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Iron Horse Railroad

The October meeting was held at the home of Ron and Kay Huntimer in Ankeny. Prior to the meeting CIGRS members enjoyed the snacks that were brought by club members and had fun investigating Ron's Iron Horse Railroad. Ron is not only a gifted modeler but also a Master Gardener. Both skills were evident on his railroad. Ron says he started the initial planning of the railroad in the fall of 2013 but did not start construction until this past spring. Ron's pike consist of a main loop that navigates around two ponds with a couple sidings. A series of trestles dominate the west side of the loop. At a higher elevation Ron has an additional loop of track with a Bachman Spectrum Rail Truck complete with Phoenix sound making the rounds. Ron has added a number of scratch built

structures to include a well detailed saw mill complete with a sawdust burner and a crane to lift logs out of the stream. Ron has also kit bashed some additional structures that complete a series of nicely detailed scenes.

Business Meeting

President John Myers called the meeting together a little after 1:30 pm. After welcoming everyone, he introduced Ron and asked him to talk about his railroad. As Ron described the inspiration for his railroad, club members asked why he named it the Iron Horse Railroad. Ron talked about growing up in South Dakota and how he became fascinated with the West of the late 1800's. He said that steam engines of that period were often called Iron Horses, so he adopted the name Iron Horse Railroad.

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Upcoming Events

- **November 16th CIGRS Meeting & Election of Officers will be held in the newly restored CB&Q Freight House in Chariton**
- **Build out at the Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden November 15 & 16**
- **Note change in setup dates for the GDMBG.**
- **January Meeting place is still to be confirmed**

Special Thanks

To Kay and Ron Huntimer for hosting the October CIGRS Meeting

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Ron is also a 40 year veteran of the Fire Department, so the 1800's Fire Station complete with hose tower that John Carl built has a prominent place on the layout.

Committee Reports

Treasurer Howard Hoy reported that the club is in good financial shape and reminded members that annual dues are due at the end of the year. There being no additional committee reports, President Myers moved on to Old Business.

Old Business

The club will be setting up for the Botanical Garden exhibit on November 15th and 16th. Members are needed to help set up, as well as help out each weekend that we will be running trains for this event. The display will be taken down after the New Year. Last month, President Myers asked members for help in securing places for the winter meeting. Thanks to Ben and Cindi Hancock, the club will be meeting at the newly restored Freight House in Chariton for the November meeting. Renee Kidman will look into having the January meeting at the Polk City Library and Joe and Sheri Godfroy will check about meeting at the Redfield American Legion Hall in February. John Myers will check into booking the April meeting at the Hotel Pattee in Perry.

New Business

President Myers reminded club members that elections are to be held in November and there will be a number of positions to be filled to include: Secretary, News Letter Editor and Librarian.

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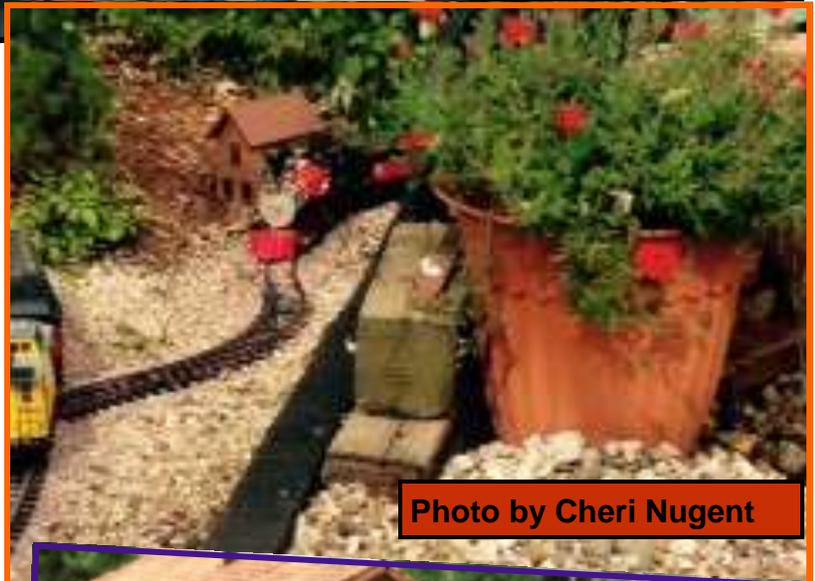


