

# Telegraph

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Newsletter of the Central Iowa Garden Railway Society

Our June meeting seemed like it was going to be a repeat of last year meeting as we pulled into town the rain started coming down. But, as I pulled onto 11<sup>th</sup> Street the sun came out. We had about 15 to 20 members and 1 guest of Howard's. The potluck dinner was very good and more than enough to eat.

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John and Barbra Kilmer's layout "Wanna Be Railroad" was in excellent condition. The addition of the circus was great to see, not out last year because of rain.



The Nome population in the layout was down, not only because of the bear, but I found several hiding on a shelf.





*Photos by Ron Mash*



## June Meeting Highlights

We passed a motion not to hold a meeting in the same month as the Tour. So members would be able to help out more with the tour.

It was also noted that we had passed an increase in the Tour cost from \$5.00 to \$10.00 starting next year noting that this was our sole source of funding.

Donna Pritchard said Gene had been in the hospital and would be going back for a rotator cup replacement.

Finally, to keep Renee Kidman in our thoughts for the loss of her sister.

## 2015 CIGRS Meeting Hosts

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.





## "IRON HORSE RAILROAD"



*Photos by Ron Mash*

I hope you're planning to join us at the July meeting which is being hosted by Ron Huntimer. In last year's article, Ron shared he caught the Garden Train Bug after attending a couple of train tours. His long-time passion for modeling and his skills as a Certified Master Gardener, Master Conservationist, and a Rainscaper are the perfect skillsets for Garden Railroading. The Iron Horse Railroad runs all battery powered trains. Ron enjoys creating dioramas and running trains with his grandsons. His layout features several scratch-built structures, a detailed saw mill complete with a sawdust burner and a crane to lift logs out of the stream, and an 1800's Fire Station complete with hose tower that John Carl built.

Come check out what's new on the Iron Horse Railroad Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup> in Ankeny, Iowa.

In speaking with Jay Nugent following the Tour, I realized I had failed to acknowledge the source of information about John and Barbara Kilmer's "**Wanna Be Railroad**". I "lifted" the details from a previous Newsletter as I have done with this article. Jay noted that it was one he had written. Thanks for the information and inspiration, Jay!

**JULY**

**Birthdays**

Doug Doggett	7-4
Richard Potter	7-7
Gerald Reese	7-11
7-11 Noah Paeth	7-13
Donna Pritchard	7-16
Janet Moser	7-18
Lori Myers	7-18
Loudean Kirkpatrick	7-23
John Olsen	7-25
Paul Gunzenhauser	7-29

**Anniversaries**

Joe & Sheri Godfroy	7-1
Loudean & Marilyn Kirkpatrick	7-2
Denis & Connie Biechler	7-6
Andee & Joe Vocelka	7-13
Dick & Susan Tinder	7-19

**AUGUST**

**Birthdays**

Barb Kilmer	8-8
Sam Mora	8-11
Connie Joy	8-12
Jay Nugent	8-16
Lori Ziegenhorn	8-17
Lavonne Isard	8-23
Hillary Miner	8-24
Kathy Cox	8-25

**Anniversaries**

Larry & Julie Nelson	8-8
Doug & Cindy Doggett	8-31

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July 19

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Ankeny, Iowa

Meeting starts at 1:30



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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