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The "Wanna Be Railroad" in Ft. Dodge

The June CIGRS meeting was held at the home of John and Barbara Kilmer in Fort Dodge. Even though Fort Dodge (as well as the entire State of Iowa) had been experiencing considerable rain, the meeting went on as planned. Nearly 20 attendees braved the weather to arrive in time for a delicious lunch followed by the business meeting and then running trains on the Kilmer's large layout that traversed their side and back yard. Since I was not able to attend, I thank Renee Kidman for taking notes so I could compile them for the club minutes.

John and Barbara planned and constructed their ***"Wanna Be Railroad"*** to represent the period in railroading of the late 1950's and early 1960's. Their layout is made up of a figure eight inner line and a larger outer loop. All equipment relies on track power. Both steam and diesel engines are present to represent the transition from steam power to diesel power of the time period. John says the

line had some help from Gnomes, but when the Bears showed up, they refused to work and there was no arguing with them.

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John and Barbara started building the layout 16 years ago. After joining CIGRS in 2003, they extended the line to its present configuration that includes approximately 700 feet of track.

Business Meeting

President John Myers was unable to attend the meeting, so Vice President Mike Kidman took charge. Mike started the business portion of the meeting at 1:07 pm. After welcoming everyone, he asked for reports.

Treasure Howard Hoy handed out a written report outlining all receipts and expenditures for the month.

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Upcoming Events

- ***CIGRS Meeting July 20th hosted by Pat and Ole Olsen, Des Moines***
- ***August CIGRS Meeting will be at Lori and John Myers in Adel***
- ***September CIGRS meeting will be hosted by Sam Mora in Grimes.***
- ***October CIGRS Meeting will be hosted by Ron Huntimer in Ankeny***

Special Thanks

To Barb and John Kilmer for hosting the June CIGRS Meeting spite of Mother Nature

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Garden RR Tour Chair Gordon Cox talked about the tour. He has worked to get together six layouts for the tour and is encouraging CIGRS members to promote it on their Face Book accounts. Gordon asked for additional volunteers to work at one of the six sites and thanked everyone for their help.

Show and Tell

Joe Godfroy talked about the silent auction he and Sheri held on Sunday, May 25th in Redfield. He said it was successful, even though the weekend may not have been the best due to it being Memorial Day weekend. Karla Gunzenhauser showed the walls of a Grist Mill she is scratch building. She is using a new product being manufactured by Walt Smith at his plant in Florida. This product can be purchased in large sheets and will withstand the weather. These sheets can be used for any number of projects and are available from Reindeer Pass.

Show and Sell

Joe Godfroy brought a large box of Aristo track to sell. John Killmer had a Crest receiver and two hand held transmitters for sale. Mike Kidman mentioned that the ore and coal loads for their special run of Chicago Northwestern hoppers will be coming in soon. Mike also brought along the new Camelback steam engine and tender that Piko had just made available.

Announcements and Adjournment

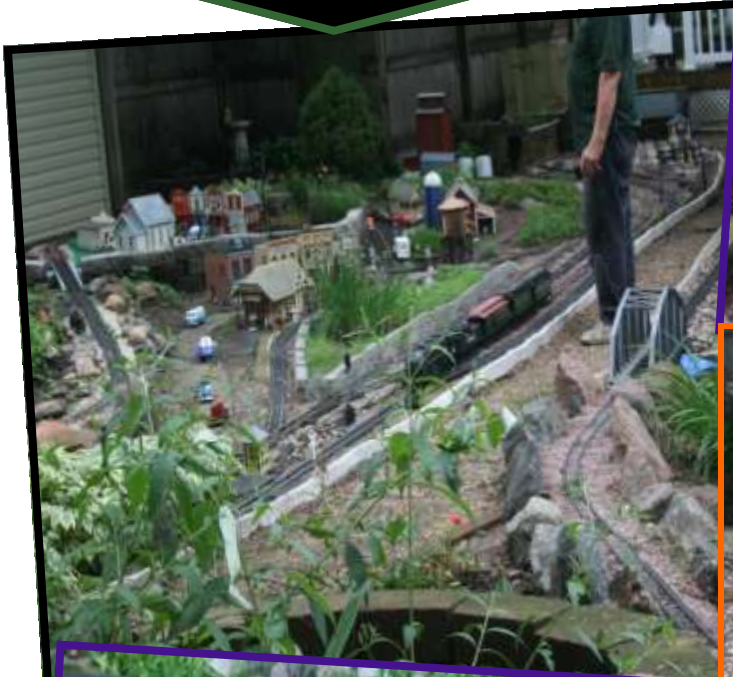
Due to weather, the scheduled program to be presented by Joe McNalley was postponed to a later date. Mike Kidman called for adjournment at 1:53 pm, and everyone had fun running trains.

Submitted by: **Jay Nugent**, Secretary



Photos by Ron Mash

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SHOW & TELL— Karla Gunzenhauser always creating



**PIKO Camelback Loco
from Reindeer Pass**



Sheri & Joe Godfroy

“Bear Creek and Raccoon Valley RR”



By the Band Man

This month’s Spotlight Column features Joe and Sheri Godfroy who are Charter Members of CIGRS. Joe and Sheri are both retired and have also retired and dismantled their railroad. The “Bear Creek and Raccoon Valley RR” that encompassed a large section of the Godfroy front yard. The long runs over numerous metal bridges and past various industries was well detailed and executed. Joe’s artistic abilities were prevalent as he constructed the various scenes that emulated a working railroad.

