



Right On Track

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The big news for the last month is the damage to our clubrooms caused by a branch of the adjacent pine tree falling on the roof.

Several alsonite sheets have to be replaced, and the trees have been trimmed to save this problem happening again.

Our thanks must be given to the very kind SES and council workers who were so good to us when in such difficult circumstances

Of course the question asked is : Who forgot the scale rule ?Planting this in Paradigm ?

Management Committee

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| President | John Cutler |
| Vice President | Frank Crossley |
| Secretary | Graham Bartlett |
| Treasurer | Judith Morley |
| Membership Manager | David Morley |
| Events Coordinator & Security Officer | Tony Mikolaj |
| First Aid | Peter Lynch |
| Almoner | Mick Kerry |

**Next Committee meeting
7:30pm Monday 1st June 2009**

AMRE Exhibition

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

We have been accepted so please get your name on the list now or you will not get a pass. The list asks for which days and times you will be attending, this is so that lunch and entry passes can be organised.

Swapmeet

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

Please notice that this is a Friday night event
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. Bookings events@noarail.com
Strictly one person entry per table.



Sunshine Exhibition

August 2009

This is only a maybe at this stage.

Loxton Show

**October Long weekend 2009
4th - 5th Sunday + Monday
Loxton Show grounds**

This has been cancelled but may be replaced by
a street parade next February.

Possible Display

**Mid September
Norwood Town Hall**

We have been approached about doing a multi
display this will be over the weekend of 12th –
13th I am waiting for some more details.

Victor Harbor Display

**October Long Weekend
Refreshment hall on the platform**

To be confirmed , but does look like a goer

Open Day and Swapmeet

**Sunday 8th November 2009
10:00 am – 1:00 pm
NMRI Clubrooms**

Please notice that this is a Sunday event
Numbers will be limited by available space.
\$20 per 1800 mm x 750 mm table (supplied) or
take advantage of the early bird discount, \$10 if
paid in advance. Bookings events@noarail.com
Public entry at 10:00 am \$2

Welcome to New Members

Peter Peterson
John McWilliams

Survey

Results of the recent survey will
be on the noticeboard

Reminder

June long weekend at Greyhound Park

Get your names on the board before Tuesday 12 May or miss out on passes

Please have trains checked and passed ready for the exhibition

Practice on the layout Saturday 9th and Tuesday 12th

Bring a mug on the weekend for coffee/soup

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

End Of The Line Hobbies 74 Ocean Street Victor Harbor SA 5211(near the turntable)

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2009 is the 100th anniversary of electric trams in Adelaide.

In celebration of this STA Flexity Tram No. 109 has been decorated on each side with lithographic pictures and history of the trams that have run on the rails in Adelaide and suburbs since 1909. They look quite stunning.

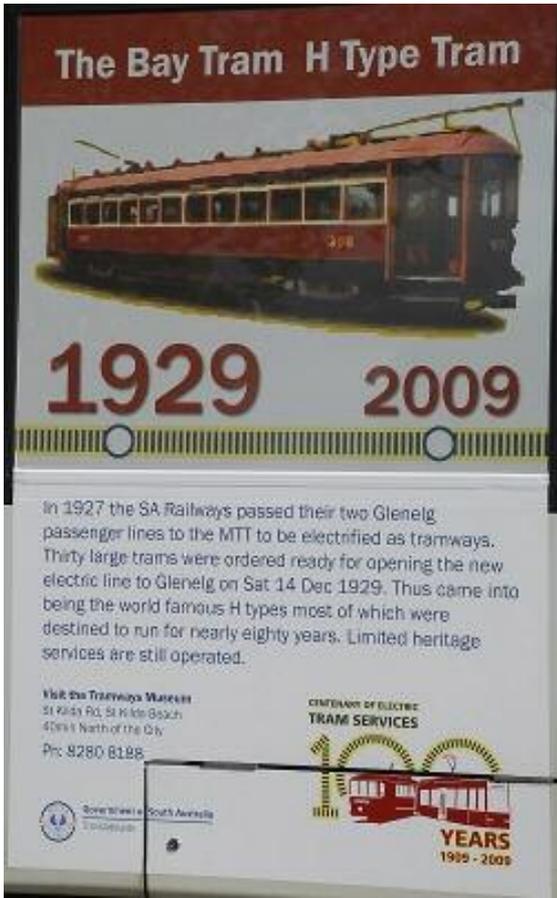
I first saw it 4 weeks ago, and when I ran the Glengowrie Tram Depot to ascertain the running schedule so that I could take pictures, I was informed that it was up on stands while it's wheels were being re-profiled. Owing, to OH&SP regulations, they could not permit members of the public into this area.

