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For the February meeting, we met at the American Legion Hall in Redfield. Although this was a new location, the schedule for the day was similar to past years, and attendance was strong.

The club members set up three loops of track at one end of the meeting room, and at times had three trains running – filling all of the tracks. There were new toys, old standbys and everything in between. We even saw the Weiner Mobile make a few laps at some point in the day.

During the short business meeting, plans were finalized for March event; a layout at the annual Flower Lawn & Garden show at the Iowa State Fairgrounds in March. Rob Renes has been leading this project and has assembled a team to handle setting everything up the day before the show opens. However, we need volunteers to be present during the show hours on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. And additional help will be needed at the end of Sunday to tear everything down and clean up. To ensure there is enough coverage

during the show, please contact John Myers to confirm a time you might be able to staff the booth. Everyone is always welcome to attend at any time, but we'd like to confirm we have some staffing at all times. Email John at jmyers63@yahoo.com.

Also during the meeting, Fred Loveridge handed out new buildings recently purchased by the club from Kidman Tree Farms, to be assembled prior to the March show. A total of seven buildings were purchased; four business structures, two houses and a small depot.

After the business portion of the meeting was completed, we were honored to have four members from the Cedar Valley Garden Railway Society give a presentation on running live steam. Joe, Dale and Charlie all explained how they got started with live steam (Rex was along for support), where their interest lies, and we were even treated to seeing an engine and a trolley run on the club track under steam power. It was a very informative event. **Submitted by: John Myers**

Upcoming Events

- **March Event at State Fairgrounds**
- **SWAP Meet at Redfield Legion Hall**
- **CIGRS meets at the Hoys in the month of May**

Special Thanks from Joe Godfroy to everyone who stayed to help clean up and put away all the tables after the CIGRS February meeting.

Many hands really makes light work.

Details for the Flower Lawn & Garden Show

Rob Renes and his construction team of Gordon Cox, Doug Doggett, Steve Evans and Louis Miner will be on their hands and knees creating some magic in this garden plot on Thursday before the Show begins Friday morning at the Fairgrounds. If you volunteered any **structures to develop interest areas please bring them to the varied industries building by late afternoon or early evening Thursday.**

The main goal for our participation in this show is to promote our hobby and recruit new members into the CIGRS. If you know you are planning to attend Friday, Saturday or Sunday please send John Myers an email so we can make sure the show is covered each day. Running trains, talking to young kids and old kids about our hobby and railroading is what it is all about. Come join in the fun. **Bring something to run or display.**

This picture is from 2007 at the Flower, Lawn and Garden Show... March 15th through the 17th, 2013. Save the date on your calendar to see what the landscape looks like in 2013



If you are making one of the new buildings for the club, please bring it to the fairgrounds Thursday or call Ole Olsen at 515-306-9699 to make other arrangements. Thank you

Modeling Contest

Members were asked to bring any production model kit of a building, train, etc that they have altered or "bashed". We had 6 members who presented several unique items for judging by the membership. Gene Pritchard had two entries. A station structure and a Maint of Way Office Car. Karla Gunzenhauser told us about a cattle truck that she bashed and made a custom pull behind trailer ramp that hauled temporary fencing for loading and unloading critters going to market. Fred described his early 30's tow truck that served as a mainstay on the Beaver Valley & Donnelly for many years and Howard Hoy presented a combine coach complete with a catwalk railing overhead along the cabin roof.

And the winner of The Gary Edlen Traveling trophy was Ben Hancock, for his 4-8-0 Bachmann Locomotive that was nicely detailed and weathered beautifully. Thanks to all those who entered the contest this year. We have some very talented members still dreaming and building some pretty incredible projects.



All the entries were highly detailed and looking good. Well done everyone!

Howard Writes Again - A must read!

THE YEAR ON THE B&RGW

By Howard Hoy

The Boone and Rio Grande Western Railroad enjoyed a relatively quiet year during 2012. No major storms visited the valley through which it runs. The railroad was spared the expense of storm-related damage

The year on the B&RGW began with the delivery of baggage car # 126 and railway post office car #61. These cars allowed the railroad to obtain a contract to carry mail between Boone and Spruce. Both cars were built in the Boone Shops in 2012. Many of the parts for these cars came from cars purchased from the Beaver Valley & Donnelly, which abandoned last year. Mail is now carried daily by train to Terrace, Quarry, and Spruce.

