

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN RAILWAY MODELLERS' ASSOCIATION INC.

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*Dean Schluter's 600 Crossing  
a Bridge on his Layout*

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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 or Gregory's 148 J12: 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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<b>Wed 13 Feb</b>	<b>General Meeting plus ?</b>
<b>Sat 16 Feb )</b>	<b>Visit to new SCT facilities at Penfield</b>
<b>Sat 23 Feb )</b>	<b>Limit of 10 each date (closed shoes &amp; safety vest required)</b>
Wed 20 Feb	Modellers night
Wed 27 Feb	Modellers night
Wed 6 Mar	Modellers night
<b>8-11 Mar</b>	<b>Long Weekend in Victoria – Sandown Exhibition</b>
<b>Wed 13 Mar</b>	<b>General Meeting plus ?</b>
<b>Sun 17 Mar</b>	<b>Swapmeet (see page 19)</b>
Wed 20 Mar	Modellers night
Wed 27 Mar	Modellers night
Wed 3 Apr	Modellers night
<b>Wed 10 Apr</b>	<b>General Meeting plus ?</b>



**Down the Track & Over the Hills; Exhibitions, etc**

March 2-3  
Forestville, NSW

March 3  
Thirlmere Exbn & Steamfest

**March 8-11**  
**Sandown, Vic**

March 9-11  
Kyneton, Vic

**March 17**  
**SARMA Swapmeet**  
**Windsor Gardens**

March 23-24  
Canberra, ACT

**April 12-14**  
**SARMA RailShow**  
(including box file comp)

**Cover Photo**

**Dean Schluter has always wanted a 600 class steamer.  
Here it is, posing on a bridge.  
Article starts on page 9.**

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the Boxfile  
Competition**

## Editorial

W elcome to the February Buffer Stop. I hope you find it entertaining and informative 'cos that's what it's meant to be. I must admit that I don't always look at a submission in those terms; at least, not consciously. Most articles and pictures are a bit (or a lot) of each. For instance the two "how I do/did it" from Peter Michalak and Andrew Timmins last month were first class examples of very different modelling subjects. On behalf of all Buffer Stop readers, I applaud the extra time that these two and all the other contributors (e.g. Dean Schluter this month) put in to provide, firstly, informative and, secondly, entertaining articles. I really hope that more members take the trouble to provide comparable material for future issues. The benefit of having these articles written by our own members is that you can look at their models in the flesh and ask questions of the author/modeller.

Sometimes I wonder what becomes of this useful material. Do people store their Buffer Stops for future reference? Do they rip out the articles that may be useful in the future? (I do this for most magazines that I purchase) Do they read them and then, sooner or later, dispose of them. I then wonder how much of this stuff gets read. I'm sure that there are some members who glance at the pictures, read a few lines and that's the end of it. They will probably not read this page.

I suspect that our country and interstate members read more, on average, of the Buffer Stop than the city members.

One member who receives the Buffer Stop via the web told me that he reads it on his computer and then deletes it because he knows where to find a copy if he needs it.

Of course, it doesn't matter how many members read what proportion of the

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Buffer Stop, it still needs to be produced, but it would be nice to know how many people read (or look at) what.

I've received a few complaints that some of the prizes in the swindle were unmitigated junk; not just low value but stuff that should have been (and has been) consigned to the rubbish bin. I'll repeat what I've said before; don't donate something that nobody would be pleased to accept.

On the subject of complaints, some members at General Meetings are chattering during the meeting so that the speaker cannot be heard. There are several ways of dealing with this problem; name and shame, monetary fine and ejection being some that I have seen used at other clubs. It would be nice if it didn't happen.

I have been asked to mention a couple of things. Clashing with our RailShow is the N scale Convention in Melbourne.

Matt advised me that there is a new conductive paint on the market. Details at <http://www.bareconductive.com/bare-paint-pen>

Please feel free to send me any information that you think might be of interest to other members. Except in the unlikely event that I consider it unsuitable, I will include it here or as a page filler elsewhere. ■

*Peter P (Ed)*



Close-up of Matts little Manning Wardle from page 23

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### **EDITED MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD AT DERNANCOURT ON 9th JANUARY 2013**

**Meeting opened** at 7:33pm. Chairman Hugh Williams  
Members in attendance: 51

Fines for failing to wear badges were paid by D. Schluter, G. Nixon and one of the Barnes Boys.

Apologies:3

Visitors: The president, Hugh Williams, welcomed Joy Ricci of the Tea Tree Gully Council who came along to see the goings on of the club.