However, as of last week it is on the rails again. Attached are some pictures of it.

Now that NMRI have finally decided to include trams on the main layout, it is fitting to show these examples of tram history in SA.

John Carli





A cold winters night in Reynella

Some of the damage inside the clubrooms



Triple Headed Abt Steam Locomotives

0-4-2 Abt Locomotive No. 1 (Built 1896), Abt Locomotive No. 3 (Built 1898) and a very much younger Abt Locomotive No. 5 (Built 1938) haul 0-6-0 Drewry Diesel Hydraulic (Built 1953) with a blown motor along with 2 tourist coaches and 4 Abt Society re-enactment coaches along the level track at the end of the 1 in 20 rack incline into Queenstown, Tasmania.

This was, as far as is known, the first time triple heading by Abt Locomotives has occurred on this railway since it was opened in 1897.

This is the only non-electric rack railway that uses lead locomotives to pull the load instead of the normal pushing of the load by locomotives. When the loads were extra heavy, as well as the occasional double heading at the front, a banking locomotive was used to push from the rear up to the summit at Rinadeena.



Next month :- We will start a series of articles highlighting a complete amateur's efforts in restoring a NSW 48 class loco to a reasonably accurate SAR 830. We will try to follow the path laid down by the article in the current Model Railroader, to remove paint, paint, and reasonable detail the pictured body.



The body we will repaint

Events and 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

Current on this list are:

Morphett Vale Railway

AMRE (Adelaide) June Now confirmed

Norwood (SA) September (maybe)

Victor Harbor (SA) October

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.

Website Update

Our website has now been transferred to a new server; we are still with the same great host [Downthe.NET](#) Hosting but now on a faster server. The change over went fine and there was no downtime but due to the combination of a DNS issue and some questionable linking by the Webmaster (we won't mention any names) there were some problems accessing the site and especially the Member's Gallery from Australia, this has now been sorted thanks to the fantastic almost instant service we get from the team at Downthe.NET Hosting. Now 9 months of 100% uptime you don't get that quality with many hosts and definitely not at the price.

The coming events page of our site has been updated to include a list of other rail oriented events and Tony will add to this as the information is made available to him. This is a free service with the proviso that the event must have some railway interest. So if you know of an event send the details and it will be added. http://noarail.com/coming_events.htm

The Members' Gallery can be found at <http://noarail.com/members2/main.php> there are many new items added so visit regularly with nearly 6000 items there should be something to suit everyone.

Gallery usage is free and there for all members so if you want to post your photos then speak to or email Tony. admin@noarail.com

New Magazine

For those on the net there is a new free downloadable magazine Model Railroad Hobbyist get it here <http://model-railroad-hobbyist.com/>

Club Events

At the recent committee meeting it was discussed that most club events require a commitment from committee members plus the assistance of usually ONLY TWO CLUB MEMBERS. As a result a list of regular helpers has been made, prior to each event a committee member will approach two people to assist and inform them of the required start time. This will be done close to alphabetical order until everyone had been given an opportunity. Remember: If you have not been asked, your help is appreciated but not required at the coming event and unfortunately you will have to pay the small entrance fee.

