

The Telegraph

Spring is here! Yeah!!!

CIGRS

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The Lawn & Flower Show report

Great turnout !

Day 1 report: Ole Olsen

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We saw C19 pulling 3 passenger service coaches. We saw 2 BN GP's pulling a fine looking consist of Shell Tankers. We saw UP NW2 hauling freight around the mountain with ease. We even saw a light weight switcher pulling a couple of flat cars looking for and a yard to load in. We had several members waiting patiently to run today too. Day One is history now so tomorrow is another day! A good time was had by all!

Day 2 Report:

During the day we saw members refurbishing some of their buildings and telling stories about how they got into garden railroading. It is so cool that we can provide teachable moments to engage and encourage each other and visitors about the different components of our hobby.

CIGRS Modular Workday report:

By Ole Olsen (Photos on Page 3)

We cut up materials for 12 new standard mods and 8 new corners. 12 new mods were glued, screwed and nailed together today. We had a great group of guys who dug in and got things done. The Corners are being discussed further due to questions about the need for inside and outside corners. It's a long story! But Louis is working on some answers on how track will be adjusted considering inside corners.

Club members who (attended) include: **Jay Nugent, Gene Elphic, Louis Miner, Jim Atkinson, Ben Hancock, Mark Herzog, Doug Doggett, Mike and Renee Kidman and Ole Olsen.**

They discussed best practices for mod legs and corner pockets for the legs. We used a Kreg Jig for screwing the 1x4 fascia together to conceal the screws. What a neat tool this is.

Next workday we will cut the corners and begin laying a new high density foam road bed and cutting up legs and installing the bottom adjustable hardware. We discussed using Velcro to store legs for each mod under the mod. We will be transporting the finished mods to Merle Hay Mall for further development by those who have

purchased a new mod to add into our layout. Stay tuned for more pics next month. A big thank you to Renee for feeding us one of her specialties for lunch. The chili was delish. Jim Atkinson brought some awesome dessert too. We didn't wither away I can assure you. A good time was enjoyed by all!

CIGRS Memorial Car Update:

Photo by Ole Olsen Text by editor

Just a quick update on the CIGRS Member Memorial Car. The car below is a photo of the before look of the car as it now stands. Lots of smooth car surface for our list of Honorable Names. Not a lot of work has occurred yet but Ole has assured me that he is on the task. If anyone wishes to volunteer to assist him with this VIP club project please feel free to contact him.

CENTRAL IOWA GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY MEMORIAL RAILCAR



Photos from Lawn & Flower Garden Show

By: Various



John Olsen
March 2019

Saturday we saw many visitors throughout the show. Our club was represented as well. We had several new members and their families on hand to talk to visitors and gain some insight on how to build a Garden Railroad in their own backyards. We even did a little recruiting for the Girl Scouts by running boxes of cookies on flatcars most of the day too! See if you can spot any as you check out these pics.



Modular Workday at Reindeer Pass

Photos: Courtesy of John Olsen



New Vinyl Art Project!

By: Paul Gunzenhauser



I am sending two art pieces related to railroading. I hoped to bring them to the meeting in February but weather cancelling our plans. These are what I call vinyl art. I believe this is so new that Google does not have a description. What Google describes as vinyl art are vinyl LP records exploding sending pieces everywhere.

These vinyl art photos are made from the same material used to make vinyl signs. It is 2-1/2 mils thick (same as 20 lb paper) with a sticky back. A backing paper is applied with a plastic coating so the vinyl is easily removed. My machine (a Cricut Explore) cuts through the vinyl but not the paper backing. Then the unwanted vinyl is weeded or removed leaving the image. A transfer tape is applied over the image. It is sticky enough to lift the image and the image is placed over the substrate and pressed on, then the transfer tape is removed.

The images come from several sources. The best are SVG (scaleable vector graphics) from the internet ready to use, printable copies that are transferred to black vinyl and cut, or shapes from the Cricut machine. The railroad ties are some I made. along with the rails. A lot of fun to be creative!

More Vinyl Art!

By: Paul Gunzenhauser



Editor's Note: Paul has really stepped up. He has submitted two other articles for publication in the CIGRS Newsletter. I am saving them for the next go round! Thanks Paul! If anyone else has photos or text to submit, my email is listed on the last page or snail mail them to me. Yes, I can read cursive!

I also received a new email from my dad who has also submitted an article for the Telegraph. Look for it in an upcoming edition. Keep them coming!

