



The Extra

Division Seven Newsletter

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From the Editor...



Welcome to the July edition of The Extra for 2016.

Winter is now upon us so it is time to rug up and stay indoors. This is perfect modelling time so grab one

of the many kits you have socked away and get into building it. There is nothing more enjoyable than working on a model in a warm room out of the cold, chilly winds of winter.

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

June Meeting

July Meeting—On Saturday 9th July 2016 at 1 pm at Gerry Hopkins place at 15 Narara Crescent, Narara. **Please note that the meeting was originally programmed to be at John Saxon's residence but road works in front of his place prevent non-resident access.**

Next Few Meetings

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

September Meeting—On **Sunday** 11th September 2016, Div 7 will be hosting the mini-Convention at Berowra Community Centre. Register on our NMRA.org.au web site which links you to the [Try-booking.com](http://trybooking.com) site.

October Meeting—On Saturday 8th October 2016 at 2pm at David Howarth's Railroad Room at 7 Uralla Road, Dural.

Other Notable Dates

- Castle Hill Exhibition on 30-31 July 2016 at Harvey Lowe Pavilion, Castle Hill Showgrounds. Sat 9-5, Sun 9-4. Adult \$12, Concession/Senior \$8, Child \$6, Family \$25.
- 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](http://trybooking.com) site
- AMRA Exhibition at Liverpool on 1 to 3 October 2016. Entry fee is adult \$15, Concession/Senior \$11, Child \$8, Family \$38 and Multi-Day pass \$30.

Division Seven Roles

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Division Seven Meeting

June—John Montgomery's at Shalvey

The June 2016 Division 7 Meeting was hosted by John and Natalie Montgomery at their home at Shalvey. The weather was perfect with a bright, sunny winter afternoon.

At the business stage of the meeting, Kelly Loyd presented APs as follows:

- Lachlan Maguire—Chief Despatcher
- Stephen Chapman—Master Builder-Structures
- Spencer McCormick—Master Builder-Scenery
- Jack Parker—Master Builder-Scenery
- David O'Hearn—Association Official

Les Fowler reminded everyone that annual membership fees are now due. Also, the early bird discount rate for the 2016 Mini-convention has now expired so the full rate is now applicable.

Les welcomed two new members to the Division; namely Steven Bean and Nick Sheridan.

Les advised the November meeting, to be hosted by Bob Best MMR, will now be on the third weekend of the month.

John Montgomery welcomed the new members and visitors. John then challenged everyone to look at volunteering to assist the Association. John said everyone should consider stepping up and carrying their share of the Association's activities as the current group of volunteers are ageing and some will need to stand-down in the near future for various reasons.

- by David O'Hearn



Above photos: Some of the members at the meeting



Lachlan Maguire receiving his Despatcher AP



Jack Parker receiving his Master Builder—Scenery AP



David O'Hearn receiving his Association Official AP

Division Seven Meeting

June—John Montgomery's at Shalvey ... continued



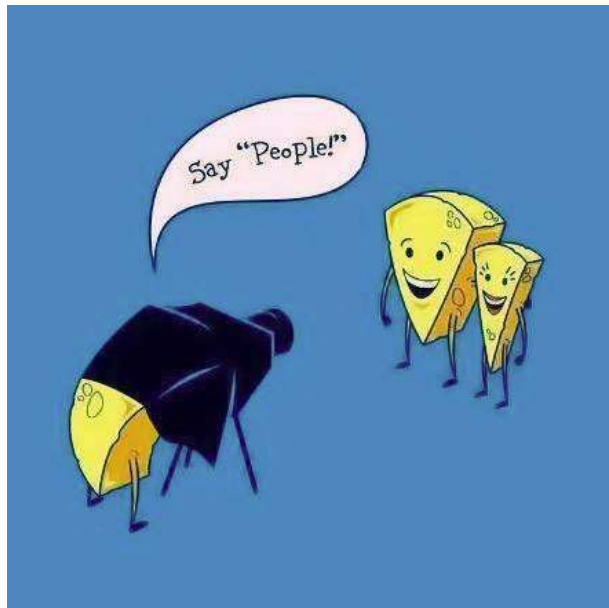

Stephen Chapman receiving his Master Builder—Structures AP




Spencer McCormick receiving his Master Builder—Scenery AP




John Montgomery addressing the meeting on volunteering to assist the Association

The National Model Railroad Association—
Australasian Region Presents
The 32nd Annual Regional Convention
"Modelling the Perway"



Berowra Community Centre
1 The Gully rd, Berowra NSW
Sat ~ Apr 11th Sept. 2016



Clinics on "Modelling the Perway"
Bring and Buy Stand
Self Drive Layout Tours
Modelling Competition
Photo Contest

For more information and tickets:
<http://www.nmra.org.au/Convention32/convention32.html>

Using Pan Pastels for Weathering Vehicles

The following article is a continuation of a web site blog on the use of Pan Pastels.



