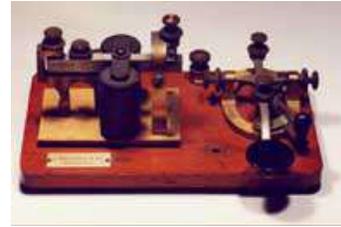


# The Telegraph

Yes We're Back Edition!!!

**CIGRS**

Dateline: March 2019



## The Return of the Telegraph and an urgent plea for help...

A couple years back Pleasantville lost their local newspaper. It was a small town rag that featured among other things local news... you know Aunt Sadie was visiting Uncle Bob two counties over and the Jefferson kid lost his first tooth and the home town football team lost a heartbreaker to Lynnville-Sully. I really miss it. I am old school... I need to feel the paper in my hands... heck after all, in a world with jet airplanes, interstate highways and 18-wheelers I still play with trains. I am guessing some of you feel the same way. So until someone else steps up I will try to get back my groove. Please... I need your help. Send me your news... even if it is Uncle Bob broke a hip while dancing with Aunt Sadie when she visited last month.

**At the very least I can include emails from our elected officials like this one:**

Greetings from **Joe Vocolka CIGRS**  
21 January 2019

CIGRS is still in the hunt for a volunteer to serve as editor for the CIGRS TELEGRAPH newsletter. In the interim, I have volunteered to serve as a communicator to members concerning CIGRS news.

Our first meeting of 2019 took place at the modular layout in Merle Hay mall on January 20th.

Schedule for the remainder of 2019 is as follows:

**February 17th** (modular layout at Merle Hay mall)  
**March 15-17th** (Iowa State fairgrounds for the Flower and Garden Show)

**April 28th** (meeting location yet to be determined)

**May 19th** (meeting location yet to be determined)

**June 22nd** (2019 Garden Tour)

**July 21st** (meeting location yet to be determined)

**August 18th** (the home of Howard Hoy)

**September 15th** (meeting location yet to be determined)

**October 20th** (meeting location yet to be determined)

**November 17th** (Annual meeting, location yet to be determined)

For **December**, there will be no meeting

& then there was this one...

from **Ron Huntimer & John Olsen & Joseph Vocolka**

**10-11 February 2019**

Next Sunday the CIGRS will meet and hold our Annual Modeling Contest at Merle Hay Mall. The trains will start running by noon and the meeting will begin by 2:00. We will meet in Suite 912.

Please remember to bring a lawn chair to sit on. Of course it goes without saying, treats of any kind would be greatly appreciated. There is a food court here at the mall if you want to grab lunch before the meeting. Old Chicago is here at the mall as well. Felix & Oscars Pizza is just north of the mall by Hobby Lobby. Applebee's is in the east side of the mall and IHOP is on the south side of the mall. Lots of places to enjoy. Thanks everyone!

See the 2019 contest rules below...

### 2019 Central Iowa Garden Railroad Society Modeling Contest

*Categories are...*

**Rolling Stock:** Any railroad car kit bashed, built from a kit or scratch built

**Building:** Any building constructed from a kit, kit bashed, or scratch built.

**Photography:** Any Photograph depicting a Railroad theme.

**Textile:** Any material such as Quilt, Wall hanging, Art, with Railroad theme

**Diorama:** Any diorama for use with a railroad theme.

**Garden Art:** Any Art made for the Garden with a Railroad Theme.

**Best of Show:** Entry selected by the General Public and Membership from all entries.

**Contest Rules:**

Contestants may enter more than one item in each category and may enter as many categories as they desire. Entries are to be submitted no later than 1:00PM, Sunday February 17.

\*\*\* You may register and place your entries starting on Saturday February 16 when our MHM exhibit opens at noon. Each member shall receive a ballot for each category, a total of seven (7). On that ballot they should write down their selection for 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place in that category.

The entries from each category with the most votes will be awarded the prize in that category. Begin voting on Sunday at 1:00PM.

The General Public will receive one (1) Best of Show ballot Public Ballots will be handed out on Sunday February 17 starting at 1:00PM. All voting will begin at this time.

