

# The Coffee Pot

Master Modeller – Judges' Comments Budget Models – Why Pay More? On Distant Rails Photos of January Activities Farewell, Islington



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# <u>Diary</u>

Wed 9 Feb:	General Meeting Entertainment: Wait and See!	Down the Track
Wed 16 Feb:	Modelling & Layout Night	
Wed 23 Feb:	Modelling & Layout Night	March 12 - 14: Sandown Model Railway Expo March 27:
Fri 25 Feb:	Committee Meeting Host: Iain Kennedy @ Dean's	Model SwapMeet Enfield High School
Wed 2 March:	Modelling & Layout Night	April 15 - 17: SARMA RailShow Golden Grove
Wed 9 March:	General Meeting Entertainment:	June 11 - 13 Long Weekend: Adelaide Model Railway Exhibition

You may have noticed that the photos in last month's printed copies of *The Buffer Stop* were not quite as good as they have been recently. This was because we had to photocopy printed master sheets. This was because Dean's new computer would not realise that it was connected to the printer, and with the Christmas/New Year break, we could not get a technician in time to look at the problem.

Afterwards, Dean had a brilliant idea. He read the printer manual. It suggested that one reason for the problem could be by having the computer's firewall on while setting up the printer. He disabled the firewall, set up the printer again, and it worked! Hopefully, it's still working when we come to print this issue.

"Read the Friendly Manual" is a useful rule, not only for computers and printers, but also for model railways and life in general...

There's a euphemism in the previous sentence. Can you spot it?

## **Cover Photo:**

Paul Mackinnon posed his brand new On30 Coffee Pot in front of Pichi Richi's poster.

Matt La Vista

#### SOUTH AUSTRALIAN RAILWAY MODELLERS ASSOCIATION Inc. MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD AT DERNANCOURT ON 12 January 2011

**Meeting opened** at 7.45 pm by Hugh Williams Members in attendance 42 Apologies 3 Visitors nil

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Moved Bob Houston, Seconded Noel Potter, Carried Outstanding Actions and Business arising: nil

#### **Correspondence in:**

- AMRA "Journal" Nov/Dec 2010
- End of the Line Hobbies Voucher
- Telstra Info Line Message Bank account
- AMRE November 2010 minutes
- RA&HS Thanks and authority to upgrade
- Robert Partington Railshow application Hump Shunt & Enchanted Wood
- David Pettifor Railshow application
- End of the Line Hobbies Railshow application
- Vern Cracknell Railshow application
- Tony Crennan (Model Etch) Railshow application
- Motive Power Account (with Gordon)
- Darling Downs MRC "Train Talk" Nov/Dec 2010
- Union Risk Insurance invitation
- Southern Cross Membership renewal form (in credit)

Bank SA - Statement

#### Correspondence out: nil

#### Business from correspondence: nil

**Finance:** In the absence of of the treasurer, the financial statements (per attachments) were pinned to the notice board for members' perusal.

#### **Reports:**

**Premises** – No more news on scout hall. Application for additional shed being considered by committee. Penfield, as a further option, being investigated.

**Exhibition Layout** – Sandown - Bus and four cabins booked. Electronics progressing. Table to be taken for DCC chip installation demo.

**Royal Show layout** – Upgrade authorised by RA&HS.

#### Club Layout - nil report

**Social** – Barrie sounded out members re a proposed trip to Goolwa and the Cockle train.

**BufferStop** – Chris pointed out that this month's BufferStop was produced by the conventional photocopying system rather than using a digital feed to the printer. This resulted in lower quality pictures. The glitch that made this necessary has been identified so next month's mag should be better. Members who access their BufferStop electronically were unaffected. Library – refer BufferStop.

Maintenance – nil report

**Bulk buys** – #158 scale couplers are in stock at \$5.20 per packet.

#### **Special Projects:**

**Swapmeet -** 27<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at Enfield High School Gym. Hobby shop flyers were distributed – thanks to those members who took them for distribution. Terry advised that the "What's On" ads will be changed to give us more exposure for less money. We haven't, as yet, secured a new venue for the November swapmeet.

