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Eat Dessert First, Big Hit at CIGRS

The July CIGRS meeting was held at John and Pat Olsen's home in Saylor Township, Des Moines. Prior to the meeting, attendees were treated not only to running trains on Ole's Boulder Creek RR, but also to participate in a lavish smorgasbord of deserts! Thanks to all who brought all the great deserts. It was apparent that club members would not go home hungry.

Business Meeting

President Myers was out of town, so once again Vice President Mike Kidman called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm. After ascertaining that there were no visitors or new members to be introduced, He called on John "Ole" Olsen to talk about his railroad. Ole said the layout is in its seventh season and that he feels that this year it has finally met with what he visualized seven years ago. The layout has three

separate loops that works great for long trains. A new feature this year is the 3 track metal bridge that Larry Nelson built to go over the running stream on the pike. Ole said he liked to showcase structures on the layout that represented a time in his life. The Wind Mill is representative of his time in Pella when he served as Director of Admissions with Central College. Ole also pointed his one of a kind building built by John Carl that is a model of the WIMCO plant that Ole worked for at 19 years of age in Minnesota.

The layout features a nice pond complete with fish, trestles, many structures and numerous plantings to include Pat's three large pots of geraniums.

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Upcoming Events

- ***August 17th CIGRS Meeting will be at Lori and John Myers in Adel***
- ***September CIGRS meeting will be hosted by Sam Mora in Grimes.***
- ***October CIGRS Meeting will be hosted by Ron Huntimer in Ankeny***
- ***November CIGRS Meeting & Election of Officers location still to be determined***

Special Thanks

To all who brought yummy desserts for the July CIGRS Meeting

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Committee Reports

Mike then called for committee reports. Treasurer Howard Hoy was not present, but had sent a detailed report to share for the meeting. Mike next called on Gordon Cox to report on the Garden Railroad Tour that was held in June. Gordon passed out a sheet outlining the number of attendees at each site. Gordon thought the tour went well, and that he had heard many positive comments. Congratulations on a job well done Gordon.

Show and Tell

Mike Kidman talked about the overhead layout that he and Larry Nelson built for the Milwaukee Diner at the Hotel Pattee in Perry. Larry built two large curved bridges for both ends of the loop to connect with the straight sections along both walls of the entry area to the diner. Mike has powered the track so that when a button is pushed, the train will make two trips around the loop of track and stop where it began. Nice job gentlemen. Larry also showed off the large bird sculpture that he made out of a frying pan and other metal parts that now graces Ole's layout. Mike showed the Rail Kleen product that he and his friend Al Ertz have designed and are producing. This product has a rotating cylinder with fine emory cloth that can be mounted to a flat car. The brush will clean off leaves and debris from the track and polish the track all at the same time. It can run on either battery or track power. Rick Isard talked about the new controller that they have designed for battery operated locos. The new system is easy to use, where one does not have to look down at the controller to activate anything,

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Garden Critter made by Larry Nelson



Photos by Ole Olsen



**Kit /Scratchbuilt
Doodlebug by
Gene Pritchard**

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so the operator is free to watch the trains run at all times.

The controller can be also activate the couplers remotely, so no bending over is required to couple or uncouple cars. The controller can be programmed to operate track side switch controls remotely as well.

Show and Sell

Gene Pritchard brought a box full of various items that he said could be used for a number of projects. One enterprising club member ended up purchasing the whole lot.

Door Prizes

A big thanks goes out to those who brought door prizes for the drawings.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned and all went back to running trains and perhaps having one more helping of dessert.

Submitted by Jay Nugent, Secretary



Photos by Juile Nelson



Bridge built by Larry Nelson



Scratchbuilt industry by John Carl



Photos by Julie Nelson



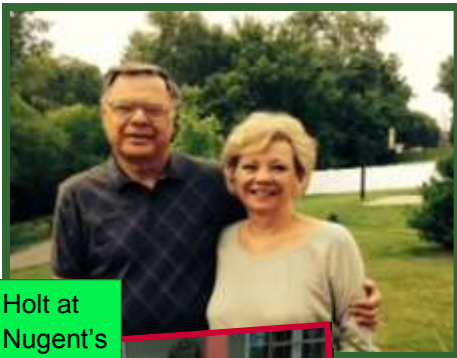
Sign made by Andrew Meston



**“Carl’s Valley RR”
At Carl and Judy Holt’s**

By the Band Man

The Carl’s Valley Railroad was founded in 1995 by Carl and Judy Holt operating two Lehman powered lines in southwestern South Dakota. This G scale operation was founded from a life-long railroad experience dating back to 1947 in Sioux City, Iowa. Carl’s father Archie worked for Sears Roebuck for over 30 years, and the homestead’s basement was filled with Lionel multi-track operations expanding after every Christmas store display. A decade later, expansion to HO scale created the interest in two-rail operations that found Carl and Judy’s home basement filled with HO and N scale lines until the G scale conversion. A move to Arkansas in 1999 found no basement, and operations moved to a large patio in the natural state. Plans were recently completed to move track to built-up wall for garden and fountain operations with Victorian Storage Building.



Judy and Carl Holt at Cheri and Jay Nugent’s



Carl and Jay running trains on Ole’s BCRR

Important Dates
and Observances
In August 2014

Birthdays	
Barb Kilmer	8-8
John Haila	8-10
Sam Mora	8-11
Connie Joy	8-12
Jay Nugent	8-16
Lori Ziegenhorn	8-17
Lavonne Isard	8-23
Hillary Miner	8-24
Kathy Cox	8-25
Anniversaries	
Larry & Julie Nelson	8-8
Doug & Cindy Doggett	8-31

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CIGRS Meeting August 17th

at Lori and John Myers,

Penoach Valley Railroad

In Adel , IA

Club Meeting will begin at 1:30 PM

For Directions ...

go to: **www.cigrs.net/** and click on July Meeting under Upcoming Events.

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Our garden railroad was started in 2009, with the removal of existing flower beds and the creation of the retaining wall and fill. In July of that year, the track was laid and plants have been added and the structures been placed to create the dioramas. Our concept was to build a scene reminiscent of the midwest in the years following WWII. This allowed us to run both steam and diesel power on the tracks, and to create some nostalgia in the scenery. At the heart of the layout are the sister communities of Academy Township and Bontna Glen; with both names being drawn from our childhoods. **Come see what else has been added since 2009.**



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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