Joe was introduced to G Scale during the 1990’s when Bob Lewis was operating his store “Trains and More” in Windsor Heights. But, Joe says he purchased his first G Scale train at Hy Vee on an after Christmas sale. As a Charter Member of CIGRS, Joe rubbed shoulders with a number of master builders that led him to apply his artistic talents to modeling numerous structures as well as kit bashing motive power and rolling stock. Joe says he enjoyed working and repairing engines as well as installing sound systems.

A number of Joe’s structures have been purchased by club members and have found a new home on their layouts.

Joe was raised in the Highland Park District of Des Moines, graduating from North High School in 1963 (the band man must add that Joe played in the North High Band). Most of his career, Joe worked in law enforcement, first in Des Moines and later in his career in West Des Moines. He tells the story of meeting Sheri at the downtown Holiday Inn on May 15, 1977. His version (the band man is not sure about Sheri’s version) goes like this: Joe took Sheri into custody when she showed up at a Des Moines Police Department Presentation with two alcoholic beverages in her hands. Anyway, that first meeting led them to getting married six weeks later and they have just recently celebrated their 37th wedding anniversary.

Joe and Sheri have been active club members helping to promote garden railroading in Central Iowa. Both have served (and still serve) on numerous committees. Joe is a CIGRS past president, providing many years of service in that position. The club has been fortunate to have had a number of strong individuals that have made CIGRS successful, and especially Joe and Sheri Godfroy.

Important Dates
and Observances
In July 2014

Birthdays	
Doug Doggett	7-4
Marty Cozad	7-6
Wyatt Bickel	7-7
Gerald Reese	7-11
Eric Bickel	7-11
Noah Paeth	7-13
Donna Pritchard	7-16
Janet Moser	7-18
Lori Myers	7-18
Loudean Kirkpatrick	7-23
Ole Olsen	7-25
Paul Gunzenhauser	7-29
Anniversaries	
Joe & Sheri Godfroy	7-1
Loudean & Marilyn Kirkpatrick	7-2
Denis & Connie	7-6
Andee & Joe Vocelka	7-13
Dick & Susan Tinder	7-19

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CIGRS Meeting July 20

at Pat & Ole Olsen's in

Saylor Township, Des Moines , IA

Dessert will begin at 1:00 and the

Club Meeting will begin at 1:30 PM

For Directions ...

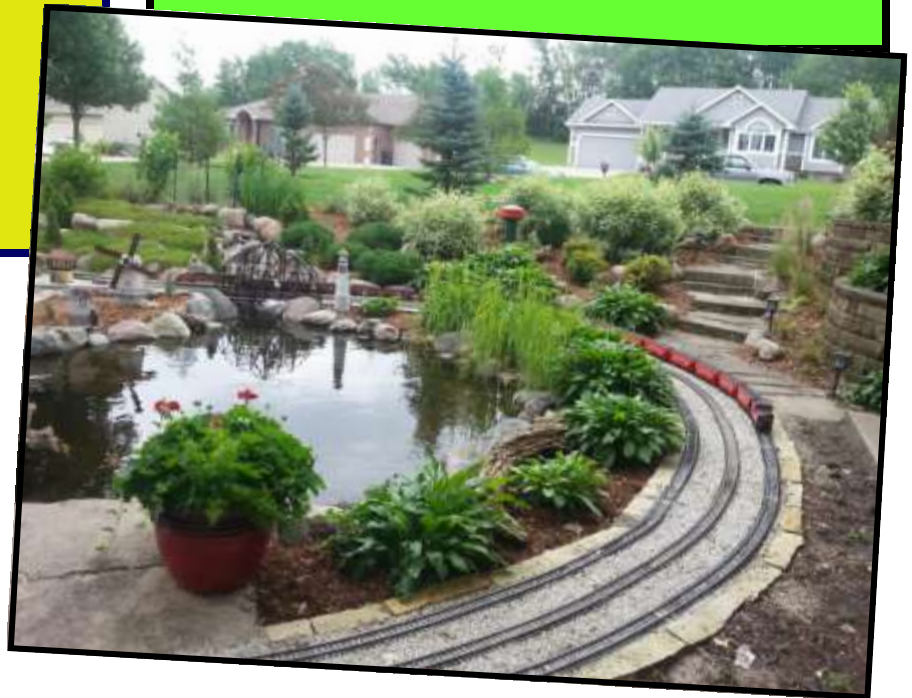
go to: www.cigrs.net/ and click on July Meeting under Upcoming Events.

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DESSERT DETAILS: Since Ole is inept in the kitchen we are going to switch it up for the July CIGRS meeting. If you are game, please plan to bring a favorite dessert to share and a copy of your recipe. We will be happy to make copies for any and all who wish to add it to their dessert recipes. Olsen's will provide paperware and plasticware as needed plus bottled water and a hot cup of coffee to top it all off. Don't forget your lawn chairs and something to run if you want to play trains. Analog, Battery or DCC equipped locos are all welcome. Come see what's growing on the BCRR



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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