**AMRE** - Nil report – no meeting held in December.

#### **General Business:**

- Jammo had an old train which was given away.
- TC advised that the Mambray Creek bridge is close to being demolished and replaced by concrete box culverts.
- Iain spoke on the progress of the RailShow with layout and trader applications coming in. He also asked members to source some suitable barriers to provide protection from/to an outdoor miniature railway.
- Paul Mac has an old SARMA sign which he displayed.

#### Show & tell:

- Paul Mackinnon showed Thomas layout structures and a pair Coffee Pots
- Harry Rush and Barrie Mackinnon also had Coffee Pots
- Matt Lavista showed Pullmans & observation car with internal illumination, class 15 diesel, Flying Scotsman as run in Australia, N scale blue Deltic and a book "Locomotives that never were"
- Noel Potter showed an Overland and Ghan car to demonstrate how the basic commercial models could be improved
- John Hansford showed BGM GM with SD7 mech.

Break: Meeting suspended at approximately 9pm.

#### Raffle:

Green B88	Peter Michalak	JM Voucher
Green B76	Terry Jomartz	Couplers
Red C13	Bill Coles	Track cleaner
Green B56	John Gordon	Pliers
Red C23	David VanderLin	den Sticker
Blue A06	John Venning	Knife
Purple E03	Alyssa Mackinno	n Coasters

After meeting activities: Master Modellers described how they built their models and provided some background.

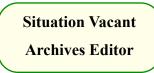
Meeting closed at approximately 10 pm.

Visit <<u>www.sarma.asn.au</u>>. Send photos to Peter Michalak.

## <u>The Buffer Stop</u>

# From The Buffer Stop Archives





#### 50 Years Ago: February 1961

**President: Norman** Scanlon; Vice-Presidents: Stan Filsell, Don Willshire; Secretary: Don Snow; Treasurer: John Datson; Committee Members: Bob Monk, Bill Coles, Ron Bowes; Editor: Tiny Edwards; Sub-Editor: Trevor Carter.

- Finance Report: Bank balance was £137-6-3 (\$274.63).
- The prize for the raffle on the social night will be a pair of ornamental candlesticks instead of the cake.
- The prize in the Buffer Stop Cover competition will be a £1-0-0 order from Bridglands.
- If members want coal for their layout, Kevin Loughhead can provide it, already sifted. [Kevin worked in the boiler room at ETSA, Osborne!]
- Bill Coles has been appointed to organise visits to places of interest.
- Hint: you may find fireworks sparklers handy for unsoldering joints. [Not a soldering iron??]
- Plan for Water Plant and Pump House, by 'Tiny' Edwards.
- The Hobby Shop has Hornby locomotives that puff realistic smoke.
- The new Hornby-Dublo Ringfield motor is amazing! Using a Marshall III power controller on first notch in pulse power, we moved a locomotive 1/2" in one minute.
- The Track Gang reports on scenic work on the club layout.
- Soldering Hints, by Stan Filsell.

#### 40 Years Ago: February 1971

**President: John Gordon**; Vice-Presidents: Trevor Carter, Bill Coles; Secretary: Bob Irvine; Treasurer: Roger Wheeler; Entertainment: Eric Milne; Librarian: Tony Sitters; Committee Members: Hugh Williams, Ray Zeffert; Editors: Peter Fehlberg, Phil Curnow

- SARMA has 62 financial members. Six model in N scale, three in HOn2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, five in HOn3, one in O scale, and 55 in HO scale. Some members model in more than one scale. Across the clubs in Adelaide, there is a good nucleus of modellers to form an N scale club.
- The Scout Special left for Albury on 27/12/70 with 935+953 and 16 VR and Joint Stock clerestory cars. These replaced the intended SAR centenary cars because (a) the steps have had scrapes with some Victorian platforms, and (b) the 50 mph speed limit for the centenary cars did not suit the 60 70 mph schedules on the VR main lines. The return journey arrived back in Adelaide behind 936+960, late because of delays caused by the scouts hopping off the train when it stopped to exchange the staffs.
- Eight of our members have gone to Tasmania for the centenary of the TGR.
- Construction nights (cattle car) commence soon. Delayed because Hugh had an exam.
- Fri 19 Sat 20 Feb: club excursion to Moonta in a centenary car attached to a freight train.
- The 700 class SAR Alcos are due in May.

