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Major Changes at Kidman Tree Farm

From 3 Ponds to None. All part of the redesign at Kidman Tree Farm in 2013.

Kidman Tree Farm was established in 1987, as a Christmas Tree Farm. When going to market for our Gift Shop approximately 10 years ago, Renee made the mistake of taking Mike along to shop, and when he saw the LGB shop of trains, well the rest is history. We started just carrying the LGB line, next came USA Trains, and on and on. Also about this same time, we built two landscape ponds and put trains around them. Because we had two live reindeer at the time, we

decided to name our new railroad, Reindeer Pass RR. Since that time we have evolved into a full G scale train shop along with a large internet business. Mike handles the installation, research and development department while Renee tries to keep everything straight on the paperwork side of things. We continue selling approximately 1500 Christmas Trees per year along with moving trees with a Tree Spade.

If you haven't been out lately, come visit us during the Christmas Tree season or online at www.Reindeerpass.com

Upcoming Events

- **November 17th CIGRS meeting at 1:00 PM in the Library in Perry, IA**
- **Master Gardeners & CIGRS Holiday Project opens November 23rd at the Des Moines Botanical Gardens**
- **Albia's Victorian Stroll the first Saturday in December**
- **January meeting place to be determined...**



Photo by Julie Nelson

Special Thanks

To Renee and Mike Kidman for hosting the October CIGRS Meeting

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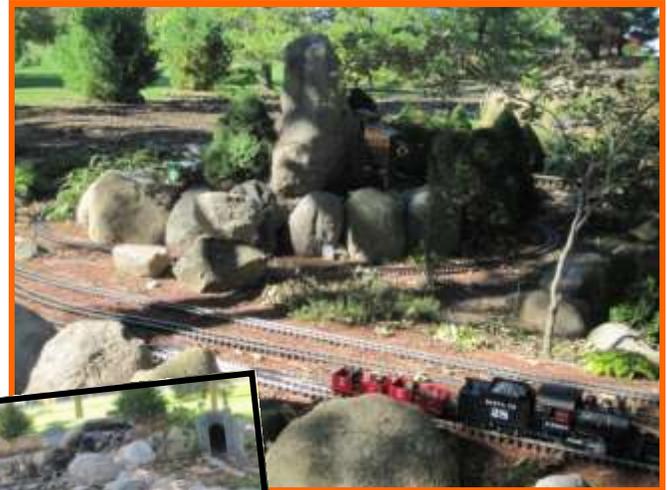
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President Myers called the meeting to order at 1:30 and asked if there were guests and potential members. **Ron Hunterman** from Ankeny said he was both a guest and a potential member. I think Howard Hoy collected his membership. We will confirm at the November meeting. Ron told us he has a small loop now and a large loop in progress. Sounds like he is hooked. **Welcome Ron!**

Old Business

There was clarification that the club approved up to \$2000 for the purchase of additional club track and split-jaw connectors in preparation for future Flower, Lawn and Garden Shows. The discussion then went to our 6X10 trailer and what we were anticipating for future needs and who might have a vehicle suitable to pull a new trailer of increased size. A half a dozen members raised their hands who had vehicles equal to a half ton pick up or a vehicle with a 6500 lb towing capability. The President asked that we establish a list of members who were able and willing to pull the club trailer for future events. There was discussion about insurance and additional equipment like extended mirrors when pulling the trailer and outfitting the new trailer on the inside as well. The consensus was to research trailers 7x14 and up suitable for a half ton pulling vehicle. Again we put faith in our President to bring a proposal to the November meeting in Perry for a vote.

The President then brought up the sound cars that were approved at the September meeting and asked what kind of rolling stock would be appropriate. After some discussion we decided to use a RailBox car for the diesel sound car and an earlier era wood sided box car for steam sound.



