

# The Telegraph

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**CIGRS**

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## Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad Museum

*Historic CIGRS !*

While the club officers hashed out details about upcoming events and business matters Club members **Phil & Barb Deats** escorted members to a special Trolley ride on the Charles City Western Railway Car #50.

Then at 2:00 sharp the regular club meeting got down to business. First up **Ole** introduced a new member from Allerton who has more experience with 1:1 scale buildings. **David Wampler** belongs to a group that purchased an historic Round Barn in the Allerton area. In the process of restoring that building they also got some more land near where the Rock Island Wye was and ended up with a one room school house, and a couple of churches, one of which got hit by lightning and burned to the ground. Any way **David** has now purchased the G Scale layout from **Old Dave Dunn** and wants to show off the round barn to the club.

The modular will be set up in the Round Barn in September and the CIGRS meeting is planned. The date for this corresponds to an Allerton festival & train show and is slated for September 15th. Note this is a Saturday event with CIGRS meeting starting at 2:00. Come early and tour **David's** other treasures.

Next up was upcoming events including the June Tour date of June 23rd, no regular meeting, July meeting is slated for July 22nd (note date change) at **Phil and Barb Deats**, and August at **Paul & Karla Gunzhauser's** in Humeston and then the meeting in Allerton, IA.

**Financial Report** Howard passed out

Balance Sheets for the club treasury showing everything is in the black with all T's crossed and I's dotted.

**Old Business** The Flower Lawn & Garden show went swimmingly this year with the Build out going smoothly, even with a new slightly modified layout due to different space provided. The modular also made its debut and the kids layout went over big as well. Unfortunately the tear down was almost an issue except for some last minute volunteers and much kudo's to **Gene Elphic's** kids & grandkids who helped remaining club members over the hump. The club is pre-registered for the 2019 show.

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# CIGRS May Meeting

Photos By: Barb Deats

**New Business** CIGRS spring project has been postponed until next fall due to weather and other concerns. The modular folks are planning a service project for long time member Bob Lewis.

CIGRS new trailer is once again full and some items have gone missing so a complete inventory is going to be performed. Club members are asked to return any items they may have so that a complete inventory can be taken.

The CIGRS website has lost its webmaster and the club is looking into seeing if a "professional" website manager might be in order.

Next up was a discussion about what to do with the club library. Currently housed by **Ron Huntimer**, the library is in need of a permanent home. A motion was entertained to donate the entire library to a historical location with the intent that members would still get to use it if needed but as discussion continued the motion was changed to looking for other options rather than disassociating the club from its Library. However, the current location is no longer suitable for the protection of the library so **Eric Kamp** agreed to house the library for the summer. In addition, a group was volunteered to inventory and come up with recommendations for the library **Eric Kamp, Karla Gunzenhauser & Howard Hoy** are all members of that new committee. They are to report back later this year.

**Show & Sell** Many items were up on the show & sell block with a non-member lady selling off the last vestiges of her late husband's layout. Most of the layout sold in Arizona but she had a few things left

when she returned to Iowa to be nearer to her Grandkids. **Howard Hoy** also had some items to auction off with funds going to the CIGRS coffers (see page 6). **Jay Nugent** (also recently back from Arizona) also had a large box of Garden Railroad Magazines that he auctioned off to the highest bidder. And finally, **Peter Paeth** also had some items to sell as he sells down his outdoors layout.

**Ole** also had some of the Circus Trains railcars recently gifted to the club but time ran out before he could get to this item on his agenda. Although not official, he was going to entertain a motion to equip this LGB collector's edition with Steel wheels and KD couplers so that it could be used at CIGRS official functions. Much like Thomas, this train set is bound to become a hallmark feature for young and old alike. I'm sure it will come up again at some future meeting.

Finally to wrap up the meeting, Ole introduced **Mike Wendel** from the B&SV Railroad Museum staff and he thanked us for visiting the museum and welcomed us back anytime to ride the trains. He also thanked us for our "Thomas" layout which he said was the hit of the weekend on last year's "A Day Out With Thomas" event. He then posed the entire club for a photo in front of one of the features in the Museum.



CIGRS members listening intently



Our Host Mike Wendel (on the right) speaking to our group under Ole's watchful eye.

# Wilson Brothers Circus Train

Engine that came with the original set.