#### 30 Years Ago: February 1981

**President: Tony Sitters**; Vice-Presidents: Vic Kollosche, Len Redway; Secretary: Noel Potter; Treasurer: Barrie Mackinnon; Social Secretary: Dean Jackson; Layout: David Jameson; Maintenance: Allan Kitto; Librarian: Bill Lewis; Editors: Stan Wilton, Andrew Kollosche

- The monthly raffle tickets will be sold by Bill Lewis and Vic Kollosche.
- The profit from the Chook Raffle will go towards the air conditioner for the Beltana Annexe.

## From The Buffer Stop Archives (continued)



- Layout Report from David Jameson: We have received a grant of \$480 from the SA Department of Recreation and Sport, on a dollar for dollar basis.
- South Australian outline rolling stock kits are being produced commercially by Peter Ziegler under the label of Broad Gauge Bodies. Their quality is impressive compared with other available Australian kits.
- Wanted: bits and pieces of an Indiana Harbour Line 0-8-0, any condition. Whib.
- To check your track for any possible derailments, use a 4 wheel wagon and an 8 wheel coach, and by hand give them speed well above normal through troublesome spots.
- The ABLO group meet to operate Kevin Loughhead's Moping Branch Railway, Bill Coles's North Western Railway, and Stan Filsell's Nevada Central Railway.

#### 20 Years Ago: February 1991

**President: Roger Wyatt**; Vice-Presidents: Trevor Carter, Rob Burford; Secretary: Austin Balnaves; Treasurer: Don Snow; Layout Director: John Willmer; Modular Layout Director: David Jameson; Maintenance Director: Dean Jackson; Social Director: Terry Jomartz; Librarian: Steven Masters; Editors: Brian Woods, Barry Horner

- The Model Trading Post has closed after 20 years, but in recent times we have seen new model shops open: Junction Models, Orient Express, Train Tracks and Terry's Trains.
- Construction nights project: Long Tom carriages. Contact Rob Burford.
- Layout Report: hopefully the points at Peelinna will give us no more trouble.
- The correct way to remove rolling stock from a layout: (1) If it is not yours, don't touch it...
- Report on the Corio Exhibition: SARMA members were Tony, Austin, David, Edward, Bernard, Len, Allan, Don, Charles and Roberta. The lighting on our layout received compliments.

#### 10 Years Ago: February 2001

**President: Peter Carter**; Vice-Presidents: John Doherty, Bill Lewis; Secretary: Richard Ash; Treasurer: Don Snow; Layout Director: John Willmer; Exhibition Layout Director: Karlhans Eichinger; Social Director: Paul Mackinnon; Maintenance Director: Iain Kennedy; Librarian: Barrie Mackinnon; Editors: Darren Thomas, Harry Rush.

- The layout and meeting rooms have been painted.
- Len Redway has taken over BGB.
- Converting a Lima VR S Class Loco into a Phase 2 GM, by Wayne Avery.
- How I Built my Master Modeller Award Winning VR BE Passenger Coach, by Terry Jomartz.

# MISSING FROM THE SARMA LIBRARY

Bound volume of The Buffer Stop, May 1981 - April 1983.

If you have it, please return it to the Librarian, Allan Norris.

The Archivist will need it in a few months!

# Budget Models: Why Pay More?

It is no secret that our hobby is an expensive one – and can get especially pricey as time goes on and more models of every type are added to collections and layouts (and wishlists!). Whether the item is a steam loco or the latest carriage set there is no refuting that you will be forced to open your wallets considerably if you want the newest releases.

