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AMRE 2010

Sandown Excursion

The Workshop Rail Museum, Ipswich

Paints Guide for Modellers of Australian Railways

Baseboard Frames and Turnout Motors

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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.

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

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Diary

- Wed 14 July: General Meeting**
Entertainment:
Noel Potter – Spray Painting SAR and VR Rolling Stock
- Wed 21 July: Modelling Night/Layout Night
- Wed 28 July: Modelling Night/Layout Night
- Fri 30 July: Committee Meeting:
Host: Chris Marlow @ Dean Schluter's
- Wed 4 August: Modelling Night/Layout Night
- Wed 11 August: General Meeting**
Entertainment:
Photo Competition

Buffer Stop indexes have been compiled over the years by three of our members who have now generously made them available for the benefit of other members.

BS Index - 1968 to 2000, by Vic Kollosche and Bill Lewis

BS Index - May 1999 to April 2009, by Bill Lewis

BS Index - Dec 1999 to Jun 2006, by Don Snow

They will be available on the SARMA website for downloading. If you want a printed copy contact Barrie for the details.



Down the Track...

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, Seaview High
School, Seacombe Road.

November 21:

SARMA SwapMeet
Enfield High School

November 27:

SARMA Christmas Dinner

2011 March 27 (TBC):

Model SwapMeet
Enfield High School

2011 April 15 - 17:

SARMA RailShow
Golden Grove

With changes to our printing procedure, you will have noticed that we have discontinued the colour inside back page. Don't forget that *The Buffer Stop* is available as a pdf for downloading from the SARMA website. In this version the photos are in colour, and we have been able to improve on the sharpness of these. If you would like to give it a no-obligation try, contact the editors or the webmaster for the instructions. You can still receive the printed version if you want to.

Cover Photo:

Peter Michalak's F class loco visits the Florey Springs layout at AMRE 2010. **Graham Nixon**

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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN RAILWAY MODELLERS ASSOCIATION Inc. MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD AT DERNANCOURT ON 9 June 2010

Meeting opened at 7.37 pm. by Hugh Williams.

Members in attendance: 44

Apologies: 3

Visitors Phil Curnow, Bill ? (not signed in)

Minutes of previous meeting: Moved Bob Houston, Seconded Dean Schluter, Carried. Outstanding Actions and Business arising: nil report

Correspondence in:

- End of the Line Hobbies – Voucher
- AMRA Journal May/June 2010
- Elders Insurance - Policy and account
- TAFE – Boiler, turbine & reciprocating engine courses
- Rena & Alistair Whibley – Thank-you card
- Telstra – Info Line Message Bank account

Correspondence out: nil report

Business from Correspondence: nil report

Finance:

Financial statements presented.

Accept financial report: Moved David Jameson, Seconded Harry Rush. Carried.

Reports:

Premises – nil report

Exhibition Layout – Handout for operating guideline. Bob had roster for AMRE show.

Club Layout – nil report

Social – nil report

BufferStop – New printer provides improved pictures. Material required.

Library – nil report

Maintenance – Members were requested to refrain from messing up the shed following a major tidy up. If members bring material for recycling among others, this should be clearly labelled as such.

Bulk buys – Iain advised that club shirts are available.

Special Projects:

- New picture required for RailShow 2011 poster, etc. Submissions to Iain by the August GM.

AMRE:

- May minutes not yet received.
- Friday exhibition set-up 11.00 am, close 8.00 pm.

General Business:

- Peter Carter spoke on the Rocky River 720 class. Requires Athearn Genesis or other light mikado. Nigel Gardner is producing a chassis.
- An extensive collection of European models is available at reasonable prices; contact Hugh.
- Chris Marlow offered to the club some modelling material donated by his late sister-in-law, Pam Marlow.
- Richard Ash is still awaiting his operation in the Royal Adelaide.

Break: Meeting suspended at 8.35 pm.

Raffle:

Orange	F91	David Vander Linden	Tweezers
Yellow	19	Peter Carter	Bogies
Blue	D04	Don Worby	Voucher
Black	F24	Graham Nizon	Track Rubber
Yellow	46	??	Stickers
Green	E79	Gordon Chaplin	Knife
Yellow	44	Iain Kennedy	Coasters

Show & tell:

- SCT & CR lounge car – Dwayne Norris
- Tankers – John Gordon
- 720 class steamers – Peter Carter
- H0n3 velocipede – Paul Mackinnon.