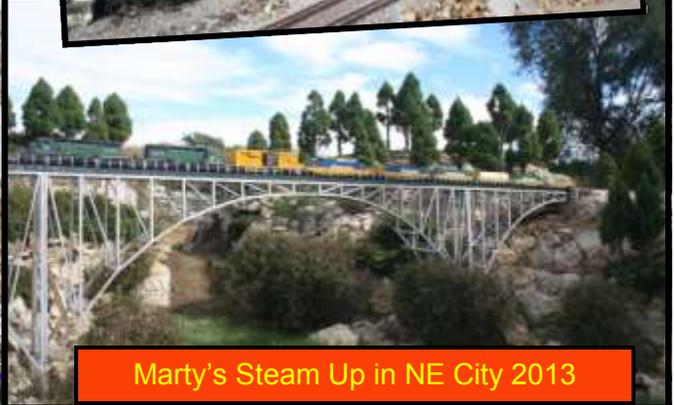
Photos by Julie Nelson

Lots of water features at ReinDeer Pass

Pictures of Magnuson's Open House September 29th



The ultimate fun... to run trains with family and friends. **Thanks to the Magnuson's and Cozad's for letting us share in their fun too.** Nice job you all!



Marty's Steam Up in NE City 2013



All Photos by Ron Mash

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The President gave a brief update on the Des Moines Botanical Garden project with the Master Gardeners scheduled to open November 23rd.



The theme for this year is "TOYLAND".

The Show will feature 3 beds that will be designed around single track loops landscaped with 100's of succu-

lents and miniature plantings along with interest areas created by whimsical figures and structures and supported by CIGRS structures and members buildings throughout. Build out dates and times are yet to be determined but anticipating the first date we will have access to the space will be Monday, November 17th. ***Details for volunteers will be announced by email and at the November 16th club meeting in Perry. The greatest need for club volunteers will be on weekends.*** You will be encouraged to bring your own rolling stock battery or analog power will work. Since the clubs' rolling stock is very limited, it is recommended that when you sign up for a session to run trains that you bring rolling stock to make up your own train(s) during this time period. ***Some of you have indicated you would be willing to loan structures and rolling stock for this show. If you are still interested please email Ole Olsen, olsenj725@me.com or call him at 515-306-9699 to make arrangements to get these items by November 16th.***

If you are interested in joining the build out crew contact Rob Renes at 515-865-7054 or Doug Doggett at 515-240-0860.

More details will be shared as we get closer to November 17th.

If you would like to volunteer to run trains during the week or on the weekends starting November 23rd through Jan 5th please contact Ole Olsen by email at: olsenj725@me.com or call him at: 515-306-9699.

Whenever volunteering ***it is recommended that members wear their name badges*** for easy recognition and club promotion.

New Business

Over the past few years it has been a real challenge to keep track of the club equipment so there was some discussion about establishing a ***Club Equipment Policy and Procedure.*** Ole Olsen said he would take on this responsibility and bring a proposal to the November meeting for discussion and a vote.

Show and Tell—

Steve Evans gave us an update on the progress of their layout. They named their railroad Here & There Railroad. Judging by this picture... ***you are making great progress and running trains too. Awesome!***



Photo by Steve Evans

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G Scale Workshops Planned for November and January CIGRS Meetings.

Howard Hoy will be presenting an educational session on ***lubricating locomotives***. If you are brave bring a locomotive to work on. I am sure Howard will tutor all of us after the meeting so we retain his tips. Kidman might even have a few ***options of lubricants*** for you to purchase after the meeting. Imagine that!

John Carl will be presenting a session on ***using durable building materials and adhesives*** at the January meeting.

The G Scale SWAP Meet—will be every other year verses annually.

Don't forget Election of Club Officers at the November meeting.

Anyone needing a club name badge please contact Howard Hoy by email at: howardandkayhoy@mchsi.com or by phone at: (515)236-4267

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



**Club Announcements and
Thanksgiving**

Sheri Godfroy gave us an update on ***Mike Nolan***. Mike has had a tough spring, summer and fall. He has been in and out of a Care Center dealing with infections stemming from surgeries this Spring. ***Mary Ann*** is hanging in through all of Mike's complications.

Cheri Nugent has recently completed lots of therapy relating to cancer but just last week had a large tumor removed from her brain. She is grateful for people's prayers and encouragement. She is working through some additional complications with clotting and is making good progress at this point. Sleep has been a challenge but she has been able to get more sleep toward the end of this past week. In the midst of all of Cheri's health care needs ***Jay*** had cataract surgery. The word from Grant, Nugent's grandson was that grandma must be feeling better, she is already bossing grandpa around again. So there you have it.

