

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN RAILWAY MODELLERS' ASSOCIATION INC.
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The Buffer Stop

SARMA Inc. meets on the **SECOND WEDNESDAY** of each month at 7.30 p.m in the 'Log Cabin' building on Lyons Road, Dernancourt, at the corner of Balmoral Road. Modelling nights are held on other Wednesday nights in the shed adjacent to the log cabin. See the Diary on Page 2 for details.

UBD Map 96 Ref D12: the red Scout symbol marks our clubroom.

Membership rates 2009 – 2010

Joining Fee:	\$10.00	Corporate:	\$80.00
Full:	\$60.00	Pensioner Concession:	\$45.00
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The Membership Year runs from 1 April to 31 March.

Quarterly pro-rata rates apply to new members after 30 June each year.

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The Library may be accessed in the adjacent shed before the club meeting.

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Diary

Wed 13 January: General Meeting

Wed 20 January: Modelling/Layout Night

Wed 27 January: Modelling/Layout Night

Fri 29 January: Committee Meeting

Wed 3 February: Modelling/Layout Night

Wed 10 February: General Meeting



Down the Track...

March 5 – 8:
Sandown

June 12 – 14:
AMRE, Greyhound Park

September 3 – 11:
Grain Board Layout
Royal Adelaide Show

September 11:
Modelling the Railways of SA
Convention,
Flinders Medical Centre

October 2 – 4:
AMRA Exhibition, Sydney

October 9 – 10:
Noarlunga Model Railroaders
Exhibition

The magazine is rather thin this month. Back in the early days of SARMA, there was a rule that your annual membership renewal depended upon you making a contribution to *The Buffer Stop* during the year.

We thank all those who have contributed articles to *The Buffer Stop* in the past year, and think how nice it would be if we were embarrassed by an overwhelming pile of 90 contributions, one from each member or family. How about making this the year when you contribute a “Here’s How I Do It” article, no matter how short or elementary you think it is. Whib’s *Archives Page* in this issue contains some examples. Otherwise (veiled threat coming up), this year’s issues might be full of VR On30 articles by Harry, ably assisted by Whib. Do you really want that?

Happy New Year!

Cover Photo: SARMA Mystery Trip to St Kilda on Wednesday 9th December.

Trams 42, 1971, 264 and 360 are lined up ready for us. Photo by Peter Michalak.

Go to <<http://www.flickr.com/sarail2009>>, and have a look at the photos he has posted there.

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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN RAILWAY MODELLERS ASSOCIATION Inc. MINUTES OF AGM HELD AT DERNANCOURT ON 11 NOVEMBER 2009

Meeting opened at 8.25 p.m. by Hugh Williams.

Members in attendance: 45

Apologies: 6

Visitors: 2

Minutes from previous AGM posted on notice board:

Moved that they be a true and accurate record – Trevor Carter, seconded Bob Houston. Carried.

Finance: The Annual Financial Statements have been presented to committee. The Full Financial Report will be presented at the January 2010 General Meeting.

Reports:

The President, Hugh Williams, gave his annual report which concentrated on the performance of the committee members during the year.

The Secretary, Peter Pickering, had presented his report, dealing with the events of the year, in the Buffer Stop and on the website.

Election of committee:

All positions were declared vacant.

Nominations:

President – Hugh Williams; Nominated by Bob Houston, Seconded by John Gordon; Appointed.

Vice President Admin – Roger Wheeler; Nominated by Bob Houston, Seconded by Dean Schluter; Appointed.

Vice President Special Projects – Iain Kennedy; Nominated by David VanderLinden, Seconded by Bob Houston; Appointed.

Secretary – Peter Pickering; Nominated by Dean Schluter, Seconded by Iain Kennedy; Appointed.

Treasurer – David Jameson; Nominated by David VanderLinden, Seconded by Treven Barnes; Appointed.

Librarian – Allan Norris; Nominated by Bob Houston, Seconded by Peter Pickering; Appointed.

Layout Director – Dean Schluter; Nominated by Bob Houston, Seconded by David VanderLinden Appointed.

Exhibition Layout Director – Bob Houston; Nominated by David VanderLinden, Seconded by Terry Jomartz; Appointed.

