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# Upland Strawberry Festival June 11 Club Open House at the Denison's June 25

## Summertime, Strawberries and Trains Saturday, June 11 - 9:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Looking for something to do or someplace to go? Then, why not check out this year's Upland Strawberry Festival for something unique. According to Geoff Schwartz, the whole town gets into the swing of things on this annual festival day. There is live entertainment, food vendors, plenty of crafts and, of course, more ways to serve up fresh strawberries than you can imagine.

Of special interest to our Train Club members is the old restored train depot right downtown. Go inside and it will bring back lots of nostalgic memories of "how it use to be" in our own hometowns. I understand that the depot has acquired a full size caboose that is on display outside the depot and Geoff Schwartz had a hand in repainting it. Also, Mel Turner and his "Modular Guys" will have an operating G Scale railroad up and running, so be sure to stop by and say "hello" to everyone there.

**Directions:** Drive north out of Indy on I-69. Get off the interstate at Exit 59 (approx. halfway between Indianapolis and Fort Wayne) and follow the signs on into Upland.

## First Garden Railroad Open House of the 2011 Season at the Home of Lynn & Joanne Denison 2 to 4 P.M. Westfield, IN.

If my memory serves me correctly, it was in June of 2007 that our Club had a train open house

at the home of Lynn and Joanne Denison. Everyone who has visited this railroad is always amazed at the natural beauty and incredible amount of detail that is in this railroad with its 350 feet of mountainous track. Anyone living in a condo who thinks they really don't have room for an outdoor garden RR needs to think again. Come to the Denison's and see for yourself.

When the Club last visited, there were two cities - Rose Rock and Crystal City. Would you believe that agriculture has taken over the hilltop city of Crystal? Crystal City is no more. In it's place is an apple orchard. Lynn is experimenting with the **cotoneaster plant** which has delicate, pink blooms followed by bright red berries (apples).

Lynn found a U.S.A. Refer Car lettered for "SMUCKER'S - OLD" *(cont. on pg. 2)*

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FASHIONED APPLE BUTTER". Lynn has also taken a red barn bird feeder and converted it into apple storage with a loading platform. So, the upper level (Crystal City) is now a fifteen tree apple orchard. His concern now is if a late frost has destroyed his 2011 apple crop and will there be apples to be picked for our June 25th visit.

Another addition is a bamboo trestle named "The Kazu Trestle". Dr. Kaz Miyagi has grown and donated the bamboo for this project. All joints have been hand tied. The new trestle connects the mainline to the upper street car line. It now is possible for sightseers to travel off the mainline to "JOANNE'S BED & BREAKFAST" ... stop at "SMUCKER'S APPLE ORCHARD" and on to view the "MIYAGI FALLS & LAKE".

On the west side of his yard, Lynn is installing a coal unloading facility. In yet one more addition, there is a water-powered mill. Water is carried from the falls by a water flume.

At the time that this editor received the above information, it had been raining for several days with more rain in the forecast. Lynn did not run his railroad during 2010 due to back surgery. Even though it has not been run for 18 months, Lynn will have all in readiness for our Club visit on June 25. (2:00 - 4:00 P.M.)

**Directions:** Address is 1369 Bridgeport Drive, Westfield, IN. (317) 669-7077

If traveling north out of Indianapolis on U.S. 31 (Meridian St.) or north on U.S. 431 (Keystone Ave.), you will come to the 146th St. overpass. Continue on north on U.S. 31 for one more mile to 156th St. **Be alert because there is no street signs at 156th St.** There are, however, advanced signs a few hundred feet before arriving at 156th Street.

**Turn left onto 156th St.** and travel 3 miles west - crossing Oak Ridge Road, Spring Mill Road and arriving at Ditch Road.

**Turn left onto Ditch Road** and continue south about ½ mile to the second drive on your left - Bridgeport Drive. **Turn left onto Bridgeport Drive** and the Denison's are the 3rd house on the right side of the street.