After meeting activities:

Phil Curnow showed pictures and explained some of the features of modern rolling stock.

Meeting closed at 10.10 pm approximately.



50 Years Ago: July 1960

- President: **N. Scanlan.**
- Track Laying Hint by **Stan Filsell:**

When laying track made from Peco loose rail, it is preferable to bend your rails to a curve as near as possible to their fixed position, and this is not particularly accurate if done through the fingers. The following method has been found successful.

For an 18" curve use a circle of approximately 8½" diameter. Mum's cake or biscuit tin might do. Get somebody to hold the tin firmly, upside down, and then with the rail also upside down hold one end firmly against the rim while you sweep the rest of the rail around the rim with your fingers.

Normally, the rail comes out with a nice even curve and it lies flat with no twist. A 5 gallon kerosene tin with an 11" diameter would give a suitable curve for 24" radius.
- Layout plan by **Peter Beck**, and articles about The Overland and the Blue Lake Express.

40 Years Ago: July 1970

- President: **John Gordon.**
- Cover Photo: Webb Loco 718.
- Article: *A Look at the W.A.G.R. – Part 2.*
- W.L. Bridglands, Gawler Place: We have a large batch of back copies of magazines available, and a host of catalogues such as Pola, Quick, Pacific Fast Mail, Balboa, Pocher, Atlas, Eggerbahn, Arnold, Rivarossi, Triang, Kadec and Campbell.
- Don't forget the A.R.H.S. book, *Proceed to Peterborough*, at \$2.25. [These books are now around \$50 or more second-hand!]
- Still available is the N.S.W.G.R. D50 Class Loco, at \$69.50 or \$10.00 deposit.
- Article *Modifying Nellie*, about the modifications that **Tony Bowden** did to a Triang 0-4-0.
- Plan of an S.A.R. narrow gauge ON ore car.

30 Years Ago: July 1980

- President: **Tony Sitters.**
- Cover Photo: Webb Loco 607 at Tailem Bend Roundhouse.
- M.E.K. will be available in 375 ml bottles at \$1.00. See **Len Redway.**
- SARMA now has 69 financial members.
- Article about steam coming to an end in Rhodesia pending dieselisation and ultimate electrification. The 87 Beyer Garratts will be rehabilitated and could last until 1994.
- Standardization of the Adelaide – Crystal Brook line will not be completed until September. The Adelaide – Crystal Brook section is part of a \$63 million project to link S.A. with the standard gauge lines to Sydney, Perth and Alice Springs. As part of the \$63 million project, a \$5 million railway station will be built at Keswick.
- All A.N.R. passenger traffic would in future be handled at the new centre. Keswick was chosen because it's accessible to the city and suburbs and would link with the existing rail service. [That's a joke!]
- Although the standard gauge line would extend into the Mile End goods yard, new freight handling facilities would be built at Islington.



20 Years Ago: July 1990

- President: **Roger Wyatt**.
- Cover Photo: NA class loco 7A at Puffing Billy.
- *Double Heading* page: shows how to get a square finish when sanding pieces of styrene.
- *20 Years Ago*: Photo of a T class loco on a short Wilmington goods train consisting of a 4-wheel louvre van, 4-wheel open wagon and a vintage GB.
- Article and plan of the ALGY well wagon.
- Photos of various model trains on the SARMA club layout at Mile End.
- Article and photo of the old Goodwood Station building – how old rails were used.
- Plan of Box or Furniture Factory by **Hugh Williams** and the late **T.E. Edwards**.

