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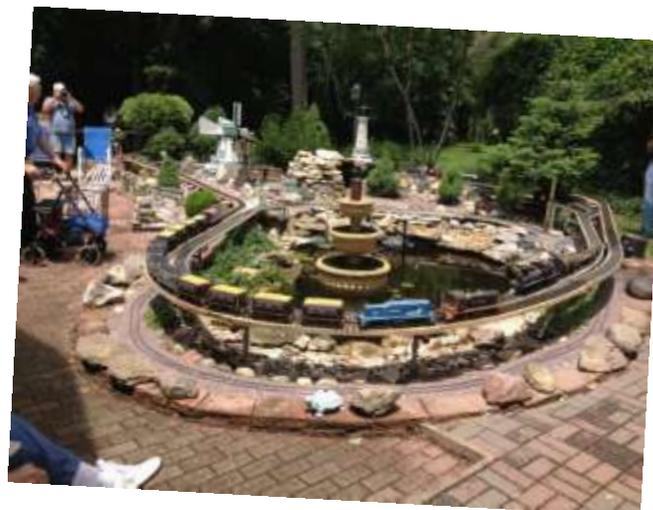
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Great Turnout for June Meeting

The June CIGRS meeting was held on June 24th at the home of Ron Mash and Janet Moser. Prior to the meeting Ron had their trains running on the R&J Railroad that has been constructed on the East side of their home in rural Minburn. The layout features two main loops and a staging area. The first loop was begun in 1997 surrounding a water feature. The pike can best be described as a mountain logging train operation. Ron continued to expand the line to its present configuration over the following three or four years. 10 year old Grant Boes was quick to point out that this line is the "most interesting" in that it not only doubles back under itself, but crosses over itself three different times winding around the central mountain and water feature to form the over-under pike. The mountain line features series of bridges, a farm scene, a small town (with a model of the Eiffel Tower) and numerous plantings. The outside loop of track was started in 2010. This

loop is entirely elevated to form a large dog bone configuration that encircles the mountain pike and an additional water feature. Ron has built an 8-foot long "double track" covered bridge that dominates the North end of the line. Janet pointed out that Ron has lights on both the inside and the outside of the bridge that makes for a nice scene at night. The buildings are all lighted with low voltage lighting. The layout uses DC track power for operation of the trains. Running on the layout was a Bachman Shay pulling a series of log cars and a USA diesel with a long consist of ore cars. Both engines were equipped with Phoenix sound.



Upcoming Events

- ***CIGRS Garden Railroad Tour July 13th***
- ***CIGRS meets at Julie and Larry Nelson's July 21st***
- ***August meeting at Gunzenhauser's in Humeston, IA***
- ***September CIGRS meeting at Isard's***

Special Thanks

To Ron Mash and Janet Moser for hosting the club meeting in June.

If you missed this meeting you missed some fantastic Fairy Gardens

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Meeting

President Myers called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm. He asked if we had any guest in attendance only to find out that there was a couple in attendance who had veered off of their bike ride to view the trains but had already left to continue their ride before the meeting started. President Myers then moved on to reports. Treasurer Howard Hoy reviewed the club financial situation by summing up that all is well. Committee reports followed with Jay Nugent talking about the upcoming Garden Railroad tour that will be held on July 13th. This year marks the fifth year of the tour and will feature 7 layouts. All net profits will go to Make A Wish Iowa. Jay passed around a sign-up sheet to seek volunteers to help out at the various tour locations.

Old Business

John Myers gave a quick up-date on our joint project with the Master Gardeners for a display prior to Christmas at the Des Moines Botanical Gardens. John Myers, Doug Doggett, John Olsen and Jay Nugent met on June 1st with Mary Howell-Williams, Ann Goecke and Denis Goabel of the Master Gardeners to discuss the logistics of setting up this display. In a follow-up conversation John also learned that the Master Gardeners hope to expand, in the future, the current outdoor gardens to include the hills behind the Dome. This may present an opportunity for CIGRS to set up a permanent display as their plans materialize.



New Business

Bill Joy has been contacted about setting up the modular for the Perry Transportation Celebration on August 24th. CIGRS has set up the modular in the past as part of this celebration. Volunteers will be needed to set up, tear down and be there to talk with the people about Garden Railroading. Anyone willing to serve as chair for this project needs to contact John Myers. Additional new business included an offer from *Garden Railroad magazine* that is celebrating their 30th anniversary, for club members to subscribe or renew their subscriptions as a club and receive a discount. **Learn more on page 4.**



Photos by Ron Mash

Meeting Notes Continued... Announcements

Joe Godfroy gave an update on Fred Loveridge's health. Fred is unable to get out very often, only short outings such as a trip to the grocery store to stock up for the week. Joe encouraged club members to stop by to visit Fred or give him a call at his home.

