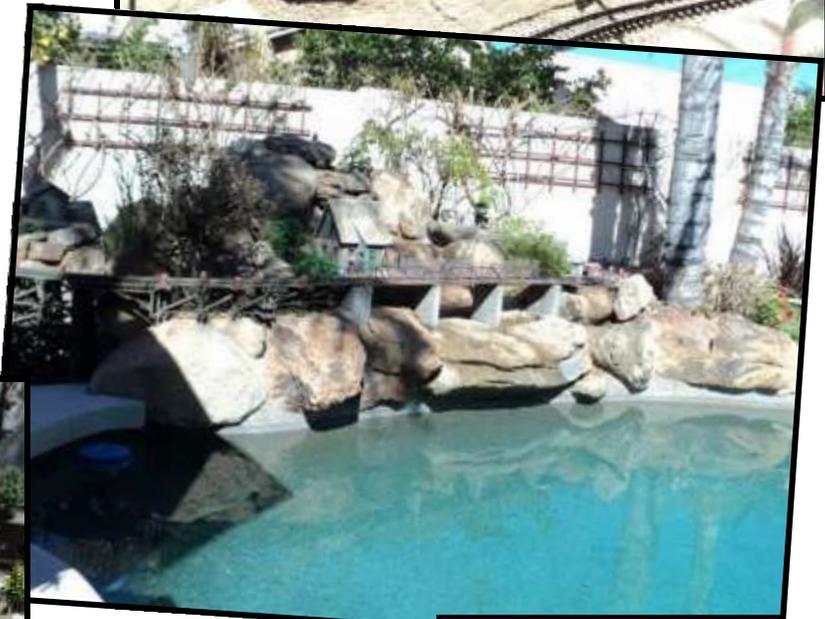
By: *The Band Man*

Trains and more in Arizona, part 2

At the conclusion of last month's column the Band Man and Cheri had visited the ABTO (Arizona Big Train Operators)

February meeting at the home of Bob and Sandy Rauperstrauch in Tempe. Bob is president of the 80+member club. Sandy is equally involved in club activities to include lending her artistic talents in the poster design for the 2008 National Garden RR Convention hosted by the club and various scratch building projects.

About 40 to 45 members were in attendance for the Saturday afternoon meeting at the Rauperstrauch home. Bob and Sandy have constructed a beautiful layout that spans three sides of their back and side yards (the band man needs to note that yards as we Midwesterners might think of are not grass, but rather desert landscaping). The layout starts on the west side of their home with a roundhouse and yard, then runs across the back of their property behind the pool and finally over to the east side of the house which features Sandy's scratch built Victorian houses that are modeled after ones we might see in San Francisco. Steam rules, but Bob has also included a couple streetcar runs. Their layout was



Photos by Jay Nugent



featured on the 2008 Convention tour, but Bob noted that many changes have been made since then. One change is the Stamp Mill that Sandy designed and built as a surprise for Bob's birthday. Sandy also designed

and built the Victorian houses and a number of additional structures that now grace the layout. The layout can be operated by either track power or battery power. ***Spotlight Continued from page 6***

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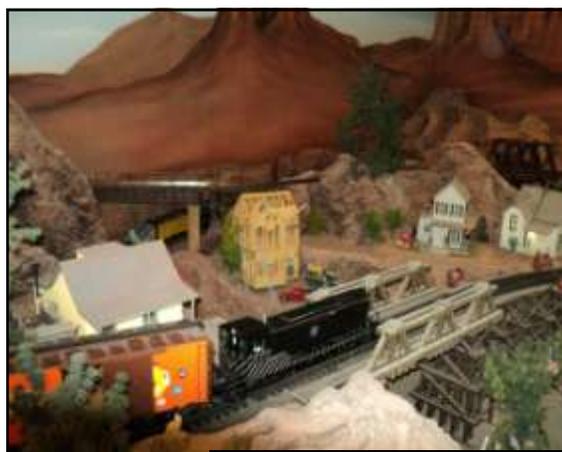
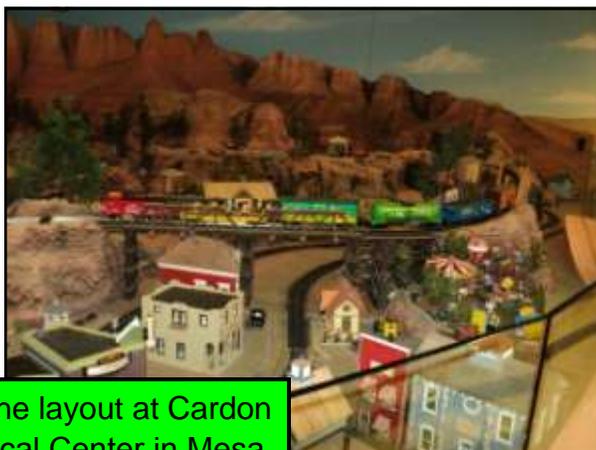
Prior to the meeting, a potluck lunch was served. Bob called the meeting together about 1:30 pm. Various committees reported on club activities. The first report was about setting up the club modular for the Falcon Field Air Show to be held the following month. Next was a report about the upcoming Open House Tour to be held in March. Club Treasurer and Tour Chair Ennis Thompson (the band man must note here that Ennis is an accomplished percussionist who was also a music teacher) said that the tour would be held on March 16th and 17th and would feature 21



layouts over the two-day weekend. The East Valley open houses are scheduled for Saturday. The West Valley open houses are scheduled for Sunday. There is no charge for the tours, but donations are accepted and are earmarked to help support and maintain the indoor layout at the Cardon Children's Medical Center in Mesa. Additional reports followed to include an update on a Rail Fan trip for the fall, the progress on the Children's Hospital layout and the future plans for the big train show that will be held in Glendale in December. The TCA club (I wrote about attending their meeting last month) is also spearheading the drive to put together this show. The show will be open to modelers and

vendors of all scales. ABTO plans to get involved by setting up their modular and by promoting the show.

Next month's column will highlight some of the layouts on the ABTO Open House Tour. That was held on March. ***That's all for now.***



Pictures are of the layout at Cardon Children's Medical Center in Mesa

Photos by Jay Nugent

June CIGRS Meeting at

R & J Railroad in Minburn, IA

Hosted by Janet Moser and Ron Mash

June 23rd—1:30 PM



The name of our railroad is R & J Railroad.

- We have about 400 ft. of track.
- We have added several buildings that are now lighted and a bridge on a new section of track.
- We have two continuous loops. We have three ponds and a meandering stream, with plantings and walking paths.
- Come visit and see the new things that here since the last time you were here.



Directions to Minburn – From I 80/35 take Hwy 141 north to Granger and go west on CR F 31 through Minburn. Go past the elevator and when you come to the T in the road turn south (left) and continue on CR F 31 to **21667 Minburn Rd., Minburn, IA 50167.**

For a map go to: www.cigrs.net and click on June Meeting under Upcoming events.

Parking – Most anywhere along the gravel road to the south of the house.

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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