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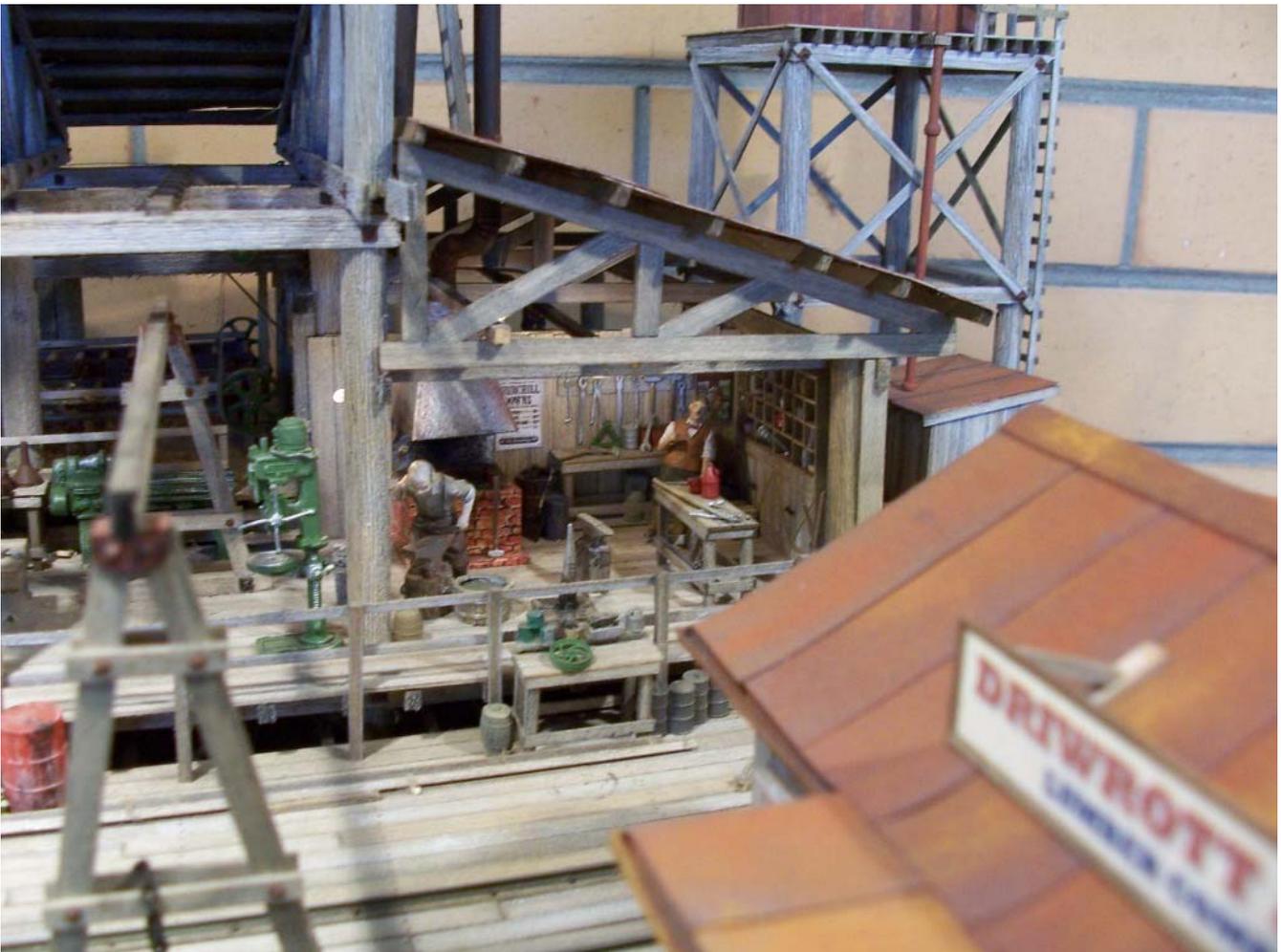
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Above: a very well detailed workshop by The Art of the Diorama Photo by Aaron

Management Committee

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Next Committee meeting
7:30pm Monday 6th March 2006

Card Table Swap

Friday 17th February

7:30am – 9:00pm

NMRI Clubrooms

Book and pay for your table early as numbers will be limited by available space. \$10 per table or take advantage of the early bird discount, \$5 if paid in advance.