What is the alternative? Of course there are second hand sales (and the dreaded auction site...) and retailer discounts. And then there are older models that have been needing retooling for a long time but have been kept on the market (Lima Ghan carriages, Lifeline Australian diesel models, etc.), and their price matches (although not always).

However there is also a growing new range of 'budget' models released primarily by Hornby, although other companies such as Austrains are following suit. In this case, the word 'budget' does not actually mean less quality than the expensive new releases – thus a new and very intriguing set of models is being added to available choices.

In the first place Hornby can be congratulated for its 'Railroad' releases. These are products aimed squarely at beginner modellers who are usually wanting to avoid getting anything too expensive initially. However there is a subtext: they are also very useful for more experienced modellers.

These 'Railroad' releases are based primarily on older tooling. So we have models of the 9F, 'Jinty', Class 40 and of course 'Flying Scotsman' to name a few. Naturally these have moulded details like handrails and lack the fine shape of their successors or contemporary models. This is to be expected. Many also come from absorbed companies like Jouef or Lima that might not be worth updating at this time or have been offered by other companies in a new format. Decoration is also kept to a minimum but is still crisply applied as are liveries. The difference between these and an out-andout 'cheapie' is that most of these 'Railroad' models have brand new mechanisms included, which means performance and haulage ability remain up to our modern standards. Even better, many of the newest releases have DCC ready capability. The Hornby 'Patriot' for example is half the price of the Bachmann new tooling; while it is basic in comparison it could be improved with detailing and being DCC ready could be retained for a layout that could be converted to digital.

The value for money on some of the 'Railroad' releases is quite startling when compared to new tooling: the new locos have new decorations, fine detail fine wheels, etc. Bachmann's 9F 2-10-0 costs around \$200 and has all the latest features, while the Hornby Railroad 9F (as 'Evening Star' or a regular black one) has a somewhat dated body and detail but has a durable loco drive, with DCC ready socket, and is available for around \$100!



Undoubtedly the 'A4' is one of the best: excellent body shape, performance and DCC ready but again it is half the price of the super detail Hornby A4. There is also an upcoming model of none other than 'Tornado'. The Bachmann limited version is very expensive – the more basic 'Railroad' one will again be half price – how many children (and adults!) will now be able to afford the 'Top Gear train' for their layouts?

#### Budget Models: why pay more? (continued)

The implications for modellers with smaller budgets are clear. It is possible to get a collection of well performing models with the right looks for a bargain price. Coaches and wagons are also available- certainly some of them are less than attractive (the 'Gresley teak' coaches are quite poor looking but very cheap) but this lends them to be a good choice for weathering practise or even chopping up for spares or projects. The same goes for locos – an interesting article I recently spotted on converting the 0-4-0 Caledonian engine into an 0-4-2.



Perhaps the most important thing about these bargain releases is how much they might attract newer modellers, especially proving ideal for parents with children. The one problem with today's 'super-detail' models is how easily things can be snapped/bent/lost or outright broken (NA diesels with ridiculously bendable/breakable handrails spring to mind!). A lack of such detail and a general robustness (and VERY fast running on the little shunting tank engines) makes them useful locomotives and rolling stock for children to start their modelling 'careers'. Also, thev offer 'repairability' with the lack of can motors or similar, which means parts can be replaced.

The one common problem with the 'Railroad' models is that mainly they retain the older huge tension-lock coupling which of course is not a good looking one. Also, the tank engines are not suited for shunting at low speed! (I didn't know a 'Jinty' could outrun the HST...)

Besides Hornby, Austrains has also entered the field with its 'Basix' range. So far the NSW 80 class and the VR C class have been released with an upcoming 421 class. These however are different from 'Railroad' – they have not been updated at all apart from the addition of Kadee type knuckle couplers. There have been complaints about wonky application of numberplate detail on the C class. However they are available for less than \$200 each, making them a good buy.

