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## **REDFIELD MEETING DRAWS GREAT TURNOUT IN FEBRUARY**

The doors to the Redfield Legion Hall were open at 10:00 AM and the new trailer was parked at the front door and the newly constructed carts began to roll out of the trailer with ease. Tables were rolled in and set up and a loop of track took shape quickly. Sticky Rolls from various bakers were opened and enjoyed by all. The potluck was ready at noon and the room was filled with buzz about this year's modeling entries.

### **Business Meeting**

President John Myers called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm and asked if we had any guests. Jim Whitecastle then introduced himself. Sounds like he is a train guy and is looking to get going with an outdoor layout at some point in the near future. He said he is originally from Colorado but is now residing in West Des Moines.

Committee reports were first on the docket. Howard Hoy, Club Treasurer, reported that the CIGRS account was still in the black after several major purchases including the new club trailer and upfitting to organize the club equipment inside the trailer. Next the Flower Lawn and Garden Show Committee report was presented by Doug Doggett. He explained this year we will have a knock your socks off layout because we were given a space 3 times the size of last year's space. This years plan calls for a water feature so they are looking for a 1'x4'x6' formed pond that would be easy to set up and remove on Sunday. He also said the plan is to have 4 working loops. One around the perimeter and three others that will be elevated at various heights with zero grade so long and short trains can be running on this year's layout.

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### **Upcoming Events**

- *Flower Lawn and Garden Show in the Varied Industries Bldg at the Iowa State Fairgrounds March 14th –16th.*
- *Great Train Expo in Des Moines, March 21st thru the 23rd*
- *April CIGRS Meeting will be at the Waukee Library.*
- *A Presentation on Bon-sai Trees is on the agenda for the April Meeting*
- *Potters to host the May CIGRS Meeting*

### **Special Thanks**

**To Joe Godroy for making the arrangements for the Legion Hall in Redfield**



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Other features on this year's layout include a stone bridge, a 5.5' girder bridge and a 12' double track bridge. Mulch Mart is loaning us several hundred landscape block and will provide some 40 to 50 bags of mulch for a finishing touch. Burlap, large tarps, spray paint and duck tape will be used again this year. There was a call for volunteers to help set up from mid to late morning on Thursday, March 13th and of course on Sunday for tear down around 4:00 PM. If you are able to help set up please email Doug Doggett, [doug.doggett@gmail.com](mailto:doug.doggett@gmail.com) or call him at 515-240-0860. Doug said the rental value of the space we have been given is worth \$18,000. Some Serious Space!

A budget of \$400 was requested and approved for this Show.

The Show actually begins Friday, March 14th from 1:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Saturday, 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM and Sunday, 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Volunteers will be needed to fill all of these hours. This year will be a great opportunity for members to bring their own trains to run while you are volunteering. This year we will have analog power, DCC power and of course battery powered locomotives will dazzle onlookers for sure. If you have been working on a winter project and it is ready to run, bring it down and show it off. You will be able to get some great "Kodak Moments" from numerous positions. If you are able to volunteer for a couple of hours on one or more of these days please email John Myers, [jmyers63@yahoo.com](mailto:jmyers63@yahoo.com) or Ole Olsen, [olsenj725@me.com](mailto:olsenj725@me.com) so we can make sure to get all the bases covered for this show.

Next we heard from the Railroad Tour Committee Co-Chairs Gordon Cox and Ron Huntimer. After much discussion a motion was made to hold the tour annually on the last Saturday of June. The motion passed.

A budget of \$350 was requested and approved for this Event.

The Garden Railroad Tour for 2014 will be Saturday, June 28th from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Please contact Ron, [huntimer4@aol.com](mailto:huntimer4@aol.com) or Gordon, [flashgordon5380@aol.com](mailto:flashgordon5380@aol.com) if you are interested in participating in the tour this year. Those of you with new layouts are strongly encouraged to participate. New promotional ideas were discussed and supported by the membership

**Old Business ...** The President thanked all the members who came out to the 2nd Trailer Work Day. Much was accomplished including interior LED lighting, steel shelving fasteners, channel locking sections were installed on the side walls. There are a few finishing touches that are in the works but will be fulfilled when the temps are more sane to work outside. Members who worked on the trailer included: John Carl, Gordon Cox, Doug Doggett, Steve Evans, Joe Godroy, Ben Hancock, Ron Huntimer, Howard Hoy, Bill Joy, Ron Mash, Ward Mellerup, Louis Minor, John Myers, Larry Nelson, Jay Nugent, Ole Olsen, Beth & Richard Potter and Joe Vocelka.

