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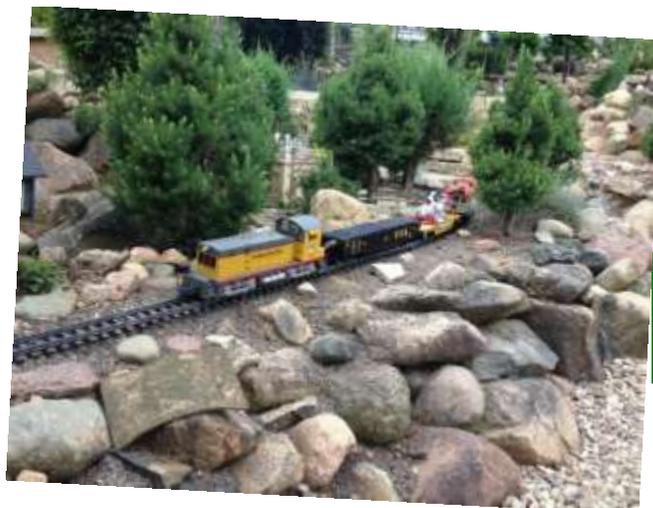
## J & L Rocky Creek Railroad

The July CIGRS meeting was held on July 21st at the home of Julie and Larry Nelson in rural Cedar Rapids. Clearly a **“rocky”** experience for all those who attended. Trains were running on a loop that covered a large section of the layout. We saw track power and battery powered locomotives make their journey over the river and through the tunnels from one industry to another. We even saw the General making it's way across a large crevasse trying to out run Boss Hog in his Pristine White Cadillac. Well, maybe the General was just having fun. I am sure Larry told the entire story of his backyard wonder but I was in feeding my face when the meeting was called to order and I missed his presentation in it's entirety. Actually, I had forgotten I was responsible for taking the meeting notes as our Secretary was in absentia. So this Telegraph will be considerably shorter and more focused on pictures than brainy reading material. I'm kinda partial to pictures.

### Meeting

President Myers called the meeting together and asked if there were any visitors and any new members and turns out we had one in each category. Just happened to be Lori Ziegenhorn and Murray Bouschlicher from Iowa City filled both categories. **Welcome Lori and Murray.**

The President called for the Treasurer's Report and again I dropped the ball as I had made copies for everyone's reading pleasure but realized I had left them by my printer all stacked and ready to go when we were halfway to Cedar Rapids. Bummer! Sorry Howard.



### Upcoming Events

- **August 18th meeting at Gunzenhauser's in Humeston, IA,**
- **CIGRS meets at LaVonne and Dick Isard's in September**
- **October CIGRS meeting at Kid-man's**

### Special Thanks

To the Nelson's for hosting the club meeting in July.

Lots of new rock work and interest areas including scratch built metal structures and trains too. What a combo!

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**Club Meeting  
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Our Treasurer will not dare miss another CIGRS meeting to simply participate in RAG-BRAI. I mean what kind of an excuse is that, anyway? I did have my copy so I could report that the CIGRS still has a bit of a cushion as a bottom line. Even after paying Jay Nugent for his remaining expenses for the 2013 GR Tour and paying the Make A Wish Iowa foundation \$825.38. Now that is a great start. There was some discussion about next year's tour logistics. For example, comments about signage were very good this year. Several visitors made requests for us to post the date of the event for 2014 ASAP for planning their summer schedules. We talked about Sponsorships briefly for next year and felt it will be important to bring other possibilities to the table for discussion before reaching a decision for 2014. The Tour Director, Jay Nugent wanted to thank each host and member who came out and volunteered for the tour. Our visitors asked some great questions and made some wonderful comments and hopefully we may have won over a few more gardeners who might incorporate trains into their backyards.



**Old Business**

John Myers brought up the Perry Event on Saturday, August



24th that Bill Joy brought up at the June meeting. It didn't go away and the President called for a leadership group to step up and do their magic to represent CIGRS as a part of this community celebration. I heard several names rattled off by the President but more are welcomed and encouraged to join in the fun. This layout will be set up in Downtown Perry and will run from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Volunteers will be needed to set up, tear down and be there to talk with people about Garden Railroading.



Contact John Myers to learn more.

**Photos by Ole Olsen**

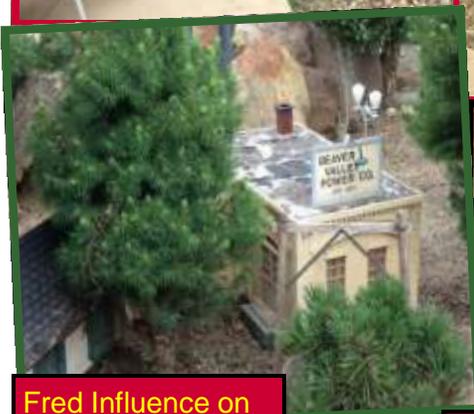
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Ole Olsen brought a Nathan Air Horn from a Rock Island NW2 and blew a few off their seats as they were sleeping through the meeting by this time. Of course Larry brought out his 3 chime horns to separate himself from his neighbors even more. Strong Work Larry. What a sound!

We even had a little **Show and Sell**.

**Dick Isard** showed off a new digital gadget for running trains and flipping turnouts on your layout. This stuff will be demonstrated much more fully at the September Meeting at their home. This system is like no other when it hits the market soon.

