

# The Telegraph

CIGRS Meeting Edition

**CIGRS**

**Dateline: 22 July 2018**

## Phil & Barb Deats Back Yard Railroad

*Rose Valley Railroad*

It was a beautiful day in the Deat's backyard for their July CIGRS meeting. Just enough sun, just enough breeze and just enough shade with three canopies to provide shade when needed.

Ole called the meeting to order at 2:00 with 34 members present and 2 guests.

First up was an introduction to our host **Phil Deats** to talk about his layout. **Phil** mentioned that the layout has moved some since their last meeting. The layout had to move when they got a new water feature in the back yard... a hot tub. Consequently the entire layout shifted 15' or so to the west. Mountain, airport and track. business. his suggestion... better planning! All humor aside the layout looked fantastic.

Next up was **Howard Hoy** giving an update on the clubs finances... yep we're still in the black.

**Karla Gunzenhauser** then gave an update on the club library which now has a proper home at the museum/Depot in Humeston. She hopes to have a proper index available for the website soon. Although how she going to do that based on "size" still seems a little odd to the editor!

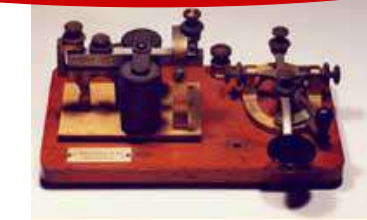
Club member **Neal Brown** gave a quick brief about his layout for the tour and praised the ground **Karla and Paul** walked on as they helped greet and speak to guests visiting the tour. Bottom line was greeters were especially important to a successful tour. & Neal has called dibs on **Paul & Karla** for next year!

**New Business Ole** announced that our website is now being run by a "Professional" all be it free gratis as of right now. Our new home page includes contact info and upcoming events as well as a complete up-to-date listing of newsletters. For now anyone wishing to post to the site send items to **Ole** and will see that they get placed.

**Peter Paeth** (host of the CIGRS Facebook page) relayed that the Facebook page is great for photos and videos (although **Kidman** recommends YouTube as a better alternative for videos ) but text documents like the newsletter are better suited for the website. Anyone who has a Facebook account should be able to post photos to the CIGRS Facebook page.

If someone is interested in hiring **Mike Kidman** to make Aerial Photos of their layouts contact him and ask for Captain Jack. (I believe there may be a story here that negates this but I am just reporting the facts as they were given to me.

**Ole** entertained a motion to have



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**Howard Hoy** actually purchase garden railroading door prizes for regular meetings. A budget of \$100 per meeting was suggested with a vote taken and approved by most if not all present... (**Editor's Note:** I sure do miss **Bill Joy's** mumbling when the "nay" token vote is called.) Although nothing was said specifically the editor believes donated door prizes will still be accepted but please remember to keep them railroad related!

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## CIGRS July Meeting (cont.)

Photos By: Peter J. Paeth

The August meeting is scheduled for Humeston, IA on August 19 starting at 2:00. It was suggested that lunch at the Grass Roots Buffet before the meeting with a reservation call to **Karla Gunzenhauser**. It was also mentioned that there is some fabulous "shopping" specialty stores that will be open for those so inclined. **Renee Kidman** seemed to light up when this was announced. It was also suggested that everyone visit the Depot/Museum and newly rededicated wooden water tower after the regular business meeting has concluded.

**Show & Tell Mike Armstrong** proudly displayed his replica "Cheyenne Social Club" for his modular layout.

**Show & Sell The Nugent's** are in the process of dramatically downsizing so **Jay & Cheri** had many things free for the offering as well as a couple items that sold quickly.

Shortly after this the meeting was adjourned with the promise of treats available on the back porch.



Only layout I have ever seen with an fully operational airport. Sopwith biplane on its take off roll. It would have been a beautiful day for a plane ride!



Looks like the balloon man has quite the party going on there.

# Blue ribbon Award for Young CIGRS member, Gage McDaniel

Text by: James & Jamie McDaniel

This March (our son) Gage decided that he'd like to be on the Spring tour. We had a pond in the ground at that point and that was about it.

Gage and his dad had a basic layout in their minds, getting it to be a reality proved to be a little difficult. A local cement laborer had agreed to work on the track in his off time, however he failed to complete the job. A family friend came over and finished the forms and poured cement 1 week from the tour.

Hard work and determination prevailed; Gage moved every one of the rocks that he could lift, his dad helping with the heavier ones. You can see the finished display in the attached pictures

The tour was a lot of fun, Gage made it a point to talk with anyone who had questions. He was very proud of his display and enjoyed hearing the nice words from those who visited.

