



The Extra

Division Seven Newsletter

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From the Editor...



Welcome to the May edition of The Extra for 2016.

We are now into the nice days of autumn where it is pleasant doing modelling and the glue and paints still dry quickly. This will soon change when the colder weather of winter hits us so now is the time to get into modelling.

Like all magazine editors, I am always desperate for new articles and items of interest. As you can see, this issue is a little light on detail so please send to me any articles, either your own or even good articles found in magazines that you think others would be interested in reading. 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

May Meeting

May Meeting—On Saturday 14th May 2016 at 2 pm at the Hills Model Railway Society, Building 8, Balcombe Heights Community Building, Seven Hills Road, Baulkham Hills. Bring your own trains to run on their layouts. They have HO and N scale, DC and DCC layouts.

Next Few Meetings

June Meeting—On Saturday, 18th June at John Montgomery's place at 12 Lindwall Place, Shalvey commencing at 2:00 pm. **NOTE: This is the third Saturday of the month due to the Epping Model Railway Exhibition on the normal weekend.**

July Meeting—On Saturday 9th July 2016 at 2 pm at John Saxon's place at 186B Davistown Rd, Yatalunga 2251. Parking in John's driveway is limited so it is best to park on the waterfront and walk across the grass to John's place.

August Meeting—On Saturday 13th August 2016 at Rob Peterson's residence at 24 Meckiff Avenue, North Rocks commencing at 2pm.

Other Notable Dates

- Epping Model Railway Exhibition at Brickpit, Dartford Rd, Thornleigh on 11-13 June 2016
- NMRA AR Mini-Convention on Sunday 11th September 2016 at Berowra Community Centre. Register on our NMRA.org.au web site which links you to the Trybooking.com site
- AMRA Exhibition at Liverpool on 1 to 3 October 2016

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Division Seven Meeting

May—Sam Mangion

at Buff Point

The Div 7 monthly meeting was hosted by Sam and Jan Mangion on Saturday 9th April 2016. It was a lovely day by the lake and a good roll up of members enjoyed viewing Sam's Buff Point Branch layout.

At the appropriate time, Les Fowler addressed the business issue of the division. He advised convention tickets are now available. The early-bird price (until 1 July) is \$50 then it rises to \$60. Les is after presenters for clinics at the convention so please contact Les if you wish to give a presentation, either on the maintenance of the perway them or on any other topic of interest to members.

Les also called for volunteers for the following activities:

- Providing "adult" clinics at the Epping Exhibition at Thornleigh on 11 to 13 June. John Montgomery has already put his hand up as one volunteer for this event.
- Taking over the role of running the Kids clinic from John Sterland who needs to step down from the role.
- Helping on the Charging Moose layout at the Epping Exhibition under the tutelage of Paul Marrant.

The meeting ended with a fine afternoon tea being provided by Jan and the other ladies present.

- by David O'Hearn



Les Fowler conducting the business part of the meeting



Some of the members at the meeting



Sam Mangion receiving his host plaque

A little bit of humour...



Using new metallic Pan Pastels for Weathering



Pan Pastels have recently brought out a range of metallic colours. These colours are not yet available in Australia but can be purchased on the internet from the USA. The article below describes the great uses for these metallic colours.

“All That Glitters”

These [PanPastel®](#) Metallic Colors looked pretty cool. Lots of potential. A little hard to write about. I guess it is because they are more subtle than the other colors we use in weathering our models. Now, I didn't make an immediate reference to my obsession with freight car modeling.

There are 6 PanPastel Metallic Colors:

- 910.5 Light Gold
- 911.5 Rich Gold
- 920.5 Silver

- 921.5 Pewter
- 930.5 Bronze
- 931.5 Copper

The colors have some interesting properties; they can add highlights to a model that add that “human” touch. A realistic sign that miniature folks left their mark on the model. Metal can show signs of rust, mud and dirt; it can also show signs of wear. Paint fails down to the metal when rubbed or gouged. This can be easily simulated with the swipe of a [Sofft Tool®](#).

Let's talk about the Silver and Pewter first.

First, some “housekeeping” tips: To prevent the metallic “sparkle” from spreading elsewhere it is better to dedicate some of the Sofft Tools so that there are some that are only used for the metallics. Clean your work area and hands after using the metallics so that the sparkle doesn't turn up where you don't want it. Also, you could spray a flat finish like Model Masters to protect the color once applied if the model will be handled frequently. You could also spray a flat finish to fix the metallic and then add other colors on top of it, isolating the layers underneath.

DIESEL DETAILING

My first use was the cast tread pattern on the floor of my switcher. The raised tread pattern looks more like dots than the angled safety tread I am used to seeing but I used it anyway.



STEP 1. I first brushed any accumulated dust off the flat black finished frame.

