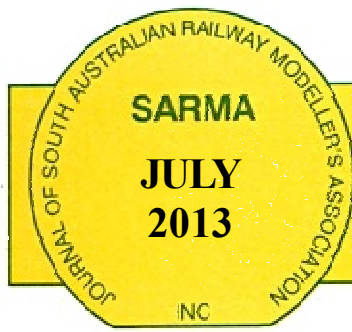
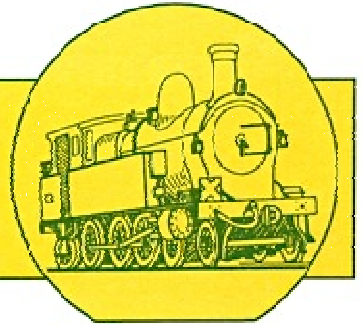


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THE BUFFER STOP



*Bill Coles
operating Hoylake
on his home layout*

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VALE

BILL COLES

We say goodbye to a fellow modeller
and foundation member
who contributed so much to SARMA
and the hobby over so many years.
Condolences to Kath and family.



Bill & Kath in 1963



At a SARMA dinner of the sixties, from the right
Kath and Bill, Thelma and Stan Filsell and Hugh Williams.
On the left Edna and Bob Irvine, Josie and John Gordon,
Karl Clarement and Eric Milne with their wives.

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UBD Map 96 Ref D12 or Gregory’s 148 J12: the red Scout symbol marks our clubroom.

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Wed 10 Jul	General Meeting + Cab Ride DVD
Wed 17 Jul	Modellers night
Wed 24 Jul	Modellers night
Wed 31 Jul	Modellers night
Wed 7 Aug	Modellers night
Wed 14 Aug	General Meeting plus ??
Wed 21 Aug	Modellers night
Wed 28 Aug	Modellers night
Sat 31 Aug	Modelling Railways SA Convention
Fri 6 to Sat 14 Sep	Royal Adelaide Show
Sat 14 & Sun 15 Sep	NRM Miniature & Model Railway Show



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& Over the Hills;
Exhibitions, etc

July 13-21
Circus Train @ NRM

July 20,21
Castle Hill (NSW)

August 3-4
Braybrook (Vic)
Canberra (ACT)

August 17-18
Heritage Transport SA
@ NRM

August 10-11
Beecroft (NSW)
Hobart (Tas)
Strathpine (Qld)

Cover Photo

On Saturday, June 22nd we lost one of the 'old gang' who, according to Snowy, was one of the 'original 12' who were the breakaway group from Pathfinder to start SARMA in 1957

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(Barrie or PeterP)**

Welcome to the July Buffer Stop.

The AMRE show has come and gone for another year. In a climate where there is a tendency for lower numbers through the door, it was heartening to have a patronage close to that of last year. I was also pleased with the friendly atmosphere at the event from the point of view of both exhibitors and patrons. They tend to go hand in hand, of course.

I found the results of the “people’s choice” quite surprising. It’s unusual to get the runaway victory that Greater Portland managed. The public really went for the size, detail, quality, features and constant traffic that SANGS provided. Mind you, there was no Wellingford, Terowie North, Florey Springs or Kangaroo and Cockatoo, so most of the serious competition was missing resulting in Portland getting three times the number of votes that the next popular layout, Somewhere in Baden-Wurttemberg (Marklin), received. The next six layouts, Hogwarts, Paradigm, Stewarts, Bridgewater, The Enchanted Wood and Ukandooit were covered by only five votes, making them almost equal third. It will be interesting when Bridgewater is finished and Strathwotsername appears.

More significantly in my view, the judging for the Rob Burford Trophy went this way: Greater Portland took out top honours, closely followed by Avoca (from Tasmania), Ponders End, Mungo Scotts (from NSW), My Little Welsh Railway and Paradigm. Ukandooit, Stewarts, Bridgewater, Marklin, Adelaide Freight Terminal and Lambourn were not far behind. Barrie Valley came 20th out of 28 and Around the World came 25th.

Now (or by the break in the GM) that all our prime members will have had an opportunity to buy one ticket in the raffle for the Ozrail 500, the remaining tickets will, on a one by one basis (or small numbers at the discretion of the seller), be available to family members and to prime members wishing to purchase further tickets.

To celebrate the 75th anniversary of the steam loco record of 126mph on July 3rd, 1938, A4 class Gresley pacific, Mallard, will go on display at the British National Rail Museum in York.

