

# The Telegraph

Flower, Lawn & Garden  
Show Edition

**CIGRS**

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## Another Successful Event Held

*Spring has Sprung!*

The Flower Lawn and Garden Show was another great opportunity to promote our hobby. Louis Minor made some minor changes (Pun Intended?) to the layout design and we also got to show off the progress on the new modular layout. Something was happening at all times during the show. Thanks to all who brought trains to run and structures to help bring the layout alive for our visitors. Trains from many eras were seen running on both layouts. Thomas and Friends were seen from time to time to everyone's delight. Another awesome event for the CIGRS right here in our backyard!

Thanks to all who spent time setting up on Wednesday and Thursday as well as Sunday putting everything away until next time. A special thanks to Gene and Jane Elphic's family covering many bases during the breakdown on Sunday. What a team effort! Strong work everyone.



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**This family  
really showed  
their  
Leprechaun  
spirit!**



## More Photos of the Flower, Lawn & Garden Show

Photos By: Gage McDaniel, Karla Gunzenhauser and the Happy Norwegian, Ole Yawnsen!



Various Photos taken at the Iowa Flower, Lawn & Garden Show on March 17th, 2018 of the CIGRS G-Scale layout and the modular layout.

## Modular News

Designed and Built By Ben Hancock

Ben Hancock's design was perfect for mobilizing and storing these corner modules. Light weight, efficient use of space and handled all 8 corners.



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Strong Work Ben!



# The Circus Comes to CIGRS

Photos By: Ole Olsen



These Beautiful Wilson Brothers Circus cars are a gift to CIGRS from Joe Massey who is from Deer Harbor, Oregon and is a friend of long time CIGRS member John Carl. Joe is a multi gauge railroad modeler and has decided to focus on his HO trains and was looking for a way to make a gift of a "Like New" LGB Wilson Bros Circus Train could



be enjoyed by others as well as receiving a tax benefit. John was quick to suggest the CIGRS and the discussion began. Joe sent us 11 pieces of rolling stock and all came through with the exception of a few minor repairs. We will have these units on display

at the April meeting at the museum. I saw through our initial emails that Joe had a background in higher education. Joe was a faculty member at Dartmouth College for 25 years serving in their Government Dept as well as directing the Center for International Business in the Tuck School for graduate



students. Clearly, Train buffs cover the globe and are making some incredible differences in people's lives along their journey. **Thank you Joe for your generous gift!**

**Editors Note:** Rarely have I seen a more complete collection of railroad cars with a common theme. With the current death of Circus' in the USA this set is bound to become a collectors bonanza.

# April Cigrs Meeting

Photos by: Ole Olsen & Peter Paeth

The April meeting will be at the Boone & Scenic Valley RR Museum. The museum will be open at 1:00 PM coffee and cookies will be available. The CIGRS business meeting will begin at 2:00. Mike Wendel will give us a brief update on what's happening at the Museum and the BSVRR. Please go to the websites to explore more.

[www.bsvrr.com](http://www.bsvrr.com) -

[www.IowaRailwayMuseum.org](http://www.IowaRailwayMuseum.org)

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We still are looking for meeting hosts for May, July, September and October. June is the tour and we are going to Gunzenhauser's in August.

The National Garden Railroad Convention is in Atlanta this year. Google 2018 National Garden Railroad Convention to get all the latest on what's happening during the week. It is early in June.

Photos to the right were taken in 2012 when Peter and his kids visited the Museum.



# Antique Railroad Cart for Sale

News Editor is selling this cart if anyone is interested.



Heavy Duty. Dual wheels in back, rotators up front, handle bars both sides, comes with hitcher & female connection on opposite end. Rolls good, wheel bearings feel excellent. Saw several smaller units online at prices from \$300 up. Some boards need replacing... comes with original dust & dirt. Will deliver to a CIGRS meeting. Make me an offer. Selling for a friend. Any offers accepted!

Will deliver to specific location for handling fee.



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Email: [CIGRS@hotmail.com](mailto:CIGRS@hotmail.com) to make offer or for more info.

## Rail Car of the Month

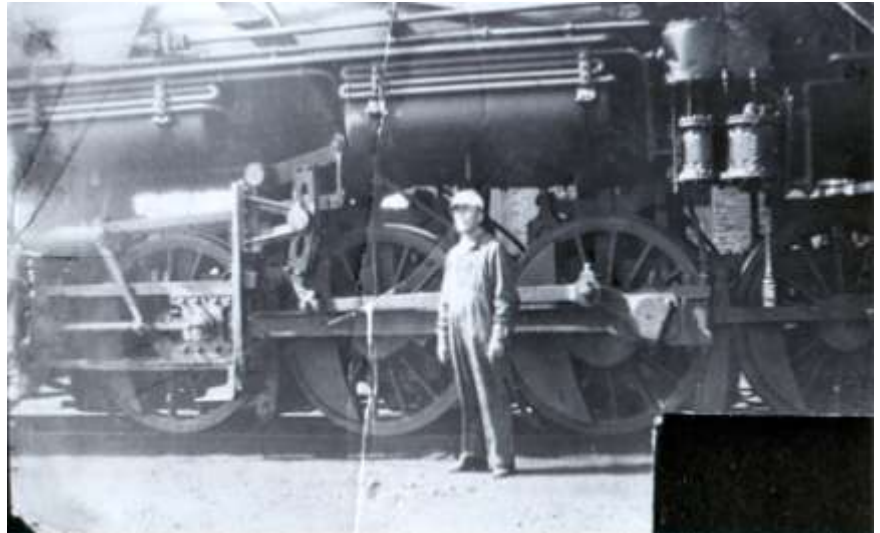


My Great Grandpa & Grandpa worked on the Milwaukee Road so since no one submitted any pix of their "favorite" G-scale car, this one wins by default!

## Historical Picture of the Month

Did I mention that my Great-Grandpa worked on the Milwaukee Road? Well, what do you know, here is a photo of him...

Thomas Alvin Shearer  
Circa 1930's



## Garden Railroad Scenery of the Month



Not sure who this belongs too but this is the second time I have seen this billboard at the Garden Show. And it appears to have been updated.

Photo was taken at the FL&G show.

## APRIL

### Birthdays

Nancy Swessinger	4-5
John Kilmer	4-11
Sandra Paeth	4-12
Phil Deats	4-28
Ron Mash	4-29

### Anniversaries

## MAY

### Birthdays

Mark Herzog	5-5
Barbara Deats	5-19
Marilyn Kirkpatrick	5-19
Cheryl Evans	5-19
Grant Boes	5-20
Andrea Vocelka	5-24

### Anniversaries

Elizabeth & Eric Kamp	5-2
John & Barb Kilmer	5-2
Gordon & Kathy Cox	5-5

Dave & Elaine Dunn	5-13
Dick & LaVonne Isard	5-14
Hillary & Lou Miner	5-22

## JUNE

### Birthdays

Sandra Bickel	6-18
Ione Edlen	6-20
Joyce Elliot	6-21
Sheri Godfroy	6-24

### Anniversaries

Bill & Connie Joy	6-12
Jay & Cheri Nugent	6-16
Eric & Sandra Bickel	6-18
Paul & Karla Gunzenhauser	6-21
John & Pat Olsen	6-21
John & Lori Myers	6-28

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## About Our Organization...

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 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.

Did you know: In 1907, Jesus Garcia, a Mexican brakeman drove a train that had caught fire away from Nacozari, Mexico because it was filled with dynamite. The train exploded and killed him but he saved the town and is considered a hero to this day.