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From the Editor...



Welcome to the October edition of The Extra for 2015.

This edition brings you a report from the AR 2015 Convention at Ettalong Beach. It also contains the

latest div 7 news and general interest information plus an informative report from Steve Chapman on the Narrow Gauge Convention in the USA.

This issue brings more of Donald Davis's travels through the USA.

If you are interested in changes or new topics please let me know. Like all editors, I am always seeking contributions for *The Extra* so please pass contributions to me at meetings or email them to me at:

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All contributions will be gratefully accepted.

-by David O'Hearn

October Meeting

October Meeting— On **Saturday 10th October 2015** at Trevor James property at Frog Acres, 88 Timber Rd, Mandalong 2264 commencing at 2:00pm. Trevor models the SP and UP in N scale with a very large, impressive layout.

To find Trevor's place from the M1 (used to be known as the F3) take the Morisset/Cooranbong exit and turn west along Mandalong Road. After 3.1 km turn left into Timber Road and travel to the end of the road. The picture below shows the entrance to Timber Rd.



NOTE: If using a GPS, ensure you type in **Mandalong** as there are other "Timber Roads" in Ourimbah, Lisarow and Cooranbong.

Please note that Timber Road is a rough unsurfaced road that is not suitable for sports cars or cars with a low ground clearance. Cars with normal ground clearance should be OK.

Next Few Meetings

November Meeting—On **Sunday**, 8th November commencing at 2:00 pm. The meeting will be at Geoff and Sue Langridge's place at 10 Tipping Place, Ambervale. Geoff models NSW Railways in N Scale.

December Meeting—The December Meeting is our Christmas Party on **Sunday** 13 December 2015. It consists of a heritage train trip to Robertson followed by lunch in the delightful Robertson Inn and return travel to Sydney. See page 8 for more info.

January Meeting—On Saturday, 9th January 2016, a visit to the Tram Museum at Loftus.

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Australasian Region Convention—Ettalong Beach, NSW

The Australasian Region Convention was held on the weekend of 19-20 September at the Ettalong Diggers Club at Ettalong Beach.

There were layout tours on the preceding Friday (18 Sept) and the following Monday (21 Sept) with 26 layouts available for viewing and two of these layouts available for operating sessions.

During the convention, there were two clinic streams operating—one following a “Basics” them and the other offering Advanced and Medium themes. There was a comprehensive ladies program. The modelling and photographic competitions provided demonstrations of the great skills and talents of the members of the Region.

In the main room, there were three layouts on display: Charging Moose, Mueller's Ghost Town and Toronto. There were also trade stands from Gwydir Valley Models, Runway 13, Custom Hobby Decals and Simply Glues. We thank those layout owners and traders for attending the convention and supporting the hobby.

The Convention Dinner on the Saturday Night was

well attended with 90 members and partners enjoying a great evening. The results of the modelling and photographic competitions were announced. Mr Ross Cameron was our guest after dinner speaker who provided some interesting statistics and insights into the running of NSW suburban rolling stock and their use of cast iron brake shoes!

Another highlight of the dinner was the presentation by Mike Bartlett of the NMRA Fellow Award to Gerry Hopkins for his tireless efforts supporting the NMRA over many years.



Convention Attendees at the Opening Address



The Convention Dinner (two photos)



Containers on flat car by George Paxon

AR Convention—Ettalong Beach, NSW—Photos

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Bob Best being presented with his MMR by Gerry Hopkins



Mike Bartlett (L) presented the NMRA Fellow Award to Gerry Hopkins (R)



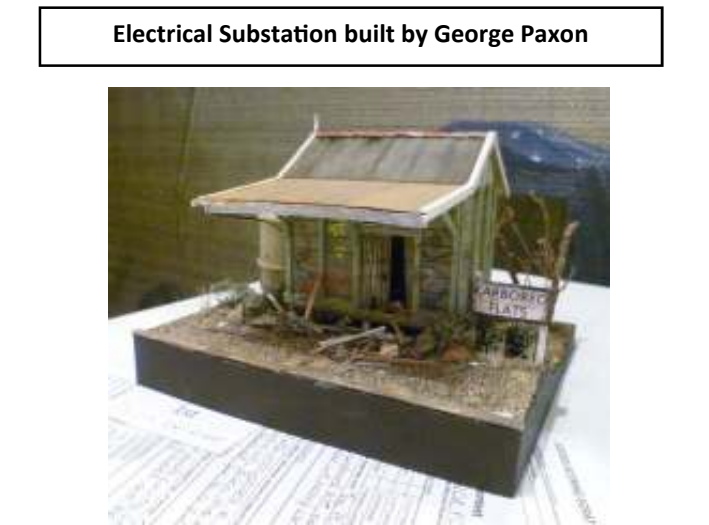
Electrical Substation built by George Paxon