Other A4 locos are being brought in from around Britain and two more, Dominion of Canada and Dwight D Eisenhower have been transported from America. ■

Peter P (Ed)



EDITED MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD AT DERNANCOURT ON 12th JUNE 2013

Meeting opened at 7:33pm.

Chairman Hugh Williams

Members in attendance: 45

Apologies: 8

Visitors: Wayne Spencer was welcomed to the meeting.

New members: Dylan Ager. Nominated by Matt La Vista, seconded Darren Barnes. Accepted

Minutes of previous meeting: Moved D. van der Linden. Seconded, Bob Houston. Carried

Outstanding Actions and Business arising: nil

Correspondence in:

Invoice from Aztronics

Invoice and statement from Datacord

Gift voucher from End Of The Line Hobbies

Statement from 7 Network

AMRA Journal May/June 2013

Correspondence out:

Letter of thanks to Cr's Joy Ricci, Brian Massey, Matthew Harbinson and Todd Hacking

Business from corres: nil

Finance: Financial statements presented.

Accept financial report: Moved G. Chaplin.

Seconded Karl Eichinger. Carried

Reports:

Premises – Hugh reported on the progress of the preparations for the new shed. The plans are being drawn for building approval.

Exhibition Layouts– Peter Pickering gave a brief wrap-up of the AMRE show but was unable to provide figures. He thanked everyone who helped in some way over the weekend. Dean Schluter then suggested that Matt La Vista and Jeremy Kemp and the rest of the N scalers be thanked for their efforts in representing the club so well. The members responded with a round of applause. Jeremy responded by thanking Paul Mackinnon for helping get the layout to the show. Pete Michalak also took the opportunity to thank anyone that helped him pack his layout at the end of the show and was followed by Allan Norris thanking helpers also.

HO: Bob Houston reported that a rack is being made to store the completed modules neatly while the others are being worked on. He announced that the first showing of the layout could be at Sandown in March 2014.

N: Nil

Club Layout – Nil

Social – Nil but Barrie did mention that there were cheap cans of soft drink available from Romeo's Foodland.

BufferStop – Peter Pickering reported that the Buffer Stop web link is functioning correctly again. He also announced that this month was the last month that un-financial members receive a Buffer Stop.

Dean Schluter reported that he has received electronic versions of the Buffer Stop from Chris Marlow. Dean also said that he is collating them into single files per magazine as they are currently individual files for each page.

Library – Allan Norris reports that the current issue of Motive Power magazine has eight pages on the NSW 48/SAR 830 class locos.

Richard Ash has donated a number of books to the library. He was thanked with a round of applause.

Maintenance – A deceased rat was found near the fridge. The baits seem to be working but Dave Holmes asked the members to be careful about leaving food lying around.

Bulk buys – Iain Kennedy reminded the members that there are plenty of things to build available from the shop as well as shirts and the new Jackets. Jackets need to be paid for up front and need to be part of an order of ten minimum.

Special Projects: There are a number of four wheel sheep and cattle vans to be constructed for the club's layouts. Volunteers were asked for.

AMRE – Refer exhibition layout reports section.

General Business:

1. Matt La Vista reported his findings regarding cost for a coach for the planned Moonta trip. The cost would run upwards of \$40.00 per head plus the costs of entry to the various destinations. Only one member raised a hand when asked if a coach was preferred. The cost would remain at \$30.00 per head inclusive of entry costs if a mini bus is used.

2. Roger Wheeler thanked those members who promptly returned their travel claim forms.

3. David Jameson asked for a volunteer to help a young boy and his father build a small layout. Roger reminded the meeting that there is a layout for sale via the club.

4. David Jameson reminded the members that the Royal Show will be upon us soon. He will

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soon be asking for volunteers to man the layout.

5. Trevor Carter reported that Bill Coles is in Ashford hospital. He said that is likely that he will not be returning home. A card will be sent from the club.

6. Peter Pickering asked the members to be on the lookout for a lost dog in the area.

7. Paul Mackinnon pointed out, after reading the Buffer Stop archives pages, that he and his father Barrie appear on the committee list in the ten, twenty, thirty and forty years ago sections. He believed that that was unique in the history of the club.

