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Running trains on the Penoch Valley

The August CIGRS meeting was held at John and Lori Meyer's home in Adel. Prior to the meeting, attendees enjoyed watching one of John's trains maneuver around the 20' x 30' Penoch Valley Railroad. The railroad consists of an over-under expanded figure-eight loop of nearly 150 feet of track. Featured is a town scene with a nice assortment of buildings as well as a gazebo in the park. Also prominent on the layout is Barney's Big Brick Factory, reminiscent of the brick factory that at one time was operational in Adel. Evergreens and various other plantings complete the layout.

some discussion among the Charter Members, it was ascertained that the club was formed in 1998 with approximately 10 to 12 members.

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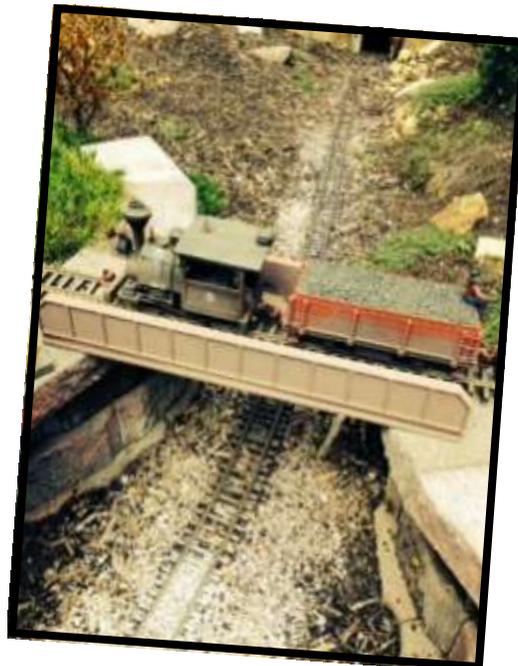


Photo by Cheri Nugent

Business Meeting

President Myers called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm. After introducing his wife Lori (in jest) as a visitor, he asked if there were any more visitors or new members to be introduced. There being none at that moment he then asked all Charter Member of CIGRS to stand and be recognized. After

Upcoming Events

- *September CIGRS meeting will be hosted by Sam Mora in Grimes, on the 21st.*
- *October CIGRS Meeting will be hosted by Ron Huntimer in Ankeny*
- *November CIGRS Meeting & Election of Officers location still to be determined*
- *December CIGRS Year in Review*

Special Thanks

To all Lori & John Myers for hosting the August CIGRS Meeting

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It was mentioned that Bob Lewis, then owner of Trains and More in Windsor Heights, was among those early G Scale modelers instrumental in starting the club. At this point, a visitor showed up. Mike Kidman introduced Bob Nandell, long time photographer with the Des Moines Register, who after being introduced gave us an overview of his love of trains and the various scales he models in his home.

Committee Reports

Treasurer Howard Hoy presented a written report that showed the club to be in fine financial shape. There being no additional reports, John then turned to new business.

New Business

John Myers reported that he met with the Botanical Garden representatives to discuss where the train layout will be for this coming holiday season. He mentioned that discussion centered on expanding to three loops and that they are contemplating moving the layout to the center of the greenhouse so the trains can be viewed from all sides. John Myers also noted that John Olsen is hoping to involve a number of CIGRS members next May to work with the Boy Scouts who attend the 2015 Railroad Camperee in Boone. At this event, scouts work on various merit badge requirements and can complete their model railroad merit badge during this camp. It is also a great opportunity to introduce G Scale modeling to almost 1000 scouts from many states as well as approximately 500 adult leaders. Anyone interested should contact Ole.

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Photos by Ron Mash



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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 also showed off a foot bridge that Larry made for the Reindeer Pass Railroad. Richard and Beth Potter have just returned from a rail trip across Canada. The passenger train is operated by the Canadian government and would be similar to Amtrak in the US. They had a wonderful time and highly recommend it. Sheri Godfroy told about their Amtrak trip to see an old friend of Joe's and how they enjoyed the trip through the Rocky and Sierra mountains. Joe told club members he was giving away two boxes of Garden Railroad magazines.

Show and Sell

Ron Mash showed how he mounted the Rail Kleen product that Mike Kidman and his friend Al Ertz have designed on a flat car that will negotiate 4' diameter curves. Mike then described the product and how the rotating brush will clean off debris from the track and polish the track all at the same time. It can run on either battery or track power. The brush unit sells for \$125. Jay Nugent brought a USA crane car to sell and Karla Gunzenhauser brought two of her Whirly-Birds that she is building to sell. Larry Nelson said he had a full sized fire hydrant for sale and Gene Pritchard said he has various computer parts to include 12 volt motors to sell.