Maintenance Director – David VanderLinden; Nominated by Bob Houston, Seconded by Terry Jomartz; Appointed.

Social Director – Barrie Mackinnon; Nominated by Bob Houston, Seconded by Iain Kennedy; Appointed.

Editors – Chris Marlow; Nominated by Bob Houston, Seconded by John Gordon; Appointed. Harry Rush; Nominated by Dean Schluter, Seconded by Bob Houston; Appointed.

Auditor – Terry Jomartz was appointed.

The Returning Officer, Rob Burford, thanked the Committee for their work during the year and congratulated the new Committee members on their (re)appointment.

Meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.



Vale Dean Jackson

Dean was a member of SARMA from 1973 to 1998.

He served on the Committee:

1980-1982: Social Secretary

1986-1988: Librarian

1990-1991: Maintenance Director

1991-1993: Editor.

Dean was the author of an article “Modelling a Wheat Silo” published in *AMRM* November/December 1979, and he also contributed to *The Buffer Stop*. See the entry in “20 Years Ago” on page 5.

A card expressing our sympathy has been sent to Dean’s family. Attending his funeral service at Gawler on 16th December were SARMA members Roger Wheeler, Barrie Mackinnon. Paul Mackinnon, Trevor Carter and Brian Woods; and former members Phil Hart and David Peters.

Photo: Hugh Williams

The Advertiser
12 December 2009

JACKSON, Dean Trevor

Passed away peacefully on December 10, 2009, at Lyell McEwin Hospital. Aged 66.

Love June, Eddie, Trudi and grandsons Brentton and Scott.

Will be sadly missed.



50 Years Ago: January 1960

- This is the first issue of *The Buffer Stop* to be produced by SARMA. Up to now it has been produced by Mal Mead of The Hobby Shop.
- The SARMA Committee includes Trevor Carter (Librarian) and Don Snow (Buffer Stop Committee).
- There's an article about the club layout of long ago by honoured member Stan Filsell.
- Bridglands and The Hobby Shop have supplies of the Airfix Travelling Crane, a superb model which could be motorised. Romford "Terrier" motors and gear sets are expected in four weeks.
- Bill Coles has an article about his *Glenwood and Rowanville Railway*, 16' x 5'6", with 120' of mainline.
- Ron Solly has commenced tracklaying on his 12' x 9' layout. He is spiking nickel-silver rail to wooden sleepers, and ballasting as he goes. So far he has 10 feet of track....

40 Years Ago: January 1970

- President, John Gordon; Vice President, Trevor Carter; Treasurer, Roger Wheeler; Committeeman, Hugh Williams; Quizmaster, Bill Coles; Auditor, Len Redway.
- Cover photo: part of Karl Clermont's layout.
- At the December meeting there were more than 300 models on display. In the Drawbar Contest, Pete Fehlberg's 2-8-0 stripped its coupling.
- The Christmas Party was a success: organiser Eric Milne won the brass loco; Roger Wheeler won a cake and some perfume. [Better luck next time, Roger.]
- January meeting entertainment: slides by members and movies by Tony Sitters of the last few years of steam on the SAR broad gauge.
- Club tour by rail to Tailem Bend on Friday 16th January.
- Bob Burton has an interesting article on the Puffing Billy Railway.
- *The Train House* at Glenalta: Royce Juttner has a good selection of Tyco, Rivarossi, Atlas and French Hornby at reasonable prices.
- Plan and drawing of an SAR FB flat car.

30 Years Ago: January 1980

- Predictions for the 1980s:
 - Rising fuel costs will cut our use of cars and we will come to rely heavily on public transport, especially for longer trips.
 - We could well see not only electric trains, but also the return of the trolley bus system.
 - Long haul work will become the province of the railways.
- Articles: *Painting an M class box car*, by Peter Ziegler; *How I Fitted an SD35 Power Plant Into a Lima 44 Body to get an SAR 930 with Smooth Power*, by Noel Potter.
- The basic tool kit for model construction is becoming dearer to buy.
- "Switchstand" has a three page article, *Signal Symphony*, explaining what the various Train Order signals represent.
- Drawing and plan for a narrow gauge OSN open wagon.

