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SEPTEMBER Birthdays

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

Anniversaries

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

OCTOBER Birthdays

- Renee Kidman 10-1
- David Elbe 10-6
- Denis Biechler 10-12

Anniversaries

- Dick & Marilyn Shellenberg 10-1
- Karl & Nancy Swessinger 10-13

Nugentville Celebration a Hit with Neighbors and Friends

Richard and I were thrilled when we learned our grandsons from Saskatoon would be in town for Jay and Cheri Nugent's open house August 13th. Our grand-

sons were the reason (excuse?!) for getting into model railroading and this was a great opportunity to showcase the Nugent's extensive collection and

creativity. I was curious to know how many attended the open house and when, how and why Jay started railroading. Jay's response follows.

Open House Attendance

We had a nice group of people attending the open house. We estimate about 50 total in attendance. We invited members of our church and other friends, many of which brought their grandchildren. I think we had about 12 to 15 CIGRS members attend.



What Drew Visitors' Attention?

It was interesting to see what caught our visitors' eye. Many were impressed with the number of trains that were running on the G Scale layout and also intrigued with the various scenes that we have created on this layout.



When and why did you get started?

I got into G Scale in 1982 when our daughter Ann first saw a display at Hall's Crown Center in Kansas City. She was about 9 years old, and loved the fact that the roofs of the passenger cars could be taken off so she could put people in the seats. She saved up her money for additional people, while I saved up for an additional engine and cars. We ran our first train in the family room, but eventually we build a "L shape" layout in the basement. We moved into our present home in November of 1997 and by Christmas a year later, we had a few loops up to run trains.



Abraham Lincoln's assassination helped publicize train travel.

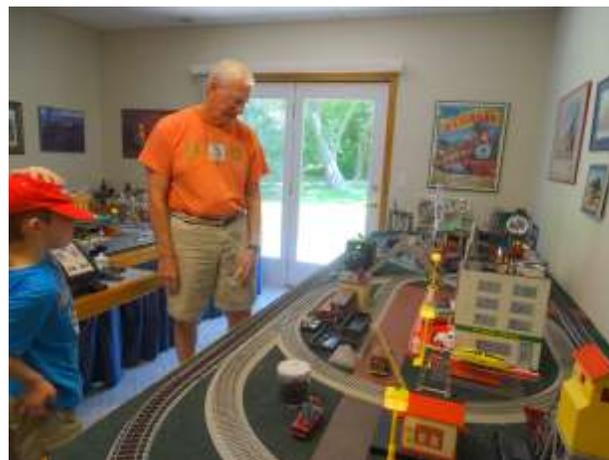
George Pullman, who had made a name for himself during the 1850s as a self-trained engineer and building mover in Chicago, began tinkering with the idea of a comfortable railroad "sleeping car" after a particularly uncomfortable train ride in upstate New York. By 1863, he had produced his first two models, the Pioneer and the Springfield, named for the Illinois hometown of then-

Growth and Expansion

It took nearly 10 years to get all the scenery done. For the scenery on the G Scale layout, I used white insulation foam, shaped with a "hot wire" tool and colored with latex paints. I have a number of buildings that were either purchased as is, or built from kits. I am especially proud of the scratch built buildings that make up the main street area of Nugentville. For "forced perspective" I constructed the top level using O Gauge buildings and run one passenger train on that level. The most interesting building is the Union Station that I kit-bashed from two O Gauge bank buildings. The Standard Gauge layout in the family room was started in 2004. This layout features one original Lionel Standard

Gauge freight train along with a couple of reproduction passenger train sets. We have used a number of our Department 56 "Snow Village" pieces to make up the town on this layout. The newest layout in the family room was constructed for Grandson Grant's O Gauge Polar

Express. When he and his mom moved to a town house they had no room for a train, so we set it up in our family room. I have added a few tin plate buildings and some O Gauge accessories. This layout is normally the favorite of our younger visitors.



Future Plans

We have no plans to expand, but from time to time, I do update various scenes by adding people or small details. It's been a fun hobby, and we enjoy having friends bring their grandchildren to see the trains.