10 Years Ago: July 2000

- President: **Peter Carter**.
- Cover Photo: 1921 Saurer Type A Truck owned by Coopers Brewery and restored by Jeff Grandsden.
- Article & photo of the Ski Tube Railway in the Snowy Mountains by **Bill Lewis**.
- **Rail Gallery** has photos of model trains on the Florey Springs layout at the recent A.M.R.E. CL and DL's hauling trains.
- In "Keeping Track" by **John Doherty**:
Well, this year's AMRE train show has come and gone. For me, one of the real pluses was the spirit of fellowship and co-operation that seemed to abound. The exhibition provided an opportunity for us to get together, for an extended period, to enjoy each other's company and to see the results of a variety of modeling interests.
- Goodwinterrainsmeanbeautspringtimegrainnsmeanslotsalongsummergraintrains!
- Heartiest congrats to all club members who have been involved with our superb 'new' exhibition layout. At this year's AMRE Train Show *Florey Springs* won Best in Show and People's Choice awards – a fitting tribute to those who have worked so hard to bring to life what started out as a few hazy sketches on scraps of paper.
- **Picture Rail**: Photo of NR3 rebuilt and renumbered NR121 after accident damage & Photo of V/Line Daylink road coach about to depart Keswick Terminal for Bendigo.
- Extensive article & photos about Saurer road vehicles (as on front page) and RM3 of the SAR.
- Photo of 3 car Red Hen set "Under The Wires" in Melbourne by Chris Gordon, submitted by **Bernard Martin**.

Library Report

Allan Norris

Recent Additions to the Library:

Australian Railway History	July 10
Dispatcher (SANGS)	July 10
Right on Track (NMRC)	June 10
Model Railroader	July 10

DVDs, Videos, Books & up to four Magazines to be charged at \$1 per month.

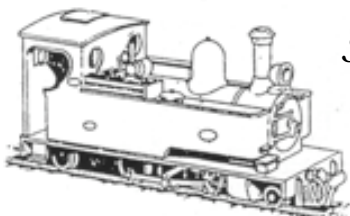
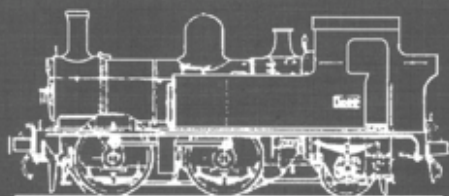
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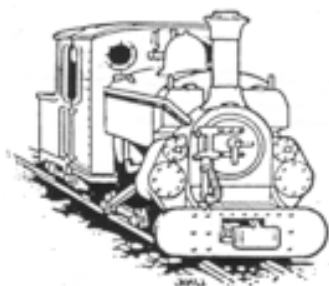
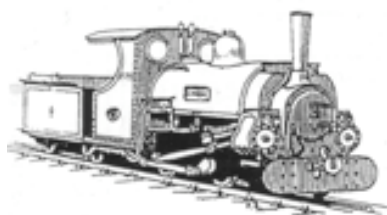
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Specials for July 2010.



Bachmann Train Set "Santa Fe Flyer"	\$112.00
" " " "Smokey Mountain Express" ..	\$195.00
" " " "Dynamis Sprinter set"(DCC)..	\$430.00
Hornby "Devon Belle Pullman"	\$315.00
" " "Flying Jock".....	\$260.00
" " "Eastern Valleys Express".....	\$80.00
" " "Caledonian Single Wheeler set".....	\$370.00
" " "Elite DCC"	\$250.00
Dapol N "Voyager" HST set	\$320.00
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
NCE Power Cab DCC	\$265.00

- Cooe HO (yes 1:87 scale) Ford 1960 to 1966 \$15.50 ea. More coming
- Heljan English Diesel Locos - any one for \$190

Proto 2000 2-10-2 Steam Loco "Pennsylvania" - 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\$85

" SD45 Locos - UP, SP, Reading, Southern, Erie, GN, \$128

" SW1500 "Southern", "CSX" + "Missouri Pacific" \$145

" N Gauge Rolling stock, big range, 20% off retail.

Rivarossi Locos- All less 35%

Wiking Police cars Like VN Commodore \$18each.

Weico AEC Swift Adelaide bus (1:76 scale) \$60,

" 1950 Royal Blue Duple bus (1:76 scale) \$72

We stock San Mateo Line signals 12% off retail.

Agents for "MyLocoSound" units for DC or DCC \$69.00(needs decoder for DCC)

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Brian, Harry & Vic.



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### **Sandown Excursion** Terry Jomartz

During the Sandown Exhibition in March, some of our members visited Puffing Billy.