Photo by Cheri Nugent



Photo by Ron Mash

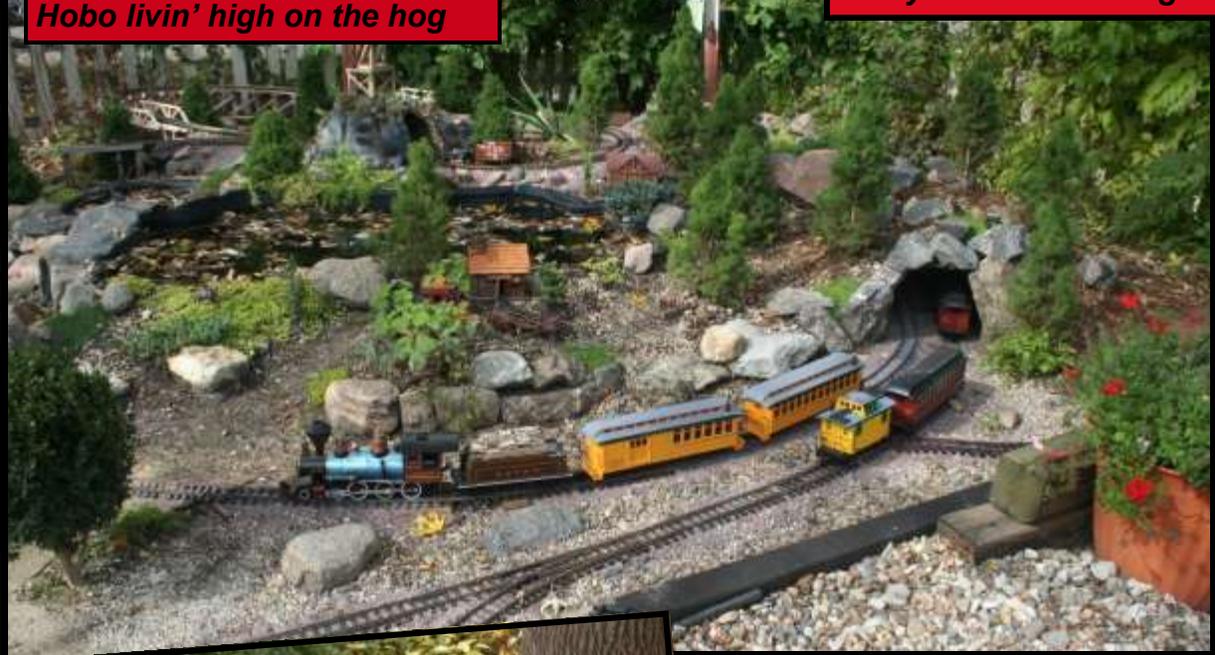
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Hobo livin' high on the hog



**One of a kind Fire House
ready for Era Fire Wagon**



Photos by Ron Mash

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Show and Tell

Jay Nugent presented club member and master modeler **Karla Gunzenhauser** a poster that he found at the National Narrow Gauge Convention that was held in Kansas City this past fall. The poster features a WW II icon "Rosie the Riveter" look-a-like with a caption saying "Woman Can Build Models Too". **Gordon Cox** showed the Walking Bridge that **Larry Nelson** built for Sam's layout. **Cheri Nugent** showed off the M&M guys that **Nancy Swessinger** gave her prior to the meeting.

Show and Sell

Cindi Hancock brought two dolls she has made. **Larry Nelson** brought in a couple of metal sculptors and **Eric Kamp** brought an Aristo RS3 diesel to sell.

Door Prizes

The meeting concluded with drawings for the various door prizes that club members brought. **Thanks to all who brought items.**

Submitted by:
Jay Nugent,
Secretary



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Photo sby Ole Olsen



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Pat & John Olsen
“Boulder Creek Railroad”

By the Band Man

This month’s Spotlight features John and Pat Olsen and the Boulder Creek Railroad. John better known as “Ole” says the railroad was named after the material used to create the water element that serves as a central focal point for the three loops of track, sidings, numerous structures and plants.

Ole was introduced to G Scale trains in 2005 by club member **Dick Tinder**. Dick invited him to view his G Scale layout that was in his backyard and Ole says: “I was hooked”. Ole’s start in model trains began on his 10th birthday when his dad and brother surprised him with an HO layout complete with mountains and double mainlines mounted on a 4X8 piece of plywood. He says his favorite train was the Santa Fe F3 ABA diesel set pulling a series of streamlined passenger cars. He also had a couple of steam engines to include an ATSF 0-4-0 switcher.

Once Ole was hooked on G Scale, he drove out to Mike and Renee Kidman’s Tree Farm and bought a USA starter set that included a CNW NW2, a box car and caboose along with some additional track. This began a journey that now includes both diesel and steam on his present layout. Ole says he mostly likes running trains, but also enjoys learning more about gardening. He says sound systems have added enjoyment to the hobby as well as building structures and adding them to his layout. When asked if he had plans to expand his backyard empire, he hesitated, then added that Pat had said **“Don’t Even Think About It”**.

Ole and Pat met at the end of his senior year of high school. They dated a couple of years and as Ole tells it, “she caught me and we got married while I was a student at St. Olaf College”. Pat and Ole celebrated their 46th wedding anniversary this past June 21st. They have three grown children and are proud grandparents of ten grandchildren who have brought much joy to their lives.



Photos by Julie Nelson & Ron Mash

Important Dates
and Observances
In November & December
2014

Birthdays	
Paul Schaefer	11-1
Dick Isard	11-14
Julie Nelson	11-16
Cindi Hancock	11-17
Suzanne Lundy	11-24
Mary Haila	11-30
Amy Renes	11-30
Peter Paeth	12-7
Karl Swessinger	12-13
Susan Tinder	12-15
Ethel Herrig	12-21
Dave Dunn	12-27
Connie Burgett	12-28
Marilyn Magnuson	12-31



Ron Huntimer is big into the Civil War Era as well. **Photo by Ron Mash**

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CIGRS Meeting November 16th

at the newly restored

CB&Q Freight House in Chariton, IA,

For Directions ...

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

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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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