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The Iron Horse Railroad

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Ron has been busy applying his master gardening skills with the addition of a new pond to the front yard and added a track to his layout since our last visit to Ankeny. He reported he used Lily of the Valley along the new track and it is encroaching on the track.



In June, Ron travelled to Guatemala for a medical mission trip. On the team's arrival, they set up a hospital on a military base. The hospital had 2 OR's and a Pharmacy. The team performed 112 surgeries in 5 days. The OR's lost power 6 times and the temperature in the OR averaged more than 90 degrees WITH air conditioning! They saw 1178 patients, installed 76 stoves, and the cooks prepared 2285 meals! Ron stayed in an old monastery and purchased a beautiful hand-made quilt for his wife and a hand-woven shirt for himself. Continued on page 4



Show n Tell



Ron's wagon collection was a big hit.

Show N Sell

Bucket Truck-see Joe Godfroy if interested.

Ron Huntimer has some plastic barrels that could be cut to make tunnels.



On the Mend:

Gene Pritchard, Winterset. Suffered three broken ribs after a fall.

Save the date:

Celebration:

Gene and Donna Pritchard invited members to celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary September 12. They will renew their vows at 1:30 followed by a reception at 2:00.

2015 CIGRS Meeting Hosts

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

September 20 – Gene and Jane Elphic, 1410 Olive Ave, Hampton, Iowa.
Potluck prior to meeting. **Please note change in address the one in our Members list is incorrect.**

October 18 – Janet Moser & Ron Mash, 21667 Minburn Rd, Minburn, IA

July 19 Meeting Highlights

Old Business:

Garden Tour Report:

by John Olsen:

Traffic was steady with 100 - 360 in attendance at each location. The highest attendance was at Mike Meston's layout in Saylorville Township. Mike is in the process of adding a Tomas the Train area which was a big hit with the kids. Ole reported there were many positive compliments on all layouts.

In spite of all the planning, the flooding between Minburn and Adel required last-minute re-routing.

Ole hosted for the Garden Pond Tour the week after the CIGRS tour. He noted that it is important to showcase new locations every year to keep visitors interested. He also recommended we establish an Advance Marketing Committee next year to coordinate promotion of our event. We also might consider selling ads for the brochure. Finally, Ole noted there is a growing interest in Fairy Gardens. Highlighting a location with this type of feature would be a draw.

Treasurer's Report :

provided by Howard Hoy, who is out for RAGBRAI.

Beginning balance was \$3890.74. We collected \$801 in admission fees for the Tour. Expenses were \$96.62. Netted approximately \$704. Ending

New Business

Colorado Nationals Meeting

Mike and Renee attended the meeting. Meredith publishing took pictures of Mike & Renee's layout for a book they are publishing on miniatures. Mike was drafted to help. In conjunction with the meeting, there was a Garden Railroad Convention. Mike said there were lots of railroads to see, 8-10 G Scale Railroads to visit daily. Most displays were very detailed. Mike reported Accucraft did not show. Mike was the #1 vendor at the Meeting.

The **library**, which Ron manages, was on display along with the club crimper. Members were discussing the collection of plaques we have accumulated and the recommendation was made to mount plaques on the inside of the library cart door. In that way, the plaques can easily be displayed when we take the library cart to events.



Several months ago, Ron shared a tip about Elmer's ProBond Advanced, the weather-proof glue he uses to create his dioramas. I don't believe I communicated the correct name last time, so will share the information again for those who may be looking for a dependable glue.

Thanks for hosting, Ron. We enjoyed the treats and the good company!



New Pond in progress.



Special Thank YOU to Ron Mash for the photos.

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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August 16

Larry and Julie Nelson

6313 Berry Rd SE

Cedar Rapids, IA

Potluck starts at Noon

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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