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## Spring has sprung all over Iowa

### **BUSINESS MEETING**

#### **Notes...**

The meeting opened up with discussion regarding the 2014 Tour. We are not supporting a charity this year for the Tour. Marilyn Magnuson will be chairing a committee to research several charitable and/or non-profit organizations for future support. This committee will take suggestions from club members and will contact several to make presentations for partnership in the future. Other committee members will be Connie Burgett, Andee Vocelka and Cheryl Evans.

Doug Doggett reported the FLGS was over budget for 2014. but not to worry as we still have funds in the kitty.

Greater DM Botanical Garden would like us back for 2014. Seeds have been planted for NE corner of property for outdoor for a possible permanent layout.

We are signing a new contract for the 2015 Flower, Lawn & Garden show. Our location will be in the NE corner next year.

The Friendship Committee has been instructed to contact Katherine, lone, Sheila and Ethyl to offer them "**Honorary**"

memberships. This will become standard practice going forward. A motion was made and passed to extend an Honorary membership of deceased members.

- Table discussion on purchase of additional club rolling stock
- Find a new librarian and reestablish the library index on the web-site
- Flower Show was a big success - thanks to everyone
- Godfroy's Auction on May 25th at the American Legion Hall in Redfield, IA. Joe asked for help on the 24th & 25th so please contact him directly at 515-480-7701 or email him at: sjgtrail02@outlook.com

### Upcoming Events

- **National Garden Railroad Convention in Tampa, FL May 7-11**
- **CIGRS Meeting May 18th hosted by Beth & Richard Potter, Pleasant Hill**
- **G-Scale Silent Auction May 25th Redfield Legion Hall**
- **CIGRS Meeting in June hosted by Barbara and John Kilmer, Ft. Dodge**
- **CIGRS Garden RR Tour Saturday, June 28th**

### Special Thanks

To John Carl for the gift of a Aristocraft Consolidation 2-8-2 locomotive to the CIGRS



## Memorial to Richard Roemer

I did not know Dick Roemer well but I do know he was an avid train guy. He was very proud of his collection of trains and the raised G scale layout that his son, Mark and his best friend, Brian Goudie built for Dick many years ago. He had an incredible storage area and workshop in a shed next to the layout for easy access. Dick's health issues have been ongoing for many years and Sheila his wife was his primary caregiver. It sounded like she was very surprised when Dick died. It just is not something you expect even though she has been completely engaged with his care. They had been married for over 50 years. A huge milestone by any standard.

At the funeral Mark spoke about his dad's generosity and told us a story about when he and his best friend Brian took a road trip to Arizona and totaled their Chevy Blazer. They thought Dick would tell them, that's it, you are coming back home, but much to their surprise Dick said this is no reason to pass on their long planned trip and he rented a U-Haul truck to take them and their gear down to Arizona and back home again. A memorable trip for both of them in so many ways. Mark said the Rabbi asked what he would miss most and he said spending time with his dad.

As you might guess there were many retired police officers in attendance at the funeral. One in particular had a great sense of humor. The evidence was in his license plate...



The Color Guard was fantastic and so was the person that played TAPS. Very moving, precise and sharp. The weapons used for the salute were shotguns as these were considered duty weapons back in Dick's day as a Des Moines Police Officer.

I had never been to a Jewish funeral service. A friend of Dick's spoke, Larry Stougaard and others present were given the opportunity to pay their respects. Brian Goudie, often referred to as Dick's other son spoke as well. At the cemetery the Rabbi explained the Jewish custom of helping with the burial. He said everyone was encouraged to participate. He explained we would turn the first shovel over to symbolize how difficult a task this is. The next two shovels would be used to actually fill and dump into the grave and onto the casket that had been lowered to it's final depth. This was to symbolize doing a good deed for someone who could not repay them. It had great meaning to Dick's family. It was a beautiful day for such a celebration.

Dick didn't know a stranger. He had a friendly smile. He loved his dogs. He loved to travel, his trains and he was a technology buff as well.



I have attached the bulletin from the funeral for your review and reflection with the CIGRS Telegraph document.

Important Dates  
and Observances  
In April 2014

<b>Birthdays</b>	
Nancy Swessinger	4-5
Leshia Anderson	4-7
John Kilmer	4-11
Sandra Paeth	4-12
Mary Buczek	4-18
Phil Deats	4-28
Ron Mash	4-29
<b>Anniversaries</b>	
Mike & MaryAnn Nolan	4-1
No Foolin'	
John & Mary Haila	4-23

**\*\*\*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 May 18th  
at Beth and Richard Potter's in  
Pleasant Hill , IA  
Club Meeting begins at 1:30 PM***

***For Directions ...***

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



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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