Break: Meeting suspended at 8:17pm

Raffle:

Black D43, Treven Barnes, Junction Models voucher

Black D1, Chris Symons, Set of needle files

Blue A88, Brian Woods, Pen torch with screw-drivers

Orange A68, Chris Symons, Hobby Knife

Blue A76, David Jameson, Bogies

Orange F19, Roger Wheeler, Pliers

Black D24, Karl Eichinger, Model car (1/76th)

Orange, F28, David Jameson, DVD- American Steam

Orange A87, Colin Barnes, Torch

Blue A48, Richard Ash, LED kit (donated back to club)

Blue A96, Dane Filander, SARMA stress cubes

After meeting activities: Members spoke about their box file layouts, Peter Pickering spoke about trees and Maikha Ly presented a video of Victorian and NSW railway operation in and around Albury Wodonga.

Meeting closed at 9:55pm

Chris Fretwell proudly shows a 500 diesel shunter



From the Buffer Stop Archives



50 Years Ago: July 1963

DAS

President: Bill Coles, Vice-Presidents: Don Willshire, Ray Stratton, Secretary: Peter Beck, Treasurer: John Datson, Librarian: Alan Aldous Committee Members: Bob Irvine, Len Venus, Geoff Barnes, Editor: Tiny Edwards, Sub-Editor: Trevor Carter.

TRADE REPORTS: (from Mike Bridgland)

Bridgland's Model Train Shop:

Our FALLER and FLEISCHMANN shipments have just arrived and a call in to 91A (Gawler Place) will be well worth while to view the new lines. The latest TYCHO diesels are now on show and with twelve months guarantee, are an excellent buy.

We have a new tree line retailing at 3/- (0.30c) a packet — a beauty!!

Also a great range of TRIANG specials.

(I have inspected some of the new FALLER trees at Mike's shop and in my opinion are very attractive trees which would grace any layout -- Ed.).

Da Costa Books: (from Len Opie)

Latest arrivals in the loco line:

TENSHODO Southern Pacific Ps4 4.6.2 £33 15.0 (\$67.50).

UNITED AT & SF 2.8.0 £28.10.0 (\$57.00).

ATHERN freight trucks with the new RP25 contour wheels (in four styles) 13/- (\$1.30) a pair

A Grim Record of Train Disaster: Aboard the packed evening train outbound from Tokyo, 1300 passengers were in a joyful mood in the midst of a week of gay holidays which included the Emperor's birthday. But their homeward ride became a nightmare of broken glass and toppled cars as their train side-swiped a freight that had run through a signal. As the injured and dazed struggled up a 30-foot embankment and on to the tracks again, the horror was compounded when an inbound train smashed into the wreckage and survivors.

An eyewitness reported, "It rained people". The result: 158 dead; the arrest of five trainmen on suspicion of negligence; and the grim memorable picture of a disaster.

40 Years Ago: July 1973

DW

President: Trevor Carter, Vice-Presidents: Allan Kitto, Vic Kollesche, Secretary: Bob Irvine, Treasurer: Barrie Mackinnon, Entertainment: John Page, Librarian: Tony Sitters, Maintenance: Stan Filsell, Committee Members: Rob Burford, Bob Burton, Editors: Ray Zeffert, Elliott Johnson.

Front cover: drawing of coaling tower; location not stated.

Danny Carmody describes a train trip to Pt. Pirie

Eric Milne reviews the GY four wheel open wagon kit and also tells of the importance of wheel and track cleaning.

Chris Bridgland describes a Victor Harbour & return trip in which a breakdown occurred.

A history of the SARMA club which began life in 1957 as the Pacemakers Club. Author not stated.

MRSA Convention – August 31
Book by the end of July to receive \$10 discount

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continued**

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30 Years Ago: July 1983

PP

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

Cover: AL20 (No caption)

Layout Report: Yondah: 5 track make-up yard, 5m long with control panel at each end.

Picture Parade: W264, long CR tank wagons & AL20 (No captions).

Club Visit: Railcar service depot.

O class loco: Description by Hugh Williams; drawing by G(?) Roberts..

Article: Murray Bridge construction - pictures & article by S.A. Department for the Environment.

Drawing and photos: SAR 7500 class Narrow gauge brake van

20 Years Ago: July 1993

PM

President: Trevor Carter, Vice President (Administration): Peter Carter, Vice President (Special Projects): Brian Woods, Secretary: Bryan Leaney, Treasurer: Don Snow, Layout Director: John Willmer; Modular Layout Director: Peter Saunders, Maintenance Director: David Thomas, Social Director: Paul Mackinnon, Librarian: Richard Ash, Editors: Bill Button and Bernard Martin.

