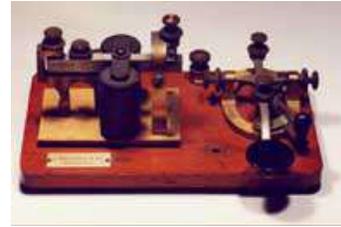


# The Telegraph

Holiday Season Issue!

**CIGRS**

Dateline: December 2019



## Breaking in the new MHM Site

*Home away from Home!*

President **Ron Huntimer** opened the November 10th meeting at our new site in Merle Hay Mall, Suite 1255, at 2:00. Twenty-six members signed in.

**Howard Hoy**, Treasurer, reminded members that 2020 dues of \$20.00 can be paid now. (or mailed to his house - see club roster for details)

### Upcoming Events

**The Botanical Center display** will start to go up on November 17th, next Sunday. **Joe and Sherri Godfroy's** auction will also be on that day.

**The Reiman Gardens** display will start to be put up at 8:00 on Monday, November 18th, and continue through the 20th. Those who wish to help can work on the train layout, and can also come to help plant flowers, especially on the 20th.

**Lewis Miner** will not be available to lead the Flower, Lawn and Garden Show set up at the state fairgrounds in March. **Gene Elphic** volunteered to take over that responsibility. **Jay Nugent** volunteered to be his main helper. The dates of the FLGS are March 20-22.

A sign-up sheet was sent around so club members could sign up for times to help. As usual, the ground work for the layout work will begin on Wednesday, the 19th, with Thursday, the 20th being when lots of helpers will put the project together and get trains running.

**Mike Kidman** will represent CIGRS at the FLGS with a short presentation about our club on Saturday, the 21st. He is expected to share information about our various community involvements as well as our general goals.

The **Annual CIGRS Tour** will take place on the 4th Saturday of June, the 27th. **Jim Atkinson** will be in charge of the tour this year. There are 4 layouts already on the list, and two more are needed. Already planned are visits to **Merle Hay Mall** - CIGRS Modular Railroad  
**Kidman's** - Reindeer Pass Railroad  
**Huntimer's** - Iron Horse Railroad  
**Olsens** - Boulder Creek Railroad

### New News

**Mark Herzog** has located an HO train layout, complete with a trailer to haul it in. **Mike Kidman** moved to accept the donation of the HO layout. **Ward Mellerup** seconded. The motion carried. Plans are to set it up in our MHM location to share with visitors.

**Ed Schecklman** attended our meeting. He has plans to set up a store for HO trains across the walkway from our location at MHM. The club members agreed this could be an advantage for both of our places.

### 2020 Modeling Contest Update:

**Howard Hoy** is the director of the model contest in 2020. He gave a rundown of rules. There will be five categories—locomotive, rolling stock, bridges & structures, dioramas and art. Judging will occur between 1:00 and 2:00 at our February meeting.

There will also be a "Best of Show" award. The winner of the Best of Show award will receive the **Gary Edlen Memorial Traveling Trophy**.

Someone asked if we should consider giving out a "Club Member of the Year" Award as well. Something to think about.

Another suggestion was to create a wooden board with the names of the annual winners of the Best of Show award listed and hang it on our wall at MHM. (**Editors Note:** Maybe we could make it with a shelf across the top so we could also display the CIGRS Club Memorial Rail Car - hint, hint, nudge, nudge, wink wink, say no more! Your editor will gladly provide this wood works if someone wants to provide the lettering - call me!)



# Meeting Notes: (Continued)

By: Secretary Karla Gunzenhauser

## CIGRS Club 2020 Officer Elections:

President - **John Olson**  
Vice President - **Mike Kidman**  
Treasurer - **Howard Hoy**  
Secretary- **Karla Gunzenhauser**  
Director at Large - **Gene Elphic**  
Librarian - **Karla Gunzenhauser**  
Historian - **Karla Gunzenhauser**  
Education Director - **Ron Huntimer**  
Newsletter Editor - **Peter Paeth.**

**Ron Huntimer** made note of his house fire which is why he did not run for president this year.

## Show and Tell

**Ben Hancock** brought his LARGE SCALE (4 to 5 feet long) flat car to show. He started with a rusty frame, and cleaned it. Then he added all the other necessary parts to create a wonderful project. Super work, Ben. (see photo on page 3)

**Jim Atkinson** talked about the new layout at Merle Hay Mall. With the new corners and a dozen new straight sections, an "L" shaped layout can be created.

