



Newsletter of the Central Iowa Garden Railway Society



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Potluck and Layout at Meston's Deer Creek Railroad a hit with CIGRS Members

AUGUST

Birthdays

Barb Kilmer	8-8
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

SEPTEMBER

Birthdays

Connie Biechler	9-7
Michael Kidman	9-9
Gene Pritchard	9-12
Dick Tinder	9-19
Joe Vocelka	9-20
Dick Shellenberg	9-23

Anniversaries

Gene & Donna Pritchard	9-9
Peter & Sandra Paeth	9-14

CIGRS members gathered at Mike Meston's Saturday, July 16th. We enjoyed burgers and dogs grilled by Mike's sons. Hat's off to the Meston Clan for their hospitality!

Following the meal, John called the July meeting to order. Mike walked us through creation of the Deer Creek Railroad layout, the key ingredient for which was planning. Mike shared that he drew up the plans for the layout which he used for construction. Mike also explained how he created the mountain for his Thomas the Train addition. It's always impressive to see the creativity of our Garden Railroaders.

Mike and Renee Kidman reported on the 32nd Annual National Garden Railway Convention hosted by the Bay Area Garden Railway Society. John Olson also attended and assisted Mike and Renee while taking in the sights. Thirty-two vendors were in attendance and there were 89 layout tours available for viewing during the conference. The Convention generates a great deal of interest and is well-attended.

Following the Treasurer's report from Howard, John provided a re-cap of the tour. He noted that proceeds were up from last year, but this was due to the increased admission fee. In fact, attendance was down from last year. Members suggested that the weather and multiple competing events likely impacted the attendance. And although John coordinated additional advertising, this may be an area we need to expand for next year. The suggestion was made to send an email announcement to be posted in family-oriented venues, e.g. daycares, libraries, hobby shops, and family restaurants in addition to posting on community calendars. John also reported that one attendee printed an old brochure and showed up at his house. Fortunately John was able to provide him with a registration form for the 2016 Tour. Members supported continuing with the established date (fourth Saturday in June). There was also discussion of establishing a sub-committee to manage event promotion next year.

August Open House hosted by Jay and Cheri Nugent

Stop by Jay and Cheri's August 13th at 2:00. Bring cookies, lawn chairs and friends. Tea and lemonade will be served. Visit with friends, run trains and view indoor and outdoor layouts. Just a reminder that we have three inside layouts: 1) G Scale with three separate loops that can handle up to 9 trains 2) Pre WW II Lionel Standard Gauge and 3) Grandson Grant's O Gauge Polar Express layout. Also Jay will make available a few of his collectible toys for sale.

We're on the web

www.cigrs.net/



For Sale

I wonder if you could mention in the next Telegraph that I have all my indoor train stuff for sale. It consist of a couple of diesel locos, a motor car (doodlebug if you must) about 36 freight cars, along with 19 switches, and over 200 ft. of track. It is mostly 1/29 scale and includes some other things I have accumulated over the last 30 years or so. I would like to sell it as a one lot, if possible. If anyone is interested have them contact me or call, and I will send them a list or they can come up to Mason City and see it. I hope you are all running on smooth rail. Old Dave Dunn, <stillhere70@hotmail.com> [641 424 3566](tel:6414243566)



Trains helped the North win the American Civil War.

Throughout the war, railroads enabled the quick transport of large numbers of soldiers and heavy artillery over long distances. One of the most significant uses of trains came after the Battle of Chickamauga in September 1863, when Abraham Lincoln was able to send 20,000 badly needed replacement troops more than 1,200 miles from Washington, D.C. to Georgia (in just 11 days) to fortify Union forces—the longest

This is an invitation to all our central Iowa train friends to join us in the Quad Cities on Aug 27. We hope you all can make it down here to help make this special for all of us.

Dale

August 27, 2016. Noon to 5PM

Dale and Bonnie Frels

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Driving directions:

From the interchange of I-88 at milepost "0" and I-80 at exit 4, 4 miles from the Mississippi River, travel West on Rte 5 for about 3 miles to the second traffic light. (J and J Camper Sales). Turn left onto Barstow Road for about 2 miles, follow sweeping left turn to North and immediately slow down, yield to oncoming traffic, and veer left onto 186th Street. We are the second house on the left after the sweep turn. Look for the yard with the flagpole.

Features:

We have about 450 feet of track total about 300 in the main loop. Several sidings and the 4 track yard in the garage make up the rest. The entire layout is elevated from about 16" to over 36" above grade. Nearly all of the layout rests on a 1/2" thick clear tempered lucite roadbed. (Hockey rink barrier). There are some innovative trestles and girder bridges made from pvc pipe, steel rebar, and lawn edging.

There are multiple water features including a 20" drop waterfall on the side of the 8 foot long, 4 foot wide, and almost 4 foot tall foam mountain. It has 2 rivers, a RR tunnel, and a coal mine.

There is a scratch built electric powered lift bridge that lifts a 38" long bridge from 22" above grade to almost vertical.

The scratch built brass and aluminum coaling station stands over 4 feet tall and models the real one that stood only about 1/4 mile East of this model along the old CB&Q right-of-way. (Now the very busy BNSF mainline). The model actually can lift "coal" up to its top and dump it into the hopper and deliver it to waiting tenders.

A combination of track and battery power with Train Engineer and Revolution powers the engines and locomotives.

All trains can run directly into the back of the garage onto the bench and into the 4 track yard.

Very nice evening lighting provides opportunities for extended operating hours while the sounds of the waterfalls and features add pleasantly to the visit.

Notes

Please sign in first and pick up a guide book to more fully explain the features and details.

We sincerely hope many can make it down to the Quad City area. We have also arranged to have a special running session of the new 700 foot layout at the Quad City Botanical Center in Rock Island on this same afternoon. The hours will be 1 to 5 PM. There are 3 to 4 independent loops with a figure 8 and a very nice train shop that we are very proud of.

See heartlandcentraltrain.com and qcgardens.com.

We would love to have you visit us on August 27.

Dale and Bonnie Frels



and fastest troop movement of the 19th century. Control of the railroad in a region was crucial to military success, and railroads were often targets for military attacks aimed at cutting off the enemy from its supplies. Union General William Tecumseh Sherman provided particularly adept at the art of railroad sabotage. During his infamous "March" through Georgia and the Carolinas, his men destroyed thousands of miles of Confederate rails, leaving heaps of heated, twisted iron that southerners wearily referred to as "Sherman's neckties."

August 13

Jay & Cheri Nugent

4707 63rd St.

Urbandale, IA 50322

Open house starts at 2:00

Bring Cookies

Lemonade & Tea Provided.

Please bring lawn chairs, friends, and have fun.

We will not have a meeting, this is a time to run trains and enjoy each others company.

***August 13th Jay & Cheri Nugent, 2—4 PM
Bring Cookies
Lemonade & Tea provided

***September 18th Mike Armstrong, West Des Moines-Potluck

***October 16th, Location and Date Open Contact Ole to schedule

*November 20th Durham School Services, Ankeny ,
Annual Business Meeting: Election of Officers,
Planning for 2017,
Review Member Surveys

***December 10 Grandview Church of Christ—Potluck—time to be determined

* Business Meetings

** Events

*** Open House

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The Central Iowa Garden Railway Society has regular monthly meetings at which we discuss one another's current project, 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 locomotive, includes electric operation, batter-powered and trains that actually run on live steam.