Speaking of Australian prototypes, Hornby has

of course absorbed Lima who produced a number of Australian models (which are famous on Ebay... C38 anyone?). Given there are other ex-Lima models as part of Railroad releases, it is not entirely impossible that we may see budget models of our own prototype! The cost of the Eureka 38 is quite high – even though a Railroad model would be less detailed, I am certain many people would not mind a basic 38 with a

better mechanism for the right price. Perhaps if Hornby is shown an untapped market (or badgered enough!) this could be done one day.

Given the price of new locomotives, especially those of Australian prototype (the reasons for which I am not qualified to talk about!) it is very sensible to have such a range of such models. Not everyone cares about having every valve or work plate represented-and these can be added quite cheaply. As a readyto-run for those who enjoy running trains and want to stretch their money further it is definitely a very viable choice. Will other manufacturers take up the idea? We'll have to wait and see...

Please note: I converted the prices from what overseas sellers have them for. It could have been worse – I originally put it in pounds...



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Library Report Recent Additions to the		lan Norris
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Australian Railway History	Feb 11	
A M R M	Feb March 11	
A M R A Journal	Nov-Dec 10	
Dispatcher (SANGS)	Jan-Feb 11	
Model Railroader	Feb 11	
Decoder (DECCA)	Jan 11	
Train Talk	Nov-Dec 11	
Eyre Peninsula Railway Preservation Societ	y Dec 10	

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

An old friend of mine, John Bailey, died in January. We were in Renmark together more than 30 years ago. When we caught up with each other again in Adelaide, we went to ARHS meetings, excursions and working bees together, and later John was a volunteer at the National Rail Museum at Port Dock.

In Renmark, John built a model railway ("The Andamooka, Pedirka and Copley Railway" – he came from the bush!) on a ledge around a spare room. He held an official opening, with invited guests, a golden spike ceremony, and with the first trains breaking through paper streamers across the tracks. One of the guests could not believe that a grown man could take "playing with trains" so seriously. In practice runs, we got the trains to break through the streamers OK, provided we cut through the streamer almost all the way.

Came the time for the official opening, and either John did not give his train sufficient speed, or we did not cut through the streamer enough. The locomotive stopped as though it had hit a brick wall and the first carriage was derailed.

When he moved to Adelaide, John gave up model trains and concentrated on painting instead. He donated some paintings as ARHS fundraisers. I have a painting that he did from a photo that I took of Rx207 letting off steam; and I still have some of John's locomotives and carriages.

- Chris Marlow.





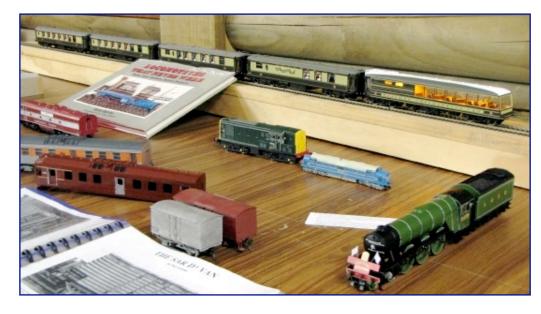
Rx207 Riverton 22 May 1976

# <u>The Buffer Stop</u> January Meeting Display

Paul Mackinnon's large scale models from a scene on Thomas's Island of Sodor.

The roofs are covered with Barrie's free Seniors' bus tickets.





A mixture of some of the Master Modeller entries, along with some British models shown by Matt La Vista.



Coffee Pots galore!

South-East version on the left; northern version on the right.

# On Distant Rails

A few weeks ago I bought the latest (2011) Walthers HO catalogue. Although I don't model American I still get this handy reference from time to time. At 984 pages it is slimmer than my 1020-page 2009 edition, possibly the result of some manufacturers/ suppliers slipping off the global financial crisis radar. It cost \$25 at a Melbourne suburban trainshop.

We - the Kyneton-based Macedon Ranges MRC - are building an HO club layout, and will use the Walthers book to choose some structures that either don't look too American, or can be Australianised with, say, a corrugated roof. We are few in number, so the layout is a big job. The track plan is a Ushaped, double-tracked dogbone, built against three walls and on two levels so that trains can disappear from view to create a sense of purpose. The main station is based on a town on the Melbourne-Bendigo line; while a branch-line location north of us provides the inspiration for the second station precinct we're building on a portable peninsula. In time, this will also be used as the centrepiece of a simple exhibition layout. We did not consider Kyneton as it has already been modelled, twice! See AMRM issues 154/Feb '89 and 203/ April '97.