## Taltree Arboretum & Gardens Railway

Many of our Club Members are aware of a **New Garden Railroad** in the state of Indiana and it is **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**. The address is: Taltree Arboretum & Garden Railway Depot; 450 West 100 North; Valparaiso, IN. 45385

They are having their "Grand Opening" on Fri & Sat., June 3 & 4 from 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Tickets are \$10 per person. I have seen pictures of this 2.5 acre outdoor G-Scale outdoor railroad and they look quite impressive. The railroads "tell amazing stories of American railroads in the context of a large display garden. Railway Lines include: Canyon, Mining, Mountain, Prairie, Steam Passenger, Steel Mills, and the South Shore Line."

Everyone is encouraged to check out their website and view the pictures. There are, of course, trails and many beautifully landscaped gardens to wander and admire that are non-railroad related as well. In other words, you might want to allow yourselves a good block of time to appreciate and enjoy. Perhaps, you can email me some of your pictures and I will publish them in a future Newsletter. Can't go the weekend of the Grand Opening? I feel sure everyone can work in a visit sometime over this summer and share your pictures and brief writeup with me then. Thanks! - Bud

## Time To Order Club Shirts

Once per year, we have the opportunity to purchase ILSR Club shirts in time for the busy Open House season. A Club Shirt order form is included in this Newsletter mailing. Please note the window of time to act on this year's order. **Deadline for all orders is May 30th, 2011.** There is a slight price increase this year of \$1.25 on the blue denim shirts. The other change (which is totally out of my control) is that the exact yellow/gold club shirts is not being manufactured anymore with the racetrack black & white checkered trim. Instead, a similar shirt in basically the same yellow/gold color will be used. With the Club logo and name on the shirt, it will still look real cool! Be sure to order one for your spouse as well.



# Orchard In Bloom - 2011

2011 has been a banner year in the history of our Indiana Large Scale Railroaders so far this year and our Open House schedule has not even begun! The 2011 "Orchard In Bloom" show was more eye catching than ever, due in large part to the diligent work of **Jeff Carter**. Of course, Jeff always gets some good membership help to go with it all. All that being said, this year our Club layout display won both the "**Peoples Choice Award**" and the "**Best of Show Award**" for micro gardens. The following pictures will give everybody a sense of the overall RR.

Size of the display layout was 20' X 30' and utilized two loops of track. Flowers were on loan from Blue Moon Wholesale Farm in Tipton. Mulch and Depot Shed were from Lemcke Landscape in Indy. **Installer Help:** Randy Banks, David Palmeter, Paul George, Mel Turner and Dave Beck. **Tear Down Help:** Randy Banks, Paul George, Mel Turner and Dave Beck.

**Running Trains:** Randy Banks, David Palmeter, Bud Hunter, Paul George, James Driesback, Don Davis, Rex Bowman, Mike Smith & Lance Brock.



Don Davis, Ned Newhart and David Palmeter all make sure that trains run on schedule.



Train Meet; Notice the sub-road bed.





Just look at this! Remember, you are looking at “Peoples Choice” and “Best Of Show”

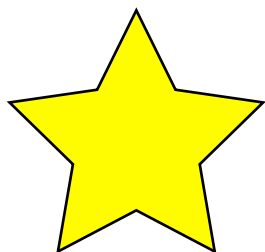


(Above) The Lemcke Depot is in the back-ground, which certainly adds a new dimension to this display.

(Right) Blessed are the “Moms” who are introducing “TRAINS” to their children.







# 2011 ILSR CLUB BANQUET MAY 14, '11



President Mike Smith passes the basket to Pam Smith to draw out another name for "Door Prizes"




Don Davis announces the winning numbers and the lucky people get to come forward and claim their train prizes. (. . and there some nice ones!)



We had 50 Banquet reservations for this year's ILSR Train Banquet held at the Golden Corral in Noblesville. We started off the evening by singing "Happy Birthday" to Jeff Carter, who was celebrating his **BIG 70** birthday that very day. For the next hour, we were on our own to select our own food from the vast selections available in the huge food court. (Personally, I went for two rounds of the baby-back, barbecued ribs.)