**Ron Huntimer** showed us a scale automobile that survived his house fire. He suggested that anyone could build a fire, put in a vehicle, and then take it out when the desired damage had been done to it.

## MHM Modular Layout Features

**Ron Huntimer** showed a couple of drop cloths that could be used to put on the unfinished walls of our space at 1255.

**Jay Nugent** moved that CIGRS purchase 12 plastic drop cloths. **Howard Hoy** seconded the motion. the motion carried.

**Howard Hoy** talked about the crossover section of track that was donated by **Mike Kidman**. (see photos on page 2) Club members were able to assemble it on an eight foot section before and after the meeting. It was a challenge to put it together but serious hands got it done.

The layout is wider and longer than it had been in our previous location. The walk-in section is at the end, rather than along the side. Both are great improvements.

## Club Donations

**Maurine Hagele** donated seven special plates to the club. After some discussion, it was decided to save them as prizes for the modeling contest in February.

Door prizes were given out and everyone present received something.

The meeting was then adjourned.



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**Mike Kidman** donated Crossover Sectional Track



## Photos Courtesy of Karla (Jack-of-all-trades) Gunzenhauser



**Ben Hancock's 1/4 scale Wabash Flat Car**

## EMail News:

### From the desk of President Elect Olsen

Here is a list of projects that need addressing before scheduling public viewing over the holidays. The Mod SIG will do these but want to make sure all club members know they are welcome to join in spiffing up our new space at Merle Hay Mall.

- Decorate front windows
- Decorate trees / put together loops for running trains under the trees
- Put on landscape cloth around mods and hang garland with lights
- Make new stanchions
- Mix quickcrete
- Fill cans with concrete and set pvc
- Cut pvc to length and glue T's and 4 way connectors to 1/2" pipe
- Put on custom covers
- Put up poly tarps on side walls with zip ties
- Place stanchions around layout and string roping
- Set up promo area by front windows with starter sets and club & tour info for visitors

These are just for starters :-)

December 15th is the 3rd Sunday of the month. Due to the hectic holiday schedules the club voted earlier this year not to have a club Christmas Party or a club meeting which historically we don't have a December meeting anyway.

I was thinking an informal gathering would be nice but these are busy times with lots of family gatherings being planned. So enjoy the Christmas Season everyone and enjoy your families!

**Merry Christmas** to all of our CIGRS Family!

**Ole**

**Editors Note:** Please let **Ole** know if you can assist with any of his Honey Do's!

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## More EMail News:

From the desk of Paul Gunzenhauser

**Karla and I** attended **Joe's (Godfroy's Auction)** sale yesterday. (11/17) CIGRS Club members **David and Jeanie Wampler** were also there

Of particular interest (to us) was the crossing gate signal at their driveway entrance. The story is quite interesting as **Joe** bought it in Humeston 16 years ago. At that time, Alan Pierson, who had finished up his railroad career with the UP acquired two of these signal crossings.

One was given to our railroad museum and is in working order, the other was sold to **Joe** for \$1000.00. **Joe** and **Sheri** came to Humeston in April to pick it up. I believe we had a forklift to put it on **Joe's** trailer as it is quite heavy.

**Joe** had placed it at the entrance to his driveway. He thought it would be fun to have a G scale track run across his driveway. He wanted to set it up so when a vehicle approached the driveway, the crossing arms would come down, lights would flash and the warning bell would clang. The driver would expect a full scale train to cross, but only a G scale locomotive would appear around the bend.

The next part of the story is that **David Wampler** bought the signal (at the auction) and I think he might put it up near the Round Barn Site in rural Allerton. where the Club visited a year ago.

The sale was well attended but sales were just average. **Joe** and **Sheri** won't have to move so much stuff now. They haven't yet sold their house.