Not received

10 Years Ago: July 2003

DVL

President: Peter Carter, Vice-Presidents: Trevor Carter, Bill Lewis, Secretary: Ron Solly, Treasurer: Don Snow, Layout Director: John Willmer, Exhibition Layout Director: Bob Houston, Social Director: Barrie Mackinnon, Maintenance Director: Richard Fisheris, Librarian: David Rayson, Editors: Paul MacKinnon, Harry Rush.

The cover showed Trevor Carter cutting the cake celebrating SARMA's 46th Birthday.

Membership rates were \$40.00 for adults, Families were \$45.00, Pensioners and Country members were \$30.00

John's Layout Report said that the a Bluebird ran over the layout signalling the last time a train would run on the layout at the present location as dismantling was about to begin.

Dave Rayson writes a thought provoking article on the SARMA library. He also appears in the photo on page 5, on the very left of shot.

Carol's Secret Women's Business states that a bachelor is a fella that comes to work each day from a different direction.

NSWGR 38's Steam on Tour by Darren Thomas and Bernard Martin on page 12. One photo shows 3801 being coaled by a crane truck.

Pictures of the layout at Islington at the time of the last run.

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Send photos to Peter Michalak.

LIBRARY REPORT - *Recent Additions to the Library*

Australian Railway History	July 2013
AMRA Journal	May/June 2013
Model Railroader	July 2013
Motive Power	June/July 13

The following books have kindly been donated by Richard Ash:

Hamersley Iron Railways

This is Clyde Motive Power

Generation one A R H S (N S W)

Recalling Queensland Railways in the 60s (The last decade of steam)

A R H S Queensland

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

Allan Norris

Peco Point Motor

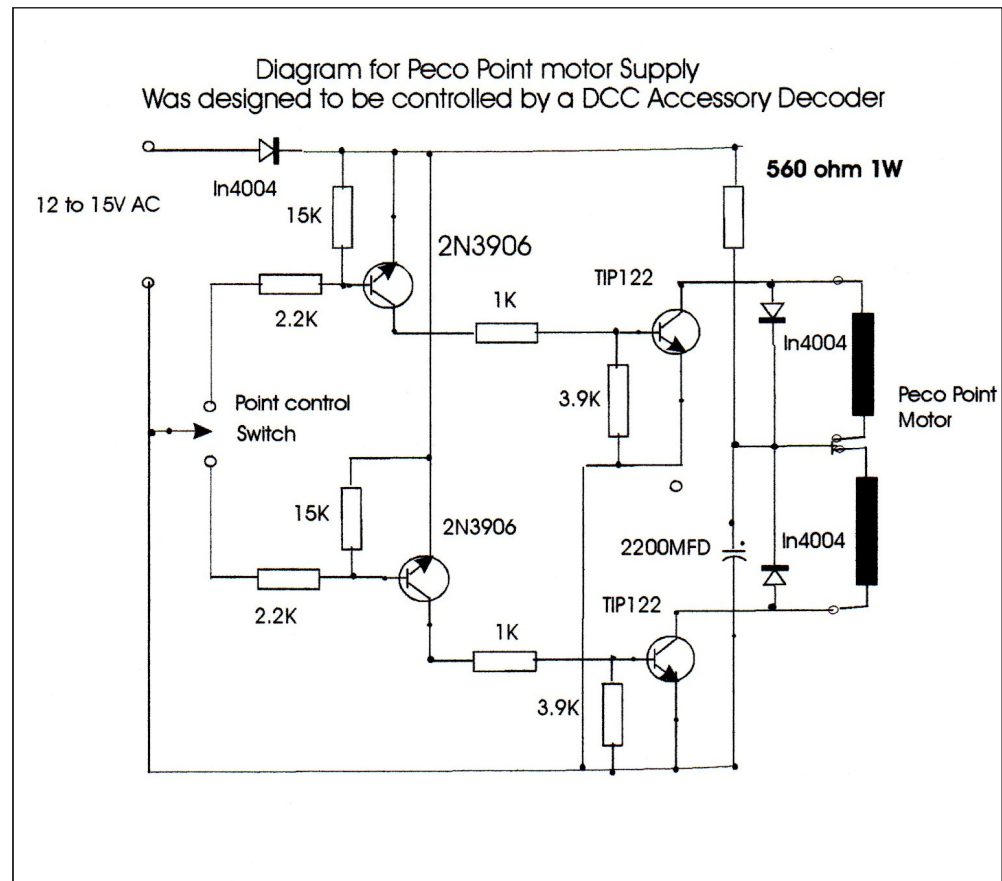
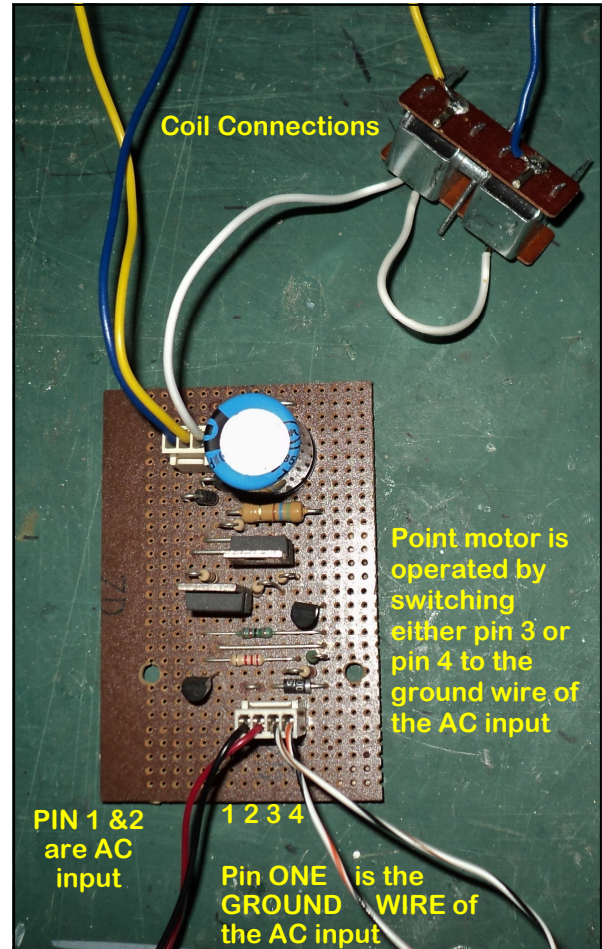
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Power Supply Dean Schluter

