



Newsletter of the Central Iowa Garden Railway Society

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October Open House Highlights from Cedar Rapids, John Olson reporting

Hosts: Larry and Julie Nelson

NOVEMBER

Birthdays

Paul Schaefer	11-1
Dick Isard	11-14
Julie Nelson	11-16
Cindi Hancock	11-17

DECEMBER

Birthdays

Ethel Herrig	12-1
Peter Paeth	12-7
Karl Swessinger	12-13
Susan Tinder	12-15
Dave Dunn	12-27
Connie Burgett	12-28
Marilyn Magnuson	12-31

Anniversaries

Richard & Beth Potter	12-22
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We had a nice turnout for the open house at Larry and Julie's. Larry was still in his overalls working diligently to get rails connected to run trains during the open house.

And that we did. Mike Kidman brought James and Thomas to run on this newly laid rail and it took a while to get the rails leveled and cleaned off enough so these locomotives could proceed over the bridges and through the tunnels to make

their way around the loop. Along the way we saw a new grist mill in full operation utilizing the water from the stream running briskly next to the mill. We also saw a fun tug pushing a barge awaiting a container car being maneuvered by a gigantic new crane positioned next to the waterway for easy access to the barge. Larry was working all month to get his plantings and pathways

trimmed and navigable for the open house. He spouted out some incredible number of boulders and other materials that he has used to create his incredibly unique railway over the past several years. Everything was looking good for all to enjoy!



Cedar Valley Garden Railway Society Projects on Display

Several members of the Cedar Valley Garden Railway Society were on hand to display many of the projects they have built as a club activity over the past couple of years. All the pieces were designed by a club member and cut out for members to build together as a group after their monthly meeting or

as a part of their monthly meeting. The scale and finished products were quite outstanding. Strong work by all.



Potluck a Hit with a capital "H"

The potluck was delish and thanks to all who brought goodies to compliment the Maidrites and the beverages provided by the Nelson's. Julie got home around midnight Saturday evening and was very

bright eyed and bushy tailed while getting the house picked up and bathrooms cleaned before the masses arrived. Thank you Julie for going the country mile to get all this done. Your home looked incredible and welcoming

for all. Thank you both for opening up your home once again for all of us to be utterly amazed and what is happening out in your backyard. Now Larry, get on those bathroom projects, will ya! :-)

Terrific Door Prizes

We had some fun Door Prizes too. A wonderful replica of a station clock donated by

the Godfroy's. There were also several other items donated by the Swessinger's too. Thanks to all for bringing those in.



November 20, 2016

Meeting starts at 1:00

Durham School Services
Bus Barn

2017 SE Oak Dr

Ankeny, IA 50021

Annual Business Meeting and Election of Officers November 20 at 1:00 PM at the Ankeny Bus Barn

Next month is our Annual Business Meeting. We will elect officers and review 2016 CIGRS activities and point toward the development of a new 2017 calendar that will encourage greater involvement by members.

Please print off the 2016 survey attached to the newsletter if you have not already done so, fill it out and send it to Ole at your earliest convenience or bring it along so we can include your

thoughts in the discussion at the November Business Meeting at the Ankeny Bus Barn. Directions are posted on our website. Enter the building through the south door. I look forward to some great feedback and discussion.

Hope to see you at the meeting, November 20, 2016.

Ole

2016 CIGRS Schedule

December 10th, Noon, Potluck
Grandview Church of Christ
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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.