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*A tram in Prague, curtesy of John Cutler's recent European trip*

## Management Committee

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**Next Committee meeting 7:30pm Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2009**

**Reminder to members :**

**The list for DCC prefix numbers is on the noticeboard and has been for a couple of weeks. The list will close at the end of August, after that all new requests will be limited to vacant numbers. If you have a preference for a number then put it on the list.**

## New members

**Doug Thompson  
John Wright**

## Working Bee

**15<sup>th</sup> August – clean old BBQ, tie-downs for open day swapmeet marquees, + other items  
TBA**

## Victor Harbor Display

**October Long Weekend**

**The Victor Harbor display over the October long weekend is a  
go ahead.**

**Full details as they become available.**

**Refreshment hall on the platform  
This looks like a good one, be there**

# 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**

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**Email [shop@endofthelinehobbies.com.au](mailto:shop@endofthelinehobbies.com.au)**



## 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, \$15 if paid in advance. Bookings**

**[events@noarail.com](mailto:events@noarail.com)**

**Public entry at 10:00 am \$2**

## Reynella Fair

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November**

**We will be there with our usual sausage sizzle so all hands on deck**

## Scenery in the Rockies

Quite often we look at a feature on a layout and are quite prone to saying that it is not prototypical.

One such type of scene to me has always been the sight of one bridge running over another bridge. However, my eyes were popping when I took a trip on the Rocky Mountaineer from Vancouver to Banff.

This trip was absolutely amazing and I would not hesitate to say one of the best in the world. The service was on a par with any silver service restaurant, the scenery was out of this world, and the history of the line / lies most fascinating. Why do I say lines?, well the Canadians were very competitive, and 2 companies built the most challenging lines across the Rockies. Not until a few years ago have they reached some accord and seen sense to combine operations, and now the East bound uses one line and the West bound the other.



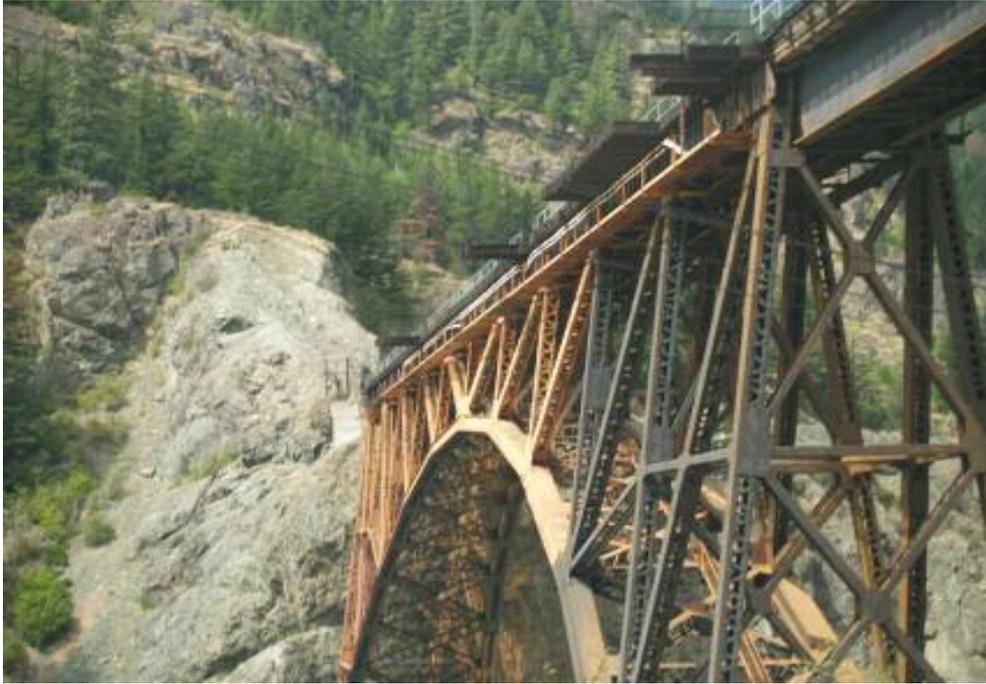
***The crowd gathers to board the carriages in Vancouver. If you ever contemplate doing the trip, it is most advisable to part with the extra shekles to book the dome car. Note the extra height, which is enough to enable a view over most of the trees aside the track. .***

To see the breathtaking engineering of these lines was amazing, and below are a couple of pics that demonstrate the Canadians tenacity and skill to build these lines.

Each of the Dome cars has 4 people serving the 60 passengers, it's own dining room, and it's own chef working in it's own galley. The meals were superb, and I can confidently recommend the fresh salmon steaks they serve on the second day. YUMMYYYY

There is something romantic about sitting in a dining car of a train enjoying good conversation, good food, good wine, and the greatest scenery. Its also very fine to stand outside on the open vestibule in the open air, breathing the pine scented air, watching for bald headed eagles, black bears and moose. I must warn you though, it gets cold out there at times, especially at the top of the line, which is only marginally underneath the tree line limit.