Right:

David, Don and Dean give helpful advice to the engine driver.

Below left:

On the way back to Belgrave a pin or bolt dropped out of the running gear of the loco. The driver (who is also their resident fitter) noted an odd sound while dropping down the hill and decided to stop and investigate. He went back down the train, scouring the trackside, found the missing object and then headed back to secure it in its rightful place.

Below right:

Crossing the trestle.



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**From:** Graham Cocks  
**To:** Barrie

# Paints Guide for Modellers of Australian Railways

The Paints Guide has just been announced.

You can view it at:

<<http://tinyurl.com/ygkuv36>> or

<<http://users.pickknowl.com.au/~austnscale/paints/paints-guide-V2.htm>>

The following colour schemes are listed:

|                   |                  |                    |
|-------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| AN                | Freight Victoria | Rio Tinto          |
| ANR               | Great Northern   | Robe River         |
| ARG               | Great Southern   | RTS                |
| ASR               | GWA              | SAR                |
| AWR               | Hamersley Iron   | SCT                |
| Austrac           | Interail         | Silverton          |
| BHP               | I. Rail          | South Spur         |
| Coote             | Junee            | SSR                |
| Countrylink       | LVRF             | TasRail            |
| CR                | Manildra         | TGR                |
| CRT               | NR               | V/Line             |
| Downer EDI Rail   | Northern Rivers  | V/Line Passenger   |
| El Zorro          | NSWGR            | VR                 |
| Fortescue         | Patrick          | WAGR               |
| Freight Australia | Pilbara Rail     | West Coast Railway |
| FreightCorp       | QR               | Westrail           |
| FreightLink       | QRN              |                    |
| FreightRail       | RIC              |                    |



[www.toytrunkrailroad.com](http://www.toytrunkrailroad.com)



... ALL I HAD IN THE HOUSE WAS A LOAF OF BREAD AND A TUBE OF TOOTHPASTE.



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# Railshow 2011

Needs your Pictures.

Would you like to have your photo turned into the theme picture like the ones below?

**Bring your favourite photos, preferably colour, model or prototype, to the photo competition at the August meeting.**

**The photos can be prints or slides. You will need to print any photos that are in electronic format.**

The winner gets to brag about it being their photo.



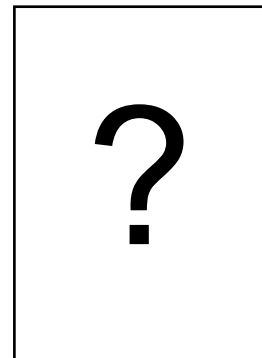
2005  
Iain Kennedy



2007  
David Jameson



2009  
Peter Michalak



2011

## The Principia of the Manifestation and Mystique of Baseboard and Turnout Constructions - or - Soddit's Law

Tim Leach

In my adventure to build my first layout – and it will be moderately large with all complex stuff – I am keeping a journal. I thought I would share a piece of science I have been working on. To date it is the only formula that complies with 100% of my recorded observations.

**The ratio of baseboard space free of support cross members or framework is inversely proportional to the square of the number of point motors that has to be cut into the baseboard. (Apologies to Sir Isaac.)**

For the non qualified, non-school teachers or non-engineers this translates into:

**Every time a point motor has to be cut into a baseboard there is a cross member or part of the frame in the way. Where there is no need for a point motor, there is no need for a cross member or bit of framework, and the bigger the base board makes the problem worse.**

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**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                    | \$8.80  |
| 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 |
| SEM GY Kit                      | \$15.00 | Packs of 20:                             |         |
| SEM UB Van Kit                  | \$21.00 | 2-56 UNC 3/8" pan head screws            | \$4.00  |
| SEM E Wagon Kit                 | \$22.00 | 2-56 UNC nuts                            | \$5.00  |
|                                 |         | SARMA Shirts (do you have one?)          | \$30.00 |

**GENERAL MEETING NIGHTS  
PRE-MEETING DINNER**

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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**N Scale Modeller**



Issue 4 of the on-line e-mag "N Scale Modeller", published in Australia, has just been released.

It is available for FREE via Internet download.

