

# The Telegraph

CIGRS Annual Modeling Contest!

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## Librarian Wins the whole Shebang!

*Congrats to all the Winners!*



President Olsen started the meeting with introductions to new member **John Gibson**. He also introduced **Andrew Flokers**. Andrew got his start in HO scale and saw us at the Garden show. He works in Garden Landscaping "Clean-ups" and is intrigued by our "big trains" He has purchased a "Starter set" and is well on his way in dreaming up a layout of his own. He has also volunteered his youth and his muscle to helping build out the layout at the garden show this year. More info on that later!

**Financial News** - Report by **Howard Hoy** - we are still in the black - nuff said.

### Old Business

The modular group has made a new crossover module which was on display. There are also many other modules being produced and finished. although the ones that are done already look fabulous!

The Garden Tour dates have been set for June 27th this year. This will be our 12th year with regular tour. Look for details and brochures soon from our formidable President. The tour will include cites of Altoona, Johnston & will finish up at the Merle Hay Mall location this year.

### New Business

Special thanks was given to **Matt Kidman** who volunteered his expertise and tool set to maintain the HVAC system at the Merle Hay Mall location. He was also approved a stipend of \$75 to "take his wife out to dinner" for his special talents and assistance.

A motion was made and passed to extend the lease for the new mall location until August of 2020. A motion was also made and passed to Transfer video tape of members layouts to a digital format so that the club can play it on current video equipment. I believe **Karla**, club librarian, was going to make sure this task was completed.

Other new business **Ole** spoke of was that the HO dealer across from our MHM location had discussed a joint Swap meet type affair. **Ole** asked for interest and got enough to continue discussions with said dealer.

**Secretary Note:** The planned four weekend swap show in August. There will be no cost for the first 40 tables. All CIGRS member tables will also be free. (on a first Come first served basis)

The next piece of new business was the discussion about the **Flower, Lawn & Garden Show** scheduled for March 20th, 21st and 22nd. Club direction and input was requested about how we were going to move forward with this and other non-club sponsored events. The discussion was vocal and the editors opinion was that it was productive.

I have summarized in my own words the result of that discussion. If I have missed anything remember this is my opinion of how it went. Up first, was the discussion that we are all getting older... it was mentioned that most members joined the club when they were Andrew's age... we are not that young anymore. It was also mentioned that lugging huge rocks, 4'X8' sheets of plywood and other heavy items was better left to younger folk

To alleviate that issue it was suggested that we concentrate on smaller more affordable layouts in our displays with the emphasis on showing how a "little" investment (1K or less) can be affordable to anyone who has an interest in G scale trains. This was also suggested that it would hopefully help bring younger members to join the club.

It was also suggested that we bring our expertise at railroading to bear not free labor for venue's looking for such things. Club management took all of these comments to heart and I believe understood a direction to go. It was announced that it was too late to make these changes to this year's garden show as the layout and material had already been planned for and ordered.

**Ron and Betty Hohneke** donated two books to the CIGRS library. Four LBG coaches have been donated to the club from the **Richard Jones** sale. The club is looking for the cars of the Bumble Bee yellow train that once ran on the FGLS layout. Do you know where they are? **Ron** also gave the club a Kansas City & So. Alco Aristo engine. It needs a motor but

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*Karla Gunzenhauser with her Best-In-Show Entry. The Edlen Traveling Trophy appears in front.*



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# Modeling Contest Category B

Buildings and Bridges

Photos by: Peter J. Paeth & Karla Gunzenhauser

our "sponsor" *Reindeer Pass* thinks they may be able to hook us up. Big thank you **Ron!**

## Show and Tell

**Ron Huntimer** showed his model of a dragline on a flatcar. Very well done.

The final piece of New Business was the annual modeling contest results for this year. Each winner also received a commemorative train plate, but without cup and saucer.

The category winners were:

A: Railroad Print Art: **Paul Gunzenhauser**

B: Buildings and Bridges: **Karla Gunzenhauser**

C: Railcars & Engines: **Howard Hoy**

D: Railroad Diorama: **Gage & Rick Roghair**

Best of Show award went to **Karla Gunzenhauser**.

Congrats to all the winners. See Photos.



*Other buildings entered by Karla. Stacking the deck!*



*Bridge design entered by Ben Hancock*



*Another engine house entry -  
Gage Wulf and Rick Roghair*

# Modeling Contest Category C

Railroad Rolling Stock and Engines



*Winning Entry in the Rolling Stock Category. Howard Hoy*



*D&RGW Woodside Reefer Car - Howard Hoy*



*Rock Island Fuel Oil Tender- Gene Pritchard*



*Rock Island MoW Bay Window Transfer Caboose - Gene*



*A.T. & S.F. Railroad Boxcar - Andrew Folkers*



*New Member John Gibson introduces himself to the club.*



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**Editors Note:** Shout out to **David Elbe** from Keokuk! **David** has been a member since before I joined. He loves reading our newsletter and enjoys CIGRS doings and events from afar. We got your dues check and you are good to go for 2020. Keep in touch **David**!