Tramway Rotary Snow Plough built by George Paxon



Rick Shoup Award to Dennis Clarke for his NSWGR 53 Class Locomotive



Lineside Structure by Stephen Reynolds

AR Convention—Competition Awards

Modelling Competition

Steam Locomotives		
1 st	Dennis Clarke MMR	NSWGR 53 Class (HO)
2 nd	David Latham	AT & SF 4-8-2 (HO)
3rd	David Mitchell	NSWGR 36 Class (HO)
Freight Cars		
1 st	George Paxton MMR	1903 Grain Car (O)
2 nd	Warren Herbert	NSWR 4 Wheel Powder Tank (HO)
Traction (Trams)		
1 st	George Paxton MMR	Rotary Snow Plough (O)
2 nd	George Paxton MMR	Container Car (O)
Non-Revenue Cars		
1 st	John Parker	AT & SF Business Car (HO)
2 nd	Chris Lord	NSWGR Shunter's Truck (O)
Structures On Line		
1 st	George Paxton MMR	Traction Sub Station (O)
Passenger Cars		
1 st	Chris Lord	NSWGR 12 Wh Sleeper (O)
2 nd	John Parker	AT & SF Baggage Car (HO)
Display on line		
1st	Stephen Reynolds	NSW PC1 Station (O)
Diesel Locomotives		
1 st	David Latham	AT & SF Dash 8-40 BW (HO)
2 nd	David Latham	AT & SF 25 Ton Switcher (HO)

Photographic Competition

Model Colour		
1 st	John Parker	Smoke and Dust
2 nd	John Parker	Travelling in style
3rd	Ruth Garbutt	Charging Moose
B&W Prototype		
1 st	Ruth Garbutt	When steam was king
2 nd	Ruth Garbutt	Round the Bend
Colour Prototype		
1 st Tied	Ruth Garbutt	Railway art
1 st Tied	John Gillies	CN - Savona BC
2nd	John Gillies	UP- Perry Oregon

Best in Show Awards

Rick Shoup Award	Dennis Clarke MMR	NSWGR 53 Class (HO)
John Baker Award	George Paxton MMR	Traction Sub Station (O)



Ladies Program

A very big thank you to Debbie Maguire for arranging the Ladies Program for the NMRA convention at Ettalong Diggers. Saturday morning began with card-making led by Sheila Hooper. We made two cards during the morning and fun was had by all who participated.

Several ladies took a ferry trip to Palm Beach to have lunch and return in the late afternoon. We then retired to get ready for the evening dinner.

On the Sunday morning the ladies walked to the covered permanent markets followed by an afternoon with unfinished objects.

- Report by Margaret O'Hearn



Addendum

The memory stick containing the clinic notes that was provided to all convention attendees has a corruption of the files for David O'Hearn's presentation. The files for all presentations (where the material was provided by authors) will be placed on the AR Web site.

35th National Narrow Gauge Convention, Houston, Texas

This convention was a real eye opener for myself seeing how other nations run there conventions was truly amazing.

There was at least 900 plus attendees there, plenty of talks.

There format was talks in morning then layout tours. Then about 7pm have more talks.

At the end there was no dinner, just the awards were handed out then slide shows of original RGS slides taken in the 1950's we were told.

First the commercial side was truly breath taking, two large ballrooms comparable with Whitlam Leisure Centre full of commercial dealers of all sorts. Truly staggering!!

Secondly the layouts that were at the convention were very good indeed.

If you wish to see the layouts and the contest room Arthur Houston You Tube page is helpful.

Here is the link.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/arthurhouston3>

Contest room was very high standard lots of truly beautiful models, the shipyard was my favourite.

I had some luck here, I won second place in geared locos with my On30 scratched built Dunkirk.

Built from a HO SW1500 chassis with everything else completely scratched built except for Decoder couplers, headlight and fine detail. Idea came from the commercial model, I thought I could make one of them myself, so I did. Runs beautifully.

The other prize I won was maintenance of way, I won third place with my Blacksmith's Car.

The idea was also borrowed from a commercial supplier; I made one up from a flat top then scratch built every-



Steve Chapman's scratchbuilt Dunkirk—placed 2nd

thing else. Turned out nice I thought. The Convention Web Site has all the awards listed but for some reason have got this wrong with the Blacksmiths car.