**Minutes** of previous meeting: Moved D. van der Linden. Seconded P. Pickering. Carried

Outstanding Actions and Business arising: None

#### **Correspondence in:**

Account from Telstra

Gift vouchers from End of the Line Hobbies

Model Railroader February 2013

Invoice from Aztronics

Statement from Aztronics

Invoice from Datacord

Statement from TTG council

Subscription renewal for Motive Power magazine

Payment for Royal Show display

Invoice from Kanga Coaches

Train Talk for Dec 2012

AMRA inc Journal Nov-Dec 2012

National Railway Museum invitation to participate in the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event in September.

**Correspondence out:** None

**Business from corres:** None

**Finance:** Financial statements presented

Accept financial report: Moved G.Chaplin, Seconded T.Carter. Carried

#### **Reports:**

**Premises** – There was nothing new to report on other than the meeting with the council in February. Hugh answered some questions from the members.

**Exhibition Layout** – Bob reported that it is a work in progress.

**Club Layout** – Nothing to report

**Social** – Barrie reported that he has booked a table in the shade for next month's pre meeting dinner. He also thanked everyone who attended the mystery trip and asked the members for more ideas for future destinations.

Hugh ran through the years activities.

**BufferStop** –Peter presented his Buffer Stop explanation and made his usual request for more articles, particularly on model railways.

**Library** – Alan displayed a selection of books donated by Mike Smith. There was also a new DVD from John Venning.

**Maintenance** – Nothing apart from the flickering light in the shed but that will be fixed when the layout is moved.

**Bulk buys** – More bogies are now available from the shop. The last foam trays are sold. Iain asked that if anyone wanted more they should contact him.

Iain also announced that he has found locally available jackets in the correct green. He is now waiting for a second quote for the same item from Dean's reliable source.

#### **Special Projects:**

**Swapmeet** – Terry handed out the flyers for the March swap meet. He reported that there are already 11 tables booked.

**RailShow 2013**-Iain reports that he has 5 layouts booked already.

**AMRE** - Nothing to report as AMRE committee has not met since November.

#### **General Business:**

1. John Henderson was nominated for membership by Trevor Carter and seconded by Tony Sitters. Accepted.

2. Trevor Carter brought up some concerns stemming from the mystery trip. The issues were the lack of air-conditioning in one of the busses, the cramped conditions with chairs in the aisles and the fact that many didn't know they needed to bring chairs. Some discussion took place with suggestions that we use proper coaches and not mini busses for these sorts of events. The president assured the members that the committee would discuss the matter at the next meeting.

3. Paul Mackinnon asked for tablet packets that are all aluminium foil.

4. Matt La Vista reported that;

a) The N scale layout is being enlarged

b) The Box File competition entry forms need to be lodged ASAP.

c) He has made a calendar to help raise funds to purchase a Blue Pullman set for the N scale group.

d) He wants to organise a day trip to Moonta and Kadina. About 15 to 20 people raised their hands in support of the idea.

5. Joy Ricci thanked the club for the invitation to

## January Minutes continued

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come along tonight. She also informed the senior members about the free access to Waterworld between September and April.

Break: Meeting suspended at 8:31pm.

**Show & tell:** As there was so much on display, this month's minutes does not have a detailed report.

### **Raffle:**

Purple B80	Peter Michalak	Junction Models voucher
Red C67	Chris Symons	Model loads
Blue F79	David van der Linden	Aztronics voucher
Orange D86	David Boyce	Pen torch
Red D27	Dave Holmes	LED kit
Purple B98	David Jameson	Couplers
Red C89	Tim Leach	Ford T model kit
Red D30	David Boyce	Track rubber
Red C88	Tim Leach	Flashlight
Purple B85	Andrew Timmins	Hobby knife
Blue F97	Dwayne Norris	Bumper sticker
Orange D84	Brian Woods	Backpack
Red D69	?	?

### **After meeting activities:**

The Master Modeller certificates were handed out.

The recipients were:

Novice Award presented to Dane Filander for his scratch built 75 Brill

Most Consistent award presented to Dwayne Norris.

Certificate of Participation presented to Dwayne Norris for his Tri Deck Car Carrier

Certificate of Participation presented to Matt Lavista for his H class Manning Wardle loco

Highly Commendable award presented to David Jameson for his scratch built sheep shearing shed and yard

Master Modeller award presented to Peter Michalak for his SAR 620 class loco

Master Modeller award presented to Dean Schluter for his SAR 600 class loco.

Each recipient gave a brief talk on their particular model except David Jameson who spoke for thirteen minutes.

