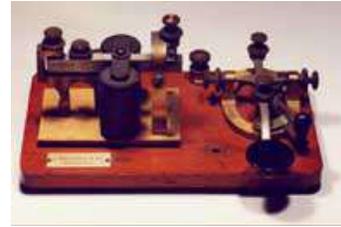


# The Telegraph

50th Anniversary of the  
Landing the First Man on the  
Moon

**CIGRS**

Dateline: August 2019



## CIGRS Meeting Held July 21, 2019

### Newsletter Notes by: Jay Nugent

Twenty CIGRS members were treated to a wonderful afternoon at **Larry and Julie Nelson's** home in Cedar Rapids. **Larry** has an extensive layout, well landscaped in a natural setting, featuring numerous large boulders, a water fall, steel bridges and many buildings that **Larry** has constructed for his layout. **Julie** provided a nice lunch for attendees that proved to be well received and appreciated. **Larry and Julie** are active members of CIGRS as well as the Cedar Rapids club (CVGRS).

President **Ron Huntimer** called the meeting to order a little after 2 pm.

**Howard Hoy** gave the treasurers report noting that the tour, due to rain, attendance was down somewhat and did not bring in as much income as in past years but the club's financial status was in very good shape. **Ron** followed up with some comments about the tour and the positive feedback he received from attendees he met on the tour in Ames.

**Jim and Paula Atkinson** talked about attending the Garden RR tour in the Kansas City area on June 28th. They noted that the brochure they used was very similar to the CIGRS brochure.

**Ron** added that he and his wife **Kayleen** also went on the KC tour and got together with **Jim and Paula** for dinner that evening.

**Ron** noted that the Des Moines Botanical Center has been in contact and is interested in having the club help them to build an outdoor layout. He indicated that **Louis Miner, Mike Kidman, John Myers** and he have met with the organizers from the Botanical Center to discuss a plan for their needs.

### New Business:

**Jay Nugent** made a motion and **Howard Hoy** seconded that the club reimburse **Ben Hancock** for constructing two wooden cases for the club's large steam engines. Motion passed.

**Mike and Renee Kidman** will host the September meeting. A pot luck will begin at noon. The meeting will start at 2 pm.

**Gene Pritchard** asked if any club

members could come to Winterset to help him on his layout. **Ron** asked **Gene** to provide him some additional information and he would post it on the website.

**Mike Armstrong** updated us on his project to put lights in all of the buildings on the layout. He has found a solution by using solar lights that he found at Home Depot.

The meeting concluded with door prizes. Nearly everyone went home with a new treasure.

Compiled by interim secretary for a day:  
**Jay Nugent.**

**Editors Note:** **Jay** you have been holding out on us. You must have been a newspaper columnist in another life.



Right: **Ron Huntimer** at the helm of the CIGRS July Meeting at the **Nelson's** in Cedar Rapids.

# Larry Nelson Layout Photos

By: Ron Mash

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Lock and barge under the main bridge



Here we go Loopity Lou!



There's a lot going on in not a lot of space



I love the Balloons flying everywhere!

# More Larry Nelson Layout Photos

Photos By: Ron Mash



I love that it's 5:00 somewhere and WTF was the driver of that HumVee thinking?



A quiet spot for Walt's Malt Shop.

Joe's Fish Market in the shadow of the main bridge



Look at the detail work in the tin roof of this factory, all hand-made.



# NASA Railroad!

Text & Photos Provided By: NASA.gov Website

Celebrating 50 Years of the First Manned Moon Landing



A NASA locomotive passes by a space shuttle on a launch pad at Launch Complex 39 en route to Cape Canaveral Air Force Station on the NASA Railroad. The train is delivering helium, a commodity used in launching the Titan rocket.



A NASA train crosses the Indian River on the NASA Railroad to deliver solid rocket boosters for the space shuttle at Kennedy Space Center. For safety, box cars serve as spacer cars between the individual booster segments.



Combination of the editor's two favorite things Railroads and Space Exploration. This Photograph of a NASA spacer Flatcar was taken by the editor took while at Cape Canaveral several years ago.

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# Welcome to the San Juan Valley Railway

**Article by: Howard Hoy CEO San Juan Valley Railway**

**Photos By: Peter J. Paeth**

The San Juan Valley Ry (*SJVRy*) was surveyed in 2016 and built in 2017. It follows the prototype of the Denver and Rio Grande Western's narrow gauge lines in Colorado and New Mexico, as they were in the 1930's. The railroad is built in 1:20.3 scale (aka Fn3) using code 250 rail. The *SJVRy* has 1000 feet of mainline track and another 412 feet of sidings and spurs. Engines are battery powered.

The *SJVRy* is a branch of the Denver and Rio Grande Western southward from Arboles, CO on the *D&RGW's* Fourth Division, proceeding through Archuleta, Turley, and Blanco, ending at Bloomfield, NM. Rolling stock, both engines and cars, are leased from the *D&GRW*.