Before John Badcock left for Melbourne, he sold a lot of railway equipment, amongst them there was what we at the time believed to be normal Capacitor Discharge power units for Peco point motors. In fact they were something different in that they were only capable of operating a single point, although at a stretch could be made to change two points of a cross-over. They were designed, I believe, to operate points by two methods; one by using a toggle switch to indicate the direction of the point setting, which you would not do normally without melting the coil of the Peco motor because the switch stays closed. However, with these, there remains only a small current of 25 milliamps flowing through the coil which is non destructive. The second method could be to operate the motor by using a DCC accessory decoder. The units require a transformer delivering 12 volts AC, I would not go any higher as the current increases to 40mA for 15 volts AC.

I have included a circuit diagram for those who can understand and the photo shows the connections required for those that have them or are interested

These supplies could also be used to reliably throw points that are situated a long way from your control panel.■



SARMA 2013 Birthday Dinner The Buffer Stop

Sherree Golowit

Nineteen club members came together for dinner on Saturday the 26th of May in the Hampstead Hotel. Social Director Barrie Mackinnon was unfortunately absent owing to having a dizzy spell and fall earlier in the day; we hope he has recovered fully.

The food at the Hotel was good though it did take over an hour to come out. The booking was spread over two tables and with a few empty spots on one of the tables it made it look like hardly anyone had turned up. However those who came had a good time and enjoyed the usual catch up.



Paul Mac rescued Barrie from his fall and has been busy making a forest of model trees in his shed out of a secret method.



David van der Linden has meanwhile practised his tree-cutting skills, chopping down an Australian native that has been at the house since they moved in so as to let the caravan fit properly. Wife Fiona has been busy with her Cert IV in youth work and still working full time.



Dave Boyce has been helping out at the End of the Line Hobbies store and wife Shirley has been working as a carer. Both came all the way from Christie Downs for tea.

Peter Pickering is now a great grandfather, and showed me a picture of his 4 week old great grand daughter Izabelle.



John and Heather Gordon were preparing to go to America for just over 11 weeks. While over there John plans to see George his penfriend in correspondence since the 1960s, an American Signal Box Operator.



Roger and Sue Wheeler went for a few weeks in Fiji.

Birthday Dinner continued

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Alastair & Rena Whibley have enjoyed a few day trips.

Royce Jutner and ladyfriend Anne have been out for dinner recently.



Hugh Williams was without wife Helen as she was sick, but he has been busy behind the scenes with the club's expansion, working with the Tea Tree Gully council.



Jeremy and Chris have been busy with the N scale club layout and also making trips to run the model railway at Pt Pirie on the 1st Sunday of each month, and chasing trains along the way. Chris is happy with his latest model, the T1 'Duplex' steam locomotive in HO scale.