**Meeting closed** at 9:54pm

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## TO ALL SARMA LIFE MEMBERS

2013 is upon us and, hopefully, a year for SARMA to move onwards and upwards. Last year, as you know, with the permission of the SARMA committee, I rejuvenated the Life Members Donation Scheme which, for whatever reason in recent years, had lapsed into obscurity. The letters and emails were sent requesting the donations and also inviting the life members to suggest suitable ways of distributing the donated funds. Originally the life members purchased a piece of rolling stock or a kit of their choice for donation to the club, a practice that may continue. It was also the feeling of the life members who responded that the scope of the donation should be expanded to include other club projects; the directions from the members who responded were quite clear that the donation was to supplement any budgeted project funding but was not to take the place of any budget funding. The 2012 donations have been receipted or acknowledged and I am now calling on all life members to make their 2013 donation. Last year some life members donated at subscription time so thank you to those people for doing that, and Des had the novel idea of donating some already assembled rolling stock which was a great idea as it takes the burden of kit assembly off of the club members. I would like to be able to start collecting early in the year so the paperwork can be completed by the end of the financial year and a suitable report tendered to the committee, so if life members can contact me to arrange their donation it would be greatly appreciated. Remember, we have all come away with something from our SARMA experience and all the facilities and events of the club are available to us still, so let's give something back.

Regards

Peter Carter

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From the  
Buffer Stop Archives



### 50 Years Ago: February 1963

DAS

**President: Bill Coles**, Vice-Presidents: Norm Scanlan, Don Willshire, Secretary: Don Snow, Treasurer: John Datson, Librarian: Trevor Triplow Committee Members: Bob Irvine, Geoff Murdoch, Ray Stratton Editor: Tiny Edwards, Sub-Editor: Trevor Carter.

**Last Train To Mt Pleasant:** Absolutely the last train to run on the Mt Pleasant line will leave Adelaide at 9:20am on Sunday March 3rd. This has been organised by the Australian Railway Historical Society which has a very active division in this state.

The train will consist of Centenary coaches with a guard's van, all especially selected for the trip. The loco will be No. 717, a freshly painted and decorated Mikado. A number of stops will be made so that both the amateur photographers and those from two TV stations can secure a record of the trip. One of our members will be taking a sound tape record of the engine noises.

If sufficient of our members can come, a special section of one carriage will be allotted to us. The train is expected to be booked out as well over half the seats are already sold.

For further information and application forms, see **Bill Coles** or phone 45 3001.

**Club Picnic:** Make every effort to attend this year's club picnic to be held at the Pine's Oval, National Park on Sunday April 7th. There will be fun and games for everyone plus the usual cricket match for the men and boys. Free drinks and ice-creams and lollies for the children.

The success of this picnic depends on you members, so play your part and help it on its way.

### 40 Years Ago: February 1973

DW

**President: Eric Milne**, Secretary: Bob Irvine, Treasurer: Roger Wheeler, Librarian: Tony Sitters, Editors: Bob Burton, Bill Jolley.

**Cover:** T44 hauling an up Peterborough freight Dec. 1969.

**The final design** of the club layout has been decided upon and the green light has been given by the committee to proceed.

**Construction of rolling stock** using Silastic rubber moulds & castings.

**Article** by Bob Burton.

### 30 Years Ago: February 1983

PP

**President: Noel**, Vice-Presidents: Don, Tony, Secretary: Bill, Treasurer: Barrie, Social Secretary: John, Layout: David, Maintenance: Allan, Librarian: Vic, Editors: Rob, Trev.

**Cover:** OF open steel 4 wheeler, small ANR logo - *no caption*

**Picture Parade:** 3642 at Mortuary Station.

**Mile End Junction:** Permanent Way and Signalling Alterations diagram.

**Daylight to Serviceton:** Trip description by Tony Sitters.

**Poem:** "My First Train" by Paul Mackinnon

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continued



### 20 Years Ago: February 1993

PM

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**Again, the issues are getting thinner – this time down to 11 pages.**

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**Cover Photo:** Commonwealth Railways loco GM19 on a west-bound freight at Yorkeys Crossing, just out of Port Augusta.

**Layout Report:** A small amount of work has been completed during the heat of January to allow for the next running night. Phones have been prepared but are not yet operational. An area of rock was damaged during perway work near Burra, and a bridge may have to be built to fill the hole.

**Article:** “Converting an Athearn loco to HOn3” by A Whyborn

**Article:** “Grass from Sawdust” by Peter Carter

**Article:** “The Derelict Bay Navigation Co” by A Whyborn

**Article:** “Building a Zig Zag” by A Whyborn

### 10 Years Ago: February 2003

DVL

**President: Peter Carter;** Vice Presidents: Bill Lewis, Trevor Carter; Secretary: Greg Donhardt; Treasurer: Don Snow; Layout director: John Wilmer; Exhibition Layout Director: Bob Houston; Social Director: Barrie Mackinnon; Maintenance Director: Richard Fisheris; Librarian: David Rayson; Editors: Paul Mackinnon, Harry Rush.

