



THE FLIMSY

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From the Editor

Greetings.

The Canberra winter is definitely upon us. I find myself less active in the hobby at this time of year. In the US, where basements are commonplace in the colder latitudes, winter is a busy time for model railroad activity.

Burrowing away in the basement in a well heated and spacious room with a model railroad empire is an attractive thought. Having friends over for operating sessions, or in some cases, working bees, makes wintertime a very active and social part of the US model railroad calendar.

How do you spend your modelling time in Canberra's winter?

Brad

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Rob Nesbitt's delightful HO scale model of *Bomen* railway station (Photo: R. Nesbitt)



June 2018 meeting

The June meeting was held at the home of Stephe Jitts in Yass. There were fifteen members in attendance, including Rob from Junee, and Ian and Matt from the “coast”. Div 2 Superintendent Stephe Jitts did not have much to report as he had no news from the ARC. Stephe did say that new name badges had been ordered and should arrive by the next meeting. The requested DVD's from the library are still delayed. Membership renewals are now due. All Div.2 members are encouraged to respond in a timely manner.

After *Show and Tell* (see separate report), Jack Child gave us a great presentation about his recent trip to Scotland. As Jack relates, first up was a short trip scheduled on *The Devonian* which went from Keighley to Haworth, after a short conventional connection from Devon. *The Devonian* on this particular day was a 4F class 43924 (photo next page). The following day we trundled down to Haworth Station (photo below) where we were met with the arrival of former LNER locomotive, *The Flying Scotsman* - absolutely beautiful! The trip behind the locomotive was truly wonderful.

May 2 was a day to remember! We caught the train from Spean Bridge to Fort William where we had booked a journey on *The Jacobite* as part of our 'Around Scotland Tour'. *The Jacobite* (photo next page) receives its name from the historic political movement which aimed to restore King James VII to the throne of Scotland (as well as England, France and Ireland). Our trip from Fort William to Mallaig was pulled by LMS Stanier Class 5 4-6-0 45407, *The Lancashire Fusilier*. It is a spectacular trip, especially the crossing of the 21 spans of the Glenfinnan Viaduct. We looked for Harry Potter, but apparently he was flying around somewhere else on the day. “The Jacobite” was used as the Hogwarts Express, and the viaduct was featured in the movie. Our trip to Scotland was a great way to visit some historic places, travel behind classic preserved British steam locomotives, and enjoy all the beautiful scenery. All present enjoyed the presentation immensely, especially Jack's terrific photos of which he has kindly sent me a selection for this issue.

Thanks to Jack Childs for the afternoon tea and to Stephe for hosting the meeting at *Old Linton*.





Show and tell

Jess Brisbane got *Show and Tell* underway with her [mini-miter cut-off saw from Micromark](#). The advantage here over the common blade cutter is the ability to cut thicker pieces of styrene and wood and maintain squareness.

John Bullen brought along two European model railway magazines; one German (*Eisenbahn Traumanlagen*) and one Swiss (*Lok*). Both magazines feature stunning model and prototype photographs. My German is not good enough to vouch for the articles, but John thoroughly recommends them.

Brian and Fran had a recent purchase from the preceding weekend's Epping Model Railway Exhibition - the O scale Dapol British Class 08 diesel shunter and a GWR Pannier tank. Brian valiantly (and almost convincingly) rationalised the purchase by saying his O scale South Australian Railways (SAR) layout was short a couple of shunting locomotives and these Dapol units would fit the bill nicely...and Fran agreed!

John Gillies also had a relatively recent purchase from his trip to the US. John brought along two HO scale freight cars: a Rapido *Union Pacific* hopper and a Tangent 4750 covered hopper lettered for *Milwaukee Road*.

Matt Waterreus brought along a small collection of HO scale models of US prototype. The selection of models included the [Fox Valley Models GP60M \(A and B units\)](#) in the classic red and silver warbonnet scheme of the *Santa Fe Railroad*, as well as a nicely detailed [Moloco BX94 ATSF box car](#), and a range of other freight cars and a caboose.

