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## FLOWER LAWN & GARDEN SHOW

CIGRS once again wowed attendees of the Flower and Garden Show held on March 14, 15 & 16 at the Iowa State Fair Grounds in Des Moines. Louis Miner, Doug Doggett and crew put together a layout that far exceeded club member's expectations. The layout occupied a 40' x 50' space in this year's show. Louis drew up the plans over the winter and along with Doug and Rob Renes, figured out exactly what they would need for track, landscaping blocks, patio pavers, mulch, etc. to bring the plan to life.

The "Build-Up" started on Wednesday evening. Louis and Ron Huntimer put down a tarp to cover the area the layout would occupy. The entire crew started at 8:00 Thursday morning. Twelve hours later the layout was 90% complete. The crew came back on Friday morning and put on the final touches. The pike featured five separate loops of track

and a 50' staging (yard) area. The design incorporated three tunnels totaling 20' in length a long elevated section that included 130 trestle bents, three bridges and a double track bridge that measured 12' long built by Larry Nelson. Doug Doggett built a stone viaduct and five stone tunnel portals. Other construction materials were 300 landscape blocks, 30 pallets of patio pavers and 52 bags of mulch, all donated by Mulch-Mart.

A number of club members brought in structures. Larry Nelson's "Blue" Water Tower had a nice spot on the mountain. Ron Mash brought in his lighthouse, Howard Hoy brought in a station and elevator for the yard which was overlooked by Ole Olsen's "Boulder Creek" water tower. Ron Hutimer brought in a Rodeo scene complete with Rodeo Clown.

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## Upcoming Events

- ***CIGRS Meeting April 13th at the Waukee Library***
- ***Miniature Plants & Bonsai Presentation***
- ***National Garden Railroad Convention in Tampa, FL May 7-11***
- ***CIGRS Meeting in May hosted by Beth & Richard Potter, Pleasant Hill***
- ***CIGRS Meeting in June hosted by Barbara and John Kilmer, Ft. Dodge***

## Special Thanks

**To All the CIGRS Gandy Dancers who brought the Flower Lawn and Garden Show to life**

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Paul Gunzenhauser's wooden toy vehicles were displayed in the "Kids Area" that also featured Percy from the Thomas the Train series. Joe Godfroy set up Fred Loveridge's Grain Elevator and Larry Nelson set up his "Crazy Eddies" used car lot as a tribute to, and a reminder of Fred's talents as a modeler. Many club members brought in items that enhanced the overall character of the layout.

To provide a focal point to the exhibit, Doug Doggett built (and Cindy painted black) a large signal tower under which a table containing materials promoting CIGRS, the summer train tour, and G Scale railroading in general were displayed. Next year Doug says he will add working lights to the tower. Congratulations to all who helped make this event a huge success.



**Photos by Lou Miner**



**Photos by Julie Nelson**

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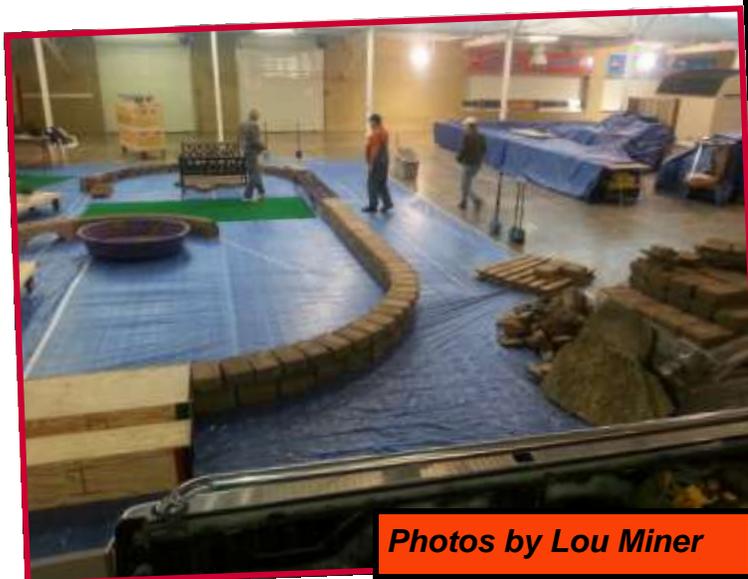
Covered a 40'x 50' space with tarps



Used masking tape to guide layout development



Then came stone work and bridge placement



*Photos by Lou Miner*

Engineering rail loop elevations



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To FINISH...