You can peruse/download Issue 4 (20 pages, PDF size 1.8 MB) using the following address:

<[www.nscale.org.au/nsm](http://www.nscale.org.au/nsm)>

Issues 1, 2 and 3 are also available at this website.

They contain interesting and useful items. Some might have to be multiplied by the factor 1.84 to suit your taste...

Barrie

## End Of The Line Hobbies

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**Wednesday thru to Sunday**

**10:00am to 4:30pm**

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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.

### N-scale Shenanigans



DVL

The Show grounds layout will require manning again in September from Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>, and Dean will be presenting a roster at the July meeting.

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**The Workshops Rail Museum, Queensland**

Chris Marlow

Recently we took our two grand-daughters, aged five and two, to the The Workshops Rail Museum at North Ipswich.



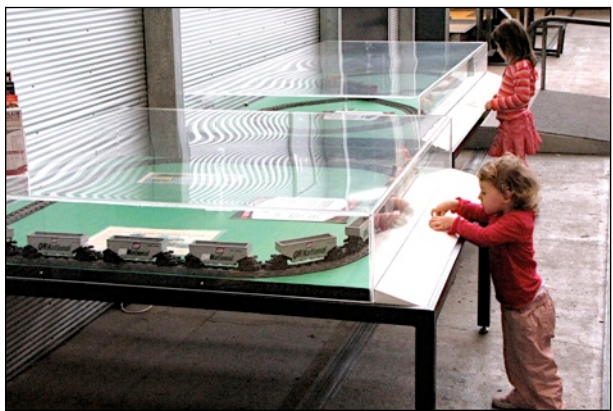
The Museum has something for everyone...



...trains to ride in...



...trains to look at...



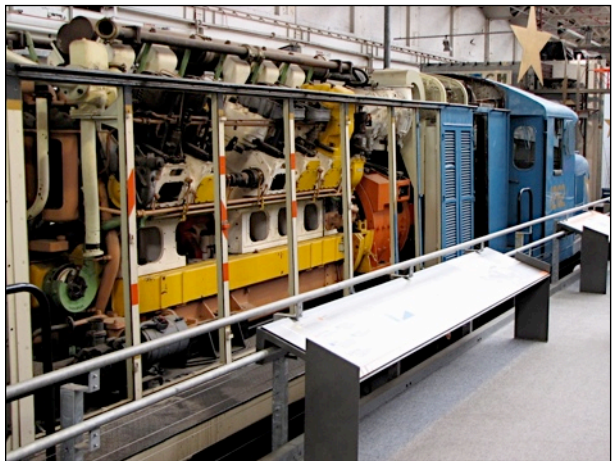
...Lego G-scale trains to drive...



...trains to climb in...



...a play area for children (it's hard work pushing a 4-wheeler around the curves)...



...a strip show for the grownups...

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### **Workshops Rail Museum, Queensland (continued)**

Chris Marlow

...and there's an HO $3\frac{1}{2}$  model railway, measuring 16 x 6 metres. The track gauge is 12 mm, except in the sugar cane scene where the gauge is 9 mm. It has nine separate scenes, each with their own trains; and a long-distance train passes through many of the scenes.

The layout was built by *Toowoomba Trains and Toys*. It took eight people 13 weeks to build it.

**October 23 – 24:** Queensland Model Railway Show, Workshops Rail Museum, North Ipswich.



Visit: <<http://www.theworkshops.qm.qld.gov.au/en>> and then click on Events and Exhibitions.

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**AMRE 2010**

**AMRE 2010 Awards:**

**Rob Burford Trophy:**

- 1 Terowie North (Adelaide Modellers Group)
- 2 Florey Springs (SARMA)
- 3 Portland (SANGS)

**Popular Vote:**

- 1 Terowie North (Adelaide Modellers Group)
- 2 Australia East-West Corridor (Doug Paterson)
- 3 Hogwarts (George Bravey)



**Portland (SANGS)**



**Australia East-West Corridor (Doug Paterson)**



**Hogwarts (George Bravey)**





**Terowie North (AMG)**



**Florey Springs (SARMA)**

Perfect timing! John Gordon backs his loco after losing the train. In the background is Curt Heinrich of CTC, holding his judge's clipboard.