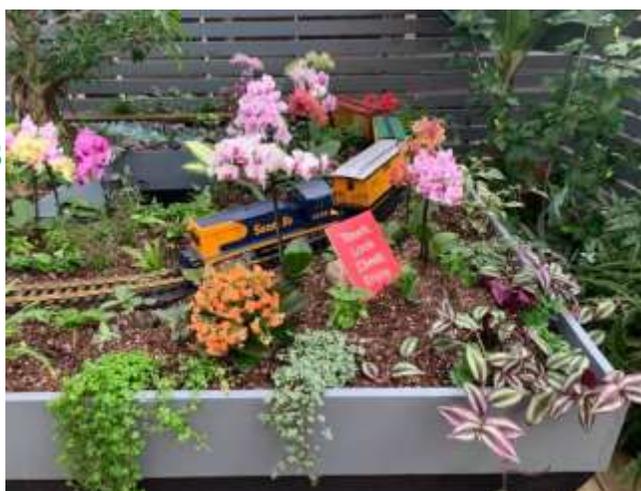
## Department of Corrections CIGRS Telegraph Editors Desk

Sincerest apologies to **David Wampler**. The November issue of the Telegraph erroneously stated that **Mark Wampler** donated several large culverts ideal for G Scale tunnels. **Mark** is **David's** brother who passed away last February. Thank you **David** for your donation and for letting us know of this correction.

## Botanical Garden Layout

Photos and Text Ole Olsen

We Just did a little maintenance at the Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden. They go from the desert succulents to the exotic orchards. They used dense foam for a raised rail bed mounted on some solid bench work. The mountain is also crafted from layers of foam insulation board. Painting and weathering along the roadbed looks very nice. They let us soften the curves this year. They built all new bench work and went from 3 small loops to a dog bone pattern layout built up on dense insulation materials. We laid the track on Sunday morning and they did a little demo. It came out quite nice.



# Merry Christmas & Happy Thanksgiving!

From the editor of the Telegraph



Photos from our Sister Club: River City Railroad (Omaha NE area)  
Courtesy of: Mark Kimball, 29 October 2019



Wouldn't these make beautiful Christmas Card photographs?

# Puzzle Page

In Honor of: Sheri Godfroy

New Recurring Feature for the Telegraph! Something New:  
A Word Find Puzzle!



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## Railroad Terms!



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## Find these railroad Terms Above

narrowgauge, caboose, grade,  
track, wigwag, couplers, switches,  
signals, siding, gauge, CIGRS,  
steam, diesel, electric, crossbuck,  
yard, MOW, hopper, boxcar,  
airbrake, EOT, rail, John Henry,  
whistlestop, fireman, engineer

## Answers to Last Month's Puzzle Page! CIGRS Telegraph Editors Desk

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# CIGRS Historical Re-collection

Text Courtesy of: Karla Gunzenhauser (CIGRS Co-Historian)

From - CIGRS Newsletter, Feb. 2000 by **George H. Hagele**

For those who haven't been to the last couple of meetings, exciting things are happening on two fronts. We are talking a permanent club layout, perhaps at the fairgrounds. The other is a "portable" layout for shows and events.

At this time we are in the dream stages on both. We visited with the Central Iowa Model Railroaders at the fairgrounds. They think it is a great idea, but really have no control outside the building. Their recommendation was to contact the fair board with a proposal. We also have decided to purchase a few cases of track in the meantime.

Some of our members live in apartments or just don't have room for a rail empire, time for you to get involved.

# CIGRS Historical Re-collection

Photos Courtesy of: Founding Member Fred Loveridge

**Fred Loveridge** was a superb modeler and an all around artist when it came to his **Beaver Valley & Donnelly Railroad**.

**Fred** passed away 6 years ago come this next February.



# DECEMBER

## Birthdays

Ethel Herrig	12-1
Peter Paeth	12-7
Dave Dunn	12-27

## Anniversaries

### CIGRS Personals:

ISO: Rail stretcher. I have 3/4 inch gap in my layout and I think if I can stretch the rest of the layout I will have enough to cover the gap. Contact Ima at 867-5309.

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# JANUARY

## Birthdays

Bill Joy	1-4
Steve Evans	1-10
Cheri Nugent	1-15
Larry Nelson	1-18
Catherine Burkman	1-23
Elizabeth Kamp	1-30

## Anniversaries

Steve & Cheryl Evans	1-10
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# FEBRUARY

## Birthdays

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

## Anniversaries

If we are missing yours let us know so we can celebrate with you! All personal ads accepted via email @ [cigrs@hotmail.com](mailto:cigrs@hotmail.com)

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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.