I found this photo of the Engine that originally came with the Wilson Brothers Circus

train set from LGB. Ain't she a beaut! I looked and looked because I remember someone had a "Big Top" on their layout but I couldn't find a photo of it. (I was thinking Richard Jones from Iowa City) Maybe someone can send me a photo of it and I will include it in next month's newsletter or anything else you would like to share from your layout.



This car too was part of the original Wilson Brothers Train Set. I guess our set is not as complete as we thought. Looks like something Fred would want to sink his teeth into.



# 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, Washington 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.

# Railroad Trivia Corner

Text courtesy: CNW Trivia Website

In areas with two tracks, virtually all U.S. Railroads operate "right-handed". This means the operate on the right track as seen when facing the direction of travel. One of the few that did not was the Chicago and North Western Railroad (C&NW) which ran "left-handed".

Chicago's first railroad, the Galena and Chicago Union (later part of the C&NW), began building west from the city in 1848. Its stations were constructed on the north side of the line. When a second track was added in the mid-1850's, it was built on the opposite (south) side.

Most passengers - particularly when commuter operations became more common - used the stations while waiting for trains into the city. Rather than have passengers cross the second track, the railroad simply routed its inbound trains on the closest (north) track. Eventually, the entire C&NW rail system followed this left-handed pattern.

The C&NW (whose Belvidere Subdivision runs alongside IRM's (Illinois Railway Museum) mainline) was purchased by the Union Pacific in the mid-1990's)

Another "SouthPaw" railroad was the Duluth, Missabi & Iron Range. This railroad was also considered to be a left-handed railroad.



# B&SV Trolley Ride

Photos Courtesy: Barb Deats



Inside Trolley Car #50 What a wonderful piece of fully restored history that Iowa is lucky to have!



Conductor **Phil Deats** helps **Marilyn Shellenberg** disembark Trolley #50 at the end of the ride. **Phil** is a long time volunteer for the Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad and an even longer time member of the Central Iowa Garden Railway Society.

# Items Sold at May Meeting

Items Sold at May CIGRS Meeting

From Howard Hoy, Treasurer

The following items will be offered for sale at auction at the ~~April 15th~~ May 20th CIGRS meeting in Boone:

LGB 2-6-0 #2119 – This CIGRS owned mogul has not been running well and it has been determined due to its age and cost to repair, that it will be sold “as is” to anyone who would like it for parts or for static display.

Photo-print of Northern Pacific Z-6 #5102 – 4-6-6-4 with train, location unknown.

Yonder Comes the Train, by Lance Phillips, 1965, 395 pgs, 10 x 13 format, nice coffee table pictorial with text about selected American railroads.

“Tale of Two Zephyrs” - numbered print by Shayne Stoakes depicting a meet between eastward and westward sections of the California Zephyr at Salt Lake’s Rio Grande station. Two other Rio Grande engines are present in the fanciful view of passenger trains in the 1950’s.

Terms: cash or check



*Auctioneer Howard Hoy displaying & telling the Tale of Two Zephyrs print during the auction.*

**Editors Note:** I really faux pawed! Howard Hoy sent me this stuff to post in the March Newsletter and I completely spaced it off in the electronic version of the newsletter. Here I have been, wanting everyone to send me stuff to place in the newsletter and when someone finally does, I go and leave it out. My apologies to Howard for missing this.

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Sign on the door to the B&SV Railroad Museum.



## Allerton Round Barn

Left: Here is a photo from the Round Barn Society's Facebook page.

Right: Inside the round barn



## Allerton NY Christian Church



Cross on back wall is made from the burnt timbers left from the first church...



## You mean this is for real?

I found this sign on the front of the Railroad Station in Boone when I got there early and wandered around... can you imagine... "I killed a guy in a bar fight, whata you in for bub?" "Ahh"...

## 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

## JULY

### Birthdays

Wyatt Bickel	7-7
Eric Bickel	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
Stan Elliot	7-25
Paul Gunzenhauser	7-29

### Anniversaries

Joe & Sheri Godfroy	7-1
Loudean & Marilyn Kirkpatrick	7-2
Denis & Connie Biechler	7-6
Andrea & Joe Vocelka	7-13

## AUGUST

### Birthdays

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

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 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: How far can a freight train move a ton of freight on one gallon of fuel?

Answer: **473** miles: