



THE FLIMSY

NMRA Division 2 Newsletter

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In this issue.

From the editor

At home ~ Show-n-tell

The last say

COVID-19 / Variants ~ Adhere to medical advice & instructions.

COVID-19, there are an increasing number of variants manifesting these being a concern than realised, hence masks as other protective measures are highly recommended in CROWDED AREAS as safe hygiene.

I am pleased that the Div 2 Members continue to 'bling' my inbox with their 'at home S&T'

Robin.

Div 2 Superintendent Report:

January 2023.Div 2 meeting will be hosted by Mal RISBY

2023 Div 2 hosted meetings, submit your details to Stephen O'BRIEN sob1952@hotmail.com

Stephen O'Brien.

At home Show-n-tell.

Martin CANTEROS PAZ:

Video of a 14 minutes walkaround of the Union Pacific Snowy Valleys Division Tumut NSW Australia

<https://youtu.be/UgkWv7YRKzq>

Stephe JITTS:

KVHR ver3 progress.

OK the room is finished, walls, insulation, air conditioning lighting and carpet.

Now, can I remember how it all goes together?





Robin FOSTER:

Project 1:

At a previous Div 2 meeting a question was raised as to those embroidery cases for paint holders accepting other containers as ones purchased for the VALLEJO dropper bottles.

Simple answer: only with modifications, one could simple discard the foam & make dividers.

Placement of various containers then cutting out the 'X' with scissors.





Testing with various containers as War hammer, Francheville, Gunze / Mr Hobby, TAMIYA & Floquil / Polly scale, at least they are secure.



Project 2.

Those ATHEARN locomotive 'rubber band' items can be found at time on auctions as second-hand tables or in this case the 'one day box' when the 'newer item' appeared. These can be 'recycled' & added to your roster. I do have a few where consideration was given to resurrect to unpowered units.

The image below shows the top & bottom for a G7 after the motor as what was left of the rubber bands was removed.

The drill holes: don't make the error to 'drill' from the top as can be viewed the hole will not marry up with the bogie centre.

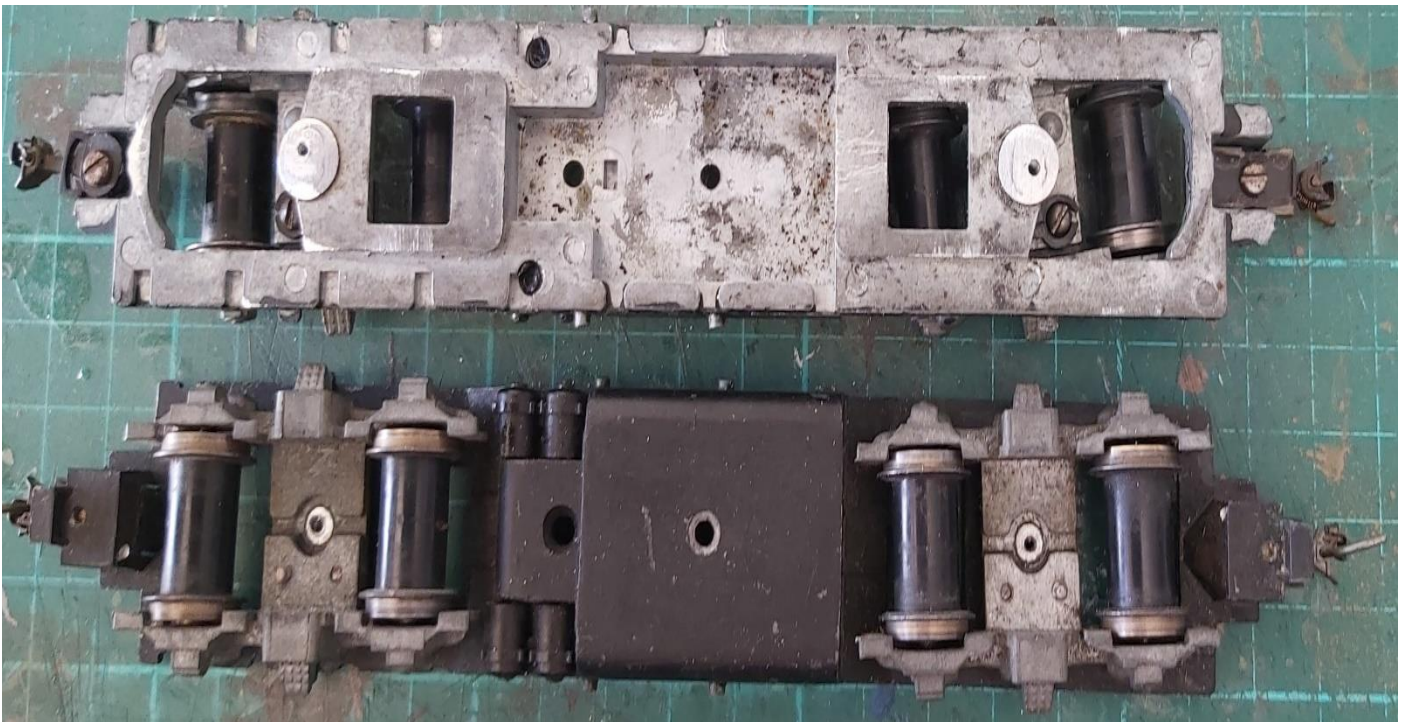
With the bogie removed 'file the top of the round centre flat with a file' then finding centre / centre punch.