**The layout report** includes the first mention of having to move out of Islington.

**The library report** reminds us that it includes a book titled “Street Jewellery: A History of Enamel Advertising Signs” which contains many useful signs for our layouts.

**Picture Parade** has the Motor Inspection Car and triple-gauge turntable, both at Steamtown Peterborough.

**“Belair and Return”** – a recount of a train trip to Belair for lunch and back again by Bill Lewis. Dean Schluter’s 10 page guide to building the 700 kits.

**It’s time you got started on your  
Boxfile Competition entry**



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### **LIBRARY REPORT - *Recent Additions to the Library***

Australian Railway History	February 2013
Model Railroader	February 2013
AMRM	Feb/Mar 2013
SANGS Dispatcher	Dec 2012 & Jan 2013
Train Talk	Dec 2012

DVD Trains Round Adelaide, Adelaide Hills Seven Volume 17 by John Venning

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

*Allan Norris*

## What I always wanted; an SAR 600 steam loco

Dean Schluter

After I had built the SAR 500 steam loco way back in 1998 it was my dream to build at least one of all of the Webb era steamers, 500, 600, 700, 710 and 720, well the list is finally complete with the 600, but with a few after Webb locos like 740, 750, 520, numerous 700's and a few 720's holding up the production of the 600. After the experience of turning four Athearn USRA light Mikado's into 720's for friends in the late 1990's and because, for a plastic model, they ran beautifully I kept an eye out for the Athearn USRA light Pacific that had been mooted but never seemed to materialize in Australia, at least. About 2010 Noel Potter, who knew I was looking for one, spotted one on EBay and, with his help, I lodged a bid well over the reserve. Being the only bidder, I got it for the reserve price (the seller was in England). Bad luck that it had a burred gear and ran lumpy; this was duly fixed.

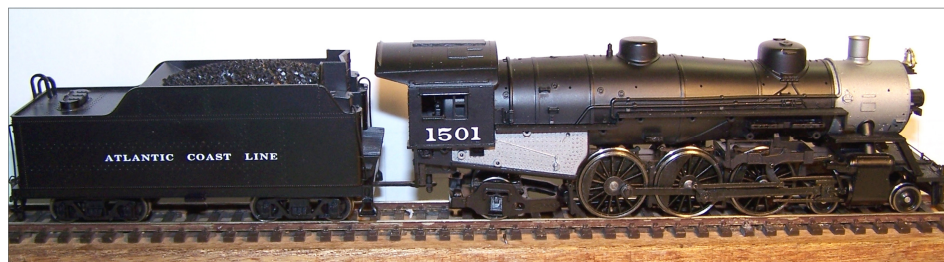


guts back in. The smoke box also was built up using PVC pipe reduced to the correct diameter and glued over the original. See photos of the original engine, and the result of the build up.

For those with colour, it can be seen in the above photo that the cab was replaced with a new one made from sheet brass and rod, and the Yankee style coal bunker on the tender replaced with sheet brass hungry boards. After building so many 700 kits, it left me with a few spare parts, hence one rear truck, a set of Tender bogies, steam dome (modified) sand dome (modified) that came in handy; these are also visible in this photo. The stack was turned out of aluminium rod. The front pony truck was the original frame and wheel set

with four holes drilled in the wheels, as was the prototype.

Front deck and running boards were cut from HO diamond sheet

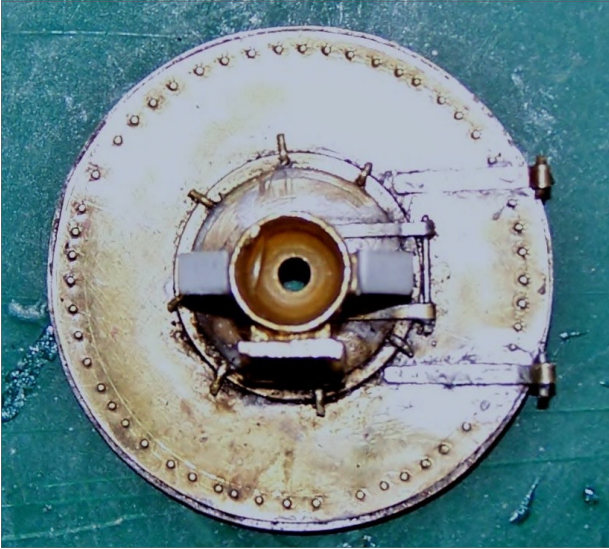


**The Athearn USRA Light Pacific**

The mechanism in both the Mikado and the light Pacific are the same, in that the motor, flywheel and gearbox are contained inside a weight from the smoke box to the cab. The boiler shell is, therefore, split horizontally from the back of the smoke box to the cab; the cab is separate. Therefore, because the boiler was far too small in diameter and after stripping all the detail off, I took the easy way out and built up the boiler with body filler retaining the horizontal join otherwise there was no way to put the