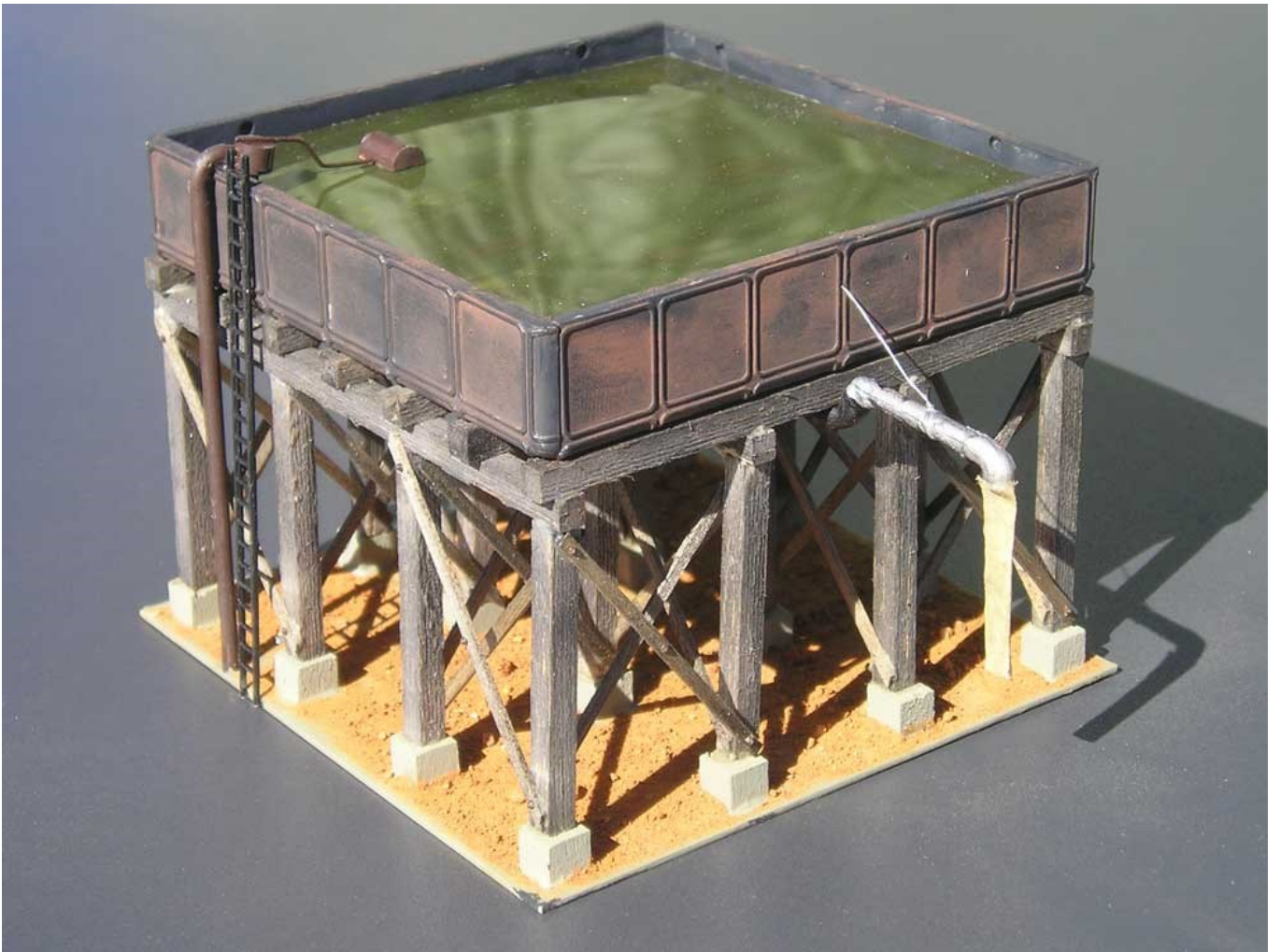
And in keeping with the presentation of HO scale US models at this day's *Show and Tell*, Brad showed his [Broadway Limited models cryogenic tank car](#), part of a twin set lettered for Liquid Air Corporation. Brad only needed the one and was looking for a buyer for the second. The model was quickly snapped up by Matt Semenas before the model had even done the rounds!

Rob Nesbitt continues constructing buildings for his Wagga Wagga layout. Regular updates can be found on his very informative [Building Wagga blog](#). Rob showed us models of a NSW water tower based on the prototype at Tumburumba, and the Bomen station master's house (photos next page). The water tower was built from a *Casula Hobbies* tank, with scratch built wooden stand, and plastic fittings. The station master's building was built using the *Stuart Walker* "Bungendore SM building" kit, but extensively kibashed to more closely resemble the Bomen station master's residence. Rob based the residence on a photo he had showing three chimneys but later found out, after he had built the model, that a fourth chimney was present in his time period and will need to be added! The model of Bomen Station (photo on page 1) was fully scratchbuilt from styrene. Rob pointed out the fact that over 24 parts were used for the chimneys.

Matt Semenas showed us his replacement MRC wifi connector that will allow him to control his DCC locomotives using an Apple iPad/iphone.

Ian Barnes showed us his ingenious teaching aid for model railroad "newbies" to show how L-girder benchwork construction goes together. Ian presented a demonstration "kit" (photo at right) of what looked like HO scale lumber that he made to represent L-girder construction. The kit can be used to demonstrate how everything is assembled into the benchwork for a model railroad layout.





The last say....

The Epping Model Railway Club hosted their June long weekend exhibition this year at Rosehill Racecourse. The exhibition was moved to the new location to provide better facilities for the public, the retailers, and the layout owners. Parking was much easier than at the previous location in Thornleigh. Better still, one could even get to the exhibition by Sydney suburban train which is the mode of transport I took. Had the exhibition stayed at Thornleigh, CityRail trackwork would have meant no trains which has been a problem bedevilling the exhibition for many years now.

Once inside, there was plenty of room to see a vast array of exhibits. While I had seen most of the layouts before, they seemed to have sparkled in the bigger surroundings. The usual bevy of retailers were there and I naturally spent a few dollars or two during the day. The only hiccup on the day (Saturday for me) was the catering at lunchtime with the one hour long wait in the queue (through no fault of the Epping Club). Thankfully, the problem was resolved for patrons on the Sunday and Monday. I understand that the exhibition will again be held at Rosehill in 2019.

All in all, it was a good day and well worth the trip up from Canberra.

Brad

The next meeting

The next meeting will also be at the home of Stephe Jitts in Yass but with John Martin presenting. The meeting starts at 1pm on Saturday 21 July. Remember to RSVP.

What and where?

Last issue saw a photo of a steam locomotive from Jack Child. Some may say I gave away too many clues but only 3 entries received. Rob Nesbitt once again won gold, correctly identifying the loco as 900 of the Milwaukee Road. The loco is preserved at Wileca, Alaska.

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What and where is this locomotive?