Photos by Lou Miner-Julie and Larry Nelson



A word of THANKS from the President

I wanted to take a few minutes and thank *every-one* for their efforts at the Flower Lawn & Garden show in Des Moines. How many of us that worked through the weekend heard the compliments from the crowds about the layout you constructed? I personally had several people say they would like to have our layout in their yard, and I can't blame them - it was special.

We all know Louis Minor & Rob Renes took the lead on this project, and it was evident Doug Doggett was heavily involved as well. I say well done and thank you for all your efforts. It was a well-designed plan that was easily executed by the construction crews.

And speaking of the construction crews, I did not hear a final number of volunteers that attended on Thursday to put most of it together, but I did hear several people mention they felt we had at least 15 people most of the day. Without even one of you, the layout would not have been nearly as impressive. And everyone that volunteered on Thursday knows it was a full day of work, stretching all the way to 8:00 PM for some.

Even more impressive was the crew on Sunday that had everything stowed away and the area cleaned in only 2 ½ hours. I did hear a count of 27 volunteers that day for the cleanup. And I have to admit I personally felt we would have 4 -6 hours of work that afternoon to get everything wrapped up.

We should all be proud of ourselves. The comments from the crowds we beyond positive and the show managers were thrilled. Hopefully everyone enjoyed themselves and it put you in the mood to get outside for the year and get those training running.

Thanks again to everyone for their efforts.

*It's because of you CIGRS prospers.*

John Myers



## Memorial to Richard Burkman

Long time CIGRS member Richard Burkman suffered a heart attack and passed away on Wednesday, March 19, 2014 at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines. John Olsen and I were able to attend the Visitation the following Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. We were grateful that Richard's wife Catherine was at the funeral home, so we could pass on our condolences. Richard was a long time resident of Albia and well known in the community for his helpful nature, dedication, and talents in construction. He is especially revered for his meticulous work as a painter. His skills are best demonstrated by the work he did on the facades of various restored buildings that grace the Square.

One of the community projects that Richard was most proud, was the annual Christmas Walk held each December. He was involved in several activities for the event, but his favorite was working with Ron Hohneke to set up the Train Display in the bank building on the Northeast corner of the square. Richard would make arrangements to pick up the club trailer and take it back to Albia. Ron and he would then combine club track and equipment along with much of their own to set up this elaborate display of trains (up to nine trains could be running at any one time). They collaborated with some of ladies in town, who would bring in lighted houses from their personal Department 56 collections to complete the scenes. CIGRS members may remember that Richard and Ron set up their display in Kidman's new building, for two consecutive years, as part of the summer Garden Railroad Tour.



Richard attended a number of the National Garden Railroad Conventions. At the 2004 convention in Chandler, AZ, he found and purchased a red LGB European locomotive to go with the red LGB passenger cars that he loved to display. At the 2009 Denver convention Richard brought his father along. While touring the grounds at the Colorado Train Museum in Golden, we came across a RPO car. Richard's father (who used to be a Post Man on the old Burlington Route) entertained us with a detailed explanation as to how the mail bag was collected off the pole, and how they would sort the mail while in route. A very enjoyable day.