Unfortunately neither of them kept still long enough to get a decent picture of them. Ed.

Most people enjoyed their dinner although the service was a little slack. By 9pm most people were starting to leave after enjoying a chat and dessert or coffee.



We look forward to the Christmas Dinner in November and hope it lives up to the same standard! ■

AMRE 2013 June Long Weekend Report

Matt La Vista

The experiences of the 'Barrie Valley Railway' Operators at this year's Adelaide Model Railway Exhibition could probably be summed up in three lines.

One: We hate N gauge track joins. Not so fond of the rolling stock either.

Two: The shed is not on fire, it's supposed to be like that. There's a steam loco in there.

Three: Please read the sign; its Cheese Rolling not people randomly falling down a hill - or a massacre.



That said, there is plenty to talk about. This year was an unusual show in many respects, not least that a number of the 'usual suspects' of prize winning layouts were absent. From the SARMA point of view, we had the BVR at its second AMRE outing, the Norris clan's 'Stewarts' at its last showing, and Peter Michalak and Co's new 'Bridgewater' layout at its first showing. This will hopefully be the last AMRE show for a while without the big SARMA HO layout in; I'm sure many members are 'champing at the bit' and, ironically enough, I had this question posed to me by many of the exhibitors I talked to.

An interesting addition this year was the two interstate layouts, Mungo Scotts in HO from Sydney MRS, and an intriguing Tasmanian OO layout from that fair island, 'Avoca'. Both of these added a unique 'flavour' to the show particularly the latter, a subject rarely seen in model form (and beautifully modelled



with handbuilt track). 'Avoca' won second place in the judging, quite deservedly.

SANGS had unleashed a behemoth of a layout which was dizzying to look at and more often than not impossible to get close to due to the crowds around it and the fact that it was right in the entrance way. 'Greater Portland' is 'Generica' and 'Portland' combined into what can be best described as a triangular rhombus. There are too many things to try to describe what's on it, but the zoo and the live Rock concert were undoubtedly the most popular new features. 'Queen' and 'U2' were the two acts playing on the TV screen; I am a Bee Gees man myself and would have liked to have seen them at some stage! Somehow I think the SANGS guys could have not run trains the whole weekend and no one would have noticed because there were plenty of other things to look at. In any event, the show was a clean sweep for SANGS with the super-layout taking out the top spot in both the judging and the popular vote.

This year the BVR layout was in the up-



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AMRE Show continued

stairs room, which now has the benefit of being reached by a lift although no one who was able bothered to use it as the stairs were quicker and better exercise. Just in front of us was 'Ideal' in the uncommon scale of TT. The front half of this layout had appeared at Rail-Show 2011 but the back was new. It had among other things what must be certainly the only 3mm scale 'Bluebird' railcar I have ever seen. It was a highly interesting layout to watch, although they seemed to be having the same problems we were having.

Arthur O' Connell's wife Helen had her own N scale layout 'Ukandooit' which fits a considerable amount on a 3mx2m board, and 'Liz's Little Layouts' set a brand new record for the smallest ever scale to appear at the show- TY which is just 1/900 scale! Over at the Adelaide Garden Group an operator's worst nightmare occurred when a collision with a bridge, 'Thomas & Emily' and two Budd cars ended up with stock crashing on the floor.

'Ponders End' has appeared at several shows I have been to, but here it surprised everyone with the unexpected placement of third prize in the judging, Rob and Mike Partington both regular attendees at shows with multiple layouts and this is a well-deserved honour.

'Bridgewater' and 'Stewarts' were within

Stewarts



Bridgewater

one place of each other on the judging ranks, and the former is still under construction. I know that there were many delighted people watching and talking about both layouts; we look forward to seeing the additions to Pete and Nick's layout and whatever will replace 'Stewarts'.

The dinner on Sunday night was well attended again, 100 people enjoying the buffet and camaraderie. The food was top notch and the lamb shanks in particular were an exceptionally tasty addition; bad luck if you missed out. This year Artie decided to leave the speech making until everyone had finished eating, which is probably a sensible change for future dinners.

One interesting change this year was our own Maikha Ly being appointed official photographer. This was a great choice- not only is Maikha an excellent photographer but he has a knack for getting the kinds of shots that most people don't get at train shows. The 'human' side of the show is prominently featured, as these are just



Ponders End



as interesting as the trains themselves! Some of his work has been seen in past issues of the BufferStop, Catchpoint magazine and in the June 2013 edition of the AMRM which has his write up of last year's show.

