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## Hotel Pattee

Hosts CIGRS

For the second year, Jay Hartz extended his hospitality to the club by hosting the April CIGRS meeting at the historic Hotel Pattee. Club members that took advantage of the special discount rate Saturday evening had the opportunity to enjoy dinner in David's Milwaukee Diner and Inter-Urban lounge followed by a relaxing evening of fireside music. Guests retired to their uniquely decorated suites and after a restful night's sleep, gathered in the diner for a delightful Sunday brunch. As guests wait to be seated at their table, they enjoyed operating the G-scale train in the restaurant foyer.

Our thanks to Jay and the staff at the Hotel Pattee for a relaxing, enjoyable event.

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Save the date:

## Mid-Iowa Council Boy Scout Jamboree May 9<sup>th</sup> Boone County Fair Grounds

CIGRS members will staff a Railroad Merit Badge station at this year's jamboree. Set up will be Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. The Jamboree is scheduled 9-5 Saturday, May 9. John estimates approximately 1500 scouts will attend the session.

**Dues are now due – still \$15.00 a year. Send to CIGRS at 615 S Marshall St., Boone IA 50036**

### 2015 CIGRS Meeting Hosts

May 17 – Howard and Kay Hoy, 615 S Marshall St., Boone, Iowa

June 21 – John and Barbara Kilmer, 117 11<sup>th</sup> St. NW, Ft Dodge, Iowa.  
Potluck prior to the meeting.

July 19 – Ron Huntimer, 1318 SW 3<sup>rd</sup>, Ankeny, Iowa

August 16 – Larry and Julie Nelson, 6313 Berry Rd SE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa  
Potluck Prior to meeting.

September 20 – Gene and Jane Elphic, 4010 Olive Ave, Hampton, Iowa.  
Potluck prior to meeting.

October 18 – Open

If you are available to host the October meeting,  
contact Joe Godfroy.



# Kit Bashing Contest April 19



Attend just one or two meetings and you will see that our members ooze creative talent. Karla and Ron, this year's Kit-Basher contestants did not disappoint with their entries. Karla Guzenhauser displayed an old red schoolhouse with a removable roof and a detailed interior. Ron Huntimer shared a Civil War car he created from various re-purposed parts. Karla has the honor of being the 2015 Kit Bashing winner. Congratulations Karla and our thanks to Karla and Ron for sharing their creations.



## 2015 Garden Railroad Tour June 27, 2015

John Olsen and Gordon Cox are this year's coordinators.

There will six stops on the tour:

Ron Mash and Janet Moser, Minburn

John and Lori Meyers, Adel

Jay and Cheri Nugent, Des Moines

Brion and Lisa Oakley, Beverdale

Mike Meston, Des Moines

Mike and Renee Kidman, Polk City

Our thanks to Mike and Renee Kidman for sponsoring the event again this year.

Promotional fliers will be emailed to members to be posted in local communities.

Business cards will be available at each tour site.

John explained that most of the hosts have lined up their help, however, for those who wish to volunteer, contact the host.

**CENTRAL IOWA GARDEN RAILROAD TOUR**  
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Fourth Saturday in June • 9AM-4PM  
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## B&RGW

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The Boone and Rio Grande Western was surveyed in 2009 and built in 2010. It follows the prototype of the Denver and Rio Grande Western's narrow gauge lines in Colorado and New Mexico. The railroad is built in 1:20.3 scale (aka Fn3) using code 250 rail. The B&RGW has 252 feet of mainline track and another 250 feet of sidings and spurs. The railroad is entirely battery operated. Like 19<sup>th</sup> Century railroads, nothing is electrified.

The B&RGW is a branch of the Denver and Rio Grande Western heading southward from the imaginary community of Boone CO, half-way between Arboles and Tiffany on the D&RGW's Fourth Division. The line heads South through the equally imaginary communities of Terrace, Inhaus Jct., Holly Jct., Quarry, Kays Rocks, Spruce Jct., and Spruce. Rolling stock, including both engines and cars, are leased from the D&GRW, and include three K-27's, a C-21B and a C-19.

Unlike many of the D&RGW's branches, the B&RGW does not tap major mining districts. Although there are some on line mines, the B&RGW relies more on traditional sources of car loadings for income. Cattle, grain, forest products, fresh fruit and vegeta-

bles, and stone products exceed the tonnage produced from local mines. Nonetheless, the railroad obtains significant income from the export of Bullwinkelite, the carbonate of Upsidaisium from the Lost Bullwinkle Mine at Spruce, and Unobtainium Sulphate from the Erica Jo Mine at Kays Rocks.

Since CIGRS' last visit to the B&RGW in 2013, the railroad has added many new structures and rolling stock. Please ask about anything that catches your eye. Also please be aware that access is limited for those with disabilities. The entire railroad is visible from the deck and sun-room. Enjoy the view as the cars roll by. !



**MAY****Birthdays**

Barbara Deats	5-19
Marilyn Kirkpatrick	5-19
Cheryl Evans	5-19
Grant Boes	5-20
Andee Vocelka	5-24
Beth Potter	5-30

**Anniversaries**

John & Barb Kilmer	5-2
Gordon & Kathy Cox	5-5
Dave & Elaine Dunn	5-13
Dick & LaVonne Isard	5-14
Jim & Marilyn Magnuson	5-18
Hillary & Lou Miner	5-22

**JUNE****Birthdays**

Betty Lamb	6-6
Jim Magnuson	6-7
Ione Edlen	6-20
Sheri Godfroy	6-24

**Anniversaries**

Bill & Connie Joy	6-12
Jay & Cheri Nugent	6-16
Paul & Karla Gunzenhauser	6-21
John & Pat Olsen	6-21
John & Lori Myers	6-28

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The Central Iowa Garden Railway Society has regular monthly meeting at which we discuss one another's current project, 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 locomotive, includes electric operation, batter-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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