***Richard will be greatly missed, but not forgotten for by those who came to know him as a colleague and friend.***

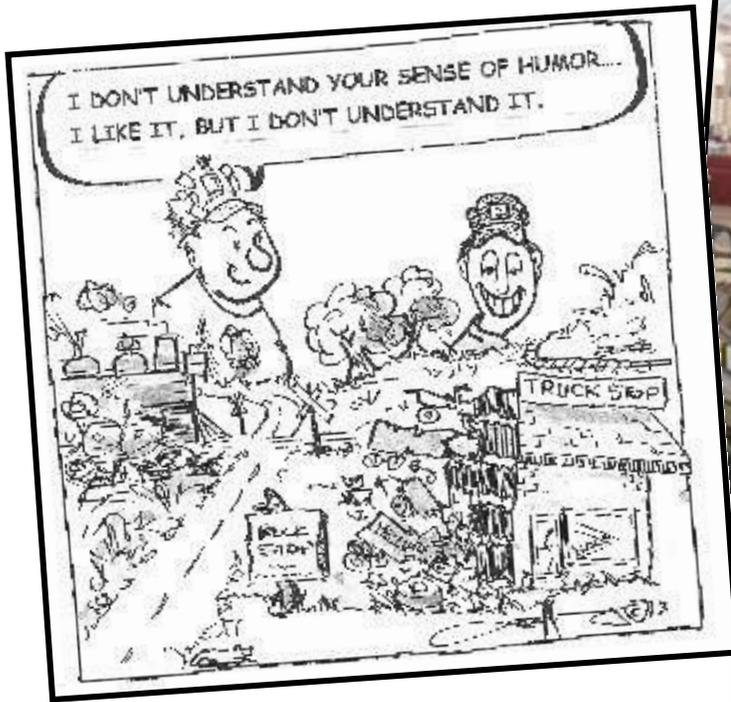


*By the Band Man*

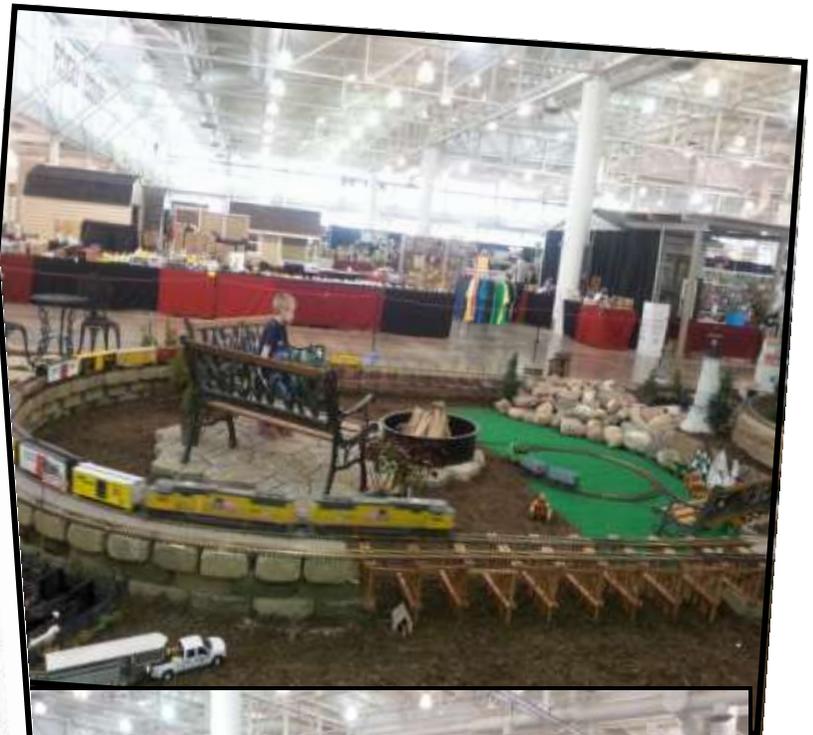
*Jay Nugent*



Godfroy Toon...



We have so many multi-talented members in the CIGRS



Photos by Julie Nelson

The 2014 Flower Lawn and Garden Show was truly a CIGRS Event to remember. As noted in the President's comments we have much to be proud of as an organization. **With Spring officially here let the fun in our backyards begin!** It will be fun to see you all again as we begin our CIGRS outdoor meeting schedule in May. **Yaw'll Come.**

Important Dates  
and Observances  
In March 2014

<b>Birthdays</b>	
Joe Godfroy ( <b>It's Classified</b> )	0-00
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
<b>Anniversaries</b>	
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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**CIGRS Meeting April 13th**

**at the Waukee Public Library, Waukee, IA**

**Club Meeting begins at 1:30 PM**

**For Directions to the Waukee Library ...**

go to: **www.cigrs.net/** and click on April Meeting under Upcoming events.



***We will have a special guest at the April CIGRS Meeting focusing on Miniature plants and possible Bonsai adapted techniques to maintain them. Don't miss it!***

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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