***Thank you all.***

**New Business...** President Myers announced the 2014 CIGRS Meeting schedule with a few meeting dates still up for consideration. Confirmed to date include:

***April Meeting*** will be held at the Waukee Library. Go to [www.cigrs.net/](http://www.cigrs.net/) for directions.

***May Meeting*** will be hosted by Beth and Richard Potter in Pleasant Hill

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**June Meeting** will be hosted by Barbara and John Kilmer from Ft. Dodge, IA.

**July Meeting** will be hosted by Pat and Ole Olsen in Saylor Township, Des Moines.

**August and September are still open**

**October meeting** will be hosted by Ron Huntimer in Ankeny, IA.

**Please contact President Myers if you are interested in hosting a club meeting in 2014.**

**And the Winner is...**

#9 a Civil War Cannon protected by a wooden bunker on a short rail car was voted by members to be worthy of The Gary Edlen Modeling Trophy in 2014. The architect is: Member Ron Huntimer. **Strong work Ron.** Well Done. Thanks to all who submitted entries for consideration this year. **We have so many talented modelers in the CIGRS. Nice job everyone!**

**Show and Tell...**

The only Show and Tell I am aware of was a remote magnetic coupler being demonstrated by Rick Isard offered by Cordless Renovations. This is the coolest concept and worked flawlessly. Contact Rick, [rick@cordlessrenovations.com](mailto:rick@cordlessrenovations.com) to learn more and find out how to get your very own remote couplers. These guys are always creating new products we can use with our hobby. See their whole line of batteries and operating systems online at: [www.cordlessrenovations.com](http://www.cordlessrenovations.com)

**Door Prizes...**

Thanks to all who brought door prizes.

**Announcements**

Donna and Gene Pritchard announced they are grandparents once again. They welcomed **Marissa Rose** into their family January 19th when we were meeting at the Hotel Pattee.

**Congratulations Gramma and Grampa!**

Submitted by:

**Ole Olsen**, Telegraph Editor



**Below is the winning entry in the 2014 Modeling Contest won by Ron Huntimer and the Gary Edlen Modeling Trophy**





By the The Band Man



In Memory of Fred Loveridge.

Fred Loveridge passed away on Wednesday, February 19th at his home in Des Moines surrounded by family. His "Celebration of Life" service was held on Friday, February 21st at Hamilton's Funeral Home near Highland Memory Gardens in Des Moines. The service was planned by family members and officiated by Chaplain Bob Dickerson. Chaplain Dickerson opened with a scripture reading from the Book of John that reminds listeners that Jesus said "He who believes in Me shall live even if he dies." This was followed by a musical selection in the Celtic tradition. The Chaplain then read the obituary telling attendees that Fred was raised in the Des Moines area and graduated from Johnston High School. He worked for Western Pacific/AT&T telephone. He was married three times and leaves behind a large family. His interest and hobbies included modeling, woodworking, G scale trains, participating as a Civil War re-enactor and as a cast member for the Des Moines Renaissance Festival. The Chaplain proceeded to make some additional remarks as to how he came to know Fred. He started by saying Fred might be considered rather eccentric, which brought a chuckle to all CIGRS members in attendance. He went on to say that on their first visit, they just talked and got to know each other. Upon getting ready to leave, Fred stated: "The next time you come to visit, I will have two questions for you." That next visit was at Fred's home. Chaplain Dickerson then related the conversation that he and Fred had on this final visit. Fred first question was: "Is it too late to make amends to my family?" The Chaplain assured him that it is never too late to reach out to family and set things right.



**Photo by Bryan Anderson**

Fred second question was: "Is it too late to make amends with God?" Chaplain Dickerson assured him that it was not too late to make amends to God. He provided the example of the thief on the cross next to Jesus who said to Jesus "remember me" and Jesus told the thief that he would join Jesus in Heaven. The Chaplain went on to say that Fred made amends and he too is enjoying his reward. The service was brought to an end with final "good byes" accompanied by a most fitting instrumental music recording that fits Fred so well. This selection was the Old Quaker Song "Simple Gifts." I have taken the liberty to include a portion of the text:

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free

'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,

And when we find ourselves  
in the place  
just right,

'Twill be in the  
valley of love  
and delight.