brass plate, front pilot beam and tender beam were cut from thicker brass plate and the cowcatcher was another 700 kit save. The scale couplers and pockets are the Kadee 158 type. The smoke box front was a bit challenging; there was nothing made commercially of the correct size and shape. A round plate was fashioned from 15thou brass sheet, and an identical one cut from 5thou. Five thou sheet was used so that imitation rivets could be punched in. Both had a hole drilled in the centre so that the 5thou piece could rotate on a piece of brass rod of

**SAR 600 steam loco continued**



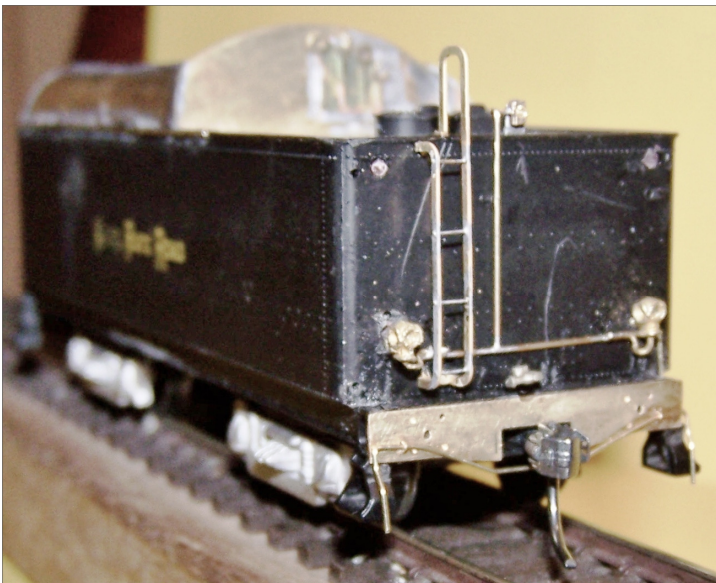
**606's Smoke box Doors**

the same diameter. A hole was drilled into the base of my model riveter at a radius equal to the bolt line inside the circumference and it was a matter then to try to keep the spacing as even as possible. The headlight was a commercial brass one, with styrene number boards, left over from the 500 project many years ago. The small smoke box door was a modified white metal one also left over from the 500 project. The three items were soldered together using the centre holes as a guide, and this hole carries the wires to the LED in the headlight. The hinges of both doors were 3thou brass strip with brass rod for the pins and clamps on the small door.



**606 ready for the paint shop**

At this stage the project took a one and a half year break due to the appearance on the scene of two RRM 720's to build for a member and the almighty 523 body by Stuart Gamble to fit the original 523 mechanism that was brought in as a spare that I had for years, as well as the start of the Exhibition Layout project.



**Rear of 606 tender**

The elephant ears were from brass plate with 10thou brass rod edging. All the pipe work is out of different gauges of brass rod. With the hand rails, I tried one of Stuart's Gamble's tricks. The same thickness rod as the hand rails is inserted into holes drilled into the boiler at the correct spacing, and the hand rail is soldered to the top of these, this gives a neat scale knob on each. See photo (centre) of unpainted model.

The tender was modified as previously mentioned, mainly on the top. Wonders will never cease; it was the correct length but the bogie centres were wrong and corrected for the new bogies.

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### **SAR 600 steam loco continued**

A brass back plate with tools was added along with buffer beam, Model Etch ladder and air hoses. Brass marker lights for tender and engine; the tender ones were drilled through the back and into the tender body for the fitting of fibre optics to red LEDs. The decoder is mounted in the tender and plugged to the loco. Pickup wipers are fitted to all spoked wheels of the tender, giving fourteen wheels pickup. The reason I chose 606 as the engine was it was one that had the large sand dome, compound air pump and I figured that, seeing I had lots of 700 etched number plates, I could cut 706 in half and 709 in half; adding inverted 709 to 706 makes 606. This was done for 3 plates. The original rivets were polished off of the tender body and Micro Mark embossed rivet decals added as per prototype.

The mechanism needed little change, unbelievably. Our 600 had 6ft 3inch driver where as the USRA was only 6ft; I will have to live with that. The Baker Valve gear was modified and styrene valve support beams glued on to look like the original; later, Nigel Gardner supplied a pair of brass etched beams which improved the appearance. The loco mechanism was painted separately under power which is standard practice. The whole job had one coat of SEM etch primer and two coats of a 50/50 etch grey and etch black lightly weathered with white and mud to give it the "lived in look", then sealed with a light coat of flat clear over.