SARMA members were out in force, with Barrie and the Barnes Clan manning the door and the usual suspects on the help desk. The quality of microphone announcements was somewhat varied- from our upstairs spot we were near a speaker so we heard things properly this time. David Van Der Linden has a clear voice which wouldn't be out of place on the loudspeaker at David Jones (Apple Products section), Dean needs to check whether the person he's calling out for is nearby before using the mike, and doesn't Iain announce the closing down of the show so well? Bob and Don kept pack up and pack down running smoothly directing traffic deftly.

What about the BVR? Now RailShow was not a particularly happy one for the N gauge team operationally wise; the layout did not make it there undamaged and between the electrical repairs and the track problems we were left fuming. Between April and June we endeavoured to fix what problems had occurred and also continue improving the scenery. The Lake module was fully finished and decked out and further details added to the other modules, which left the layout looking very sweet scenery



If you can't hide a baseboard join, make a feature of it

wise, a massive improvement over the previous shows. Track repairs were made, but unfortunately not enough. The joins between the modules would once again become troublesome and had a marked effect on our running- to make matters worse the rolling stock which had actually worked well at RailShow decided to achieve a level of serviceability worse than that of what we had available at the Noarlunga show the year before; even the mighty 'Deltic' prototype has fallen! Thankfully, the wonderful Blue Pullman set, a chirpy little American switcher and the ever-loyal ANR Budd Car kept us going and keeping trains moving.

As regards future developments, we may be at the train show at the NRM come September, but whether or not the layout appears at shows next year is in the balance. What is really making things difficult is the lack of both space to work on the layout and the difficulty in transport and setup/down. There have been frank discussions about future layout ideas,



Blue Pullman

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AMRE Show continued

nothing major will be done until we have the new clubrooms space to work in. Nevertheless, if the track issues would be solved, the BVR will be a great little layout with the expanded length and good sized trains. Regardless of how the layout did at AMRE, the response from people was overwhelmingly positive; the lake and mountain have proved eye catching and the quirky little scenes continue to delight people, which is the best thing you can hope for.

I will take the opportunity to lay



and keeping things running- and thanks to Eddie and Dean who continue to keep our electrics in order- Dean may and does say “bloody N gaugers” but he’s never turned us down when we’ve needed an expert opinion or help. Thanks to everyone else who has helped out over the last few months. Now we start thinking about AMRE 2014: The HO boys are back in town. ■

Pictures by Maikha Ly and Matt Lavista

due kudos upon Jeremy whose work before, after and during the show has been immense and superb, definitely without him being available so many times we would have been in dire straits. Furthermore, SARMA this year had *two* N scale layouts at the show- the U-Drive has been resurrected thanks also to Jeremy who almost in secret worked on getting it back in order! The massive group of kids around the layout enjoying the trains is testimony to how important it is in getting people involved. Chris and Dane and Paul have done a bang-up job getting the layout looking prettier than ever



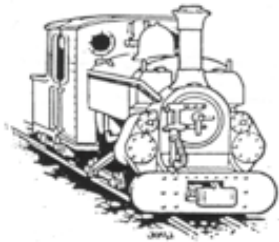
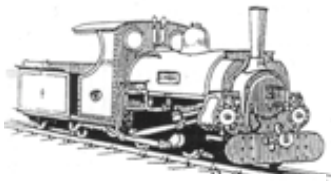
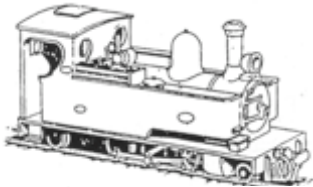
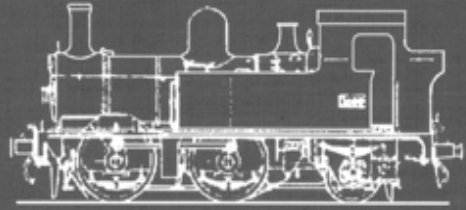
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Toowoomba Model Train Exhibition

Chris Marlow



The Darling Downs Model Railway Club Inc. held its 2013 Toowoomba Model Train Exhibition at the Toowoomba Showgrounds on the first weekend in June.

In a pavilion about the same size as Angle Park, on display there were something like 38 layouts, 21 trade stands and 9 enthusiasts' stands.