**Photo provided by Peter Paeth**

## TRIBUTES TO FRED FROM CIGRS MEMBERS

As Paul and I walked up the drive, Fred was coming down and he saw the gas station and almost went ballistic. "Where did you get your plans for that" he exclaimed. "I want a copy of them."

I explained to Fred that I didn't really have any "plans" for the building, but he could take measurements if he wanted to.

About two months later, I received an email or phone call from Fred. He said, "Where are those plans you were going to send to me?" I explained again that I didn't really have any plans, but that I would send him the dimensions. And I did.

At a subsequent meeting, there was Fred with his new gas station. The dimensions were the same as mine, but of course, the overall look was as different as day and night. Our two gas stations could have been across the street from each other, and no one would have noticed that they had the same dimensions.

Fred was a dear friend to Gary and I. Now they are together again. ***Ione Edlen***



When I went on the tour the first time in 2009, not knowing anything about garden railroading, seeing Fred's layout put me in awe. You could walk around it several times and see new things each time. As we all know he was a detailed person which I really enjoy. Seeing what you could do in garden railroading got me hooked. We'll miss him. ***Gordon Cox***

Fred was one of the first people we met when we joined CIGRS. It was always interesting to see how he took his ideas and made unique things for his railroad. We remember the first time we met at his home and to see all the things he had in his railroad. A good guy who will be missed.

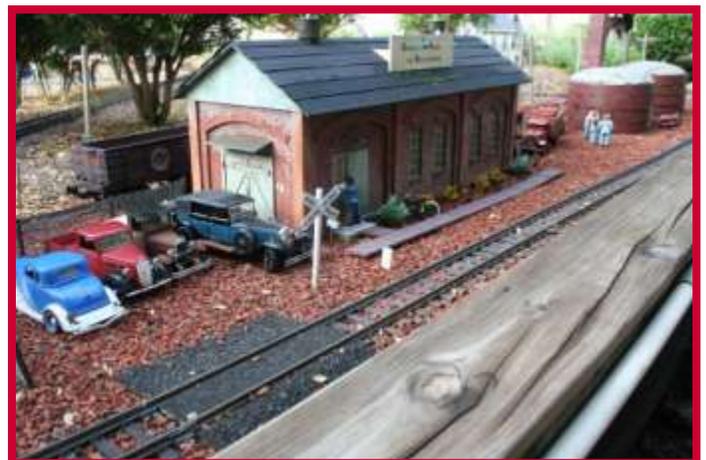
***Karl and Nancy Swessinger***



***Karla  
Gunzen-  
hauser***



***Photos by Tom Small***



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Remembering Fred has so many facets. Hard to put down on paper. Without CIGRS we would never have met Fred and his scruffy smile. Fred hosted monthly meetings and tour meetings at his house and across the state. He was actively involved in every aspect of the clubs activities. His detail in building buildings for his set up was grand and his rendition of an artist in a second story window was a classic. We will miss exchanging with Fred at meetings and long trips to Cedar Rapids.

#### *Marilyn and Dick Shellenberg*



**Photo by Tom Small note  
Beaver Valley Station**

I remember Fred saying his favorites were the steam locomotives because of the extra action of the connecting and drive rods on the wheels and he tried to keep all of his layout in the same era / vintage...

Fred ( just like everyone else in the club is so friendly ) was very helpful to me with advice on how to get started, etc..

I certainly will miss Fred ...and yet fortunately have many ways to remember him ...

I know he enjoyed visiting with everyone at the meetings **Tom Small**

We have so many fine memories of Fred that we can't just pinpoint one that truly sticks out as being our most memorable. However, it always fascinated us how detail oriented he was in his building fabrications. His knack for those little details always brought each diorama in his layout to life. And, thanks to Fred's imagination and generosity, we have all learned by his example the pure delight of garden railroading!