Setting up for drilling using the DREMEL bench drill with a KADEE 2.56 drill bit

Placing the item in vice adjust to align the drill bit to the centre punched mark.

Before turning on the power, check, recheck the position for the drill bit, when satisfied start the drill to a medium RPM and slowly present to the mark, adjust if required then start the cut using small insertions removing to remove the swarf, using lubrication as required, until the drill punches through.

Threading with the KADEE 2.56 tap, never hurry this process and do small, twist reversing regularly to 'break the chip' continue until desired length is reached. I have found bee' wax most suitable for the lubrication for the tap thread.

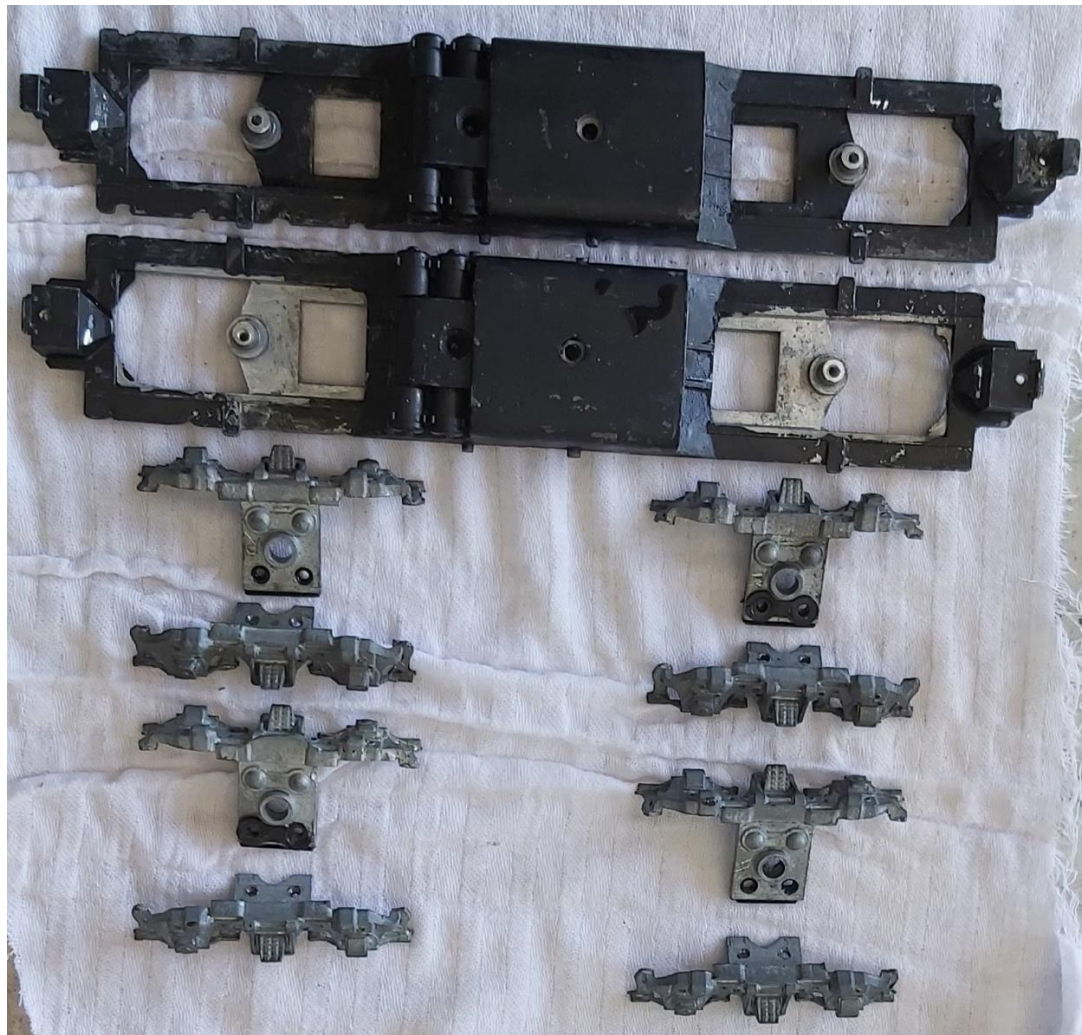


The removed HIFI wheelsets were relocated to the 'recycle box', replaced with suitable North West Short Line (NWSL) 40" wheelsets where it was found the inside of the truck side frames required some re-setting / drilling out to accept the new axle pinpoints.



Clean up:

Disassemble the trucks & place in the ultra-sonic cleaner as with the frames to clean



When parts are dry painting the frames / trucks and 'weathering' the wheels they are ready for reassembling



Those three CWRR [yet to be renamed] were purchased decades ago from eBay USA and in the lash-up pose quite a diorama posed picture.



Project 3.