As a 4Her, Gage was looking for a project that he could take to this year's fair. We ran across a class in the fairbook that allows for him to document his home landscaping and design work. To do this, we printed pictures from start to finish of the project. He documented in a short story just how the display came to be and the challenges he faced.

The day of judging at the fair Gage took in his binder, an engine and a couple of cars to show the judge what scale of train and size of garden he was dealing with.

Gage was judged not only on the display, but also on his ability to converse with the judge. Gage did an exceptional job talking with the judge. His project was held back for consideration of going on to State Fair.

After waiting all day we found out his project was selected to move on to State Fair. The judges commented that they had never seen a project/display like his.

We would like to thank the club for helping him develop his skills and love for modeling. He looks up to everyone of you guys. We couldn't ask for a better organization for our son to be a part of.



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Gage with his binder, display and Iowa State Fair Blue Ribbon!

# More Photos of the Deats' Layout

Photos By: Barb Deats & Ole Olsen



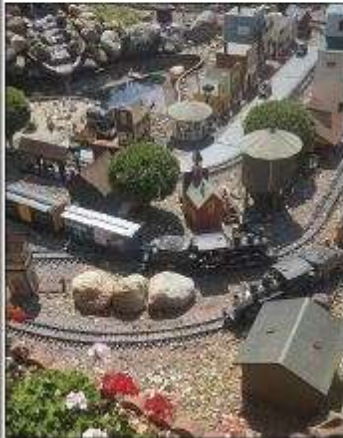
Deats' re-enactment of the movie Bambi...

# TRAINS IN THE BARN

Saturday, September 15 • 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

The Round Barn Site • Allerton, IA

Featuring  
Central Iowa Garden Railway Society's  
Modular "G" Scale Train Layout



- Trains running in the Round Barn
- Railroad lanterns
- Telegraph keys
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The Round Barn Site is located 1 mile east of Allerton, IA. • GPS Coordinates: 40.70636, -93.34581  
From Central Avenue turn East on Maple Street and drive 1 mile. Some navigation devices will try to route using Main Street or Co. Rd. J-44 which is a dirt road. Do not use this route.

This event is running in conjunction with the town's annual Fall celebration, "Allertonworld Fair." There are many things to do and see during the celebration, including a parade at noon. Don't miss out on small town fun at it's finest. Come and spend the day.

If you have a model train layout or railroad memorabilia that you would like to display, please call David at 641-870-6500 to arrange.

# CIGRS Word Puzzle Page

Find the words related to Railroading

Courtesy of Phil & Barb Deats

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ACROSS

CONDUCTOR

SCENIC

TRACK

COUNTRY

DINING CAR

SIGHTSEER

TRESTLE

AMTRAK

ENGINEER

LOUNGE

UNITED STATES

AUTO TRAIN

EUROPE

SIGNAL

VACATION

BAGGAGE CAR

FAMILIES

SLEEPER CAR

VIA

BUSINESS

LUGGAGE

STATION

VOLUNTEERS

CANADA

ORIENT EXPRESS

SUBWAY

WI-FI

COACH

PASSENGERS

SUPERLINER

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# CIGRS Buy Sell or Trade

This is going to become a new recurring page on our newsletters. If you have something you wish to sell, let the editor know send him a photo with price and your contact info.



## Jay Nugent

Jay is selling his working lights RR crossing signal. Paid \$100 new, asking \$75. Call Jay to purchase. He can bring it to the next Train Club meeting. Has always been inside except for the 2 Train Tours we were on. Jay Nugent  
[jcnugent42@gmail.com](mailto:jcnugent42@gmail.com)



## Peter Paeth

New Brite Sequoia gondola. Plastic wheels, Hook & loop couplers. Asking \$5. He can bring it to the next Train Club meeting if requested.  
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## Peter Paeth

Bridge used to cover outdoor controllers. Sturdy Cedar Construction. Asking \$10. He can bring it to the next Train Club meeting if requested.  
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## Peter Paeth

RR Crossing sign. Purchased from a bookstore. Asking \$30. He can bring it to the next Train Club meeting if requested.  
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## Peter Paeth

Antique Railroad Baggage/Freight Cart. Sturdy Construction. Asking \$25. Selling for a buddy. He can bring it to the next Train Club meeting if requested.  
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## 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
Andee & Joe Vocelka	7-13

## AUGUST

### Birthdays

Barb Kilmer	8-8
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## AUGUST (cont)

### Birthdays

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

## 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

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.

**Little Known Railroad Trivia:** The patented "Clickity-Clack" sound trains used to make was caused by playing cards that conductors attached near the spokes of the cabooses trucks. Since modern day trains no longer use cabooses, modern day trains no longer make that distinctive "Clickity-Clack" sound.