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**From
The Buffer Stop
Archives (continued)**



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20 Years Ago: January 1990

- A photo by George Brown of the *Sandfly* NA1 (SAR 107) at Port Augusta before restoration.
- Wed. 31 January: a Miss Cellaneous night...
- John Looker has an article with photos explaining railway operations at Two Wells.
- Terry Jomartz has an article about a list of 122 railway films from various countries.
- Dean Jackson on remotoring a BL or G: you need an A&R 81 class loco, a Powerline BL or G loco, a few odds and ends, and a triple brandy.
- Construction Night: 700 class carriages.
- Running Night: a new timetable is in operation, incorporating the narrow gauge.
- More and more people have access to desktop publishing, hence access to producing *Buffer Stop* contributions....

10 Years Ago: January 2000

- Layout Report by John Willmer: the intricacies of the *Yondah* and *All Points* turning loop — two yards feed into it, plus a complex crossing throat — and the common rail is on opposite sides! But persist we will.
- Meeting Entertainment: displays and talks by Master Modeller entrants.
- VR and V/Line drawings are available from The Railfan Shop, 40 Market St, Melbourne.
- For Sale: 13' x 7'6" layout, 6 modules; contact Stan Filsell.
- John Doherty reports that the new road James Congdon Drive is named after James Thomas Percival Congdon, 1888-1960, a career railwayman from Junior Porter to Station Master, Adelaide. He lived in a railway cottage at Mile End, near the old SARMA site. The cottages and our Nissen hut were demolished in 1995 when the standard gauge line was built.
- Rail Scene: Bernard Martin's photos of railways in Brisbane, including a DD17 suburban tank engine on an off-peak regular service to Shorncliffe.



SARMA SALES

See Iain Kennedy



SARMA Pin Badges	\$7.00	Kadee #5 Couplers	\$4.60
“Rails and the River” Medallion	\$15.00	Delrin Bearings	\$5.30
Bogies:		11'6" Underframe Kits	\$6.30
40 ton Round Lid, Solid Wheels	\$11.80	PVA Glue, 2 litres	\$20.00
ANR XC	\$11.80	No. 2 self tapping screws, packs of 100:	
W Car Bogies	\$11.80	4.5 mm	\$7.00
SEM Axles 10.5 x 25 mm	\$1.10	6 mm	\$8.00
Decals for SAR M, MG	\$2.50	9.5 mm	\$10.00
Decals for SAR O, OB, OG, OX	\$2.50	Packs of 20:	
SEM GY Kit	\$15.00	2-56 UNC 3/8" pan head screws	\$4.00
SEM UB Van Kit	\$21.00	2-56 UNC nuts	\$5.00
SEM E Wagon Kit	\$22.00	Packs of 4 HO sheep:	\$9.00

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N Scale Websites

Graham Cocks & Barrie Mackinnon

N-SA (N South Australia) – N scale modelling of South Australian prototypes <http://users.picknowl.com.au/~nscalepage/n-sa.htm>

NSMA (N Scale Modellers Australia) – the portal (gateway) to N scale happenings in Australia www.nscale.org.au

NSM (N Scale Modeller) magazine – the on-line e-mag published in Australia www.nscale.org.au/nsm

Australian N Scale Products Guide – this interactive web-based guide lists more than 700 individual N scale items produced by manufacturers in Australia <http://users.picknowl.com.au/~austnscale/products.htm>

NscalePage – the N scale resource site in Australia <http://users.picknowl.com.au/~nscalepage>

SANGS – South Australian N Gauge Society <http://sangs.asn.au>

Serviceton

Early in January I attended a funeral in the country, and was talking to a person from Bordertown. He told me that the railway station at Serviceton is being restored by the Victorian National Trust.

I took this photo through the window of *The Overland* on 14 May 2009, as we rolled through Serviceton without stopping. It didn't seem right, not changing locomotives.

— Chris.



www.toytrunkrailroad.com



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SARMA 2009 Christmas Dinner

Sue Wheeler

This year the dinner was held at the Albion Hotel, Kilburn, on Saturday 28th November.

