

The Telegraph

End-of-Summer Edition!!!

CIGRS

Dateline: September 2017

Meeting at The San Juan Valley Railway

Stunning success!



Under the blue skies and an eclipse free sun, the August meeting of CIGRS went off without a hitch! Although near catastrophe was averted when a rambling giant almost stepped on local rail station. A timely warning from an astute owner/operator sent the giant ambling in a different direction.

Ole brought the meeting to order with 30 members present.

He entertained with introductions of new members including Jim & Paula Atkinson from Nevada, and Bob & Joy King from Urbandale and a special guest of Howard Hoy who lives down the street and plays with 1:1 scale Speeders. Finally, Marilyn Shellenberg once again introduced her new travel buddy!

Howard Hoy spoke about his railroading experience and his new expansive layout. He also gave a brief treasurer's report.

Ole gave a brief (for him) synopsis of his recent trip with the Kidman's to NGRC in Tulsa Oklahoma including a kudos to the Kidman's for being a national player in the garden railroad supply business.

Ole then re-introduced new business brought up at the last meeting about setting a simple loop at Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad's A Day out with Thomas event scheduled for September 16-17, and September 22,23 & 24.

Set up is scheduled for the 15th with teardown on the 24th. If you volunteered for this you should know who you are. It was also noted later that one of these dates conflicts with our Sept. CIGRS meeting so Mr. Kidman may have to step up to the plate once again.

Ole introduced discussion about helping Reiman Gardens set up their Holiday layout again this year. A motion was made & seconded that we assist and a vote squeaked by. Again if you volunteered you know who you are.

Mike Kidman introduced a new idea for a CIGRS Memorial Boxcar with the names of CIGRS members who have passed on to the big railway in the sky. Discussion continued with Marilyn Shellenberg mentioning the recent newsletter devoted to Richard and what a nice surprise it was for the entire Shellenberg family. A motion was made by Jay Nugent to look into this project and the vote passed this time with a rousing success. **Editors Note:** While I am acting as editor I will continue to also honor our members with newsletter specials. See more details on this planned memorial on Page 2.

Mike Kidman brought in some "new" Eggliners for show & sell and Peter Paeth had some rock and rolling stock for sale.

Massive amounts of door prizes were then given away.

The motion to adjourn was made and the meeting ended just in time to play with trains.



Double Header Pulling into station



Rambling Giant!



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CIGRS Memorial Boxcar Tribute - Preliminary Research

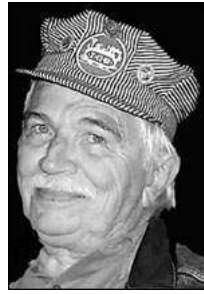
Photos and Text By: Peter J. Paeth



Wilkinson, Bill
Founding Member
Had Engines for Sale 12-2003
Selling estate 6-2004



Caraway, RA
Founding Member
Nov 2004 ???



Jones, Richard
6 August 2005



Smith, Carroll
Founding Member
???
Smith Auction:
Feb 2008



Edlen, Gary
Founding Member
19 Dec 2008



Seely, Sharon
19 Aug 2010 ???



Loveridge, Fred
Founding Member
19 February 2014



Burkman, Richard
19 March 2014



Roemer, Richard
(Dick)
Founding Member
13 April 2014



Shellenberg, Richard
Founding Member
7 November 2016



Meston, Mike
26 June 2017

I do not claim to have a complete listing, if I have missed anyone please understand no slight was meant. I have been missing from the club for a while. Historians... take it from here. If there is a question mark beside the fact the exact date is unknown to me. I tried to get data from online obituaries where I could. I did not have access to CIGRS membership data, founding membership included.

News from our Website

Courtesy of John Myers

September 2017 Meeting

by John Myers • 03/06/2017

Date: 09/17/2017

Time: 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

John & Dianne Chadwick, of Johnston, IA will be our hosts for September. This is a new stop for the club, so be sure not to miss it.

Also, they will be hosting a pot luck luncheon for our enjoyment. John says they will be providing hot dogs & brats and are asking you to bring a side dish or desert to share. Also, please bring a folding chair (they will have tables), and bring your own table service.

Lunch will start around noon and will be followed by our traditional meeting at 2:00.



Intriguing sign discovered in Central Iowa while meandering home one day.



October 2017 Meeting

by John Myers • 08/28/2017

Date: 10/15/2017

Time: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

There is a change for plans for October this year. As we all know, member Mike Meston recently passed away, and in his honor, his sons Mike & Andrew are inviting everyone to Mikes home for a last run of the railroad before the house is offered for sale. They are asking you to bring your equipment to run and both boys will be present to assist.

Ole has declared this a “dessert” day and we are encouraging everyone to bring a dessert to share when we start running trains around 1:00. Of course, the meeting will start around 2:00 as usual.

Editors Note: Special thanks to previous host and hostess, Mike & Mary Armstrong, of West Des Moines for relinquishing your sponsorship for this honorary meeting.