In mid-December our letter box yielded my nice, new Auscision N-class d-e loco. As is usually the case it arrived later than predicted, nonetheless it made a welcome Christmas present. I chose N459, City of Echuca, in the second V/Line red, white and blue livery with upper- and lower-case lettering. The railway from Melbourne passes through Kyneton and Bendigo before terminating at Echuca. Historically rich, the town borders the Murray at its closest point to Melbourne, and is a favourite spot of ours for short-break holidays. In the 1870s, it was Australia's largest inland port, served by paddle steamers. It is also home to a Holden museum. You can bed down at Echuca, or twin-town Moama just across the river in New South Wales. There's lots to see, with cheap 'n' cheerful eateries aplenty.

My N-class even came with instructions on how to remove it from the packaging without breaking anything, which begs the question: have Australian-outline models reached the detail silly stage? In a happy coincidence, on January 5th the real 459 overnighted in Kyneton yard.

In late-2009, Cooee Concepts introduced the first of their Road Ragers HO-scale, iconic Aussie cars - four early-model Holdens. These were followed around the middle of last year by four Falcons – three sedans and a wagon. In November, Cooee re-released the Holdens in new colours, the 48-215 (1948 "FX") in Glacier Green; the 1958 FC in Ivory White (the box says Skyline Blue/Ivory White); their 1960 FB in Colleen Green and the 1963 EH in Raw Umber/Ivory. Such is the demand for these models, I was able to buy only the FC and the FB at Hearns Hobbies in Melbourne. While we were in Canberra for a family Christmas, I popped in to Fisher Discounts at suburban Fyshwick that also had limited stocks of just two of the range incredibly, they were the 48-215 and the EH!

When you visit Melbourne be sure to make a pilgrimage to Hearns Hobbies, one of the country's oldest hobby shops. Soon after the end of World War II the Hearn brothers, Keith, Bruce and Jack, all former RAAF pilots, opened a model aircraft shop in Flinders Street. I recall that my mates and I haunted the place in the '50s for our control line-flying needs. The stock was later broadened to include model ships, cars and trains. The Hearns eventually sold the business, but the name lives on, and it is now owned and run by John and Ro who acquired it some 35 years ago. They are nice people and offer a discount to club members.

Until next time ...



This sign was brought along by Paul Mackinnon. It used to be in Bridgland's shop, and it came via Graham Ellis who was at Bridgland's before he established Graham's Corner at Mount Barker.

Australia Day, but it's no holiday for the Rolling Stock Gang who are getting the rolling stock ready for Sandown. The mysterious hand at right belongs to Scenery Expert Terry Jomartz.





Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2010 at Greenfields. GM43+ALF13 with 32 wagons on a G&W empty grain to Snowtown. John Venning

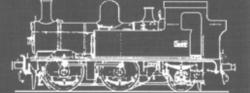
BHP Billiton's brand new 4336 at Boodarie yard, near Port Hedland.

**Trevor Carter** 



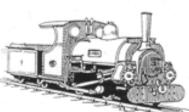
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Late Dece "," Each Dece "," ......\$250.00 LGB Passenger Set with "Stainz"Loco .....\$540.00 Magnifier, Large illuminated, multi-position... \$109.00 ,, Junior ,, "bendy stalk"..... \$57.50 Pace controllers-Powered single or dual .......\$179.00 ,, ,, - Single Hand held......\$59.50 NCE Power Cab DCC ......\$210.00 Good Selection of TCS Decoders from \$34 to \$50 Trackrite Foam underlay in HO, N and Metre gauges. Good stocks of Floquil just arrived.

DCC Concepts- Cobalt Point Motors(Stall type), OO Station Lamps and OO Train Marker Lamps available.