Another small project is my Jordan Models Mack Chain drive stake truck. I used the cover art from the book "Bulldog" by John B. Montville to model my beer truck. I lowered the stake bed height to be a little taller than the load of Funaro & Camerlengo® resin barrels. I airbrushed the model in Railbox Yellow.



Chain drive and transmission highlighted with Pewter.

The headlights were painted Loco Black and the lenses were painted White. With the Copper in hand I used a Micro Brush to color it to represent a weathered copper and added some Silver to sparkle up the headlight lens. The barrels were touched up with various browns to vary the overhead look of the load.



Auto headlights and window glass on solid resin cars

-David O'Hearn

"Ask Me" Clinic for Adult Modelers

On the long weekend of 11-13 June 2016, the NMRA, in conjunction with the Epping Model Railway Club, conducted a series of clinics at the Thornleigh Exhibition. This series of clinics was for adults who are new to the hobby and needed advice on how to build a layout.

The adult clinic was considered to be a great concept but it just needs a little tweaking - from experience. Many interesting people asked many interesting questions. The biggest surprise was the large number of questions from British modellers, they had Hornsby stuff and wanted to go further - many had pommy ascents!

Ideas for future clinics include constructing a small display module that can show the transition from bare baseboards to a fully scened layout. Also, the "Ask Me" title needs to be re-vamped and re-worked. Many thanks to David Low (Div 2) for developing and setting up the clinic concept. Also, many thanks to John Montgomery, Gerry and Lauris Hopkins, Alan Garbutt and David North who put in considerable time over the long weekend manning the clinic stand.

- David O'Hearn

Donald and Janette's Tour of the USA

Ventura CA to Las Vegas NV 3/10/2014

Today we return to where we started, Las Vegas NV after travelling nearly 10,000 miles (16,000 Kilometres) and 19 states. We have returned to L.V. for a relatives wedding. We spent 3 days in L.V. and then headed for Ventura C.A. driving down Hwy 15 towards Los Angeles we turned off and travelled through the St. Gabriel Mountains going the back way into Ventura where we stayed at a hotel on the beach. We drove to Oxnard where we saw U.P. 1414 GP40 it was being used to shunt the local yard also Amtrak Pacific Surfliner stopped at Oxnard. Drove around looking for Ventura County R.R. locos we went to the V.C.R.R. engine shed but since we were there last they appear to be anti -photographer's with no luck we headed back to the hotel and just sat around until the 9/10/2014 and drove to los Angeles for the flight home. One thing in hindsight I should have installed a roving internet wi-fi on my computer as by the time we got to the hotels of a night didn't feel not doing more research on where rail lines ran.



LAX Airport at the end of the great trip

- article and photos by the late Donald Davis

Narrow Gauge SIG Meeting

The Narrow Gauge SIG Meeting was hosted by Ray Walters at his Toongabbie home on Saturday, 25th June 2016. There was a good rollup for the meeting on a cool but sunny winter's day.

Ray had on display a module from the old Red Stag layout, a Cuban Railways On30 layout and in his garage, a large HO Scale us layout.

For "show and tell", Phil Galloway brought along a 3'6" gauge S Scale WA G Class locomotive and wagons. Michael Nott demonstrated how to motor a shay motor assembly, Alex Danilov brought a small steam loco, Ken Scales brought along three O scale

structures and Ray Walters showed off some hand-made points that had been soldered by Alex Danelov. Below are some pictures of the day.



Two pictures of the Red Stag modules

*More pictures from
the Narrow Gauge SIG
Meeting*



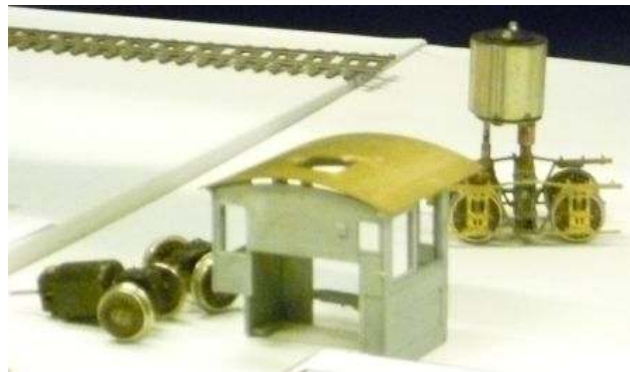
Part of Ray Walter's Cuban layout



Phil Galloway's WA G Class loco and train



Searching for a dropped part—all part of "show and Tell"



Michael Nott's Shay mechanism



Alex Danilov's kit-built locomotive



Viewing Ken Scales' O Scale structures



Ray Walters and some of the SIG Members at the meeting