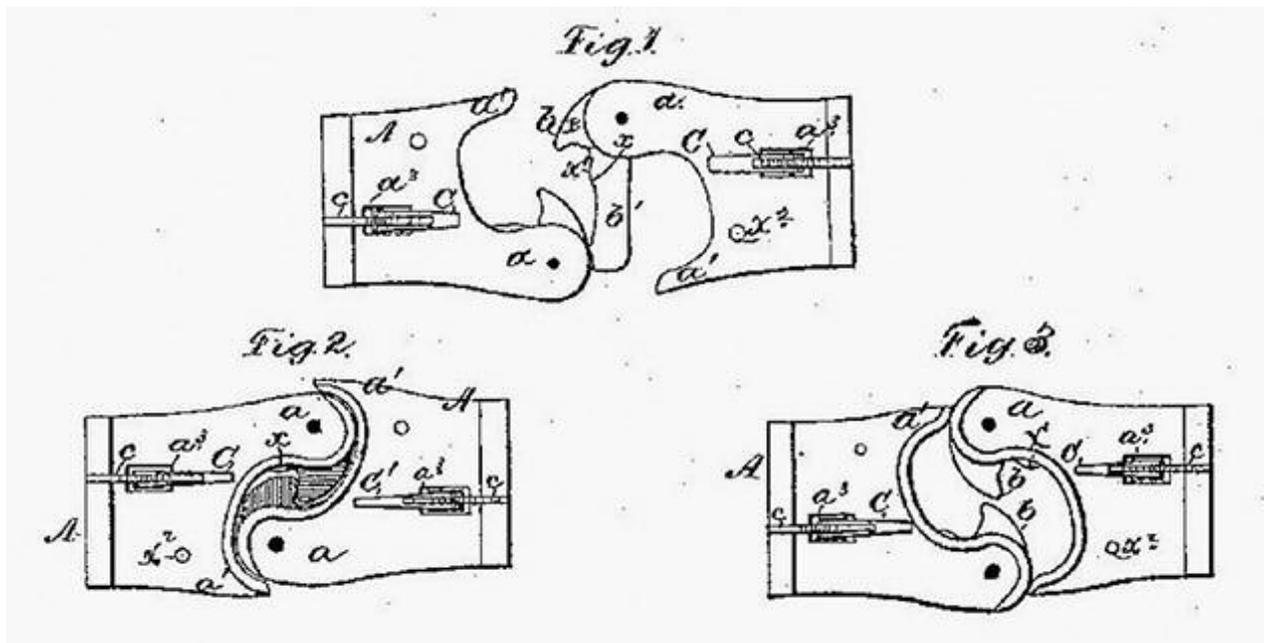
Editor Found

John Kelly has kindly offered to be your scribe from the next issue onwards. John has had some experience as the editor of a car club newsletter. I don't want to steal his thunder so will let him do the introduction when he takes over. I am sure there will be some changes, probably for the better, either way you will just have to get used to them. Articles, ideas, etc. for inclusion can be sent to him at editor@noarail.com

Editors Note

I thank Tony for his kind words, and I hope to fill his shoes adequately as the editor. As one who cannot do the physical construction work on the layouts, I hope I can contribute to the club in this capacity.

John Kelly



1873: A U.S. patent is issued for a new automatic railroad coupler. Within 20 years it is the standard car coupler on every American railroad.

Its inventor, [Eli Janney](#) of Alexandria, Virginia, was a Confederate army veteran who went in to the dry-goods business after the war. He used his lunch hours to refine his design.

In the absence of computers and modeling software, Janney whittled from wood the prototype of a coupler that joined rolling stock automatically. It featured opposing couplers that, viewed from above, appeared to be two big knuckles shaking hands. Locked into place, the couplers formed a viselike grip virtually unbreakable until released.

Janney was not the only guy working on building a better railway coupler. When the time came for selecting a design to be the national standard, [Janney's coupler](#) was chosen from among 8,000 patented competitors.

Prior to the arrival of Janney's coupler, railway workers used a link-and-pin device, which was both less efficient and fraught with danger since it required hands-on manipulation.

Being injured or killed on the job was an occupational hazard for the 19th-century railroad man. Much of the carnage stemmed from operating the [link-and-pin couple](#).

Between 1877 and 1887, 38 percent of rail-yard injuries and deaths involved coupling accidents. There were 11,000 of these casualties in 1892 alone.

Once Janney's coupler came into widespread use, yard accidents plummeted. By 1902, a mere 4 percent of all railroad accidents were related to car coupling.

Janney's coupler, later to be known as the [Association of American Railroads](#) coupler, was also stronger and more efficient than its predecessors, meaning that longer trains carrying more cargo or passengers were now feasible.

As successful inventions go, Janney's coupler was a beaut. It was so well conceived that the basic design, with some modifications, remains in use to this day.