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This newsletter is now available as a download from our website (address above) saving the club postage and printing, most pictures are in colour. Notification is sent by email when it is available for download

Below: A close up of one of the displays at Ballarat, built to a scale of 1:24 these are made of wood, all wheels turn and valve motions slide.



Management Committee

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Next Committee meeting
7:30pm Monday 7th August 2006

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 will be leaving on the Friday morning for another great weekend and returning on Monday

Please note that Paradigm will not be at the clubrooms 'till after we return from the Stawell exhibition.

Swapmeet

30th July
9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Reynella Neighbourhood Centre

Table bookings are filling fast so 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
9.30 -5:00 Saturday
9.30 -4:00 Sunday
Mitsubishi Entertainment Centre
1284 South Road, Tonsley Park

We have a full venue of excellent displays so this will be another great exhibition.

See the notice board at the clubrooms for a helpers list and more information.
Part proceeds help support the St John Volunteers.

Family Fun Expo

22nd October
11:00 am – 3:00 pm Sunday
NMRI Clubrooms

This will be run in conjunction with Noarlunga Community Centre. Our part in this event will be to have an open day to show the public what we have to offer and maybe impress some potential new members.

As the Committee meeting for July was delayed until after the printing of this newsletter this item has not yet been confirmed.

Card Table Swap

Friday 3rd November
7:30 pm – 9:00 pm
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

Reynella Fair

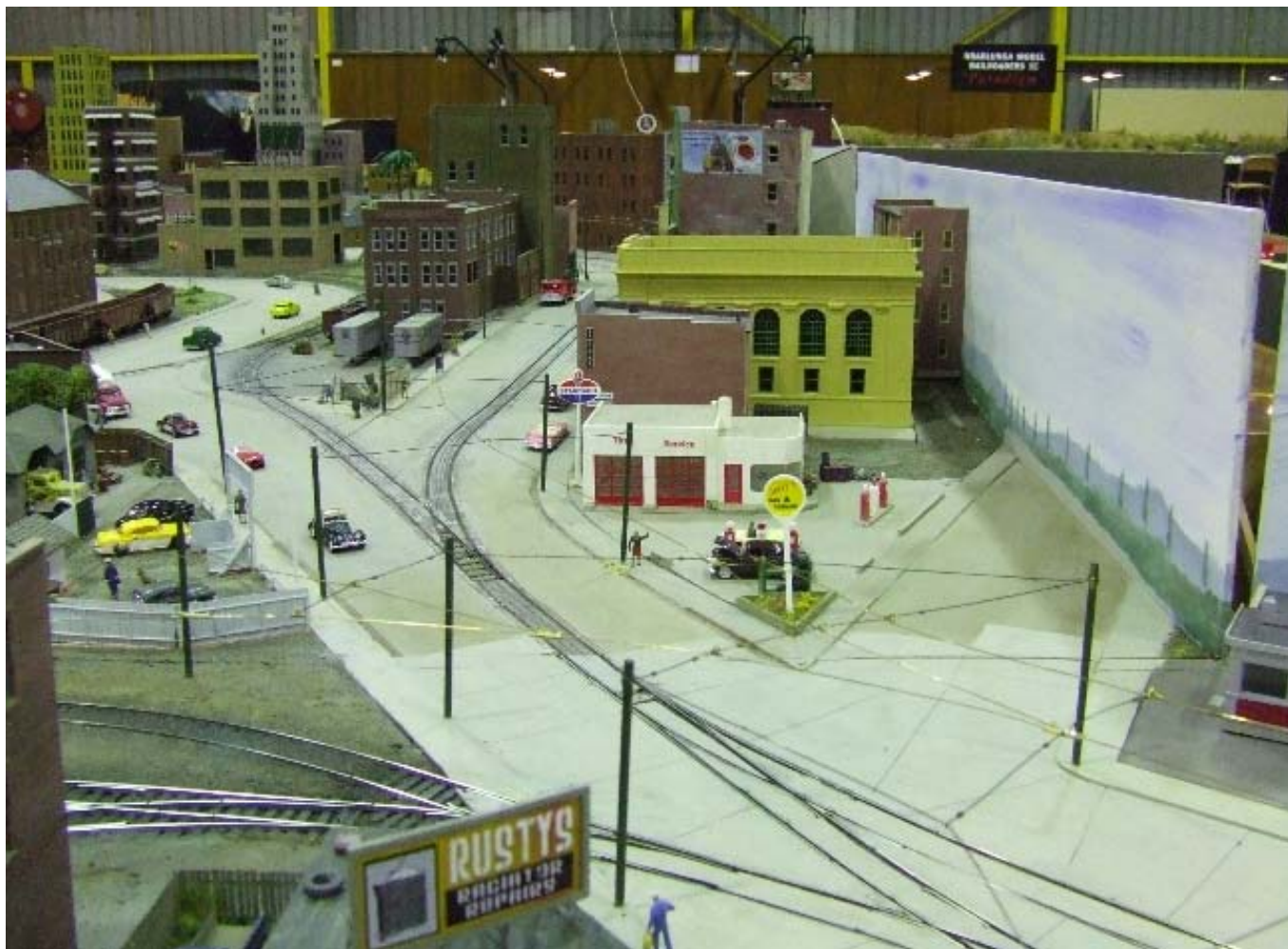
Sunday 12 November
All day

Another full day of sizzling, more details nearer the time.