**Note from our Chief Financial Officer:**

Yes, (CIGRS has) two Gages, Gage McDaniel known as "Standard Gage" and Gage Wulf known as "Narrow Gage" Gage Wulf is the presenter of the (winning) diorama.

# Modeling Contest Category D

## Railroad Dioramas

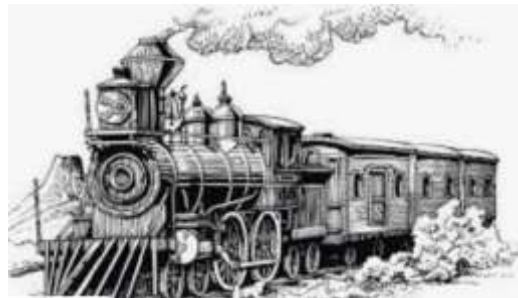


*Winning Entry in the Diorama Category - Built by Gage Wulf and Rick Roghair*

*Hint: The Dry Goods Store and Blacksmith Shop are both bird houses bought at a local hardware store!*



*Above: Another entry in the diorama category.  
Ash pit for Steam Locomotives - Ron Huntimer*



*Below: Station entry in the diorama category  
- Mike Armstrong*

### Another Project - CIGRS Photo Roster Update

**Ron Huntimer** requested that I share the template with club members in case anyone wants to add a "Page" to the Photo Roster project we did a few years back. To that end I will be sending out a template and sample you can see to make you own page if you wish. This template was created using PowerPoint. If you are unable to edit PowerPoint files and still want to have an updated page send your photos and text to the *Telegraph* editor and I will create you a custom page. Remember to specify the Diesel or Steam layout.



# CIGRS Modular Layout

Photos by Peter J. Paeth - Looking good gents!



*It must be July, that corn looks like it is as tall as an elephants eye!*



*Little early to be camping ain't it? Thank goodness the outhouse isn't a double decker though.*



*Main Street USA CIGRS style!*



*Gosh I hope nobody got hurt!*

*Circus is in town, and there's that elephant!*



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# Arizona Modular Layout

I know our Modular group has already made most of their modules, but I saw this in my Uncles newsletter from the Arizona Large Scale Railroad Club and I had to share it with our guys. Although I do like the what our guys have built I can see the benefits as far as weight and ease of transport of these lighter weight modules.

Photos courtesy of the Arizona Big Train Operators (ABTO) Club.



# New Wall of Legends Project

## Memorial Project for CIGRS Members

Our Editor had a wild idea last week before the CIGRS monthly meeting. I liked it so much I ran with it. I hope everyone approves and will help with this project.

I know we have a memorial car in the works but I thought it would be nice to display something more of our lost members for posterity.

To that end I have created this project of creating a 5X7 of all active members that have passed. I will also include 8X10's of their layouts or train collections.

I have included Photos of those members that I knew of and hope for some input from any old timers and those folks with cameras who might have captured some that left us before I was around.

If any of you have input or know of folks that we might have missed this is your chance. I have already reached out to some of you already and have received a great response so far.

All digital photos or info can be directed to my email at CIGRS@hotmail.com or hard copy photos sent to my snail mail address which is available in our groups register.

All info listed so far has come from known sources (Obituaries) & personal photos. I will be reaching out to surviving members for any missing information known. If you see anything wrong please let me know. I have indicated items I still need for this memorial.

Some of the photos shown here will not display well when blown up to 5X7 so I have listed those that I need. Also if someone has a "better" photo of a loved one feel free to request that

I also asked our resident banner artist, Paul Gunzenhauser, if he could make a banner and he said yes. In fact he even already mailed it to me. I would like to request that he be reimbursed financially for this if the club see's fit. The rest of the cost of the project is on me.

Eventually I would also like to include our Club Memorial Car on this display wall as well.



**Bill Wilkinson**  
Need Birth Date & Death Date (Have Circa Dates) and Better Personal photo and layout photo (8X10)



**RA Caraway**  
Need Birth Date, Death Date (have Circa Death Date) and Photos of Layout (8X10)



**George Hagele**  
Need Birth Date, Death Date and Photos of Layout (8X10) Thank You! Maureen



**Richard Jones**  
Could use Color Personal Photo



**Carroll Smith**  
Need Birth Date & Death Date (Only have Circa) and Photo of Layout (8X10)



**Gary Edlen**  
Could use better personal Photo may use layout photos from Garden Railroad Magazine



**Sharon Seely** Need Actual Birth Date Only have Circa, and need Photo of Layout (8X10) Better Personal Photo is pending.



**Fred Loveridge**  
Could use better personal Photo



**Richard Burkman**  
Need Good Photo of Albia's Christmas Layout (8X10)



**Richard Roemer**  
Need Good Photo of Layout (8X10)



**Richard Shellenberg**  
Need good Photo of layout (8X10)



**Mike Meston**  
Need Good Photo of Layout (8X10)



**Jim Darby**  
Could use Higher Res 5X7 Personal Photo



# 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

# 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
Bob & Joy King	3-10
Phil & Barbara Deats	3-17

If we are missing yours let us know so we can celebrate with you! All personal ads accepted via email @ 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.

**Reminder:** President Olsen is looking for Hosts for the May, July, August, September and October meetings. If you can host please contact him.