I have sent them an email to correct this error.

The standard was very high in all fields they had an animated scene where you could hear someone in the out-house passing wind and the door flapping open as each explosion happened.

Most likely done with servos etc. Very clever what you can do with servos.

Layout tours.

Too many to mention here but the ones I saw were breathtaking. One layout I saw was so large it would be



Steve Chapman's Blacksmith's Car—placed 3rd

easy to get lost amongst the scenes. It was a combination of HO and HO_{n3}. You have a beautiful scene in front and you turn around and there will be another scene just as breath taking behind you. Look up and another truly beautiful scene.

With the limited time I had I could only see 3 home layouts, without the kindness of Kelly Russell I would not have seen any layouts. It took so long to gain the trust of the US modellers and try to organise a ride.

In the end our host organised Kelly to be my guide around Houston, you really do need a guide what a mad house on the roads, truly scary how fast they drive, how quick they change lanes.

How you are going up a ramp and you have three choices and you need to react very quickly.

Also up other ramps you have just as many drivers trying to do the same.

So it was very wise of me to get a ride.

Summing up we had a great time over in Houston, friendly people, the Hotel was really first class.

A worthwhile experience.

- Report by Stephen Chapman

Donald and Janette's Tour of the USA

Missoula MT

Missoula MT 17-19 /9/2014

First thing in the morning I checked out the Montana Rail Link yard in Missoula. Whilst driving beside the yard spotted a lumber beam car off the rails and in the ballast with 5-6 people standing around. About an hour later the crane arrived and they commenced slinging it to lift it back on the track this only took them about 2 hours to complete and remove the beam car. As we were watching this event there was a bit of action on the mainline which was not possible to see from where I was.



MRL 402 EMD GP35 Shunting in the yard



MRL 318 SD45, 382, 351 SD45XR locomotives passing through the Yard heading for Butte



Beam car of the track and in the ballast

Noticing an overhead bridge decided to see what was happening on the other side of the yard from the bridge. There was a work crew removing a spur line and 3 SD45s heading to Butte on an adjacent track

Locomotive History



Crane lifting beam car back onto the tracks



BNSF 5517,5015 & 4097 GE C44-9W passing through the yard

MRL 402 GP35, GTW 6355, Built as DTI 355
 MRL 318 SD45, MRL 8906, SP 7544, Built as SP 8906
 MRL 382 SD45, VMX 8929, CSX 8929, SBD 2029, Built as SCL 2029
 MRL 351 SD45-2XR, NHL 6445, BN 6445, Built as GN 415

Missoula MT

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The next day went out to Fort Missoula where there is equipment that was used in the logging industry including a railway station, Shay Locomotive, log crane and several logging related rolling stock.



Northern Pacific 1356 outside Northern Pacific building



Western Lumber Co. No.7 Willamette Iron & Steel Shay



Log load on modified flat car

If travelling through Montana Missoula is well worth the stop as it is quite a large town with plenty of restaurants etc.

- story and photos by Donald Davis



An Interesting Load...

If you have any old railroad cars sitting around that aren't worth much, think about this for an interesting load. A little heat from a heat gun or hair dryer to soften the plastic then some pushing and shoving on the car with a large screwdriver to get it bent out of shape. Then apply some rust coloured paints and powders then mount it on a flat car with some tie-down ropes or chains...



N.M.R.A. AR Div. 7 2015 Christmas Party

December 13, 2014 @
Robertson Inn
89 Hoddle St, Robertson
+
Travel will be by
3801 Limited Heritage train

Price \$97.00 pp + drinks

(exact date/start time TBC)



- Christmas raffle \$5 per ticket
Available Soon



Entrée (assorted per table)

Garlic Bread,
Olive Bread,
and Turkish bread w homemade dips

Mains (Choice of 2, alternate serve):

Macadamia Crusted Lamb Rack w Truffle Mash and Dutch Carrots

Prosciutto wrapped Crispy Skin Thirlmere Chicken Breast w Potato gratin

Pan Fried Atlantic Salmon Fillet w Lime, Mussel and Tomato Salsa, served w Sweet potatoes and topped w Asparagus
Veal Scaloppini w Broccolini, roasted chats, Dutch carrots and a lemon caper butter

200gm Eye Fillet mignon w truffle mas and roasted veg served w red wine jus

Slow cooked Beef Cheek w potato gratin and honey roasted carrots