- ,, GP38-2 Locos S/Fe, CSX, CP ...... \$85
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Building

Tank Car

710 Locomotive

Entrant

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Hugh Williams

Dwayne Norris

Dwayne Norris

Andrew Timmins

Matthew Lavista

John Gordon

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Peter Michalak

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Hugh Williams

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Peter Pickering

Tim Leech

John Gordon

Model

# Master Modeller Awards 2010

Score

Highly Commended

Highly Commended

Participation/ Novice

Highly Commended

Highly Commended

Participation/ Novice

Participation/ Novice

Participation

Participation

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Participation

Master Modeller

Highly Commended

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Tiny Edwards Award

Master Modeller Master Modeller

During the February General meeting the Master Modeller Awards were presented, the models were displayed and a short talk was given by the modeller.

A couple of years ago I had grave fears that because of an increase in ready-to-run models, the modelling skills of the early members would not be carried on to the future membership. But looking at the list at right, taking away the older modellers, there is a younger of really generation excellent modellers developing, as can be seen by the models that achieved "Highly Commendable" and one "Master Modeller" award.

I say to them "Keep up the good work." It's also pleasing to see so many

members modelling on the off Wednesday nights. As for next year I hope there is as good a turnout of models, and when filling in the **Detailed Description** section add the research you did to complete the model. If some modellers had let the judges know how much research had been done for this presentation they would have achieved a much higher mark.

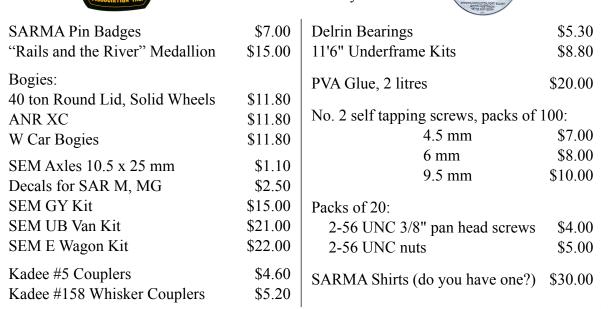


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# GENERAL MEETING NIGHTS PRE-MEETING DINNER

NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE AND TIME

Members and visitors are invited to join us for dinner from 6.00 p.m. at **RAGGIES BISTRO** in the Athelstone Football Club rooms, 150 George Street, Paradise, *[Note:- Not Gorge Road],* each meeting night while we still meet at Dernancourt.

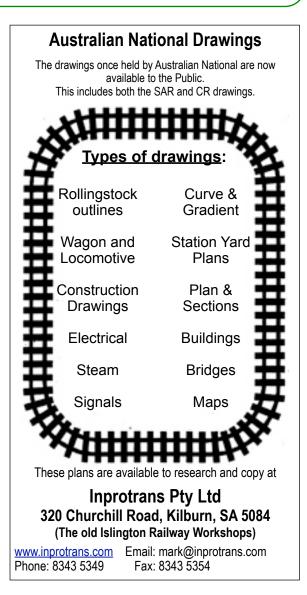
For a look at the menu, visit <u>http://www.athelstonefc.org.au</u>

Note:- Ring me on the morning as Raggies Bistro may not open on Wednesday nights in the new year.

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.

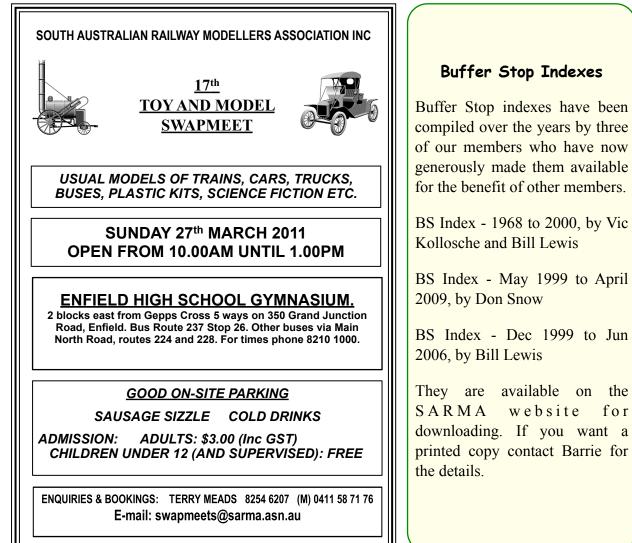




#### Website Notes from Barrie:

1: One site that might interest you is http://www.powerline.com.au - then click on **Exhibitions**.