On the same date as the delivery of the baggage and RPO cars, the railroad passed a milestone by appointing its first female operating employee. Chloe Katt was appointed yardmaster at Spruce. She replaced her uncle Felix Katt who passed away in November 2011.

On February 19th the railroad took delivery of D&RGW 455, a K-27 built by the Bachmann Locomotive Works. This is the third Rio Grande K-27 leased by the B&RGW. Its acquisition was occasioned by an unfortunate accident on October 7, 2011, when leased engine Colorado & Southern #59 rolled into the turntable pit at Boone. Number 59 suffered a broken eccentric crank, dislodged air-compressor, headlight, and extensive piping damage. It was returned to the C& S as unserviceable. Number 455 joins sisters 453 and 464, and as she has a lovely green boiler paint scheme, she has been selected to pull the daily local passenger between Spruce and Boone, numbers 415 and 416, connecting with the east and westbound "San Juan" at Boone. Locals refer to the train as the "Honey Creek Flyer".

November brought new rolling stock to the railroad. Two additional boxcars and a refrigerator car all from PNG (Phil's Narrow Gauge) arrived. They were in kit form necessitating construction in the Boone Shops. They turned out well and are welcome additions to the car fleet.

November 26th, Thanksgiving Day, was the last official day of operation; the railroad ran excursion passenger and freight trains for visiting guests and officials of the railroad. At year's end the railroad is looking forward the delivery of a Rio Grande C-19 to switch the yards at Boone or Spruce, and additional industries to boost car loadings.

In April the railroad welcomed two new industrial customers. Western Composting Company opened a plant at Quarry. They process and bag compost, which is shipped in boxcars on a regular basis. Moore Forest Products has built a sawmill, also at Quarry, processing poles, railroad ties, and mine props.

April brought major drainage improvements to the B&RGW. Culverts at nine locations were replaced by ballasted-floor bridges, allowing freer flow of water under the tracks. At the same time the railroad participated with local governments in replacing culverts at four locations with bridges that improved water flow along the railroad right of way.

In August a hailstorm of walnuts hit the vicinity of Spruce, causing damage to many buildings. The depot, engine house, sand house, and water tower sustained damage. All have been repaired except the engine house, which will not be repaired until spring. In an unrelated incident, a portion of the roof on the Moore Forest Products sawmill collapsed. The cause is unknown but residents say that it was "just sat on".

In September Engine 464 went into the Boone Shops for major overhaul. It emerged on October 18th with new drivers, counterweights, pilot, and air-ringer bell, along with many cosmetic improvements. Road tests are continuing with #464, although she has been returned to daily service.

Clinic on Live Steam in the backyard...

Joe, Dale, Charlie and Rex gave us a lesson in getting to very cool motive power steaming around the rails before a packed crowd of CIGRS members. This line of modeling is not for the quick or the impatient. From



Steam covers the gamete from scratch built trolleys to serious Ethanol Powered locos that run on a shoe string budget to several thousand dollars depending on *what's in your wallet.*



Thanks gentlemen for a great session on rolling on steam.

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Important Dates and Observances In February & March 2013

Birthdays

Sheila Roemer	2-5
Joe Buczek	2-11
Rick Isard	2-14
Bill Paeth	2-16
Mike Nolan	2-17
Pat Olsen	2-19
Karla Gunzenhauser	2-21

Anniversaries

None on record for February

Think about *BNSF* Coal trains in Iowa.

Who's Railroad is it?



If you are thinking about creating a walkway around your layout this spring consider these railroad themed concrete discs sporting the 4-4-0 American Locomotive. You can even get them customized with your name and railroad on them if you wish. Seek out Bill Joy for further discussion about these attractive and forever stepping stones.



Many Large Scale Clubs have been invited to take part in this event. Check our website for more details: www.cigrs.net

**SAFETY FIRST
ALWAYS STOP
LOOK AND
LISTEN FOR
TRAINS**



Coming next April
**THE GREAT MID-WESTERN
G-SCALE
SWAP MEET**



By: **The Band Man**

This month's "In The Spotlight" features Phil and Barb Deats of Clive, charter members of CIGRS, and their journey into G scale trains.