Loco Roster Complete.■



Loco 606 on its maiden test run

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*I was going to put a reminder for something in here but I forgot what it was, so just go back to page 2 and read it again. Ed.*

## SARMA 2012 Christmas Dinner

Sue Wheeler

This year the dinner was held at the Windsor Hotel, Windsor Gardens on Saturday 24th November.

Twenty three members and friends were present and thoroughly enjoyed their night out with good company and nice food. Thanks must go to Barrie for getting us all organized.

I hadn't realized what an intrepid band of merry travellers there are in the Club. In January Terry and Connie are cruising on "Voyager of the Seas" to New Zealand,



Sue & Roger



Connie & Terry on the dance floor



Veronica & David

then in May they leave for a 10 week holiday in England. Dean and Jan are also cruising on "Rhapsody of the Seas" to



Dean & Jan

Vanuatu and Isle of Pines. David and Veronica left on 19th December flying to New Zealand for an 18 day Coach tour,

which they are really looking forward to, although Veronica knows she will really miss the kids over Christmas. Helen and Hugh have also recently travelled to New Zealand for a break. Peter Pickering, together with Gavin Thrum, Andrew Emmet and Peter Lucas, recently visited the British Railway Modellers Convention in Perth. Jerry and Janis from Train World, Melbourne, bought a mystery flight which brought them to Adelaide for 3 days where they enjoyed a yummy lunch at Lesby's.

Royce proudly told me he has 4 grand children; he takes the 14 year old to school every day then goes home and feeds the Magpies in his garden with the cat lining up for tit bits. Alistair and Rena recently spent a few days in the mid north. Alistair is making garden furniture in one of his 3 garden sheds, the 2nd one used to be for motor cycles and the other for storage; where are the trains?

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**SARMA 2012 Christmas Dinner continued**

Alyssa is now in year 6 at Pimpala Primary with her goal to be an Accountant, like her grandma. Matt and Sherree who works at the Strand Café at Glenelg have been together for almost a year. Sherree says this is her first SARMA Christmas Dinner; warmest welcome to you.



**Matt & Sherree**

Stephen and Jeremy are busy working together on their trains. Jeremy is at his parent's home for Christmas Dinner, where the women do all the cooking and the men do all the cleaning up (sounds good to me). Roger and I recently enjoyed a week in beautiful Robe, real R & R, getting us ready for a busy Christmas with our young ones.

Happy New Year and Happy Travelling to you all.

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



**Lesby**



**Steve & Jeremy**

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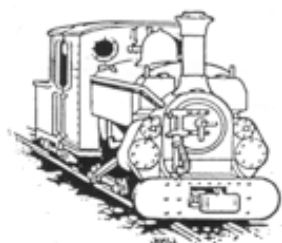
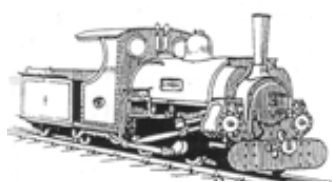
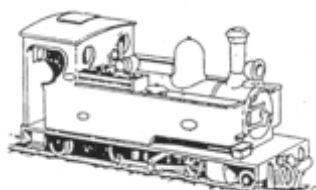
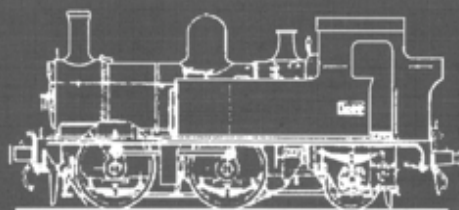
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*Brian, John & Vic*

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See Iain Kennedy

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## Not another “DERM” trip!

**John Gordon**

Well, we have done another trip on a DERM, this time to Sea Lake and return on the 24/25 November. We again left on the Friday Overland and were hoping for a trouble free trip after the dramas of last time. NR 81 was our loco with the usual 8 cars which were reasonably full. The trip turned out to be without delays apart from the passenger stops and crosses with opposing freights. Our first cross was at Belair with 5MA5 NR94 & NR35 for 1432m, Balhannah, 5MP5 NR61 NR66 & DL40 for 1431m, Mt Barker Jct, 5MP1 6021,2821 & CLP11 for 1234m, Callington, 5MP7 NR69 9303 for 1234m, Coomandook, 5MA6 2809CLP12 & CLP11 for 486m and the last one in SA at Tintinara with 5MA3 NR89 NR86 & NR112 for 1149m.