#### **Phil & Barb Deats**

Fred... I remember going to workdays at Fred's. He had us doing all sorts of clean-up around the layout from getting all the debris out of the water element to trimming the trees. You know the drill. But when Fred thought it was time to run trains, out came those wonderful Steamers and the whistles were heard often. The challenge was always keeping them on the track as I recall. When he powered up the structures his face just lit up or was that my face that beamed. The marquee on the theater came alive and the moon shine in the woods was in full swing and Crazy Eddie's car lot was truly open for business. As a new member of the club I marveled at the intricate detail of Fred's layout. After those sessions I was hooked on growing my own layout. Of course the other memorable part of Fred's workdays included Ethel's fabulous Potato Salad. Thanks for the memories guys. **John "Ole" Olsen**



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I spent most of the afternoon looking through drawers full of cd's looking for a photo of Fred running the train at the B&SVRR. I was unable to find it unfortunately.

I was able to find a photo cd that Stan Cedarleaf made on a trip to Iowa and Nebraska in 2003. He visited Fred's layout, along with the Boone and Scenic, and Marty's steam up. Fred and I drove together that summer to Marty's place. The enclosed photo is of Fred and me along with Marty Cozad, Hensen Title, Phil Jensen, and a few others that time has erased their names from my memory. Most were members of the Mylargescale.com forum.

Stan also photographed Fred's layout extensively. He had snapped a few pics of Fred that I'm pretty sure have been seen before but just in case they are attached as well.

It was a great pleasure pouring over 16 years of photos of visits to member's layouts. I wish I could have found more of Fred's. It was a privilege having known him for those years. Fred and I became acquainted pretty quickly in the early years of the club. I'll always treasure the memories of he and Ethel driving up to Boone to have lunch and visit for a bit. Of the trip to Ferguson to pick out rocks for his pond. The time we spent building his pond and the walls for his layout. The after meeting meals and bull sessions. All the projects and ideas that Fred and RA Caraway worked on. The time he spent helping me with some model projects and his willingness to always share what he knew. I'll also never forget the metal sword he gave to my then five year old son and the havoc and laughs that it provided. My son still has that sword.

**Bryan Anderson** iowarails@mchsi.com

When I became a member of CIGRS, George Haegele from Newton was the president. My only knowledge and interest in Garden Railroading was that I had kit-built a German-made nickel-plated live steamer and wanted to try and run it on some railroad tracks. When I went to my first CIGRS monthly meeting, the members were not unfriendly, but all seemed to have groups of fellow members to talk to, so I just wandered around trying not to look lonely. Probably most new members feel that way when first joining an organization. I saw one fellow walking by himself who was a little shorter than me and had a full white beard and moustache. That guy would be a good fellow to try to talk to, I thought. So, I sidled up to him and did my best job of introducing myself. I tried to talk to him about railroading, but since I didn't really know much about the subject, all I got were several one word answers to my questions, and after a period of silence from both of us, he sauntered away.

It could have been at the next CIGRS monthly meeting when a fellow stood up and said that he and his wife had decided to move out of the city to a house on an acreage outside Redfield, Iowa. They were going to sell their present home and needed help painting some of the inside walls. He was going to have a house painting work day that next Saturday and needed volunteers to help. I thought that I could help do that and that this might give me a better chance to get to know a member of the club. Since the event wasn't going to be about railroading, maybe we could find some common ground and we could get to know each other. So, I raised my hand and volunteered to help.

I showed up that Saturday and found that the painting group was me, the fellow who set it up ( who turned out to be Joe Godfroy) and the quiet bearded fellow I had tried to talk to (who turned out to be Fred Loveridge). Joe and Fred were friends and with Joe's friendly manner we all had a grand time with paint and brush. That event broke the ice for me and began a friendship with both of them that has lasted and grown.

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## **TRIBUTES TO FRED**

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Now keep in mind that Fred never became a chatterbox with me, and I do remember numerous times when I tried out an idea on him and, after some quiet thinking, Fred would look at me and say something to the effect that ". . . maybe someone would think that was a good idea." Fred always had his own opinions and his own ideas and he was his own counsel. I grew to respect his knowledge and skill, his abilities as a Renaissance nobleman and as a Civil War re-enactor. His ability to see regular everyday items as parts for a G scale item boggled my mind, and worse than that was his ability to take those items and make the G scale item that was hidden inside them. His woodwork and model building and bashing made his layout a unique layout and his sense of humor made it a great layout. Remember the one armed paper hanger, whose job in Fred's town was hanging wall paper; or the dog catcher, who couldn't ever catch a dog?