After finishing off with one or two deserts and visiting with other folks at our tables, it was time to get on with the business part of our meeting. There were approximately 20 train related door prizes that were to be given away. These included a 2-4-0 LGB steam locomotive, an assortment of freight cars, buildings, bird-houses and vehicles. There were also attractive plants used as "center pieces" on each table, so all-in-all half the attendees went home with something special.

We were fortunate to have **Richard Harris** as our guest speaker. We knew that Richard has a gift of talking and presenting something in a casual and reflective way from 2 years ago at a previous club banquet. This year, Richard put together a power-point presentation of how often Hollywood has made use of TRAINS in movies dating back into "silent movie" days, up to the present time with such hits as "Unstoppable" and "Water For Elephants". In fact, Richard claims that movies have used TRAINS in films often, second only to SEX.

Movies as well as the actors and locations covered included Silver Streak (with Richard Pryor), Stealing The General (with Russell Bonds), The General (silent flick with Buster Keaton), Strangers On The Train (Alfred Hitchcock), Hiawatha, The Sting, The Train (with Burt Lancaster), Throw Momma From The Train, Unstoppable (with Denzel Washington), 



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Now It Was 3:05, Emperor Of The North (violent), High Noon, 3:00 To Yuma, The Iron Horse (1924 silent film), Murder On The Orient Express, Von Ryan Express (with Frank Sinatra), North By Northwest (with Carry Grant & Eva Marie Saint), The Polar Express (with Tom Hanks) and Runaway Train.

A big THANK YOU goes out to Richard for a great presentation. Another big THANK YOU goes out to **Don Davis**, who had to borrow and setup the video projector and lapel mike, and to **David Palmeter**, who had to make an unexpected trip home to get his personal lap-top computer to hook up so we could all view the power-point presentation that Richard had prepared.

I think it is safe to say that all in attendance this evening enjoyed a great "evening out". -Bud



Richard Harris - keynote speaker

### ***SOME DOOR PRIZE WINNERS!***



Dale Olson



Brandon Carney



Linda Meggenhofen



Dave Graff



James Driesbach



Pattie Chester



Barbara Lynn



Geoff Schwartz



Marion Hensley





Nancy Hunter



Bob Pifer



Phillip Streby



Ron Loudermilk



Ned Newhart

## 2011 CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Thank you to everyone who renewed your membership this year. Your participation in being active and enjoying a good time with fellow members is what belonging to ILSR is all about. Twelve members did not renew and we shall miss them. We gained some new members as well, so our present 2011 Club Membership now stands at 73. Summer is almost upon us, so let's enjoy a fantastic Club year - **TOGETHER!**

Your 2011 Membership Directory is included in this issue. You might want to keep it handy just inside the front cover of your regular city telephone book. **Lets have another great year!**

- Bud

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# 2011 Club Event Calendar

- June 11 Strawberry Festival at Upland, IN.  
ILSR Modules will be up and running
- June 21 - 26 National Garden Railroad Convention  
Kansas City, KS.
- June 25 Club Open House at home of Lynn Denison  
2 - 4 P.M. Westfield, IN.
- July 16 Club Open House at home of Andy Chester  
2 - 4 P.M. Carmel, IN.
- August 6 Four Club Tour to Dayton, Ohio (Miami Valley)
- August 20 Club Open House at home of David Palmeter  
**Notice** This is for evening viewing 7 - 9 P.M.
- September TBA Hobo II Supper and Layout viewing at  
home of Jeff Carter
- September 24 - 25 Great Train Expo  
ILSR Modules will be up and running
- Dec. 17-18 Great Train Expo Indiana State Fairgrounds



*B&O Passenger train we observed last year on the Club's annual Four Club Tour to Columbus, Ohio. This year we will visit the Dayton, Ohio's Miami Valley Garden Railway Society Four Club Tour in August.*

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