Then onto the next 'long procrastinated project' stored from an exhibition sale table, 2 years ago an undecorated WALTHERS Great Dome destined for the livery of a BN / GN 'Great White Whale'.

Pictures are vital to allow masking areas. A BACHMAN Santa Fe Great Dome being the subject for the test repaint, only required to remove the Santa Fe lettering a wash with an application of VALLEJO Light Grey paint which was left to cure for over a year! Time to re-start the project again using VALLEJO Air white applied & allowed to cure for 7 days.

Masking is one of those areas that takes time to obtain in setting the straight lines where curves seem to take forever to get it at least looking right, but the proof is in the removing the masking tape,

A mixture of TAMIYA thin tape then Painter Frog tape layered on top to seal the area.

A paint sample to test for BN Green was mixed using VALLEJO VMA 71.094 ,71.089 & 71.095





Just to compare those Great Domes, top BACHMANN and a WALTHERS BN [with the BN logo removed] this took some time to remove using VALLEJO thinners on a Q tip using the soak and a wipe method many times where one side was more difficult in removing, inadvertently scraped down and nicked into the green.as can be seen 1/3rd on the left-hand side.



Top BACHMANN with white Dome roof. Lower the WALTHERS one of the sides, remembering to place the 'hockey stick' correctly on the opposite side.



Top: WALTHERS Dome painted VALLEJO black, Centre the side, Lower: BACHMANN with Black roof