Because of Fred's friendship I got to know another of Fred's good friends, R.A. Caraway. He and Fred loved working in R.A.'s garage making all kinds of G scale buildings and structures. R.A. died years ago and Fred is gone now. I remember Fred and the other CIGRS members who are gone. I'll remember the lunches Fred, Joe and I had at Village Inn, the times at his home, our phone conversations, and the e-mails he sent. I feel so lucky to have been able to know him and to enjoy life with him for a while. And the chance I had to meet and get to know Fred and the other CIGRS members, past and present, was solely because I had the good fortune to join an out of the mainstream hobby that has an even more unique club and members - and that is our own group called CIGRS. Here is a picture from long ago, when I had a workday at my layout in Perry.

The fellows pictured built and installed a curved trestle bridge on the layout on one of the hottest days of that year. Fred and R.A. designed the trestle bridge and cut all the wood to build it. It still proudly stands today in our side yard at home. From left to right are Joe Godfroy, Fred Loveridge, R.A. Caraway, Bill Joy, and Ron Mash.

#### ***Bill Joy***



***Photo by Connie Joy***



***Photos by Ron Mash***



***Fred's daughter***

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Fred as a CIGRS member in charge, welcomes the public at a showing of the clubs modular layout in Boone, Iowa, on Puffer-billy Days.



Fred as a loyal CIGRS member, joins others to help make Cross Bucks, with working flashing red warning lights during a workday at Kidman's



Photos by Bill Joy

Fred, as an ever competitive person, tries during a monthly CIGRS meeting, to see Ethel's answer to the pop open book quiz question 4-C.



Fred as a careful shootist, prepares for his turn at Joe Godfroy's Target Range



Fred, as an ever alert person, gets a bead on a full plate of finger licking good ribs belonging to a fellow CIGRS member.



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**FRED WAS ALL ABOUT THE DETAILS...  
CHECK THEM OUT!**



Photos provided by Peter Paeth



**THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES FRED**

Fred was my first contact with CIGRS. I talked to someone at the Train / Hobby store in Altoona at the time and they gave me Fred's name and number as the person to call about a G- Scale Train club here in central Iowa to get some ideas for a garden railroad me and my kids were just beginning. I called him up and he suggested I stop by his place and see his layout on the next Saturday. The next weekend I went to his little home and wow was I in for a surprise. I have been around train layouts for my entire life but never had I seen one as cool as Fred's layout. He had gotten it all ready to go. His buildings, manufacturing places and vignettes were awesome. I thought if this was any indication of what the club was like I was going to have to join then and there... that's when Fred told me that he was just a member not the president of the club as the guy at the store had said. He told me when the next meeting was and where it was and I joined up there the next weekend. Much of our railroad layout used ideas taken from Fred's layout.

**Peter Paeth**



Important Dates and  
Observances  
In March 2014

**Birthdays**

Joe Godfroy ( <b>De- Classified</b> )	3-6
Mary Ann Nolan	3-1
Murray Bouschlicher	3-1
Cindy Doggett	3-7
Davy Jones	3-12
Denny Glick	3-13
Louis Miner	3-18
Caleb Renes	3-20
Gordon Cox	3-21
Marilyn Shellenberg	3-25
Dawn Paeth	3-28

**Anniversaries**

Mike & Renee Kidman	3-7
Phil & Barbara Deats	3-17

**\*\*\*If you do not see your special dates appear in the Telegraph at the appropriate times then please contact the Editor.**

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**FLOWER, LAWN AND GARDEN SHOW**  
**at the IOWA STATE FAIRGROUNDS**  
**MARCH 14TH THROUGH THE 16TH**  
**VARIED INDUSTRIES BUILDING**  
**WATCH FOR EMAILS REGARDING VOLUNTEER**  
**NEEDS FOR SET UP ON THURSDAY, MARCH 13TH.**



**DON'T FORGET TO**  
**CONTACT JOHN MYERS**  
**IF YOU CAN VOLUN-**  
**TEER AT THE FLOWER,**  
**LAWN AND GARDEN**  
**SHOW AT THE FAIR-**  
**GROUND'S MARCH 14TH**  
**THROUGH THE 16TH**

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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