



Right On Track

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Below: A scene from Liralau, winner of the Best Display as voted by peers



Management Committee

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Events Coordinator & Security Officer	Tony Mikolaj
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**Next Committee meeting
7:30pm Monday 1st December 2008**

Reynella Fair

**Sunday 23rd November
Reynella Oval.**

We will be doing our usual all day sausage sizzle. This year we will be on the oval and as usual will need lots of willing helpers to keep the flow of sizzles to the hungry public. See the noticeboard for details.

Celebration

**Saturday 6th December
Hub Tavern**

In December our clubrooms will be 10 years old, there will be a dinner to celebrate. We will be in a semi private room. There is a menu and attendance list on the noticeboard

Swapmeet

**Friday 13th February 2009
7:30 pm – 9:00 pm
NMRI Clubrooms**

Numbers will be limited by available space. \$10 per 900 mm x 750 mm table (supplied) or take advantage of the early bird discount, \$5 if paid in advance. Strictly one person entry per table.

Mount Compass

**April 2009 (early)
Mount Compass Oval**

This is only a possibility at the moment

SARMA Railshow

**April 17th – 19th 2009
Golden Grove Recreation Centre
\$3 / \$6 / \$15**

We have been invited to display and this will be discussed at the next Committee meeting. More details as they come to hand.

Steam Up at Pichi Richi

**April 2009
Quorn workshops**

There is some serious talk of us doing a display at Quorn for the Pichi Richi. Apparently the whole town will be involved. More details as they come to hand.

AMRE Exhibition

**6th – 8th June 2009
Greyhound Park**

An application has been sent

Swapmeet

**Friday 24th July 2009
7:30 pm – 9:00 pm
NMRI Clubrooms**

Numbers will be limited by available space. \$10 per 900 mm x 750 mm table (supplied) or take advantage of the early bird discount, \$5 if paid in advance.

Sunshine Exhibition

August 2009

This is only a maybe at this stage.

Mildura Exhibition

September 20th – 21st 2009

This is a 99% definite, details as they become known, an attendance list will be on the noticeboard.

Loxton Show

**October Long weekend 2009
4th - 5th**

This is a possibility for a two day display, details as they become known.

Our Exhibition

Well we did it again, everyone keeps telling us that it was a great exhibition so who are we to argue? There were a few hiccups on the Friday set up, the first being that we could not use the bar area that we have had in previous years as now that the canteen is run by a contractor it was considered a security risk. We quickly moved a trader and changed to a space by the serving area. The second problem was that one club sent us their space requirements as being 10 x 8 metres and came with a layout not much more than a quarter of that which left us with a very large hole right in the middle of the venue. Using lots of free hands we picked up and moved the layout to one side of the space and then brainstormed ways to fill the void. After some shuffling of tables an instant layout was created with the colouring competition set up around the edge, this proved very popular and will probably now be a feature of all our exhibitions. During the weekend Andrew was approached to display his "layout" at the Greyhound Park exhibition