Passengers joined at Murray Bridge; Tailem Bend was passed with only S307 and NR112 in an otherwise empty yard. Stops then were at Bordertown, Nhill, Dimboola, Horsham, Stawell, North Shore; arrival at Southern Cross was on time at 7.05, which was in contrast to our last trip in July when we were 1½hrs. late. Freights were passed at Jung, Vita Vita and Berrybank. There were, as usual, a lot of locos to see coming in and some of them were SCT010,001, T379 NR's 120, 116, 1, 44, 99, 106 & 93, 8114, 8115, DL50, P13, 42206, 6004 B80,N473, N 471, Y163 & Y129.

Saturday saw us back at SC by 6.45am for breaky and for our 7.15 dept. for Sea Lake and to meet our fellow travellers and to see who we had met last time; there were a few with our English friend Nigel from the UK who was over again; Murray Billet and his wife were also there. The trip took us back to Geelong and a good turn of speed after we cleared the suburbs was enjoyed. A stop at North Geelong C cabin to pick up Pacific National pilot for the trip, we travelled on the dual gauge

section until we branched off Gheringhap for the run to Ballarat. They are about to start work on putting the second track over the bridge at Gheringhap. Time for a coffee break and railway cake and a look around at Ballarat Station where we heard that a contractor had pulled a cable up at SC and put most of the signalling out, which closed traffic into SC, so buses were being used (we apparently just got out before it happened) Passing North Ballarat we saw our new Electric railcars all wrapped up in plastic ready to be fitted out.



Next stop was Maryborough and a look around the recently restored Station which now has a passenger train service. Up to Dunolly for a quick stop for photos, report and take the branch to Inglewood for a BBQ lunch prepared by the local Lions Club which was very nice and a good chance to again stretch the legs. In contrast to our last trip in winter with the cold and rain, this time it was rather hot with the temp expected to get to 37degrees and there are plenty of flies in Inglewood.



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### **DERM trip continued**

Our next stop was Korong Vale to report and we were advised by Train Control that given the temperature in the area (37deg+) we were to be restricted to 40km/h which was ½ our normal speed. This made for a hot and tiring last section around 150km to Sea Lake.



Next stop was for photos in the main street of Wycheproof, which again affected our arrival time at Sea Lake and the bus which was to take us to Swan Hill for the night. It is about 70km from Sea Lake to Swan Hill so everyone was glad to get to the Motel accommodation that had been arranged and down to the RSL for a meal and drinks.

Sunday dawned with the promise of another 37deg + day, so after a hearty breakfast around the indoor pool of the Motel it was on the bus again for the trip back to Sea Lake and the DERM. The line has been terminated about 3km from Sea Lake station to allow Grain trains to access the silo, so we ran out to the end for a photo opportunity. By the time all this was done we were late in leaving Sea Lake, however, without the restrictions of the day before in force yet, we were able to make good time on the way to Dunolly for lunch which was a very nice selection of sandwiches provided by the local bakery. A brief stop again was made at

Maryborough and it was off to Ballarat. We were advised that we had to be clear of Ballarat by 4.30pm or we would lose our path, so it was a very quick stop and we managed to get out by 4.29. A cross with a grain train at Warrenheip, and we were off again until a signal stop at

Gheringhap for a freight to the new siding Jung. Our next stop was North Geelong to say goodbye to our pilot and onto Southern Cross and the end of a most enjoyable 2 days. Monday back at SC by 7.30 to catch the XPT to Sydney, for a day in Albury until the return of the train at 3.15pm. This was a most comfortable ride, the track certainly between SC and Albury

giving a smooth ride. Not a lot to see these days at Albury Station although the station is in good nick and the time we were there, there were no other trains passing through.

Tuesday we were back again at SC for the trip back to Adelaide and the hope of a repeat trip of the Friday with a few passenger stops and maybe a cross or two. All went well until we passed North Shore where thing started to come unstuck. There were trackwork delays, broken air hose between NR84 and car transporter and a signal failure due to an electrical storm at Maroona which resulted in a speed limit of 25km/h to



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### DERM trip continued



Ararat by which time we were down by around an hour and half. A good run to Horsham for a crew change where a delay was had so ice could be got for the loco crew as the fridge had passed out. Next stop Bordertown for passengers and a cross with 7MP5 NR65, NR68 for 1247m. Tailem Bend had 2809 and BL47 in the yard; another cross at Monteith with 1PM7 NR110, NR70 1279m. Nairne things slowed again with an announcement made that we were to cross another train, however, after a stop outside Balhannah we proceed through with nothing there, up to the new siding at Ambleside which was opened the previous week.