## Scenery in the Rockies



*Our Rocky Mountaineer passes underneath the Canadian Pacific western bound line*



*We cross the western bound line at a maintenance depot*

## The Locomotive, Brakevans, Charles Dickens, and the Locksmith's Daughter

In 1841 Charles Dickens was a risen star. “Oliver Twist”, “Nicholas Nickleby”, “The Old Curiosity Shop” and “Barnaby Rudge” were all in print and selling well. “Barnaby Rudge: A Tale of the Riots of ‘Eighty” is where this tale begins. Set near London in the 1770s, the tale ends with the Gordon riots of 1780. The Gordon riots, named after Lord George Gordon, were a violent response to legislation that removed sanctions against Roman Catholics, and caused great destruction to Catholic churches and gaols in particular (Newgate was severely damaged, and The Clink never reopened). So much for the history lesson...

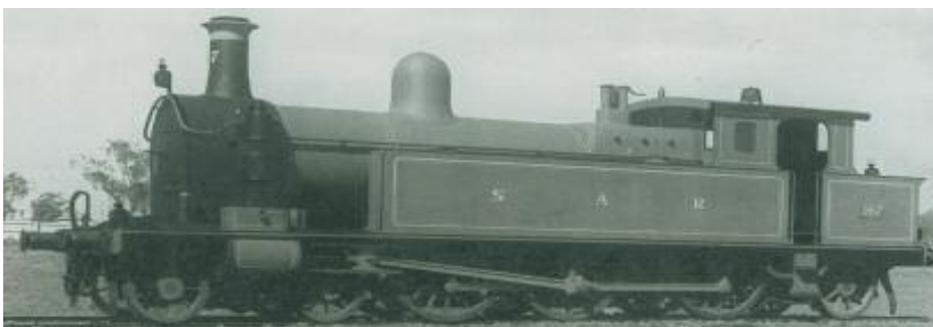


One of the characters in “Barnaby Rudge” was a locksmith, Gabriel Varden, who had a (desirable) daughter, Dolly, “...a face lighted up by the loveliest pair of sparkling eyes that ever locksmith looked upon; the face of a pretty, laughing, girl; dimpled and fresh, and healthful—the very impersonation of good-humour and blooming beauty.” Among other things, young Dolly Varden was noted for her colourful dress.

On to the 1870s, and ladies’ fashion comes into play. There was a “craze” for Dolly Varden dress, possibly sparked by the sale of the (then) late Charles Dickens’ property, which included a painting of Dolly Varden. Billowing, colourful dresses became the rage, with big, decorated straw hats, and parasols. Dolly became a star in her own right, even in music hall, and entered popular culture.

*Have you seen my little girl? She doesn't wear a bonnet.  
She's got a monstrous flip-flop hat with cherry ribbons on it.  
She dresses in bed furniture just like a flower garden  
A blowin' and a growin' and they call it Dolly Varden..*

Thirty years on (1900) and it seems that the strongest survivor of this craze was the hat – quite appropriate in South Australia, as it was very serviceable. In the rest of the English-speaking world it was the colours that led to “Dolly Varden” names, but in SA it was the shape of the hat that a few classes of brakevans their nicknames. In the US, the Chicago, Attica and Southern Railroad was also known as the “Dolly Varden Line”, so other railways claimed the name, too.



Dolly Gray, for whom the F class locomotive was named, also appears to have her origins in literature – in this case, in the lyrics to a song, “Goodbye, Dolly Gray”. This song is American in origin, and while relating to the Spanish-American War of the late 1890s, it became an anthem to troops departing for the Boer War. While few would recognise the lyrics, the melody lingers on... as “Good Old Collingwood Forever”, a team song for an obscure Victorian football team.

*Allan Lees*

## The Scrapyard



*Poor 27012  
A grey day in the UK for the old faithful*



*They weren't joking when they said they were scrapping stacks of trains*

**NMRI**



**CLASSIFIEDS**

***Wanted***

Anyone interested in sharing a cabin and expenses at Victor Harbor, on the October long weekend, please put your name on the appropriate sheet on the notice board at the clubrooms.

***For Sale***

DGTEC DH-2000A HDTV set top box + remote \$70  
See Tony M

***For Sale***

Adjustable TV wall bracket + Video/DVD/set top box shelf (same as at clubrooms)  
\$20 see Tony

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

**Want a good fun morning on a Saturday ?**

**One of the necessities of a club like ours, is fund raising, and one of the best for us is the Saturday morning Sausage Sizzle at Morphett Vale**

**We need volunteers to help  
Speak to any committee member and they will point you down the right track**



***The Eurostar at Venice station - John Cutler's trip***