Twenty-nine guests were present, with the youngest being nine-year-old Alyssa Mackinnon.

We would like to say a special welcome to new members in 2009, Jeremy Kemp and Matthew La Vista. We couldn't believe that Matthew could be such a Harry Potter look-alike.

After scanning the tables we (i.e. the women at our end of the table) took a vote as to the best dressed men present. Our unanimous vote was:

1) Dean Schluter — the only male wearing a tie; and

2) Royce Juttner — looking good in his sports jacket.

We said farewell to Hugh and Helen Williams who were leaving the following Monday for a trip to Britain.

Once again Barrie Mackinnon came up with the goods. A nice venue, excellent food and great value of money; not to mention the camaraderie always in abundance at these dos. Well done and thank you Barrie from us all.

Library Report

Allan Norris

Recent Additions to the Library:

Australian Railway History	Jan 2010
AMRA Journal	Nov Dec 2009
Australian N Scale Modellers Newsletter	Dec 2009
Ballarat Phoenix	Dec 2009
Dispatcher (SANGS)	Dec 2009
Decoder (DECCA)	Jan 2010
Motive Power	Dec 2009 Jan 2010
Model Railroader	Jan 2010
Right on Track (NMRI)	Nov 2009
Right on Track	Dec 2009

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Send photos to Peter Michalak.

SARMA Mystery Trip

Chris Marlow

At 6 p.m. on Wednesday 9th December, 47 people departed from Dernancourt for our annual mystery trip. Organiser Barrie and Driver Rob knew where we were going; gradually the rest of us worked it out, as we drove along Grand Junction Road, and then Port Wakefield Road, and slowed at the St Kilda Road junction.

The good folk of the St Kilda Tram Museum were waiting for us, along with another 11 SARMA members who had convinced Barrie that they had to come by car. We had a quick look around and then the BBQ was ready. After the BBQ and dessert, we were able to explore the sheds with rolling stock stored in them, and have tram rides from the Museum

to St Kilda. These brought back memories of the good old days:

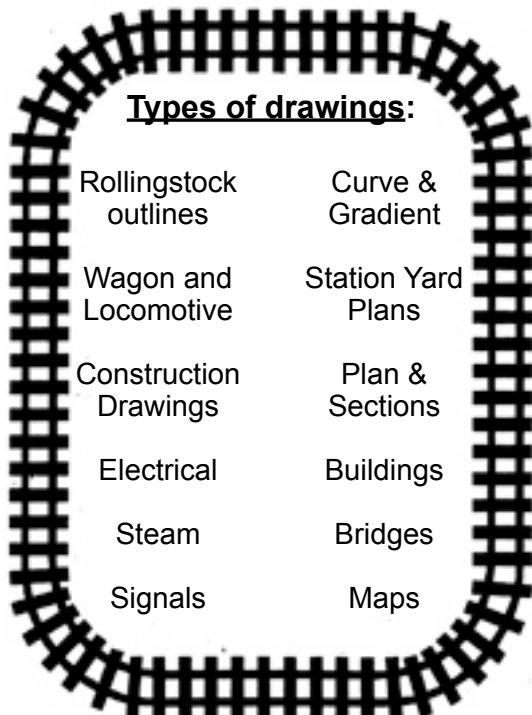
- The noise of the brake air compressor.
- The dimming of the lights as the tram accelerates.
- The swinging of the leather overhead hand straps.
- The sound of the tram bell.
- The ding-ding as the conductor pulls the left-hand cord twice to give the all-clear to the driver.

All too soon it was time to get back on the bus and return to Dernancourt.

Thanks to Rob for driving us safely there and back, and to Barrie for organising another successful outing.

Australian National Drawings

The drawings once held by Australian National are now available to the Public.
This includes both the SAR and CR drawings.



These plans are available to research and copy at

Inprotrans Pty Ltd
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(The old Islington Railway Workshops)

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GENERAL MEETING NIGHTS PRE-MEETING DINNER

***** Note change of venue *****

Members and visitors are invited to join us for dinner from 5.30 p.m. at the
Bremen Hotel
1210 Grand Junction Road,
Hope Valley,
just west of Valley Road,
each meeting night
while we still meet at Dernancourt.