2: Issue 6 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 6 (24 pages, PDF size 1.9Mb) at the following address: www.nscale.org.au/nsm



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# The Buffer Stop Farewell, Islington

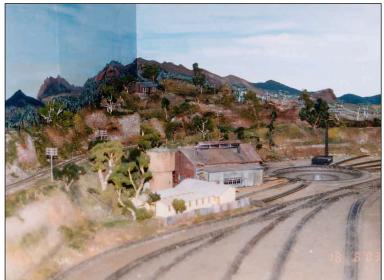


#### Above:

Tin Town, Mile End, and now Islington. Over the years, SARMA has left a trail of destruction behind it. Maybe that's why now it's difficult for us to find a permanent home.

#### **Right:**

The back left corner used to look like this. The back wall in the photo above still has some blue on it...





And there we end the adventures of the Toy Trunk Railroad. The website no longer exists. If you type in <u>www.toytrunkrailroad.com</u> these days, you are taken to a quite different website, with the information that the domain name is for sale. Our thanks go to Erik Sansom for permission to reprint the strips in *The Buffer Stop*. – Chris and Harry.

# The Buffer Stop PORTER LEIGH'S PUZZLE LAND

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.

#### **Steam to Arthurtown**

Porter Leigh called the Ayrey Plains Railway Preservation Society to find out when the next special steam train trip is to Arthurtown.

"When the day after tomorrow is yesterday: then 'today' will be as far from Sunday as that day was which was 'today' when the day before yesterday was tomorrow," was the answer.

What day is the steam train trip?

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#### A step in time

Porter Leigh was on his way to the station one afternoon to start the late shift when he passed Titus Canbee who had just alighted from the train and was walking home to save the bus fare.

"You should jog home," said Porter Leigh. "That would be three times as fast and twice as healthy."

"What, 12 kilometres?" exclaimed Titus, lighting a fat cigar.

"Why ever not?" said Porter Leigh. "Just think of the time you'd save."

How much time should Titus be thinking of if he was walking at a rate of two kilometres per hour?

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Q: What's the difference between a racehorse and an engine driver? *A: One trains to run, and the other runs a train.* 

Knock, knock....Who's there?....Percy...Percy who?....Percy Vere and you'll succeed.

Porter Leigh's Ponder Line:-Why do they lock petrol station rest rooms? Are they afraid someone will clean them?

Q: What is the difference between a train engineer and a boxing referee? A: One blows the whistle, the other whistles the blows.

#### Answers to last month's puzzles:

<u>Stone the crows</u>. The answer is one kilometre. The trains approached each other at ten kilometres per hour (6 + 4 = 10). Since the crow started flying back and forth when the trains were a half a kilometre apart, they met in one-half of 10 = 1/20 of an hour. Since the crow travelled twenty kilometres an hour, he travelled one kilometre in 1/20 of an hour.

<u>Hatastrophe</u>: If they are all wearing the wrong hats we must have either Porter Leigh wearing Justin Thyme's hat, Justin Thyme wearing Midas Welgo's hat and Midas Welgo wearing Porter Leigh's hat, or Porter Leigh wearing Midas Welgo's hat, Justin Thyme wearing Porter Leigh's hat and Midas Welgo wearing Justin Thyme's hat. But Porter Leigh addressed the person wearing Justin Thyme's hat, so that he must be wearing Midas Welgo's hat. Therefore Porter Leigh is wearing Midas Welgo's hat, Justin Thyme is wearing Porter Leigh's hat and Midas Welgo is wearing Justin Thyme 's hat.

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