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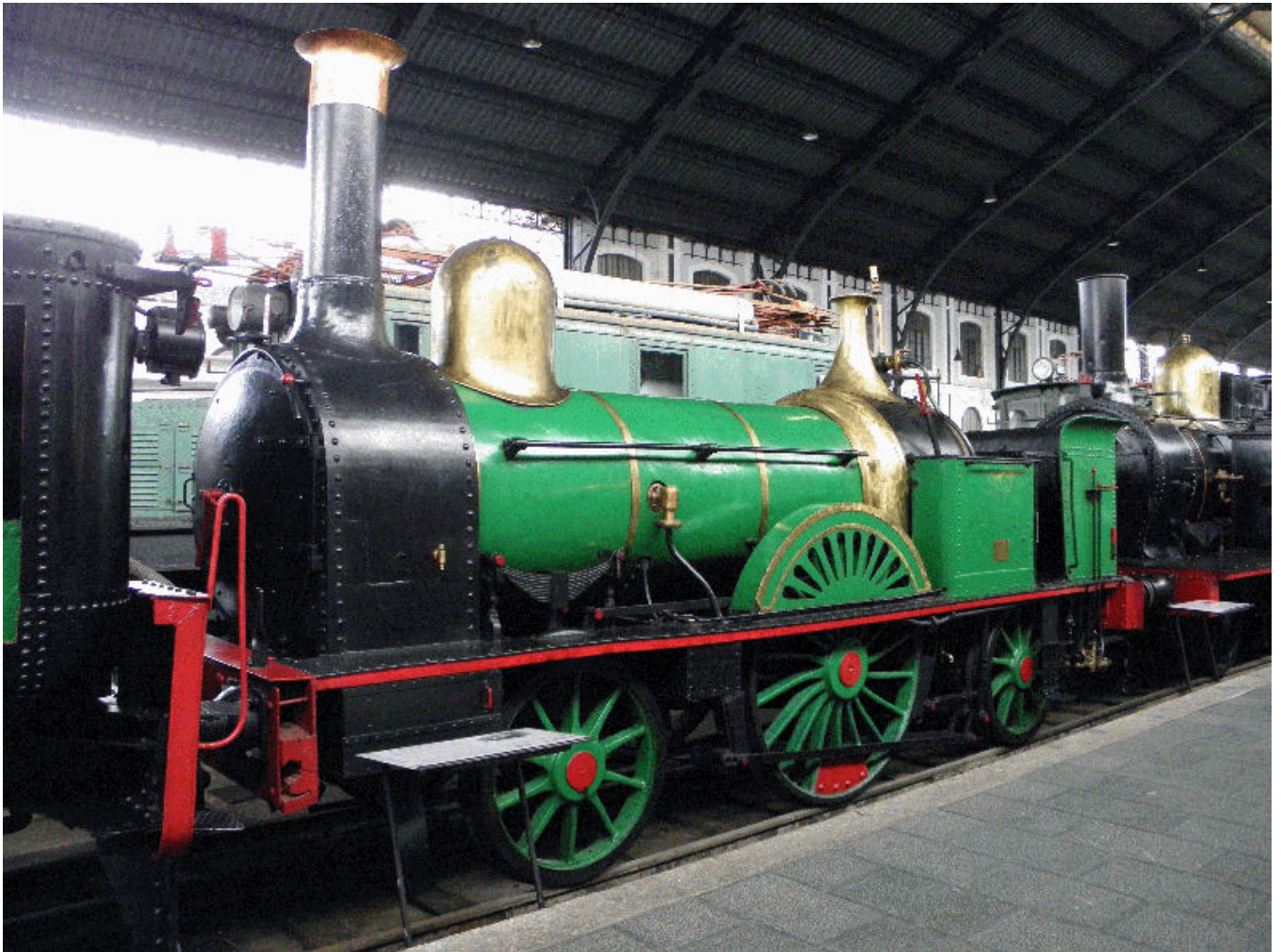
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*An historic loco from Madrid featured in the Cutler Chronicles*

**Next Committee Meeting: - Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015 7:30 pm**

## Club Member Responsibilities 2015

Almoner	Frank Crossley
Cleaning	Peter Lynch
Committee Members	Alan Roberts, Darren Kollé, Denis Woolard, Frank Crossley, Jeff Kohler, Keith Turner, Peter Lynch, Peter Saunders
Drinks and Confectionary Purchasing	Jeff Kohler
Events (Open Days, Swap Meets, etc.)	Denis Woolard, Peter Lynch
First Aid	Peter Lynch, Alan Roberts
Library	Peter Saunders
Main Layout	Frank Crossley
Membership	Jeff Kohler
Newsletter	John Kelly
Portable Layout	Denis Woolard, Alan Roberts
President	Alan Roberts
Property Maintenance	Frank Crossley
Sausage Purchasing	Peter Lynch
Sausage Sizzle Bread Purchasing	Frank Crossley
Sausage Sizzle Onion Supplies ( <i>donated by Hackham Pizza Pan shop</i> )	Justin Coombes
Sausage Sizzle Group Leaders	Darren Plane, John Cutler, Peter Lynch
Secretary	Denis Woolard
Security	Peter Saunders
Treasurer	Keith Turner
Vice-President	Frank Crossley
Web Administrator	Tony Mikolaj

## **WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS**

**Alan Tessari**

**Jaylen Moore**

**May your times at the club be fun and fruitful**

## **...DIARY DATES**

**Swap Meet**

**Friday 24/04/2015**

**Uniting Church Hall, 28 Hillier Road, Morphett Vale (Opposite South Gate Plaza)**

**\$3 entry**

**Tea, coffee and soft drinks available**

## **LAYOUT REPORT**

### **The new portable layout**

**After some delays, work is progressing, albeit a little slower than anticipated. The first stage track has been now laid with cork, and wiring is being done. The next stage is to test the joints and the reliability of the alignment of the modules.**