Thank-you Nugents!

As it turns out, Richard's Sister, her children and grandchildren from Colorado and Wisconsin also joined us on the tour.

They all thoroughly enjoyed their visit and look forward to future visits to see more trains. Our thanks to Jay and Cheri for their hospitality.



President Abraham Lincoln. Pullman's cars were indeed comfortable, but they were also prohibitively expensive and few railroad companies were interested in leasing them—until President Lincoln's assassination in April 1865. After Lincoln's death,, a Pullman car was used as part of the cortege that travelled through several Northern cities before returning his body to Illinois. The funeral train was front-page news, and when Pullman also temporarily loaned one of his beautiful sleeper

Callalet Railway – Mike Armstrong

Directions: From University Avenue in West Des Moines: Take 92nd street south to the road barriers. Turn right on Sugar Street. Turn left on 93rd street. Turn right on Wilson street. Go to 9852 on left. From Ashworth take right on 98th street to Wilson Street, 9852 on right.

Mike is a retired pastor and now has time to do without guilt what he did when he was working...model railroad in several scales. He has been model railroading since 1970 and summer-time is garden railroad time. Mike became interested in garden railroading in the early 1990s when he saw a friend displaying a G Scale engine at a railroad meeting. It was several years later when he saw an F unit on sale at a railroad show and he bought it because it was pretty. He then began working on his first garden railway. This is his third garden railway and is still in process.

Because his yard is on a hill, most of the track is on



trestles. Showcased in the bend is a water feature-pond and waterfall and mill. A European town, Roentown Station, is a tribute to his wife Mary's German heritage. Trestles are cut to size from 1/6 green treated wood. The railroad looks higher than it is, because it is level with the ground at the top of the hill. A storage shed was built to house equipment, tools and has a small work bench, and was decorated to resemble a railroad depot. There are lots of plans for towns and plants beyond what you see there.



Meet our Members:



Paul Hamby

One of our newer members, Paul Hamby hails from Maysville, Missouri. Paul currently has a layout in his store, Hamby Dairy Supply LLC, 2402 SW Waterstreet Rd, Maysville, MO 64469. In a recent email he shared, "We are now building an outdoor layout here at our store - partly historical - the Rock Island Depot was just 1/2 mile from our store and we want to reproduce the town's train station, stock yards and freight depot...but mostly this is just for fun." There's an honest railroader for you!

To view pictures of Paul's business and indoor layout, visit <https://www.google.com/maps/uv?hl=en&pb=!1s0x87c1d50c7008402b:0x2e941bbe9beb87cb!2m5!2m2!1i80!2i80!3m1!2i100!3m1!7e115!4shttps://picasaweb.google.com/lh/sredir?uname%3D103673707760949828350%26id%3D6271257599993569170%26target%3DPHOTO!5shamby+dairy+supply+-+Google+Search&imagekey=!1e3!2s-TQh-Mw0Bmxc/Vwf7j4aV35I/AAAAAAAAACQ/v2mnJJKw3N43BtbhQxullskkVFrks71sQ&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwiLvuvJu7nOAhVLKC YKHS7tC2EQoiolbTAN>.

Maysville is about half way between Des Moines and Kansas City, on Missouri State Highway 6 about

11 ½ miles west of I 35 from exit 64 for Gallatin/Maysville. We will be interested in hearing updates on the outdoor layout Paul is planning. Maybe a weekend road trip to Maysville will be in our future?

Welcome Paul!



cars to a grief-stricken Mary Todd Lincoln, the publicity poured in. Two years later, he established the Pullman Palace Car Company, which would revolutionize train travel around the world. Curiously enough, when Pullman died in 1897, his replacement as head of the company was none other than Robert Todd Lincoln, the slain president's eldest son.

NEWSLETTER OF THE
CENTRAL IOWA GARDEN

September 18

Mike Armstrong

9582 Wilson St

West Des Moines

Open house—Potluck

starts at 1:00

Please bring lawn chairs, a side dish, a friend and have fun.

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

2016 CIGRS Schedule

***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 meeting 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.