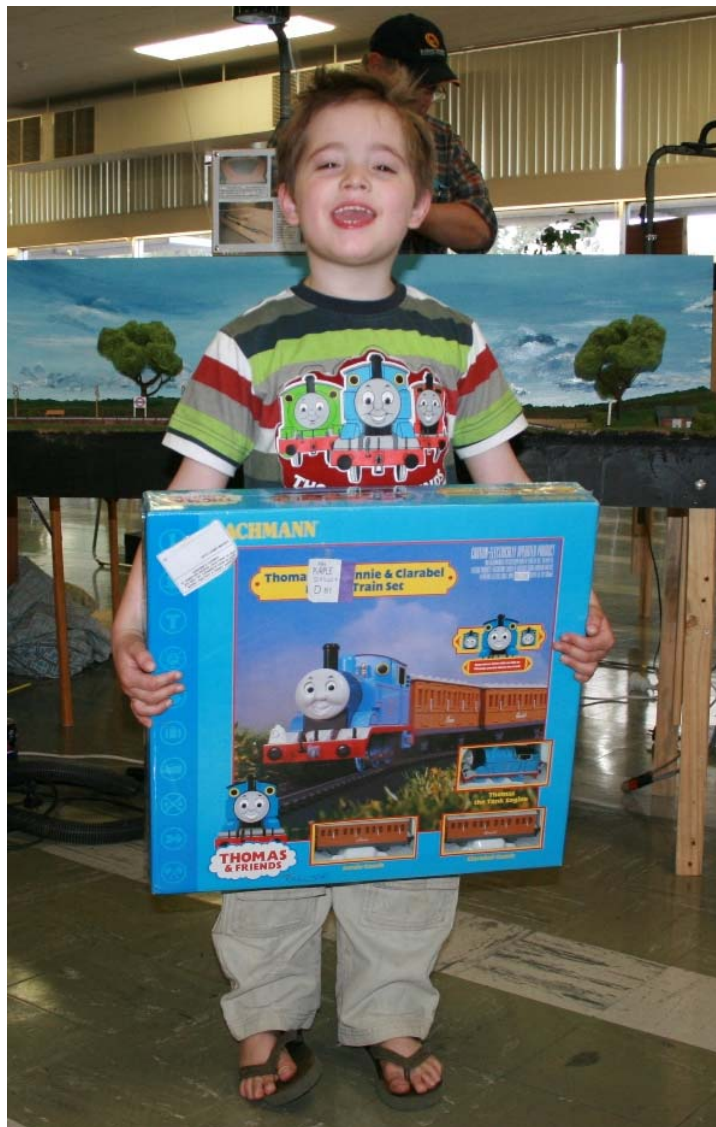
Above: Andrew, in his element, entertaining the kids on the instant layout

Saturday morning there was a good crowd, by lunch this had thinned a little and then built up after. The numbers through the door was similar to previous years on Sunday. Overall the numbers were slightly down but not enough to worry us.

A nice feature this time was the big screen and PA system that we used to promote our sponsors and make announcements and had some footage of the Bathurst. We will be producing a DVD of the event and sending it out to all exhibitors and traders, they will also be available for a small cover charge.



Above: The Bridgeman



Left: The very happy winner of our raffle, this lucky five year-old who is obviously a Thomas fan now has his own Bachmann Thomas set. The prize was supplied by **Graham's Corner**, one of our sponsors for the weekend. We thank Graham for this support.

Another starter set, this time a Bachmann Challenger freight set supplied by **Model Mania** will also be awarded once the data from the door entry data has been downloaded. Thanks to **Model Mania** for their support.

Many instant prizes were given away during the colouring competition. First prize was a copy of Ship Simulator 2006; we also awarded a junior membership to the club.

Other sponsorships were from:
Auscision Models – Locomotive
Austrains – Locomotive
End Of The Line Hobbies – Starter set
These were all used in our silent auction at the Saturday night meal and swindle.

Downthe.NET Hosting
Evright Trophies
Helped out with technical assistance and special discounts.

Thanks again to all sponsors

Our Exhibition



Left: Robert and Michael Partington builders of Ponders End, receive their trophy for the Best Display as voted by public.

This trophy was kindly sponsored by Adelaide Moulding & Casting Supplies; we thank them for their help.

Also in the photo are NMRI President, John Cutler (left) and from AM&CS Scott Pounsett presenting the trophy.

Right:

The two trophies that were awarded for Best Display, one as voted by peers, the other by the public. These were made by Evright Trophies.

Below

Peter and Nicholas Michalak in front of their layout, Liralau, receive their trophy for Best Display as voted by peers.