### **Main layout**

**The electronics gang have been busy, with modifications to the control of the logging line to Mount Grumpy, and more lighting all over the place, and there have even been whispers of electronically controlled boom gates.**

## **REMINDERS - SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

**Sizzlers are reminded that our Sizzle is definitely zoned as METRO AREA. Therefore we don't give it a miss on a hot day unless there is either a Total Ban or a Partial Ban which includes the Metro Area.**

**We need more volunteers for our Saturday morning Sausage Sizzle.**

**See Alan Roberts if you can offer some help.**



# The Cutler Chronicles

## John Cutler at Del Museo Ferrocarril – the Madrid railway museum

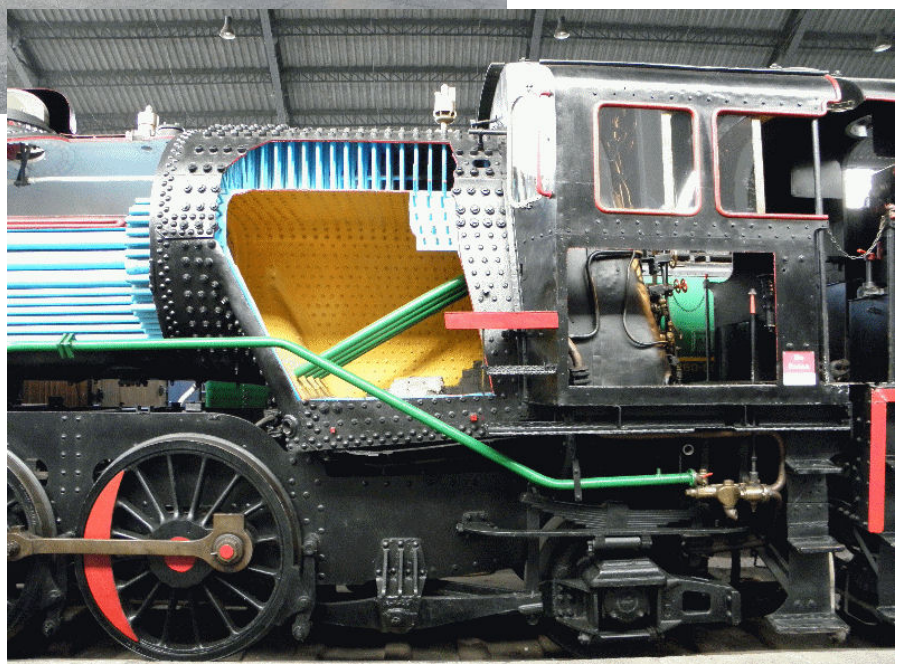
The Museo del Ferrocarril de Madrid is a large train museum in the centre of Madrid. It is situated in one of the old railway stations and contains a large selection of model and full size locos and rolling stock. We spent about half a day at the museum but could have been there for much longer. Much of the rolling stock is historical, mainly pre-war with steam electric and diesel engines and carriages. Nearly all the display is inside the old station and undercover so it can be visited at any time of year and still see everything.



Of particular interest was a stripped down loco which allows visitors to view all the working parts. This is a permanent display which allows anyone with interest in engineering to view the complex innards of the engine.

The museum opened in 1984 and when we were there, in April, there were quite a few people which

was interesting as the guide we had did not know it existed even though she was an accredited guide. So if you are in Madrid you need to ask the right people to find out where to go otherwise you will spend your time in art galleries rather than train sheds. In addition to trains and rolling stock there are displays of other railway memorabilia such as clocks, railway infrastructure and a good range of explanations for those who are unsure.







Unfortunately most of the information is only given in Spanish, so either take a good dictionary or someone who can translate. However if you have a working knowledge of the way an engine functions you will get by.

There is little about this museum on the internet, so some early investigation is worth undertaking. We did not ask at the tourist bureau, but they may be another useful source of information

## 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!

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## PUFFING BILLY

We often discount gems under our noses. Such a gem is the Puffing Billy historical railway, located in Belgrave, a suburb of Melbourne. It is only a very short walk from the regular suburban train to the old station, and there is a choice of trips.

The line runs through Menzies Creek, Emerald and Lakeside, and passes through some beautiful forest country with spectacular views. The sight of Puffing Billy traversing the wooden trestle bridge stirs the blood.

The preservation society has over 1000 volunteers and some dozen or so full time employees. The large number is reflected in the prices unfortunately, but that is understandable and worth it.



If you want a very pleasant rail related experience , We can recommend Puffing Billy, and to wet your appetite, they now not only have the NA's, but have their G class Garrett running, so check the timetables to choose the desired loco.

To see a very good video of the Garrett at work, follow this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NpmUa1HUXh4>

### Jonathan Luther ("Casey") Jones

(March 14, 1863 – April 30, 1900)

From Jackson, Tennessee, he was an American railroader who worked for the Illinois Central Railroad (IC). As a boy, he lived near Cayce, Kentucky, where he acquired the nickname of "Cayce," which he chose to spell as "Casey." On April 30, 1900, he was killed when his passenger train, the *Cannonball Express*, collided with a stalled freight train at Vaughan, Mississippi, on a foggy and rainy night.

His dramatic death while trying to stop his train and save lives, made him a hero; he was immortalized in a popular ballad sung by his friend Wallace Saunders, an African-American engine wiper for the IC.



Source: Courtesy of Wikipedia