Unlike many of the *D&RGW's* branches, the *SJVRy* does not tap major mining districts. The *SJVRy* relies on traditional sources of car loadings for income; cattle, grain, forest products, fresh fruit and vegetables, and inbound coal and foodstuffs make up the bulk of products carried.

The *SJVRy* endeavors to portray mountain railroading as it was in the first half of the last century. The rolling stock are models of those used on the *D&RGW* narrow gauge. The structures along the track are largely scratch-built to represent the buildings built by the railroad to serve its passenger and freight customers, to service its cars and locomotives, and those structures built trackside by the railroad's online freight customers. The *SJVRy* is not a garden railroad, but rather an outdoor model railroad.

**Directions to the *SJVRy*:** From I-80 take Exit 143 to 1st Ave N. Follow marked detour to 4th St SW then East to 3rd Ave SE then South to 5th St PI SE then East to end of street. From US 65 exit 8th St SW then East to 3rd Ave SE then North to 5th St PI SE then East to end of street.

Visit the *SJVRy* on August 18, 2019 starting at 2:00 pm.



**Tank Car Water Tank**



**Engine Turntable**



**3-Bay Engine House**



**Down by the station, early in the morning!**

# Puzzle Page

Courtesy of: Sheri Godfroy

**New Recurring Feature for the Telegraph!** Many thanks to **Sheri** for providing our newsletter with a many of these word find puzzles for this and upcoming issues of our newsletter. Let her know how you did with these!

## At the Train Station

"ALL ABOARD!"  
BENCH  
CLOCK  
CONCOURSE  
DELAY  
DELI  
MUZAK  
NEWSSTAND  
PASSENGER  
PLATFORM  
REDCAP

SHOESHINE  
SIGN  
STAIRS  
TICKET WINDOW  
TRACK  
TRAIN  
TRASH CAN  
WAITING ROOM  
"WATCH THE  
GAP"

W O D N I W T E K C I T E  
A V K A K E R Y B E D A D N Y  
T P K C H S H O E S H I N E A L  
C F A H O A M M N R R I L W L S  
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E A A T S S N T H N R O U A S G  
G W A I T I N G R O O M L N H G  
A L R A N N D C E C E E N D T  
P R A L L A B O A R D A L



Photograph of 2007 Train Wreck involving Shuttle Booster Segments in Alabama.

## CIGRS History

Photo Courtesy of: Maureen Hagele

### CIGRS Historical Collection

Like the Moon landing CIGRS is experiencing a milestone of its own. The Club First Scheduled Meeting according to our Historian, Karla Gunzenhauser was April of 1998. Which means we are working on our 3rd decade. Please share your "historic" photos of the early days of CIGRS Club with the newsletter editor and I will feature them through-out the rest of this year.



## Library News

Courtesy of: Newsletter Editor Peter Paeth

I have donated another periodical to the CIGRS Library. It is another Friends of the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad *C&TS Dispatch*. This is the Summer of 2019 issue and below is a excerpt.

### Excerpt from *C&TS Dispatch* Volume 32 Summer Edition

By: Rev. Bruce Williams (of Cedar Rapids, IA)

*"During my second or third walk-through, a middle-aged couple , Margie and Ron, stopped me with a question about the locomotive. One question lead to another and after 10-12 minutes of interacting, the women ... asked, "Is there anyone on the train who could perform a wedding?" Thinking she was asking a hypothetical question and comparing forms of transportation, I replied, "Oh, you mean like the Captain of a ship?" As she spoke, her partner...pulled an official-looking envelope from his back pocket and began unfolding what they explained was a Colorado marriage license awaiting consummation."*

If you want to find out how this conversation ended you'll just have to check out the latest edition of *The C&TS Dispatch* from the CIGRS library. You may also get your very own version of the *C&TS Dispatch* newsletter by visiting [www.cumbrestoltec.org](http://www.cumbrestoltec.org).

On a related note: Check out this web link to a neat 10 minute National Geographic video about "Lessons Learned From Working on a Historic American West Railroad."

[Lessons Learned](#)

# AUGUST

## Birthdays

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

## Anniversaries

Larry & Julie Nelson	8-8
Jim & Paula Atkinson	8-12

# SEPTEMBER

## Birthdays

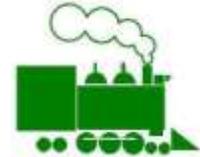
Connie Biechler	9-7
Michael Kidman	9-9
Gene Pritchard	9-12
Eric Kamp	9-20
Joe Vocelka	9-20

## 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.

Trivia: If you laid all of the G-scale Track that the Kidman's Reindeer Pass Trainshop has sold you'd have enough to get to the moon and back!