Strictly one person free entry per table

Mount Compass Display

Sunday 9th April 2006

10:00 – 4:00

Mount Compass Oval

We will be doing a display with CTC for the Mount Compass School, see the noticeboard

Adelaide Exhibition

11th – 13th June 2006

9:30 – 5:00 Sat / Sun 9:30 – 4:00 Monday

Greyhound Park

I have sent in the application form, we can expect an answer soon.

Ballarat Exhibition

11th – 13th June 2006

Times to be advised

Eastwood Leisure Centre Ballarat

Do you wish to go? Fill out the attendance form for this and Stawell on the noticeboard.

This information is required urgently

Stawell Exhibition

8th – 9th July 2006

9:00 – 6:00 Saturday 9:00 – 4:00 Sunday

SES Hall – Sloane St Stawell Vic

Flier on the noticeboard

We already have been invited to again be a part of this great weekend and intend to go. Fill out the attendance form for this and Ballarat on the noticeboard

Swapmeet

30th July 2006

9:00am – 12:00pm

Reynella Neighbourhood Centre

Book and pay for your table early as numbers will be limited by available space. \$20 per table or take advantage of the early bird discount, \$15 if paid in advance.

Maximum two people free entry per table

Part proceeds help support the St John Volunteers

Our Exhibition

7th – 8th October 2006

9.30am-5:00pm Saturday

9.30am-4:00pm Sunday

Mitsubishi Entertainment Centre

1284 South Road, Tonsley Park

See the notice board at the clubrooms for a helpers list and more information.

Part proceeds help support the St John Volunteers

Portland Exhibition

Late October / Early November

Portland Victoria

Times to be advised

Card Table Swap

Friday 3rd November

7:30am – 9:00pm

NMRI Clubrooms

Book and pay for your table early as numbers will be limited by available space. \$10 per table or take advantage of the early bird discount, \$5 if paid in advance.

Strictly one person free entry per table

Rhus Station

(Shunting and reverse loop area on permanent layout)

Naming

The town of Rhus gained the name from Fernando Rhus the proprietor of the first changing station for the horses of the stagecoaches that stopped on their way through the area. As times passed, the popular stop off point became known locally as F Rhus Station.

Business

The stagecoaches do not call any more, instead, it is the turn of the iron horse and the old building, now converted and owned by the Esodd brothers Kraft and Sleaz is used as a transfer station. With track access on both sides of the building, they have managed to setup a thriving company where goods on northbound trains pass through their premises to be loaded on to southbound ones, and goods on southbound trains are loaded onto northbound ones, quite a good return on their efforts and the workload never seems to dwindle. It should be noted here that both Kraft and Sleaz are the future ancestors of the company that trains baggage handlers for the airlines, so it is quite normal for items to be lost or sent to the wrong destination.

Some of the other businesses in the area are those of the Russian land agent Ima Rhipoph who is rumoured to have made more money than the appearance of her office would suggest. Frederick, the great grandson of Fernando, who has made his mark as a motor mechanic and the owner of the fuel station on the northern outskirts of Rhus. The local builder, Chuck, seems able to throw something together for all who employ his services; although to anybody that dares to complain about his work, he blames the unusual shape of building blocks. Lee Kee-Pipe handles all the plumbing work in Rhus, his truck can often be seen out and about wherever he is plying his trade.

This is a thriving railway town and the local council is busy promoting more business by calling for tenders for the erection of premises.

Disclaimer

The foregoing was researched in very fine detail to ensure it is not of a misleading nature, to give some grounding to the type of buildings and flavour of the area modelled, and to prevent ambiguities from slipping in to the finished project.

If you do not agree with this historical record then feel free to do your own research and use your imagination to invent your own highly accurate history.

Research and history by Imust No

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Section 3 Notice

Pursuant to the Town Planning Act of 1804 of the area known as Rhus, the Council of Rhus hereby call for tenders for the construction of commercial premises.

Plans and specifications are available from the Council during office hours.