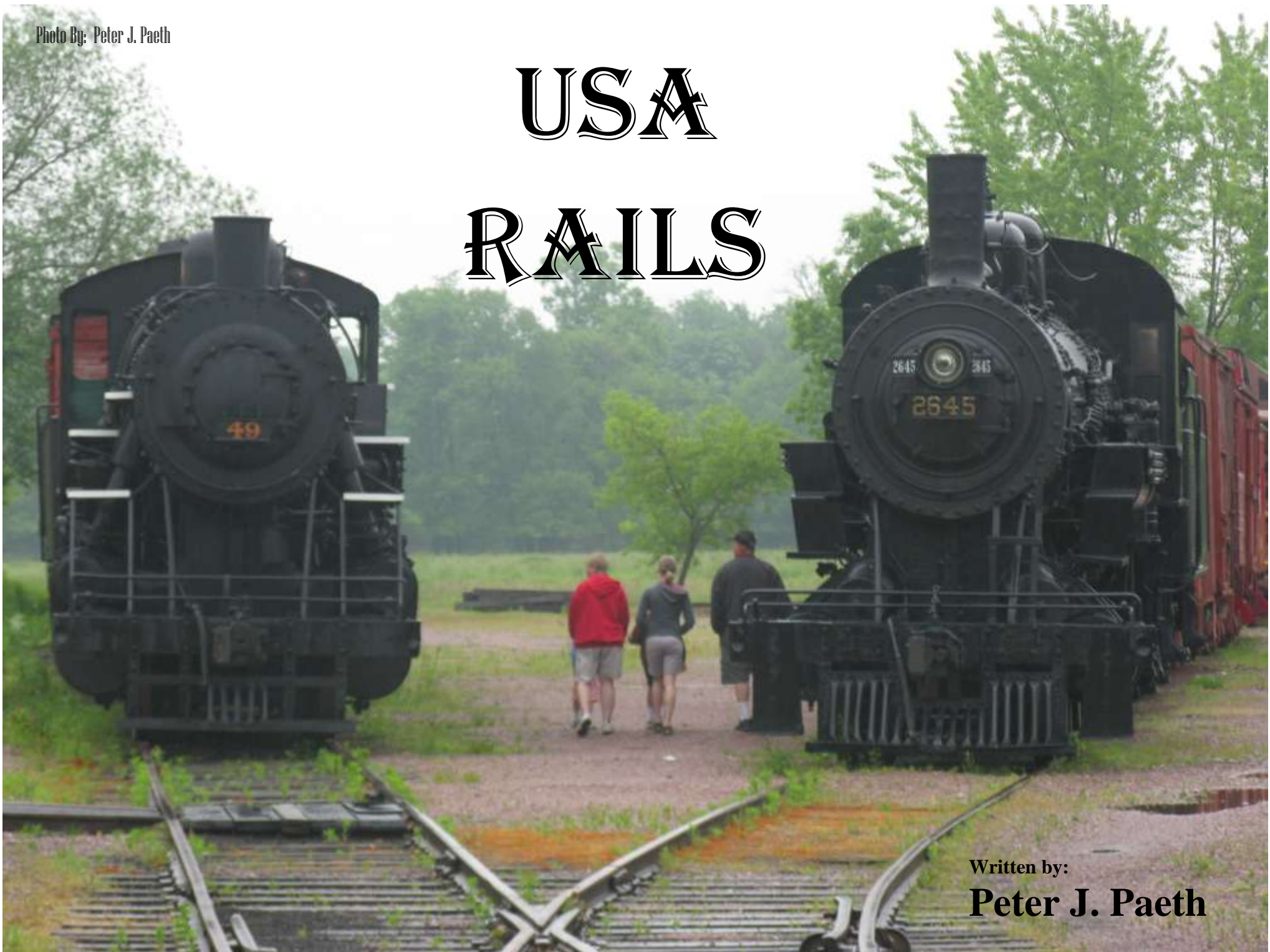


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Editor's Note: The following two pages are the title page for my train photo book and a working copy of the index for that book. Still a work in progress, I think there will be more sections to come as I dig through more photos of other Paeth adventures in railroading.

Photo By: Peter J. Paeth

USA RAILS



Written by:
Peter J. Paeth

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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.

Trivia: The Barber-Bettendorf Swing Motion caboos truck is one most commonly used on cabooses in the 1970's.