

Western Lines



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What is Western Lines?

Western Lines is the Newsletter of NMRA Australasian Region, Division Four. It will report on our meetings, planned meetings, members modelling efforts and local railway happenings.

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Cover photo; As this is the last edition of Western Lines it's fitting for it to commemorate the departure of the last scheduled stream hauled train from Sydney Central Station. The photo shows 3801 preparing to depart Sydney Central on the last steam hauled Southern Highlands Express on the 10th October 1969. Photo by Editor.

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Editorial Mumbblings

The Australasian Region committee has decided to publish Mainline digitally and has appointed me as editor as of 1 January 2015. This means this issue is the last edition of Western Lines as an independent publication. Future Division Four news will appear under the "Western Lines" banner in Mainline.

I'd like thank everyone for your interest and especially for your contributions to Western Lines over the last two years. .

Who are we and what do we do?

We are the members of NMRA Australasian Region, Division Four. We live in Western Australia. The land of giant iron ore trains and an extensive open access railway system operating on standard gauge, narrow gauge and dual gauge track.

We meet monthly to share our hobby experiences. We range from keen scratch builders, to open the box enthusiasts. Our layouts range in size from layouts filling a couple of rooms of the house to a HO scale layout in a walk in wardrobe.

Like the trains in our back yard our tastes in modelling vary. We model in N, HO and OO scale. The prototypes we

follow are mainly North American with some local prototypes and just a touch of British Railways.

Our meetings include running days and operating sessions on member's layouts, modelling technique demonstrations and workshops and visits to kindred groups

Future meetings

We usually meet at 2 pm on the last Sunday of the month. Future meetings are

26th October 2014 Rod Tonkin

Operating session on Martindale Creek

30th November 2014 AMRA

Running session

28th December 2015 Peter Scarfe

Christmas Social meeting.

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Recent Meetings

July 2014

Sunday the 27th July was a welcome sunny interlude to Perth's wet winter weather. We were able to hold our meeting outside in the sunshine.

We were able to examine progress on our project layout "Western Lines" described in more detail later in this issue.

Progress on Rod's Martindale Creek layout included the mirror beneath the bridge at the southern end of Simonton yard pictured above.

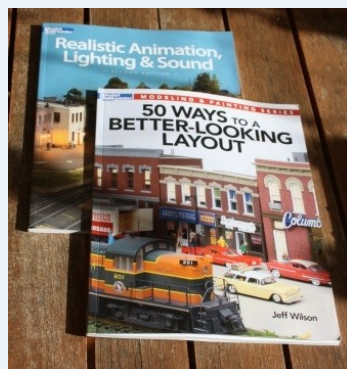
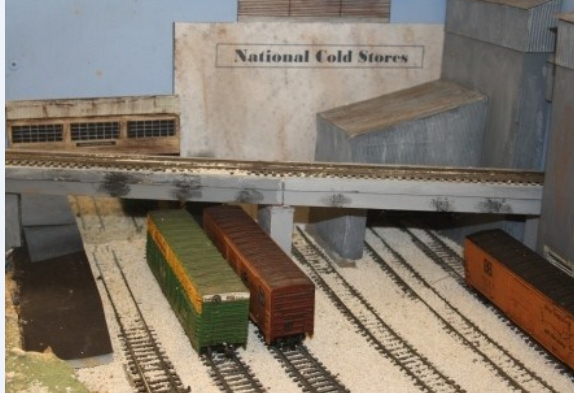
Alan showed us the Kambach books on layout building and detailing he had recently purchased from Krambach at a reasonable price (fifty per cent off the ticketed price).

Rod showed us the Triang OO scale British Railways restaurant miniature buffet car he bought from

a dealer to add to the five British railways SK corridor coaches

he has acquired. His aim is to build up a representative train of maroon British Railways Mk1 coaches.

Rod also advised us Perth Hobbies were moving out of Murray Street in the city and moving to Osborne Park. They will re open for business in August. With the demise of City Models last year there are now no hobby shops in the Perth CBD.



August 2014

The August meeting was held at Peter Scarfe's. We welcomed Les Hodgson back to our meetings after a long absence.

Peter advised us he will be attending the NMRA 2015 Convention in Portland. If anyone is looking to share a hotel room during the convention next year please contact Peter.

Frank Godde advised us Bob Kollwyn has been diagnosed with Dementia and is at present in the mental health ward of Armidale Hospital.

A round table discussion agreed to "Western Lines" being absorbed into the new digital "Mainline" from July next year.

Peter demonstrated the operation of his all brass track cleaning car. Its weight plus the drag of the cleaning cloth on the rail heads means it requires a pair of locomotives to haul it up gradients.



Peter also showed us his recently acquired G gauge "Overton" combine coach.



Rod showed us his OO scale Hornby BR 56 class with its replacement buffer heads made from turned down brass thumb tacks.



Les showed us his recently acquired HO scale model of one of Southern Pacific's two non cab forward 2-6-6-2's and described how he is going to detail it to more closely resemble the proto-

type. Les's photo shows his model as delivered.



September 2014

September saw us at AMRA WA Branch's club rooms.

We were able to inspect progress on the extensions to the "Valentine Run" Alan has been responsible for and the baseboards for AMRA's new European prototype HO scale layout.

After our tour of inspection it was time for the fun side of the day, train operating. Les operated his HO scale model of Western and Atlantic 4-4-0 the "General" on the "Valentine Run" while Rod operated his OO scale model of the A1 Locomotive Trust's replica LNER A1 class pacific number 60163 "Tornado" on a train of BR Mk1 sleepers on "Swanview".



The photos show members of division four inspecting the baseboards for the new European HO scale layout, Alan showing us the extensions to the "Valentine Run" and members models in operation .



Division Fours

Exhibition Layout

As “Western Lines” is being absorbed into “Mainline” the series of articles chronicling the design, construction and exhibiting of our divisions exhibition layout will be progressively published in Mainline. The following photos show trial fitting the layout frame into the back seat of my car, assembling the framing, the raised hinged joint between the two frame sections, the leg cross members that carry the load of the frames, the framing mounted on its legs and the first model locomotive to run on the layout.



NMRA
National
Convention 2015

The 2015 NMRA

National convention will be held in
Portland Oregon.

Peter Scarfe has booked in for the con-
vention, why not join him there?



AMRA WA Branch
Model Rail 2014

Sunday 9th of November 2014

10.00 am to 4.00 pm at

24 Moojebing Street Bayswater

All layouts (G, O, OO, Sn3.5, HO and N)
will be operating, modelling demon-
strations, modelling competition, sau-
sage sizzle, gold coin donation entry

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National Convention

August 23 – 29, 2015

Hosted by the
Columbia Gorge Model Railroad Club,
who also brought you the 1994 NMRA National.

The event is to be held at the Doubletree Hotel at
Lloyd Center, near downtown Portland.

**Bring the family to explore and enjoy
the Great Pacific Northwest.**

Check out our website
<http://www.nmra2015portland.org/>
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<https://www.facebook.com/NMRA2015Portland>

Prototype happenings

The last steam hauled “Southern Highlands Express” departed from Sydney Terminal in 1969. The train sported a train name board and was well photographed by admiring rail fans.



The attached photos taken by the editor show the name board being attached and the view from track level.



Not a sign in those days of “High Visibility Vests” or “Safety Officers” We all lived to tell the tale and be able to remember the last day of steam hauled passenger trains in Sydney.