Tenders must be submitted by 1/4/06 to the Rhus Council. Planning Office

Sheila B Write
Planning Officer

Lowest or any tender not necessarily selected

Warrnambool Exhibition

This was the first time that Paradigm has been displayed at Warrnambool and the eighth exhibition for the Warrnambool Model Railway Club. While quite a small club of about twelve members, they still turn on a good range of layouts for the public, this year from N scale to a static 7¼" ride-on locomotive. The Archie Graham Centre has a flat floor and reasonable lighting and is air-conditioned, just ask anyone that sat at the bottom fiddle yard controls. The only real fault is that it is divided into three rooms making it difficult for the organisers to allocate space for displays, this was revealed when we arrived to set up Paradigm that is 10 metres long plus barriers plus viewing space in an area just 10 metres long. By moving a trader and putting Paradigm against a wall at one end, we just fitted in. Luckily, we had already decided not to use the barriers and open up the access to the public any way.



Above: a scene from Kutters Cove Photo by Aaron

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Have Your Say

Do you have something to get off your chest? If you would like to have some input or get across a point then as long as it is related to the club / railways and not too controversial this is the place. Send a letter or email to the Editor

No input this month, everything must be hunky dory!

From page 4

Many of the layouts we have seen at other exhibitions over the years, any that were new to us were given application forms for our exhibition. One display of scratch built buildings that I have seen a few times before “The Art of the Diorama” is just magic but unfortunately, they are always organising and displaying at their own club exhibition on at the same time as ours so we cannot get them to SA.



Above: The sawmill - The Art of the Diorama Photo by Aaron

Public attendance throughout the weekend was steady but continuous and speaking with the organisers late on Saturday they seemed happy. We had some willing ‘helpers’ over the two days and of course we handed over the controls. Sorry, to the mums and dads but it looks like you will have to buy them a train now and start them off on a great hobby.

This was the first outing for our new integrated seat. While the basic design worked, there are some modifications to do before it gets the big OK. We will build a second, slightly different design to test soon.

It was obvious that John had not run on paradigm for sometime as he setup his train in the fiddle yard facing the wrong way. A little ribbing from the rest of us soon had him sorted out.

Now that we have a short break, Paradigm will go through a facelift around the tunnel end, a new rock face and a raised area over the tunnel with access from the front covering should help to improve this end of the layout.

On the Notice Board

Attendance lists:

Display – Mount Compass
Sunday 9th April 2006

Exhibition – Ballarat
June 10th – 12th 2006

Exhibition – Stawell
July 8th – 9th 2006

Exhibition – Ours at Mitsubishi
October 7th – 8th 2006

If you are interested in attending / helping, fill in the relevant details to help with the organising.

Late Night Run

About 25 people took part in this, as always, popular event. There was a range of activities from watching videos, through rolling stock repairs and alterations and some to Paradigm, and the obvious running of trains. With so many in attendance there was of course plenty of the later. Sustenance was via the local take-away mostly Chinese and the rest fish and chips.

The night finally came to a close in the wee hours when the last stalwarts felt the pull of the Sandman and made their way home.

Website

I have uploaded many more photos from the archives, mostly from our 2004 exhibition, construction of Paradigm and the permanent layout, to our site www.nmri.web1000.com there are still a lot more that need titles and uploading, I will get to these shortly. Unfortunately, due to a faulty USB drive, I cannot access the photos from Warrnambool but I am still trying. There are a few from Aaron on the other pages of this newsletter. In the meantime, those with access to the net can reminisce.

New Members

Welcome onboard to Mark Crossley and welcome back to an ex member, Denis Woolard. Introduce your self and make them feel at home

Exhibition

There is a box at the clubrooms for donations of swindle prizes, which, thanks to the efforts of a few members already has quite a few items in it. What we are looking for is anything that can be given away as a prize, unwanted Christmas / birthday presents. These items do not have to be from yourself they could also be from businesses that might like to sponsor us; we can repay them with a mention in the exhibition guide. Come on dig in deep.

A helpers list and jobs to do chart are on the notice board so add your name to be a part of the best model railway exhibition. If you have any ideas that you would like to see incorporated now is the time to put them forward.

Photos

The club has bought a digital camera this is to record our participation in exhibitions etc and so that we can get some good photos of our layouts for promotion on the net. Each time we go to an event a responsible adult member will be in charge of its use and safe return, which means that members will be allowed to use it with permission but it must be returned directly to the person in charge, this is to prevent it getting lost. Please remember this is not a toy; treat it with respect.

Special

Diet Coke cans are now 70c each, only while stocks last. Note, all other drinks are \$1

For Sale

Meccano clockwork motor.
2 Reversible, in original box
Offers to John Critchly (08) 8296 0982