Door Prizes

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

Submitted by **Jay Nugent**, Secretary

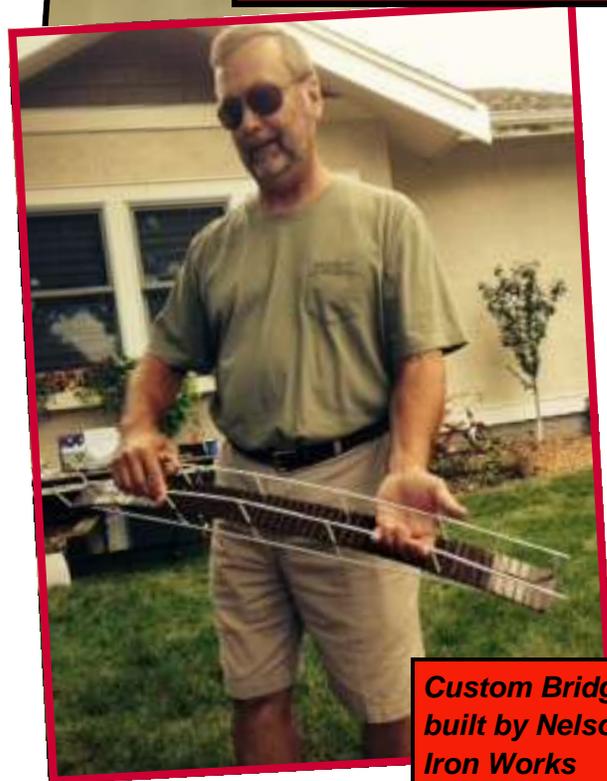


Karla describing how her latest whirlygigs work during the Cigrs Meeting



Ron Mash's Rail Kleen Unit

Photos by Joe Godfroy



Custom Bridge built by Nelson Iron Works



**“L & M Railroad”
At Marilyn & Loudean Kirkpatrick’s**

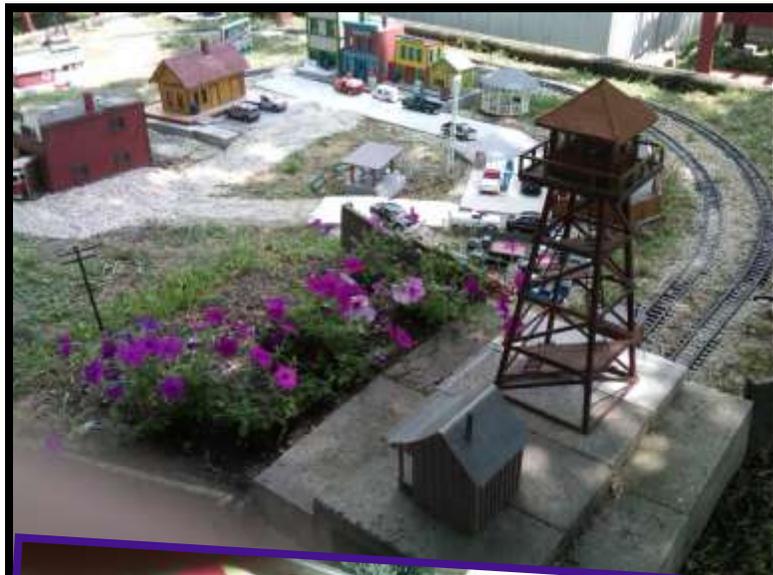
By the Band Man

This month’s spotlight column features Loudean and Marilyn Kirkpatrick of Osceola. Marilyn and Loudean became Charter Members of CIGRS after attending a meeting at Bob Lewis’ Trains and More Store in Windsor Heights. Marilyn says she was, at the time, more interested in the two of them joining the club and getting involved in G scale, but now Loudean is the most involved and she is content to offer suggestions as to what to add to the “L and M Railroad” located in their back yard.

Loudean and Marilyn first got involved in model railroading after attending a show in Vet’s Auditorium where they bought an HO set and started a layout in their basement. They also dabbled in N scale before discovering G scale at a train show at Valley High School in West Des Moines. At this show, Marilyn bought a G scale, new in the box, and a Diet Rite Cola train set at the after-show auction. From there they went to the meeting at Bob Lewis’s store that is mentioned in the previous paragraph. Marilyn states that Loudean does all the work on the layout now, but she still is watchful and offers advice. They enjoy running the trains, especially for the grandchildren. They have four adult children, fifteen grandchildren and four great grandchildren. This past winter Loudean decided to take down the HO train layout in the basement, and added an oval of track in its place so they could enjoy G scale trains during the winter months as well.

Loudean continues to work for Gilcrest Jewett Lumber Company in Waukee, a position he has held for 46 years, while Marilyn continues to watch 10 year old Steven, whom she has taken care of since his birth.

Marilyn was raised in Osceola, while Loudean was born in Davenport and raised on a farm close to Walcott. When he was ten or eleven, the family moved to a farm West of Osceola. He and Marilyn were introduced through a friend of Loudean’s who was also related to Marilyn and the rest is history.



Important Dates
and Observances
In September 2014

Birthdays	
Connie Biechler	9-7
Michael Kidman	9-9
Jim Darby	9-12
Gene Pritchard	9-12
Jack Lundy	9-14
Dick Tinder	9-19
Carrie Cozad	9-20
Joe Vocelka	9-20
Dick Shellenberg	9-23
Anniversaries	
Rob & Amy Renes	9-6
Gene & Donna Pritchard	9-9
Peter & Sandra Paeth	9-14

Penoach Valley Railroad at
Lori & John Myers home



Photo by Ron Mash

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CIGRS Meeting September 21st

at Sam Mora's,

Crooked Creek Railroad

In Grimes, 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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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.

"CROOKED CREEK RAILROAD"

Crooked Creek Railroad was founded in June, 2013 and the steam engine "Big Sam" was making its first run in September, 2013. At the meeting you will also see a variety of steam engines running on the two loops including trains like Thomas and Friends and the famous circus train. At night the waterfall lights up along with the local businesses. The two track tunnel keeps busy with the rail traffic throughout the day.



After a busy day in Crooked Creek, the trains go to bed in the adjoining rail house.

When morning arrives the 170 feet of track is hopping in Crooked Creek.

This is a must see layout. Bring your cameras to capture many of the creative interest areas as well as some very fine custom paint jobs on locomotives. Check out some pretty fantastic iron horses including, Big Sam & Princess Julia.

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