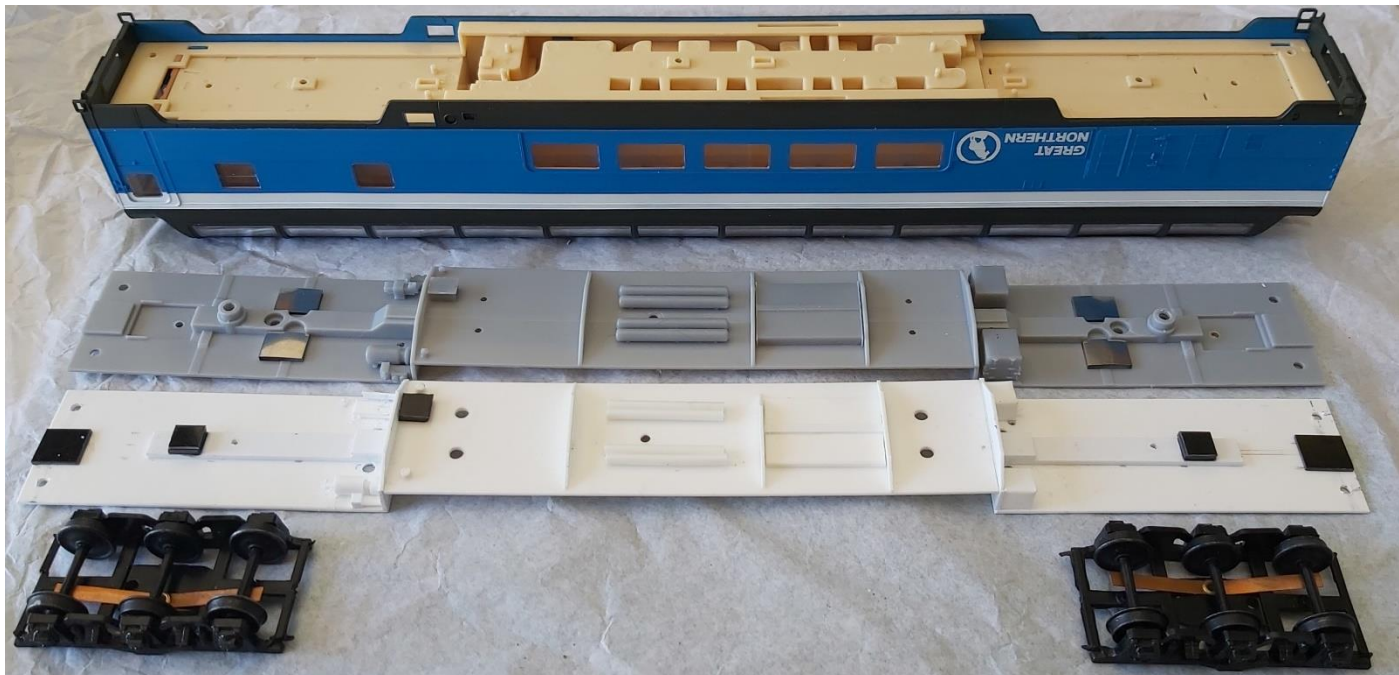
The WALTHERS interior, airbrushed VALLEJO Model Air 71.036 Mahogany, some seated figures stored ready for assembling, a 'next year' project.



BACHMANN ready for the GN Logo also requiring a coat of black paint the side frames.



Another project stored from an exhibition Sale table, 2 years ago, a WALTHERS Great Dome BSB lacking parts of the underframe & Bogies. Fabricated using Evergreen styrene using the WALTHERS frame as a guide and finding a set of WALTHERS part # 933-897 6-wheel passenger truck w/wiper [found in the parts box] replacing those WALTHERS wheelsets with KADEE 33" wheelsets. with a KATO coupler in a KADDE box



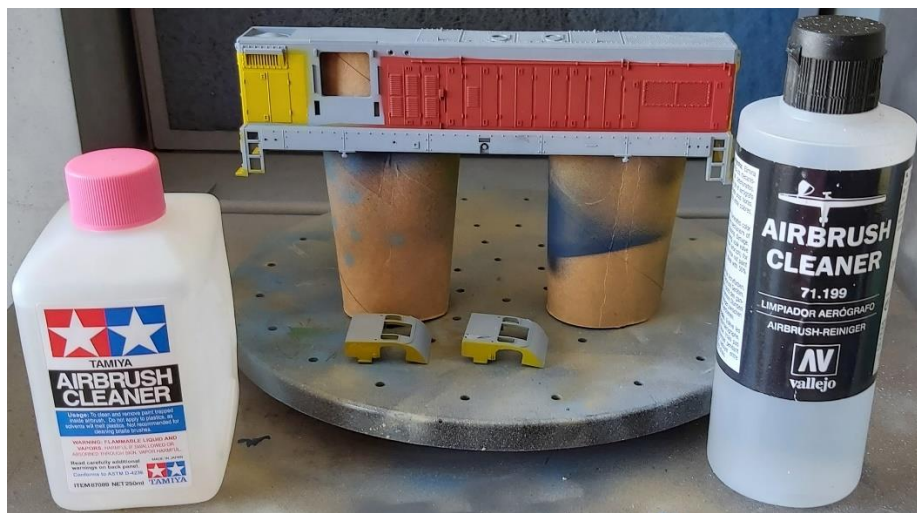
Assembled, tested & ready for painting



Project 4.

FRATESCHI undecorated 3500 being prepared for a NZ Livery DA.