Above: The Märklin club presented this layout "Ralph" and a smaller one called Wintersdorf

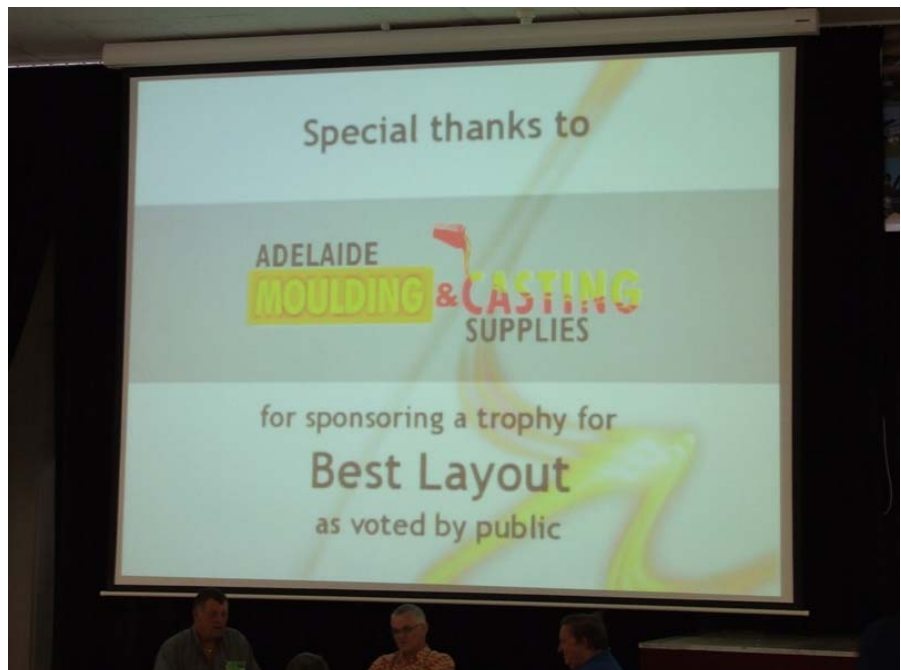
There are lots of photos in our Member's Gallery <http://noarail.com/members2/main.php> most are not named or sorted but they will soon be and then go to our main gallery.

Below: the big screen promoting one of our sponsors

Next time we should push the event with more in your face advertising using our fliers etc.

Thanks to all that helped as this exhibition could not have been done without you.

This was the biggest exhibition that we have done and only just a few metres short of being the biggest in South Australia. Keeping our entrance prices low made it very good value for money and if things go as planned, in 2010 it will be even better and the biggest in SA.



End Of The Line Hobbies

Your One Stop Hobby Shop

End Of The Line Hobbies is offering club members a 5% discount off all purchases. To be eligible you must be a current financial member and mention your club membership at the time of purchase. The club will receive the same amount as a voucher for use as we see fit. So you can help yourself and the club at the same time.

Delivery can be arranged anywhere in the world and orders may be placed in person at the shop, via e-mail, snail mail, phone or fax. There is a stock hold option and payments can be made by Visa Card, Master Card, EFTPOS and good old fashioned cash!

Wednesday – Sunday 10:00 am – 4:30 pm

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SLOG - Slow and Easy

I have been playing with decoders and the settings for my Bachmann Shay (HO) while learning the ropes of getting the best from DCC. On several occasions after tweaking the settings I had to admit defeat and do a factory reset and start over. This is one of the good things about DCC if you do something that produces an unwanted effect it can easily be undone with no ill effects and this can be done over and over.

Originally I started with a Bachmann decoder (actually a badge engineered Lenz LE1014) and while this was good I wanted a bit smoother slow running. I borrowed a decoder from another member and began the task of adjusting the settings. No matter what I did or adjusted, it seemed that the loco would do a jumpstart at speed step 1 and then go slower for step 2 and slowly speed up until step 9 where it again would do a jump. I have been informed that it could be a crook decoder and I am inclined to believe it so but as I am only really a beginner myself then there could be a problem at the input to the keyboard and the chip is just doing what it is told to do. Like all computers / logic systems GIGO (garbage in garbage out). For this reason I will not mention the brand or type of chip as I do not want to be responsible for starting any untruths.