**Thanks to all the SARMA members who helped in transporting, setting up, running, troubleshooting and dismantling the layout; and conversing knowledgeably with the public.**

**Thanks also to the SARMA members who assisted with administration in ticket sales, manning the door, manning the help desk and with security.**

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Visit <[www.sarma.asn.au](http://www.sarma.asn.au)>.  
Send photos to Peter Michalak.

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### **SARMA Birthday Dinner**

Report: Sue Wheeler; Photos: Dean Schluter

On Saturday, 29th May, a very cold evening, members of SARMA and their partners met for the 2010 Birthday dinner.

The Hotel Windsor was the venue, and once again Barrie Mackinnon excelled at finding a venue with attractive surroundings and good food.

27 attended and a lot of chatter and laughter was to be heard, some of which was as follows: Lesby Burford told us about Rob and Terry's trip to Perth for the Railway Modellers Exhibition. Brian Comport from Melbourne's Train World joined them for the trip. The boys packed up a van full of gear and the plans were to spend 3 days driving over the Nullarbor, 3 days in Perth and another 4 days spent driving home.

Talking to Bob and Helen Houston was interesting. They are so proud of their daughter Kerry who recently arrived back from the Himalayas where she climbed the 2nd highest mountain to Mt Everest. Two years ago she climbed Mt Everest reaching 300 metres from the summit where she suffered a lung infection. The rest of the group reached the top and collected her on the way back. What bad luck.

Dean's friend Jan obviously is a fun person, telling us she belongs to a ladies group called The Red Hatters. Those attending not only enjoy the camaraderie but must wear purple teamed with a red hat to be able to participate – wow!

On asking Paul Mackinnon's friend Bianca if she had anything to say, she asked if a centrefold (male) could be put in the Buffer Stop! [Has anyone got a photo of Paul that we can PhotoShop? – Eds.]

On scanning the table we girls decided Harry Rush's wife Jill was the stand-out, looking great; and for the males John Gordon looked very special in his cream wool jumper, which he tells us was knitted at Ballarat.

Alistair and Rena Whibley were celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary and a gift was presented to them by Hugh to mark the occasion.

Rena and Alistair were married at the Enfield Methodist Church on 4th June 1960. Congratulations from us all.

Roger and I were amazed that Dean Schluter and Jan didn't get lost. The night before the dinner Roger had a Committee Meeting at our home. Dean and Jammo turned up late, saying that the woman on their GPS led them astray. They had to ring me so that I could guide them along.



It was good to see Royce at the Dinner, always dapper, but why did he and Dean knock their chairs over?

We really enjoyed listening to the Sixties Band which performed for everyone. I know I really liked watching those who were Rock and Rolling, quite a bit of nostalgia for some of us.



Stu Gamble and Peter Carter released their kit of the 720 class loco at the Adelaide Model Railway Exhibition on the June long weekend.

The kit has been made so that it can be placed on to an Athearn Genesis Light Mikado mechanism.

Although these mechanisms are out of production, a search of eBay will sometimes find you a loco.

At least eight such locos have been purchased by SARMA members in the last month in anticipation.

For those of you at the Exhibition on Saturday of the long week end, the 720 running on SARMA's layout with twenty to

thirty freight wagons had an Athearn mechanism under it; needless to say, the pulling power and quality of the mechanism are very good. There was also a couple of 720s built up from the kits running on the Terowie North layout. The cost of the kit is \$200, plus the Athearn loco which has to be purchased separately.

The wheels on the Athearn Loco are a little overscale, so anyone wanting a scale mechanism should note that Nigel Gardner through Model Etch is in the process of producing a scale mechanism to go under a 720 class kit.

Orders for the body kit and tender can be placed with Peter Carter or Stu Gamble by emailing <[rockyrivemodels@hotmail.com](mailto:rockyrivemodels@hotmail.com)>.



A Wednesday modelling night at Dernancourt ..... "Fridge is open!"

The Buffer Stop  
**PORTER LEIGH'S PUZZLE LAND 2**

Porter Leigh lives in Puzzle Land where life isn't meant to be easy.  
Can you help him by solving these puzzles? – Answers next month.