Our condolences to ***Bill and Connie Joy*** as we heard the sad news of the death of Bill's sister.

Please keep Cheri, Jay, Mike, Mary Ann, Bill and Connie in your thoughts and prayers. Brings new meaning to taking life one day at a time.

Submitted by: ***Ole Olsen***, Telegraph Editor



Who's Railroad is it?



Building the "Bailey Yards" in
North Platt, Nebraska...
to G Scale!

By Joe Godfroy

First we have to convert all of the equipment needed from feet to "scale" (1: 25 or 1/2" to the foot).

There is 315 miles of track within Bailey Yard, how much G scale track will need?

315 x 5280' = 58968 feet of proto-track
58968' divided by .05 = 1179360 scale feet of track
Divide 1179360 scale feet by 12 (inches) = 98280' of G Scale track
98280' x \$6.00 per foot of new track equals **\$589,680.00** just for the track

There are 985 Switches of various types

985 switches at an average of \$65.00 per Switch = **\$64,025**

The yard services 300 engines per day. I counted over 140 engines at the time I was there.

So, we'll go with 140 engines (both for switching and main line use.

140 engines, all of which were the newer models as say..... \$350.00 per engine is **\$49,000.00**

The yard services 150 trains per 24 hour day. So figure a minimum of 6 trains in the yard at any time. Each train averages 128 cars for 768 cars. (6 x 128)

768 car of various kinds average, say...
\$65.00 per car is **\$49,920.00**

We are now at a total of **\$688,600.00**. This does not include any of the, shops, fueling facilities, sand facilities, office space, dispatching space, MOW vehicles and facilities, car shops and POV parking, roads, power to all signals and switches, RR vehicles, RR vehicle maint. Facilities, fencing, signs, taxes, licenses or carrying charges and lets not forget the eight story observation tower known at the Golden Spite Tower. (This is probably no a conclusive list)

With all of the above plus land acquisition will put the total well over **one million dollars**, American.

I think the Club should build this.....in modular, of course.

Joe Godfroy
Member
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10/13/2013

Mote the writer takes all credit for typos and miscalculations...

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Submitted by Charter CIGRS Member, Joe Godfroy, now recognized as the Clubs' President Emeritus, but like most of us he has been called a lot of other things.

Thanks Joe, Good Form!

Important Dates and
Observances
In November 2013

November Birthdays

Paul Schaefer	11-1
Richard Burkman	11-4
Dick Isard	11-14
Julie Nelson	11-16
Cindi Hancock	11-17
Suzanne Lundy	11-24
Mary Haila	11-30
Amy Renes	11-30

Show and Tell -

John Carl is constructing **One of a Kind structures** for G Scale. His latest building is the St Bonifacious Brewery. John has a knack for detail excellence.

Strong work John... his structures and rolling stock are on sale at Reindeer Pass at Kidman Tree Farm



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CIGRS Meeting November 17th

at the Perry Library

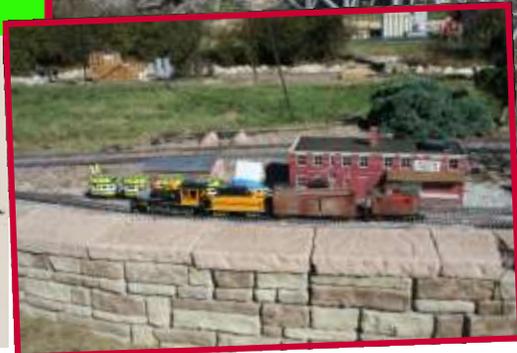
1101 Willis Ave, Perry, IA 50220.

**The Library is on the corner of Willis Ave. and First Street,
and is directly across the street from the Hotel Pattee,
one block west of Second Street
(the main street north and south through town)**



Directions to the Library in Perry, IA-

For a map go to:
www.cigrs.net/ and click on November Meeting under Upcoming events.



More Photos of Marty's Steam Up by Ron Mash

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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