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November Meeting Notes

By: Jim Atkinson

CIGRS November monthly meeting took place at Merle Hay Mall. The membership started to gather prior to 12:00 Noon, trains were running and a swap meet took place. Lots of rolling stock, buildings and accessories were displayed and up for sale. Business was brisk.

The business meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m. by **President John Olsen**.

Alex Steenhoek celebrated his 15th birthday earlier in the week and shared cupcakes for the occasion. The group in turn sang Happy Birthday! Happy Birthday Alex!

A financial report was provided by **Treasurer Howard Hoy**. Currently, the ending balance is \$11,857.89

John Carl brought to our attention a need by the DM Pastoral Counseling Ctr to help create a train display at the DSM Heritage Society located at the refurbished Wabash Depot, celebrating 50 years. CIGRS was recognized during the evening for providing some rolling stock and a locomotive to help symbolize their 5-decade history of service to the Greater Des Moines area. KCCI long time anchor was the featured guest speaker. His topic was; "The Most Important Story I've ever Told." A story of his fight with depression through most of his adult life.

Member **Jay Nugent** introduced friend, neighbor, and newest member **David "Doc" Stilley**. David is a resident of Des Moines and local physician. David has experience in HO and O gauges.

Welcome David!

Doug Doggett built an adjustable trestle bent and shared it with us. It will be perfect for the Day Out with Thomas in Boone. It is slick!

Laverne Leverington, Mark Herzog, John Olsen, Jim Atkinson, Ron Huntimer, and John Carl assisted at **Reiman Gardens** last week for their Holiday Express build. If you get a chance to take a road trip to Ames, you won't be disappointed to see how magical this layout is during the holidays. The display will be open to the public until January 11, 2023.

President Olsen then addressed the group and provided information about the 2023 Midwest garden railroad event. The first order of business was to name the event. After motions, discussions, two votes and a coin toss it will be:

"2023 Midwest Garden Railroad Gathering"

Clubs in the five surrounding

states, Indiana, and Arkansas will be invited. **John Kramer** and **President Olsen** have already been communicating with them.

Dates are June 22, 23, 24 & 25, 2023

Hotel accommodations are at the **Wyndam Gardens Hotel** 1st & Delaware in Ankeny, IA

Opportunities will include a "G" scale vendor, BSVRR, workshops, swap meet, modeling contest, **Bob Bourne's** ride on train, and area garden railroad tours.

Rick Roghair has accepted the challenge as our next editor of the Telegraph. **Rick** advised the group that the Telegraph will be dependent upon submitted articles, period. **Rick** will need those articles by the last Saturday of the month. Articles can be sent to **Rick Roghair** at rriouxndutch@gmail.com Thanks **Rick!**

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Reiman Gardens Layout Photos

Photos By: Paul Hamby



Reiman Gardens featuring our popular “RG Express Holiday Train” display. Visitors will be enchanted by this custom-built garden-scale train

Alex Steenhoek Halloween Layout

Photos by Ole Olsen

Driveway temporary layout for Halloween built by Alex Steenhoek!

Nicely carved Pumpkin tunnel!



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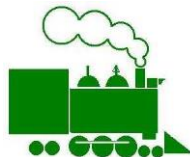
November is the election of officers' month. A motion was made by **Rick Roghair** to retain the current officers for 2023. Current officers agreed to serve. **Gage Roghair** seconded the motion and there was not much discussion. Current officers were retained by unanimous vote.

- John Olsen – President**
- Mike Kidman – Vice President**
- Ben Hancock – Asst. Vice President**
- MSIG**
- Jim Atkinson – Asst. Vice President**
- Club Activities & Attire**
- Howard Hoy – Treasurer**
- Gene Elphic – At Large**
- Ron Huntimer – Director of Club Property**
- Gage – Historian**
- John Kramer – Librarian.**

The club Secretary position is vacant but **Jim Atkinson** has agreed to fill the position for 2023.

23 members present

A reminder to members that February 19, 2023 is our modeling contest...



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2023 Midwest Garden Railroad Gathering

Update Page: Ole Olsen

New Details: Yes the title above is the official title for this event!

Event Hosting Hotel:

Soon to be named:

Wyndham Gardens Hotel

Currently named:

Ramada by Wyndham

at 133 SE Delaware in Ankeny, IA

Coming Soon!

New Event Logo incorporating the event name and our own CIGRS logo.

Old Reminders:

2022 Garden Railroad Tour Candidates will have their layouts ready for viewing on Friday the 23rd.

2023 Garden Railroad Tour Candidates will have their layouts ready for viewing on Saturday the 24th.

Vendor Hall will be open on Thursday and Friday Afternoons & Saturday Morning.

Swap Meet is scheduled for Friday Afternoon.

Evening Meals will be located at Dogget's on Thursday, & Saturday evenings. These meals will be paid for from Event Registration Fees. Maps will be available and this location is within 15-20 minutes driving from hotel.

Modeling Contest will also be scheduled for Friday afternoon. Four categories (pending finalization) are Railcar/Engines, Buildings, Diorama & Photographs.

FAQs:

How is Voting for the Modeling contest? Suggestions: 2 Voting tickets per registration packet? Will CIGRS Club members also be voting? Entering models? Monetary prizes in the form of Gift Certificates to the Event Vendor were discussed 1 for each Category and 1 for Best-of-Show Dollar amounts are still under discussion.

Can local Club Members "register" for the event even if they do not stay at the hotel?

Does my Registration go down if I am only going to be there Friday, Saturday & Sunday?

No, The Thursday evening Meal is a bonus for those coming in early. No discount will be extended for 3-Day attendance.

Will Registrations be available upon arrival or do we have to be registered in advance?

Advanced registration forms are being readied right now and should be available in January/February 2023. Stay tuned for details.

Registration Costs include 2 Evening Meals, Tour Pass for Friday & Saturday,

Vendor Hall & Swap Meet Event, Modeling Contest Entry/Voting & Ride-on Railroad scheduled for Sunday. All other meals, B&SVRR events and Hotel Accommodations are up to attendees.

B&SVRR events are available but not sponsored by CIGRS. You will need to schedule tickets with B&SVRR. See website at:

<https://bsvrr.com/wp/>

VENDOR Details:

On site Vendor is:

Reindeer Pass Railroad

If you have specific requests contact them at:

vernon@reindeerpass.com

Or at: 918-361-6084



Vendor Hall Hours of Operation

2:00 to 5:00 PM Thursday

1:00 to 5:00 PM Friday

9:00 AM to 2:00 PM Saturday

Editor's Note: All of the info on this page is still fluid. Changes may be spelled out in future newsletters.

PPS. Hey Rick... Olsen's last name is spelled Olsen not Olson... I keep getting it wrong all the time. See if you can do better than me. LOL

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Internet Historical News

Post by: Ole Olsen



CNW car shop- fabricating and erecting shop- in Clinton Ia. Photo takes in 1957 (before roller bearing axels). Building was over ½ mile long. Nothing remains today. From the CNW historical society facebook post.

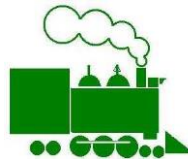


Expansion of MHM Layout

Photos from: Ole Olsen



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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.