Show and Tell

Larry Nelson brought an Engine House that he constructed out of metal. This building is very large, so Larry has built it in sections so that it is easier to transport.



Club members have come to expect the unusual as Larry wows us with his numerous projects. Nice job Larry! Karla Gunzenhuser is also one who wows the club with her building projects. Her preferred material is wood. She brought the base plate of her corner store that will feature a detailed interior. Karla noted that this is just the starting point but club members were able to discern how she plans to go from here. We look forward to seeing the store when it is complete. Janet showed two (1/18 scale?) semi trucks that Ron has built out of wood. One is a flat bed and the other is a side-dump. Janet also showed pictures of her daughter and granddaughter riding in their horse shows routines. The team will perform at Prairie Meadows on July 29th. Janet made all the costumes for the 18-member drill team.



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Show and Sell

Joe Godfroy brought some scale vehicles and farm equipment items to sell. Looked to be some good deals



Thanks for all who brought goodies to share. Grant said he especially liked the Ice Cold Lemonade that Janet set out for the club.

Submitted by,

Jay Nugent, Secretary

Ron isn't the only one who has been busy.



Santa at work in June

GARDEN RAILWAYS CELEBRATES 30 YEARS OF LARGE SCALE PUBLICATIONS AND OFFERS CLUB MEMBERS A SPECIAL DEAL ON A SUBSCRIPTION OR A RENEWAL OF A CURRENT SUBSCRIPTION. READ ALL ABOUT IT...

To help celebrate 30 years of Garden Railways magazine Kalmbach Publishing is offering club members a real savings to subscribe or renew their subscriptions. If interested please complete the subscription form attached to the Telegraph and bring it to the next CIGRS Meeting. **All paperwork must be submitted by August 1st. Give/Send information to Ole Olsen.**



Sunbathing Railside

Important Dates and Observances In June 2013

July Birthdays

Doug Doggett	7-4
Marty Cozad	7-6
Wyatt Bickel	7-7
Gerald Reese	7-11
Eric Bickel	7-11
Noah Paeth	7-13
Donna Pritchard	7-16
Janet Moser	7-18
Lori Myers	7-18
Loudean Kirkpatrick	7-23
Ole Olsen	7-25
Paul Gunzenhauser	7-29

July Anniversaries

Joe & Sheri Godfroy	7-1
Loudean & Marilyn Kirkpatrick	7-2
Denis & Connie	7-6
Dick & Susan Tinder	7-19



SERIOUS FAIRY GARDENS in MINBURN.
They were everywhere.
Keep those creative juices flowing Janet.
Nicely Done!





By: *The Band Man*

Trains and more in Arizona, part 3

Last month's column ended with the Band Man and Cheri getting ready to take in the ABTO Open House Tour over the weekend of March 16 and 17th. On Saturday morning we drove to Sun Lakes on the southeast side of Phoenix (East Valley) to check out the open houses. We started at the home of Ennis Thompson. As I mentioned earlier, Ennis has been the tour organizer for nine years. He started the tour with one open house (his). The tour has expanded each year and now includes 21 open houses over the two-day weekend. The first thing we saw when we arrived at Ennis' home was a neat scratch built model of the Arizona Diamondbacks baseball stadium. Ennis says he has constructed a number of model ballparks for club members. One of his models is on display on the club layout that is located in the Children's Medical Center in Mesa. Next we were directed to the garage where he has a diorama with trains running and finally to the back yard to view the Bonneyville Railroad.

One feature I found most interesting was the Church that sits on the top of the mountain on his railroad. Ennis says he modeled the church after the Catholic Church that is located in the mountains on the east side of Sedona (we visited the church site on our way home). We took in various additional layouts to include one that featured a circus train and the circus parade complete with elephants parading down Main Street. This layout also had a well-detailed Oil Refinery. Cheri's favorite layout featured an M&M train that is manufactured by MTH trains. Also on this layout was a nice MTH model of the Santa Fe Super Chief passenger train.