**Check your tickets**

The Arthurtown Railways Institute members decided to have a night at the movies and see Buster Keaton in 'The General'. Each member secretly buys all the other players a ticket, except for Porter Leigh who, because he was rostered to work every day and therefore unable to get to the theatre, doesn't buy any.

As a result \$1,183.00 is spent on tickets, the prices of which are in whole dollars. [i.e. only dollars, no cents].

How many members are there in the Arthurtown Railways Institute and how much are the tickets?

**For the record**

Porter Leigh is a music lover. His only recording (a 7" 45rpm) of 'The Rock Island Line' was cut neatly into two halves by his unruly nephew Derek Alstuf. Porter Leigh reached for the superglue and stuck the two pieces together again; being careful to align the grooves under a magnifying glass. It looked as good as new, but when he looked more closely at the disc he found that he had stuck the halves together the wrong way round, so that each face of the record now had half the grooves belonging to side A and half those belonging to side B.

If he had put the record on the turntable, would the needle have followed the groove all the way to the end of that side?

(The grooves are all of the same width and are of equal number on each side.)

Q: What do you call a freight train carrying sweets?

A: *A chew chew train. (choo choo train)*

Porter Leigh's Ponder Line:-

*Does a Postmaster General need a stamp of approval?*

If you know any suitable puzzles, games or jokes, please send them to  
Porter Leigh c/- The Editors.

Answers to last month's puzzles:

Add-age:

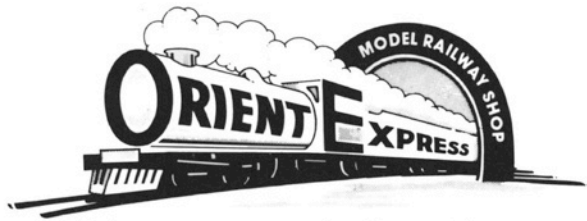
Porter Leigh is 24 and Jesse is 14. Ten years ago, when Jesse was four, Porter Leigh was 14. Porter Leigh is now six times as old as Jesse was then. Two years before that, Porter Leigh was 12 and Jesse was 2, so Porter Leigh was then six times as old as Jesse was then. Jesse solved this puzzle along the lines suggested in the hint. He guessed that, on the earliest occasion referred to he was two years old and so Porter Leigh was 12. Two years later he was four and Porter Leigh was 14. He must therefore be 14 now, and since this was 10 years later, Porter Leigh must now be 24. Now 24 (the age that Porter Leigh is now) is six times four (the age that he was when Porter Leigh was the age he is now. i.e. 14) so this is indeed the answer.

The trains on the plains.

The train approaching on the Western track =a4,a3,a2,a1,A. The Siding is empty. The train approaching on the Eastern track=B,b1.b2.b3.b4.

The five moves are:

- 1/- W=a4,a3,a2,a1,A. S=B,b1,b2. E=b3,b4
- 2/- W=B,b1,b2. S=empty. E=a4,a3,a2,a1,A,b3,b4.
- 3/- W=B,b1,b2,a4,a3,a2,a1. S=A,b3,b4. E=empty.
- 4/- W=B,b1,b2. S=b3,b4. E=a4,a3,a2,a1,A.
- 5/- W=B,b1,b2,b3,b4. S=empty. E=a4,a3,a2,a1,A.



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## Working Bee

There was a **Working Bee** at Galvey Hall (Dernancourt) on the 29th May starting around 9 a.m.

I would like to say thank you to the following for being there in whatever capacity.

Allan Norris, Bob Fleet, Bob Houston, Chris Marlow, Dave Holmes, Dean Schluter, Don Worby, Fred Leaper, Gordon Chaplin, Graham Nixon, Iain Kennedy, Jeremy Kemp, Matthew La Vista, Andrew Timmins, Paul MacKinnon, Peter Pickering.

If I have left your name out, please let me know and I will put on sack-cloth and sit in ashes as penance.

We were all done by about three and, as quite a few guys took some rubbish with them, we didn't need to make a trip to the dump.

The place looks great and with everyone's help we will keep it that way.

Thank you all again,

David Vander Linden

## Prototype Gallery



SCT12+SCT8 with MP9 at Crystal Brook on 21<sup>st</sup> April.

Noel Potter