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Such a Wide Variety of Industry on the San Juan Valley Railway

Photos By: Ron Mash & Peter J. Paeth



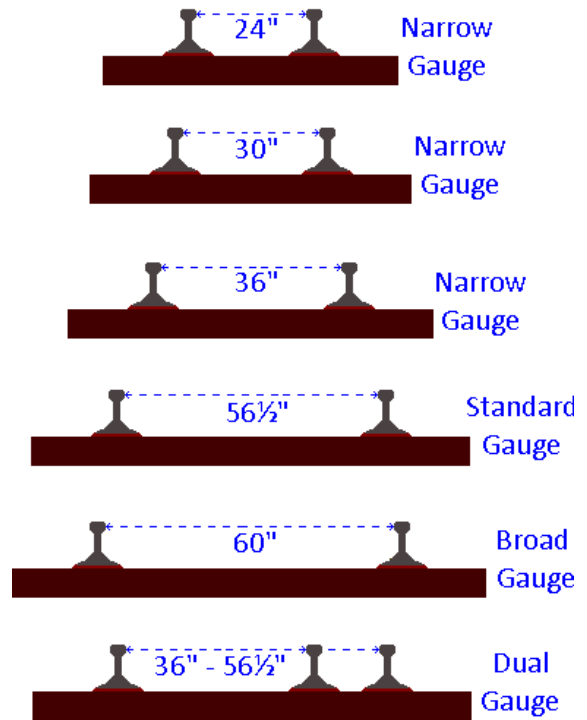
Narrow Gauge Railroads in Iowa

Text by: Peter J. Paeth



Howard & Kay Hoy: August Host & Hostess

Common US Gauges



Both the Fenelon Place Elevator In Dubuque and the Midwest Central Railroad located at the Old Thresher's Reunion in Mount Pleasant have 36" Gauge Track.

My guess is the Adventureland & Blank Park Zoo railroad are 24" I could find no exact info online.

But I did find the website listed below which offers video rides on most of the "narrow" gauge trains in Iowa.

<http://members.trainorders.com/mthidemann/midwest.htm>

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Meet our new Members

Data from New Membership Applications: Courtesy of Howard Hoy

Denis & Connie Biechler

Of Ames, IA
BD: October 12 - Denis
BD: September 7 - Connie
Annv.: July 6

Jim Atkinson

Of Nevada, IA
BD: March 17 - Jim
Annv.: August 12

LaVern Leverington

Of Waterloo, IA
Special Interest: Rock Island in HO Scale some Z scale
and now same in G scale.
Editors Note: Wow... Z to G his eyes must be getting bad!

Stanley & Joyce Elliott

Of Nevada, IA
BD: July 25 - Stan
BD: June 21 - Joyce
Annv.: August 10
Special Interest: 3-rail garden railroads: 1-1/2 Scale

Paul Hamby

Of Maysville, MO
Special Interest: Have a dual track custom Railroad for
the dairy industry in our store. Building an outdoor
display too!

Editors Note: See the trains run. Youtube Video (Complete
with remarkable sounding live animal sound effects!) at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=juJa-w7sISQ>

Mark Herzog

Of Melbourne, IA
BD: May 5 - Mark
Special Interest: Battery Powered - Radio Controlled G 7
O scales, anything DCC, N Scale T-Trak, set up and
running layouts at public venues.

Editors Note: I betcha Mark will be at the Boone & Scenic
Valley Railroad - A Day out with Thomas!

Robert Dubansky

Of Cumming, IA
BD: January 1 - Robert

Welcome Aboard All!

Get caught up with our newsletters on our website at

<http://cigrs.net/>

We hope to see you soon at a meeting place near you.



The gang is lining up to watch trains run and the CIGRS August Train Meeting is about to start!



SEPTEMBER

Birthdays

Connie Biechler	9-7
Michael Kidman	9-9
Gene Pritchard	9-12
Eric Kamp	9-20
Joe Vocelka	9-20

Anniversaries

Gene & Donna Pritchard	9-9
Peter & Sandra Paeth	9-14

OCTOBER

Birthdays

Renee Kidman	10-1
David Elbe	10-6
Denis Biechler	10-12

Anniversaries

Dick & Marilyn Shellenberg	10-1
Karl & Nancy Swessinger	10-13

NOVEMBER

Birthdays

Dick Isard	11-14
Julie Nelson	11-16

Anniversaries

DECEMBER

Birthdays

Ethel Herrig	12-1
Peter Paeth	12-7
Karl Swessinger	12-13
Dave Dunn	12-27
Connie Burgett	12-28

Anniversaries

Richard & Catherine Burkman	12-16
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If we are missing yours let us know so we can celebrate with you!

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About Our Organization...

The Central Iowa Garden Railway Society has regular monthly meetings 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 some-one 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, battery-powered and trains that actually run on live steam.