Ballarat Exhibition

In a change from the June long weekend tradition of previous years, this year we displayed in Ballarat Victoria at the exhibition organized by the Ballarat & Districts Model Railway Club Inc. The venue was the Eastwood Entertainment Centre; the exhibition used a basketball stadium with meals and other facilities in another section of the centre. Being winter and in Ballarat it was very cold in the venue, this was made worse because all the power outlets were on the one circuit breaker that tripped on many occasions over the weekend and this meant that the jet heater could not be used to keep us warm. The very warm welcome by the organizing club went quite a long way to offset the freezing conditions as did the heater in their clubrooms where we slept.

Below: Phoenix Electric by B&DMRC, this layout will be at our exhibition



We arrived at the venue just before dusk and had Paradigm setup and running in the allocated position quite quickly, it seems to get easier each time. Almost immediately Pam began what was to become a major buying spree at Rail'N'Thusiast, something that seemed to just continue throughout the weekend, whenever she was missing we just looked to the trade stand. Upon setting up we found one turbine had read the Rolls Royce repair propaganda and it "failed to proceed". The explanation we gave was that it was stopped for maintenance. It does not come much more prototypical than that! John has since fixed it and we should be running at full generating power at Stawell.

After the setup we were shown to the B&DMRC's large clubrooms, an old Air Force barracks, which were to be our quarters for the weekend. Contained within we discovered a large HO layout in an area about 14 X 6 metres and nearly as big double deck N scale both under construction and plans for one in O scale. There was also a space allocated for their display layout, a kitchen and a spacious library and meeting room.

Below: B&DMRC clubrooms



We elected to run without barriers again and it all went very well. Paradigm was very popular with the public and had a continuous flow of kids helping to run the layout and blow the loco whistles all weekend. One young girl was running the top fiddle yard so well after only a few minutes instruction that I left her to do it alone for a few minutes while I went to get a coffee.

Below: A young driver under instruction



The exhibition was a good mix of 13 layouts and 4 static displays in scales ranging from N to G and supported by 3 traders. One display was locos built from wood, in a scale of 1:24, all the wheels and valve gear moved. Very nice hot lunches were supplied and we had something different each day. We all enjoyed a spit roast on Sunday night but due to a lack of donated prizes the swindle was cancelled.

After three days of fun it was time to pack up. We were invited to tea and a train room visit on Monday by a member of B&DMRC, naturally we accepted and were most pleased that we did as the collection was vast with many brass locos some in mint condition.

Over the weekend we forged new friendships that we trust will last for many years

Below: A wooden Rocket



We dropped off Paradigm at Stawell on the way home and it was here that a slight miscalculation by yours truly on the way out of town led us down a dead end road accompanied by jeers from the rest of the crew.

We managed to do some rail-fanning by doing a parallel run with NR64 pulling the Overland, some photos were attempted but at 110 KPH they were just blurry trees with the occasional glimpse of the train.

By the time most of you read this a crew will be showing off our wares at Stawell, report next issue.

Left: Machinery inside a workshop on display by Colin Konig.

On the Notice Board

Attendance lists:

Exhibition – Stawell
July 8th – 9th

Family Fun Expo at the clubrooms
October 22nd Sunday
11:00 am – 3:00 pm

Exhibition – Ours at Mitsubishi
October 7th – 8th

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

Top and Tails

While we are on the subject of displays and exhibitions, the Committee would like to remind everyone that it is club policy for all members to wear a club shirt / windcheater at all official functions.

There are several sizes of t-shirts in stock; the current price is \$20, which includes the emblem on the pocket.

For windcheaters please buy one in a grey as near as possible to the shirts and the club will have the emblem embroidered for you

There has been a price rise for the embroidery, it will now cost \$9 and this will follow through to the shirts, they will go up to allow for this when we replace the current stock.

New Heights

The Club has bought four new stools for use when Paradigm is on display. Being foldable, they fit in to the trailers to make it easier for transporting; we will keep the current stools for use at the clubrooms. The first test was the June long weekend at Ballarat and they were wonderful, so good that we received a query from another exhibitor about where they came from and how much they cost.

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Vale

Dean Robinson 22-1-1948 ~ 13-6-2006
Loved and loving husband to Jane and father to Michael was killed in an industrial accident on 13-6-06

Several members attended the funeral service held on 20-6-06 and a sympathy card, signed by club members, was delivered.

Welcome

We have two more new members this month; Peter Beck and David Sant please make them feel part of our happy family.

Helping Out

With the influx of new members recently it has been mooted that only certain people can join in to do things around the club. This is not the case, it maybe that the various groups work so well together and therefore appear not to need help. Let it be known that you wish to join in and you will find a welcoming position opens up.

If you are a little unsure of your footing jump in with those resurrecting the small layout, it is the perfect place to learn.

We have a basic concept of the desired finish of our layouts and this may be achieved in many ways, you may have a new/better method so do not keep it a secret; we are ready to learn too.

There are plenty spaces on the sausage sizzle teams, we do this every Saturday morning outside where Ned's used to be on South Road, Morphett Vale (opposite Model Mania) We currently have three teams sharing by doing it every third week. Extra helpers would stretch this out to every fourth week or could fill in when other members are away. Get your name on the helper lists that are pinned on the noticeboard.

New prices

Due to the increased cost of all chocolate bars, they are now \$1.20 each

Special Diet Coke cans are now 70c each, only while stocks last.

Note, all other drinks are still \$1