There were track M/C stabled so off to the next one Mt Lofty; nothing there either. Around Long Gully and another announcement; there was a loco on fire ahead of us and that it wasn't expected to hold us up (what the heck we had been all day). Down through the passing siding at Belair and there was an Up Grain train #2182 with locos 2216, GM38, GM45, GM45, GM46 & GM47. GM46 had an engine fire which seemed to have been extinguished by the time we passed. Arrival was finally at 7.45 at Keswick. Needless to say we were all glad to be home, and another 3200km of rail travel on the clock.

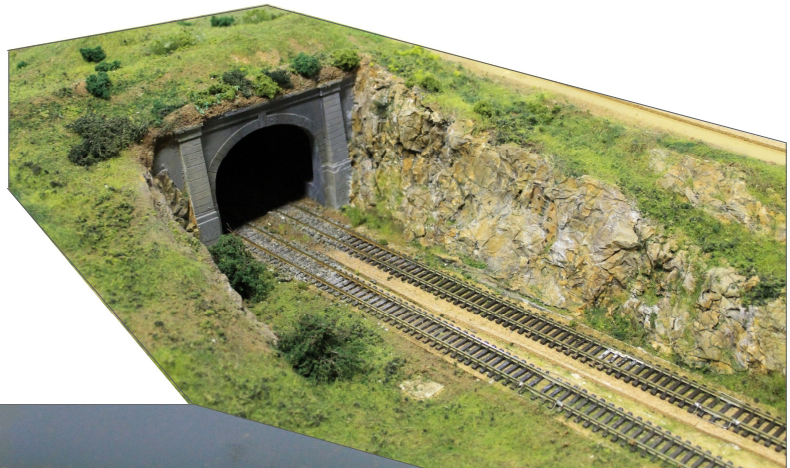
However, after all that, if you have a chance to do a DERM trip get in quick as they fill fast and there are only 58 seats. They are most enjoyable and a friendly lot of staff and passengers. Also, getting there is half the fun too if you have time. ■

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### Progress on the Exhibition Layout

*Lovely stonework in the cutting to tunnel mouth*

*Added detail under and around the bridge*



Odds & Ends

# *Don't forget the Swapmeet*



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Train at Bowmans Intermodal taken on New Year's Eve after loading. The loco is GL 108 leased from CFCL as are the rolling stock.

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Show & Tell - January





No captions this month;  
very few cards were  
left on the table.





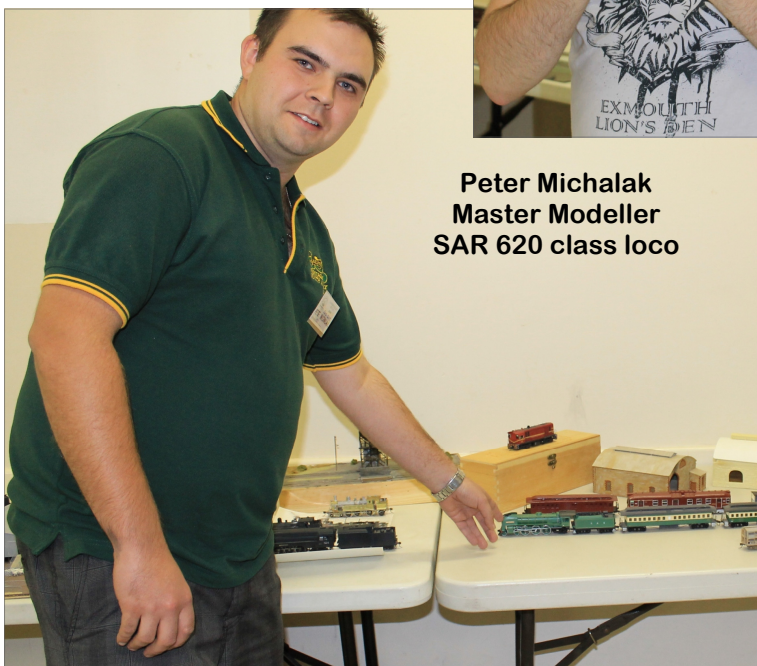
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**Master  
Modeller  
Presentations**



**Matt Lavista**  
Certificate of Participation  
H class Manning Wardle loco  
(See page 3 for close-up)

**David Jameson**  
Highly Commendable  
Scratch-built sheep  
shearing shed and yard



**Peter Michalak**  
Master Modeller  
SAR 620 class loco



**Dean Schluter**  
Master Modeller  
SAR 600 class loco  
(Also shown is the 500  
which started his  
ball rolling - the one at  
the front-right, not the  
one at the back)



**Dwayne Norris**  
Cert of Participation  
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# Feb 2013 Buffer Stop Supplement - In the Shed