The entry with the most votes from the public and membership shall be awarded the BEST OF SHOW. Final voting ends at 3:30 PM. Awards are at 4:00 PM. Good Luck

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## More Emails

By: Various

**John Olsen & Joseph Vocelka**  
**9 March 2019**

Hi everyone, want to advise you that we have extended our stay at Merle Hay Mall through the end of May. We have also changed our schedule for public viewing to Saturday's and Sundays from Noon to 4:00 PM. We are still looking for people to join us during these times to run trains and talk with visitors about our hobby, club and annual tour. This year the tour is going to be fantastic. The tour hosts have been confirmed and what a list we have! Another terrific year for sure! I'll let Ron announce this year's hosts.

It is our hope to start putting together a new batch of straight mods and working on other projects in ANTICIPATION of Spring and bringing our layouts back to life! Clearly, this will be a winter to remember! If you have kits or something in the works come set up on a table at the mall so we can all see what you are working on and how you put it together.

Please go to our website ( [www.cigrs.net](http://www.cigrs.net) ) and check out the info regarding the FLGS plus a \$1.00 discount coupon you can share with friends and family. This is posted on our FB page as well.

You won't want to miss out in running a train on this year's layout design. Louis has done it again. It's pretty special!

If interested in helping with the build out please show up at the Varied Industries bldg around 9:00 AM Thursday, March 14th. Bring knee pads and a driver to tighten Splitjaws if you have one. We will be raising a mountain. Setting trestle bents and laying track. Plants and buildings will be inserted after track is done. It is always special to have structures and dioramas that you have built to talk with visitors about during the show. Please bring a favorite or two to be included in the layout Thursday if possible or Friday morning as the show begins at 1:00 on Friday, March 15th.

Last year we would have been in a world of hurt if Gene and Jane Elphic's kids and grandkids weren't around to help us break the layout down and get it back in the trailer Sunday afternoon. Please, ALL HANDS ON DECK for Sunday at 3:30 to lend a hand. Many hands make light work!!! :-)

Thanks everyone!

Come on out! Hope to see you over the weekend!

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## Merle Hay Mall Public Viewing Hours

Saturday: 12-4PM

Sunday: 12-4PM

## Other News from our Website

Courtesy of ???



Would this be a Kidman Crossbuck?



**Your News goes here**

**Photos By: CIGRS Member**



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# And here too!

Photos by: Anyone and his brother

**Editor's Note:** As some of you may know I have begun writing a couple Photo books of 1:1 scale railroad books for my own pleasure and for those I love. The format on these books is landscape so I am not sure how it will translate to newsletter size constraints but I need filler for the newsletter so the following pages are the start of my third project. Unless someone objects or until I get other news to post this is all I got. Enjoy

Peter J. Paeth



Dedicated to:

Sandra Douglas-  
Paeth

Partner, Wife, Planner, Organizer  
Baker, Confidant, Ice Cream Lover  
and my all around Better-half

# USA RAILS

This is the third in a series of photography books that I have created to display photographs of railroad engines and cars on static display. The first two (which has now become four due to great number of display trains in Iowa) were only for trains found in Iowa. I have now reached out to many of our neighboring states, Illinois, Nebraska, Wisconsin, South Dakota, Colorado and now even as far as Florida. The U.S. has a fascination with trains and I am, above all, an American.

The first book was started as a Christmas Gift for my Dad. The second was for my Mom. This one will be for my wife who has jumped into my fascination with both feet. I love you dear and hope we go on many more adventures all around these United States looking for trains. **Merry Christmas to you!**

If you discover a train ride or “Captive Railcar” that I have failed to include in this pictorial please feel free to send me the location of it as I feel a need for a vacation coming on soon.

Peter J. Paeth  
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First Edition

## FEBRUARY

### Birthdays

Sheila Roemer	2-5
Rick Isard	2-14
Pat Olsen	2-19
Sue Brown	2-20
Karla Gunzenhauser	2-21

### Anniversaries

## MARCH

### Birthdays

Joe Godfroy (It's Classified)	0-00
Jim Atkinson	3-17
Louis Miner	3-18
Gordon Cox	3-21
Marilyn Shellenberg	3-25

### Anniversaries

Mike & Renee Kidman	3-7
Phil & Barbara Deats	3-17

## APRIL

### Birthdays

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

### Anniversaries

Neal & Sue Brown	4-18
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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 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.