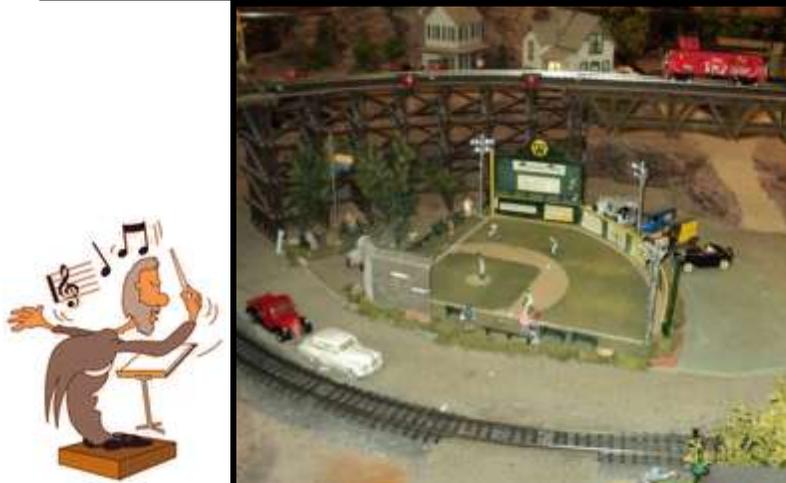
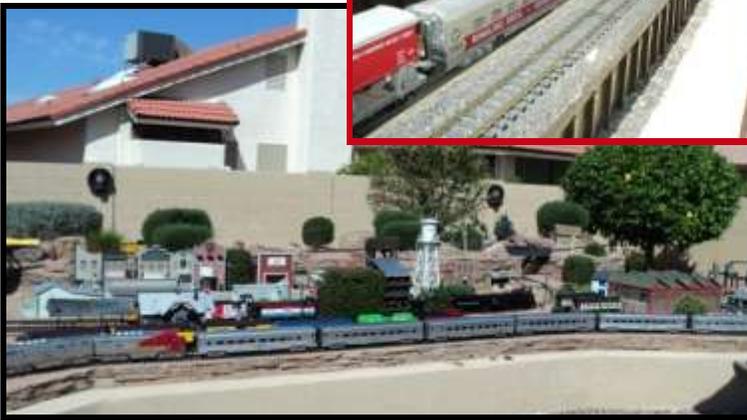
The last layout we visited that day was at the Cardon Children's Medical Center in Mesa. Bob and Sandy Rauperstrauch were the volunteer hosts for this site. Bob had drawn up the basic plan for the layout. The buildings are mostly all scratch-built by club members to include the baseball stadium built by Ennis. The layout is wired so that the children can push a series of buttons that operate the trains that run on three separate loops of track. All the main lines are on a timer, so the trains run for a designated time, and stop on their own. Bob says the trains take quite a beating, so club members switch out the equipment as needed for maintenance. The Children's Hospital designated the space for the railroad that is located adjacent to the Main Entrance Lobby and asked the club to design and build the layout.

Of course there was much more to do in the Phoenix area. We attended a performance of the Arizona Ballet Company at Symphony Hall in downtown Phoenix. On a visit to Scottsdale, we took in the Musical Instrument Museum, enjoyed a meal in what I would describe as an authentic Mexican Restaurant, then later that evening attended an orchestra performance at the Scottsdale Performing Arts Center. Not all was about trains and music. We attended opening day of spring training in Surprise to see the Kansas City Royals top the Texas Rangers and a few weeks later we were back to see KC beat the LA Dodgers. Finally, we had fun sampling local restaurant's fare, doing a little shopping and just enjoying the weather.

That's it for now. Enjoy the pictures.

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Arizona Big Train Operators Open House
Tour Pictures



The layout at Cardon Children's
Medical Center in Mesa



Photos by Jay Nugent

**CIGRS Meeting Review at
J & L Rocky Creek Railroad
in Cedar Rapids on July 21st.
Hosted by Julie and Larry Nelson**



Larry started planning this railroad in the fall of 2003. It has been expanding ever since. The fence has only been expanded once though. The plants are established now and are a good balance with the rocks. A second creek has been added on the east side of the pond and a new area for track and buildings on the west side. Larry always has ideas roaming around in his head. I have no clue what he is planning for the next project. But I always know where he is and what he is doing. Working in the backyard.



For those who wish to show up a little early on Sunday the Nelson's will provide, Lemonade, Coffee, Tea plus Sandwich makings, chips, cheese and crackers. However, if you come early you might be put to work weeding and/or setting up. Ha Ha Ha. Be assured there will be something for anyone who comes for a relaxing afternoon in our backyard. Hope to see you there.



Directions to Nelson's— From I 80/35 take I380 north to Hwy 30 and go east to Hwy 151 & 13 and go north. Take a left on Mt Vernon Rd at the light. Then turn left onto Bertram Rd. Cross a single lane blue bridge and turn left on Berry Rd after you cross the bridge. Follow to 6313 Berry Rd. SE Cedar Rapids 52403

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

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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