**Rob Renes** has decided to focus on his plantings entirely on his layout and so he brought some buildings he was hoping to find a new home for at some incredible prices Like almost free is what I heard. Too late, I am sure they went quickly.



Fred Influence on Rocky Creek



Godfroy Influence on Rocky Creek too. What was he thinkin"? Pure Art No Doubt!

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# Important Dates and Observances In June 2013

**August Birthdays**

Barb Kilmer	8-8
John Haila	8-10
Connie Joy	8-12
Jay Nugent	8-16
Lori Ziegenhorn	8-17
Fred Loveridge	8-18
Kathy Cox	8-25

**August Anniversaries**

Larry & Julie Nelson	8-8
Doug & Cindy Doggett	8-31



This water tower has two wild security systems. Look Closely!

**MULTI-TALENTED  
IRON WORK, TRAINS, GARDENING AND A  
SOLID PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE  
Strong work Larry!**



Larry and Julie Nelson's Rocky Creek Railroad



By: *The Band Man*

2013 CIGRS Garden Railroad Tour



**Minor's GGM Railway**



**Renes' Bassett Creek Railroad**

Congratulations to all who made this years Garden Railroad Tour a success. The tour attracted over 350 visitors to the seven open layouts. Through a combination of ticket sales and direct donations, we were able to contribute \$835 to Make A Wish Iowa in support of their activities for kids. Thanks go out to Howard and Kay Hoy, Doug and Cindi Doggett, Lou and Hillary Miner, Rob and Amy Renes, Brion and Lisa Oakley, Mike Meston and Mike and Renee Kidman for having their railroads in such great shape for the attendees to enjoy. Everyone did a great job answering viewer's questions and showing them what a great hobby we have to offer. Of course nothing can be accomplished without additional help. Hat's off to club members John Myers, Bill Brandenburg, Larry and Julie Nelson, Paul and Karla Gunzenhauser, Richard and Beth Potter, Jim and Marilyn Magnuson, Erick and Elizabeth Kamp, Joe and Sheri Godfroy, Gordon and Kathy Cox and Ward Mellerup for helping at the various sites throughout the day. Finally, a BIG Thank You goes to John "Ole" Olsen for taking on the job as trouble-shooter throughout the day. All in all, a GREAT day to share trains and have FUN!

**Jay Nugent**, Tour Chair

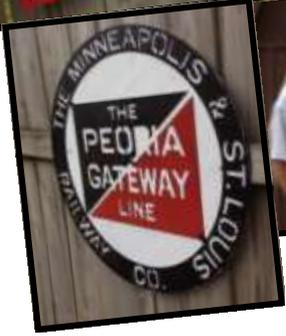
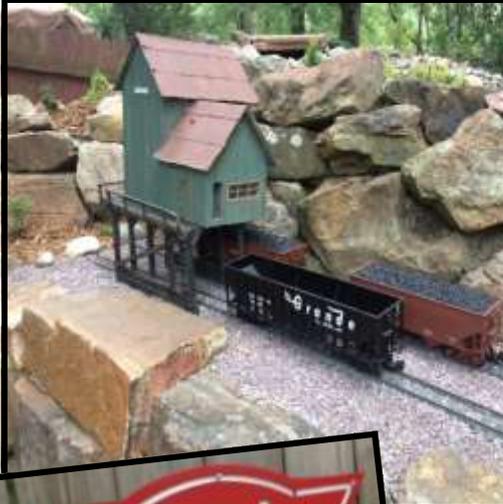
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2013 CIGRS Garden Railroad Tour Pictures



Renes' Bassett Creek Railroad



Mike Meston and his Gandy Dancers Sons: Andrew, Nathan and Mike



Photos by Ole Olsen

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**Oakley's Grass Flats Railroad**



**Mickey and Minnie mixed  
in with some miniature  
hostas on Bassett Creek**



**Photos by Ole Olsen**



**Look closely! This is the real reason to  
have garden tours. ... To train up future  
Garden Railroaders**



**Watch for more Garden Tour Pictures next month in  
the September Telegraph**

**CIGRS Meeting Review at  
FLATLAND RAILWAY**

**in Humeston, Iowa 50123**

**Hosted by Karla and Paul Gunzen-**



Our address is 231 N. Eaton Ave., Humeston, Iowa 50123. The Grassroots Café on Broad Street (Humeston business street) will be open for lunch for our CIGRS members and guests. It is on the north side of Broad Street, about in the middle, and has CAFÉ on a sign that hangs over the sidewalk.

Parking is on both sides of the street both ways. Snyder's store will also be open later in the afternoon for our members to visit. It is on the south side and on the end of the same first block, by the clock.

After the meeting, the Depot Museum will also be open. It is north of our house about 2 blocks. The entrance is on the north side.

From the clock on Broad St., our house is 2 blocks north, on the west side of Eaton Ave. The cross street is Winter St. We'll be in the back yard.

This layout was adapted from the Baby Ruth Railway that we had at Garden Grove. It is now called the Flatland Railway. The first track was laid out in 2010, the permanent track layout was put in in 2011. I now have Hostas, Iris, and Lilies of the Valley filling much of the area. Buildings include "downtown," the barn, the freight station, and a church.

**We are looking forward to your visit to our layout on August 18th.**



**Directions to Gunzenhauser's—**

For a map go to: [www.cigrs.net](http://www.cigrs.net) and click on August Meeting under Upcoming events.



**Helpers Abound**

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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