I recently bought a TCS DP2X chip, this is a very small package 11.7mm x17.5 mm x 3.5mm that simply replaces and is not much larger than the shorting board that comes with "DCC ready" locos. I promptly installed it for a trial, within a few minutes my Shay was running slower and smoother than ever before and with a little tweaking was so slow that I had to look at the drive rod to see if it was even moving. Out came the stopwatch and it took 1 minute to travel the length of the tender and 4 minutes for the whole loco. A serious test was in order, I positioned the Shay at one end of the yard of Paradigm and set it going at speed step 1 and started the stopwatch then went to fill the drinks fridge, returning some 17 minutes later my Shay was half way across the first module a total distance of just over 1 metre. Extrapolating this out it would take about 5 hours to do one lap of paradigm (20 metres) which scales out to a speed of 0.3 KPH (0.2 MPH)

Why set it to run so slow you ask? Because I can, I will probably never use such a slow speed under normal conditions but it is nice to know that it is available. The thing that makes it possible to control the speed so well is (BEMF) Back Electro Motive Force, this works by measuring the voltage generated by the motor in the very short gaps in the flow of electricity created when the commutator turns. As the load or speed change so does the BEMF, the chip uses this to adjust and precisely control the speed of motor.

Tony

Exhibitions

There is a list on the noticeboard for members to show their interest for all coming events, please tick the box(s) or add your name if it is not already there. Please fill it out ASAP

New to this list are:

AMRE (Adelaide) June 2009

Sunshine (Vic) August 2009 (maybe)

Mildura (SA) September 2009

Loxton (SA) October 2009

Please remember that club shirts/windcheaters should be worn at all official events. Some shirts are in stock at \$25 see any Committee member for these. If you want a windcheater buy one in the same grey as the shirts and the club will get the emblem done at cost. Be proud of your club and wear the uniform.

Renmark Show

We did a display at the Renmark and District Show on Saturday 25th October. This was indoors on a nearly flat floor. The weather was a little hot and dusty but we managed to put on a good display and had many eager "helpers" at the controls. There was a good turn up of members (18) which is better than at some local shows.

While we were there I was approached by the Loxton Show Committee to see if we were interested in doing a display for their show on the October 2009 long weekend, pending the right situation and Committee approval there is a good chance that we would go, so get your name on the list and mark it in your diary.

Editor Wanted

As you would have realised by now, the October issue of this newsletter did not eventuate. This was due to a distinct lack of time on my part, not that it takes that long just that something had to go, exhibitions, swapmeets and work were much higher on the list of 'must dos'

I would like to take a break from editing this newsletter and am therefore offering the job of Editor to anyone that would like to have a go. It is not a difficult job but does require some basic typing skills and ideally access to the internet. I will supply the base files and any fonts that are required.

New Members

Welcome to Maverick Abbott, Maverick won his membership in the colouring competition at our exhibition.

Website Update

Allan has uploaded over 1100 photos and plans to his album; these are already getting many hits.

I have added a new album "Viv's Happy Snaps" in it are some photos that she took at the Puffing Billy tourist railway.

I have added 235 photos to my album these are just raw, untitled images from our exhibition.

Aaron has added 153 photos from the exhibition to his album.

I have also added an album "Guests" this is a temporary spot for non members to upload photos of our exhibition to. The only proviso is that we can use them as we see fit ie. On our site or the exhibition DVD

That should keep you busy for a while, all these can be found in the Members Gallery at <http://noarail.com/members2/main.php>

Recycling

Cans and bottles are collected by the club for recycling; there is a blue container under the main layout for this purpose. Members are asked to please rinse cans before putting them in the bin as the sticky mess that otherwise results attracts ants and is hard to clean up.

Opening Times

The clubrooms are open

- Tuesdays from 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm
- Saturdays from 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm
- Thursdays from 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

A key holder may offer to stay back late on a Saturday night and an evening meal may be decided on, but members are requested to clean up after.