Step 2. I wiped and burnished **Burnt Sienna 740.5** into the walkway to simulate accumulated rust. Only where normal wear would occur from foot traffic.

Step 3. I took a small piece of clean paper towel and lightly wiped the top of the tread pattern to remove excess color and prepare the surface for the metallic **921.5 Pewter**. Remember, you don't want to burnish the tread to a gloss that won't let the PanPastel® attach.

Step 4. Use the edges of the Sofft® Knife (Flat / No.2) to lightly lift the metallic.



Step 5. You don't need a lot and you should work slowly. Add a very light amount of finger pressure to the tool. Lightly and deliberately drag the tool across the surface to pick up the raised detail. We are simulating the pattern of wear from work shoes on areas like the front and rear porch, steps, threshold of doors and places that would show repeated abuse from the crew climbing aboard and walking in the cab. My first attempt was to brush the Pewter

lightly on the black deck. It was acceptable but didn't quite portray the depth I wanted. Later I had the weathering colors open so I scrubbed **740.3 Burnt Sienna Shade** over the surface of the back deck, using the small Sofft® Tool to work the pastel into the recesses. Then I lightly applied the Pewter to pick up the raised pattern and edges of the steps. I liked the look better and it photographed well.



Step 6. Looks like a little transferred to the railing. We can wipe this off with a watercolor brush or a small Sofft® Tool.



Next issue we will see the effects on boxcar roofs.

Narrow Gauge SIG Meeting

The NG SIG meeting was held at the home of Doug Wallace on Saturday 30 April. 20 members were in attendance which was an excellent roll-up.

The show and tell was interesting.

Steve Pettit had some very nice models including an engine repair shed. He also had some model boat kits which were of a very high quality and included lots of detail parts in the kit. Steve is also painting some figures which were purchased overseas. They are very good quality figures.

Michael Nott has put a camera on the side of the boiler on a K27 which when viewed on film represents looking out the driver's (engineer's) window.

John Meredith presented an attache case size layout he is building. He also had a scratchbuilt wheel cleaning and programming module that he has built.

A number of other members brought along a mixture of buildings and rolling stock which are their current projects. It appears that most people in the group are still building or undertaking some type of project. This is good for the group as each meeting we can get updates on their progress.

Doug has transformed a room on the back of his house into a new train room which will start to have benchwork and track laid from next week. This will be the start of his new layout. Doug also showed us a large piece of paper which contained his track plan for the new layout.

Ray Walter took a couple of group photographs. You may wish to contact him if you require the photos to support this article.

Ray has also volunteered to host the next meeting which will be at the end of June. The date is 25 June 2016.

- by John Montgomery



Two Group Pictures of those present

Donald and Janette's Tour of the USA

Monterey CA 28-30/9/2014

Whilst in Monterey we visited the Monterey Bay Aquarium this is much bigger than Sydney Aquarium and has some equipment on display from the days when it was a cannery site. Leaving Monterey on the 1/10/2014 we drove down Hwy 1 which is the coast road along the Pacific Ocean if you want a quick trip use Hwy 5 as this is very windy and lots of tourists. At San Simeon visited Hearst San Simeon State Historical Monument this was built by William Randolph Hearst who bought sections of famous buildings and had them incorporated in his castle. We then went to Atascadero to meet Anita and Karl at Central Coast Trains I have known Anita for about 15 years and a customer for about 18 years. After spending several hours in CCT talking and buying, Karl invited us back to their home in Los Osos to look at his two layouts.

One layout is HO freelance presentation of the Western Pacific during the transition period. The layout size is 10' by 17' with plans underway to near double its size. Track is hand laid with the controls being NCE DCC and Soundtraxx equipped locomotives. All the locomotives and rolling stock have been modified to correctly represent Western Pacific prototype

The other layout is a Hon3 freelance presentation of

the D&RGW Narrow Gauge in Southwestern Colorado controlled by NCE DCC system and Soundtraxx equipped Blackstone Model locomotives



Station on WP layout



Station on WP layout



Cattle Yard on WP Layout



Icing platform on WP layout



D&RGW Blackstone C19 Consolidation 2-8-0



D&RGW layout Detailed interior of engine shed

Monterey CA 28-30/9/2014

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D&RGW layout yard



D&RGW layout turntable

- article and photos by the late Donald Davis



At the Epping Model Railway Exhibition at the Brickpit at Thornleigh on 11-13 June, the NMRA Division 7 is manning a model railroad advice clinic. We are seeking volunteers to provide a half day or more of their time to man the clinic. The role will be to field simple modelling questions from the general public and to explain simple modelling techniques.

If you are available, please contact John Montgomery who will coordinate the NMRA effort. John can be reached on the following email address:

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9am ~ 4pm 11th September 2016
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