At one layout I saw the operator cleaning the track with Blu-Tac, an idea that he picked up on an internet forum. He told me that it works well, reducing the problems he faces with steel wheels on old brass rails.■

More picture opposite



**Melahyde: On30 based on SE Australia narrow gauge
Top: Sawmil scene.
Centre: General scene.
Bottom: Coffee Pot at the platform, and an enthusiast taking a photograph of me.**

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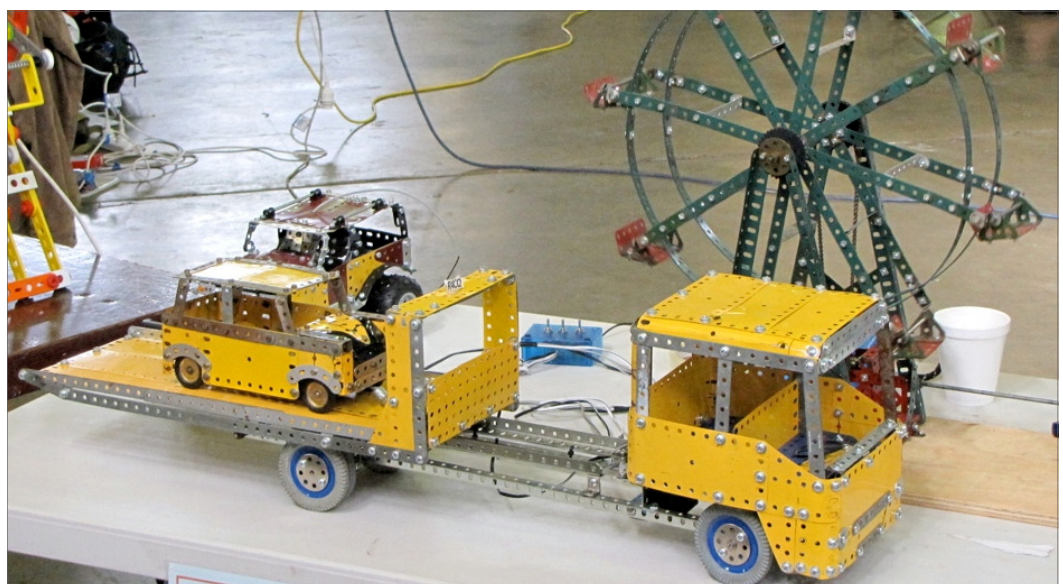
**Splitters Swamp Creek
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500 Class Steam Loco

Hugh Williams



This loco has been built as a one piece casting but, of course, there are plenty of bits to stick onto it. The body is intended to fit onto a Bachman "Spectrum" model of a 4-8-2 Mountain type loco so, instead of having to build the loco from the ground up, it will be relatively easy to put together compared with the brass and white metal model that is also nearing its release date. The original pattern work was made by Stuart Gamble who, as

most of our members will know, also produced the 720 castings that are currently available. The photos show the loco painted and complete with decals which Stuart has recently taken delivery of and is very pleased with. The Stuart Gamble kit is expected to be available later this year but, although they are working towards this, the actual date of the release is not yet known.



Noel's Pottering

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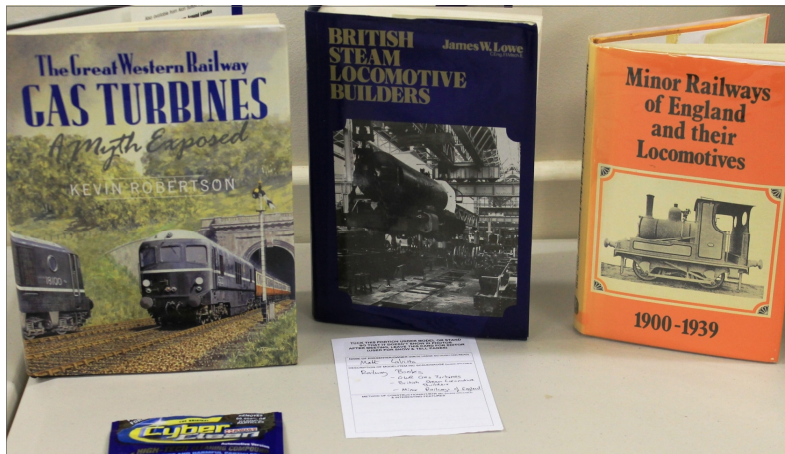


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A few more of Matt's books and Cyber compound



Whib's Privy tree
(genus lava tree)

Hugh brought along a couple
of Ross Hurley's Gum trees
(see last month's article)



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Peter P's row of Sedum Gums and tree articles

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