Why not come straight from work to our clubrooms (any time after 4.00 p.m.) and assist us in collating this magazine, prior to the dinner.

Non-regulars please ring 8298 8571
no later than 11.00 a.m. that day.

Barrie Mackinnon,
Social Director.

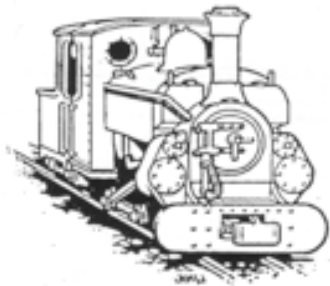
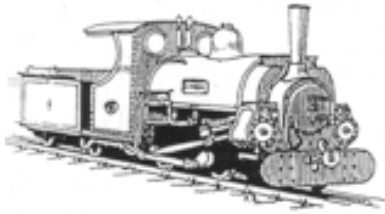
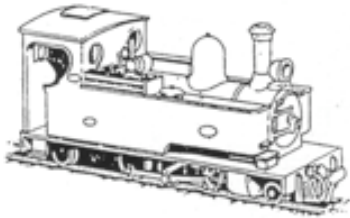
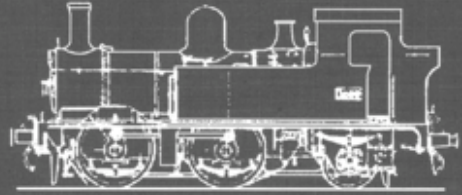
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Specials for January 2010.

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" " " "Desert King"	\$195.00
Hornby "Devon Belle Pullman"	\$315.00
" " "Talisman"	\$255.00
" " "Local Freight"	\$80.00
" " "Goods Master"	\$99.00
" " "Select DCC" system	\$135.00
" " "Elite DCC" " "	\$250.00
Dapol N "Voyager" HST set	\$395.00
Magnifier, Large illuminated, multi-position	\$109.00
" Junior " "bendy stalk"	\$57.50
Pace controllers-Powered single or dual	\$179.00
" " - Single Hand held	\$59.50
Athearn Snowplows-various names	\$56.00

Heljan English Diesel Locos - any one for\$190

Proto 2000 2-10-2 Steam Loco any name - Standard DC\$280

Proto 2000 - U28B or U30B locos, with DCC & Sound\$320 each.

Athearn GP35 Locos - any name \$105

" GP38-2 Locos - S/Fe, CSX, CP

" SD45 Locos - UP, SP, Reading, Southern, Erie, GN, ...\$128.00

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We stock San Mateo Line signals 12% off retail.

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Hope you all enjoyed Christmas.

Have a Happy and Safe New Year

Brian, Harry & Vic.



If, like me, you don't chuck your good calendars away at the end of the year, you might like to know that 2010 has the same day format as 1999 and 1993. So if you buy or receive a really good calendar, don't throw it away at the end of the year; hang it up again in 6 or 11 years, depending on how the leap years fall. (When the year is a leap year, you'll have to wait for 28 years.)

2009 calendars can be used again in 2015. 2010 calendars can be used again in 2021.

We have received a letter advising that the previous owner of Geralka rural farm (between Clare & Spalding) has died, and the contents of the museum are being sold on Thu/Fri 25/26 March. These include vintage tractors, farm machinery, motor and horse-drawn vehicles, stationary engines, etc. Among the etc is model railway stuff. Details can be viewed on [www.elders.com.au/geralka](http://www.elders.com.au/geralka). This site includes a video facility and images of the model railway start at 7.45 minutes in. It shows SAR/AN models.

Peter P  
Secretary

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When making a purchase, identify yourself as a member of SARMA,  
and receive a 5% discount.

In addition, SARMA will receive a voucher to the same value.

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**Mystery Trip to St Kilda Tram Museum**



BBQ Time.



All aboard for the first trip.



The tram step makes a good seat at a BBQ.



Swap trams at the other end.



The Swindle Organiser wins *another* prize...



"Seat for 9 Adults"?? Not these days!



Inside one of the sheds.



Harry's theory: if you stand at attention, the tram comes sooner.