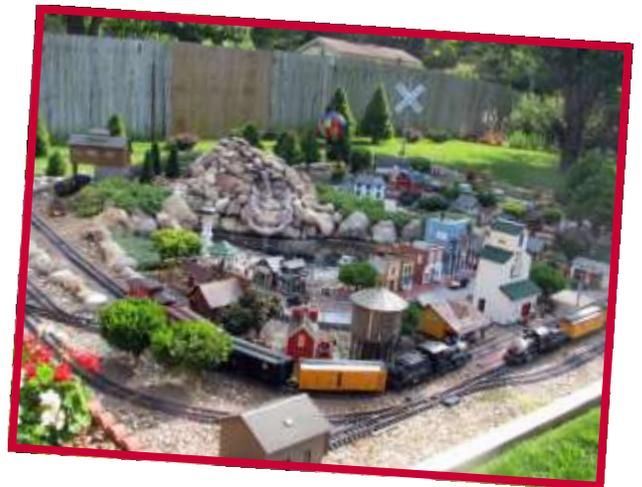
As an elementary student, Phil received an American Flyer train set, and has loved trains ever since. As time went by, he dabbled in HO and N scale. Sometime in the late 80's Phil bought a Garden Railroad magazine and read it from cover to cover. He became intrigued with the large sized trains and especially the building plans for a grain elevator that was included in the center section of the issue. Thus the die was cast and he and Barb set out to design and build the "Rose Valley Railroad" Garden Train layout. The then completed scratch built elevator took center stage as the first structure.

Phil purchased his first G scale set, a Bachman starter set, at K-Mart. Barb and he began building their first layout in 1993. In 2006 it was re-built to include approximately 250' of track that takes up a 22'x29' area in their back yard. The layout depicts the 1920-1930's steam era. All engines are equipped with DCC and are controlled by the Massoth system that they purchased from Kidman's train store.

Phil is the chief engineer of keeping the trains and cars on track and also the "gandy dancer" for track maintenance. Both Phil and Barb enjoy building structures for their railroad and Barb especially enjoys painting and adding those small detailed touches that makes the railroad come to life. Barb is also the chief groundskeeper keeping the layout free of weeds (the band man thinks this sounds like a good deal for Phil) and keeping the miniature trees and shrubs trimmed. Anyone who has visited their layout can attest to the fact that it is immaculate.

Phil retired in 2010 from the State of Iowa where he held positions as the Enforcement Bureau Chief in the Department of Insurance, an Administrative Law Judge in the Department of Inspections & Appeals, and the Supervisor of the Appeals Section in the Department of Revenue. Prior to his State work, he was in private practice in Iowa Falls. Since retiring, he has found his dream job volunteering his time at the Boone and Scenic Valley Railroad.

Barb works part-time as an administrative assistant for Bituminous Insurance Companies. She is classified as temporary part-time even though she has worked over 20 years. She tried retiring a few years ago, but they couldn't live without her. Maybe in the next year or two she will attempt retirement once again. Prior to this, she worked at the University of Iowa in the Graduate Admissions Office, the College of Medicine and the Iowa Foundation. Presently she also volunteers for the Boone and Scenic Valley Railroad.



Phil was born in Grand Island, Nebraska, graduated from Benson HS in Omaha and earned his J.D degree and CPA from the University of Nebraska. Barb was born in Washington, Iowa but grew up on a farm located near Wyman. She graduated from Winfield-Mt. Union HS and earned a B.S.E and MA degree from Northeast Missouri State located in Kirksville, Missouri. Barb and Phil met at a tailgate party prior to an Iowa-Iowa State football game in Iowa City (arranged by mutual friends) and were married a couple years later on St. Patrick's Day aboard the now defunct Star Clipper Dinner Train in Waterloo.



Flower Lawn & Garden Show

March 15th — 17th at

the Varied Industries Building at the

Iowa State Fairgrounds

In the big city of Des Moines, Iowa. Yaw'all

Come!

Who's Railroad is it? Put your thinking caps on...

Be Prepared to tell all at the Flower and Garden Show



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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