Finding supplies: Visit to Super Toy World FYSHWICK: as soon as they arrive word spreads very quickly being snaffled up and items are again in short supply. I was informed that the TAMIYA Airbrush Cleaner being compatible as a substitute for the VALLEJO Airbrush cleaner Note: I haven't tried it yet but will advise



Rob NESBITT:

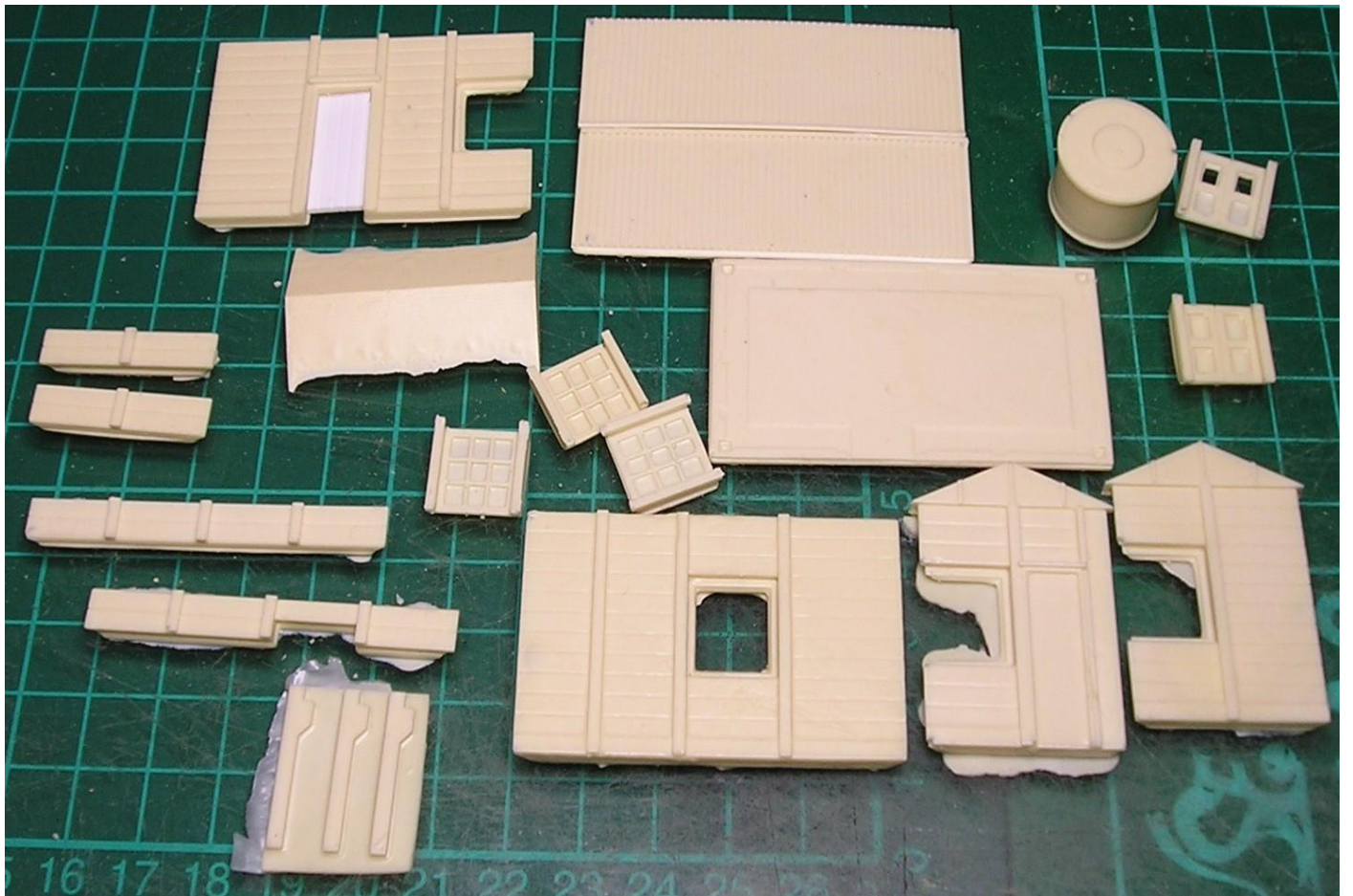
As a change of pace, I had a go at assembling a National Park signal box kit. This kit is actually a preproduction sample and to give the kit maker some feedback.

The master for the kit was 3D printed, and RTV moulds made. What I received was some resin castings, and styrene strip

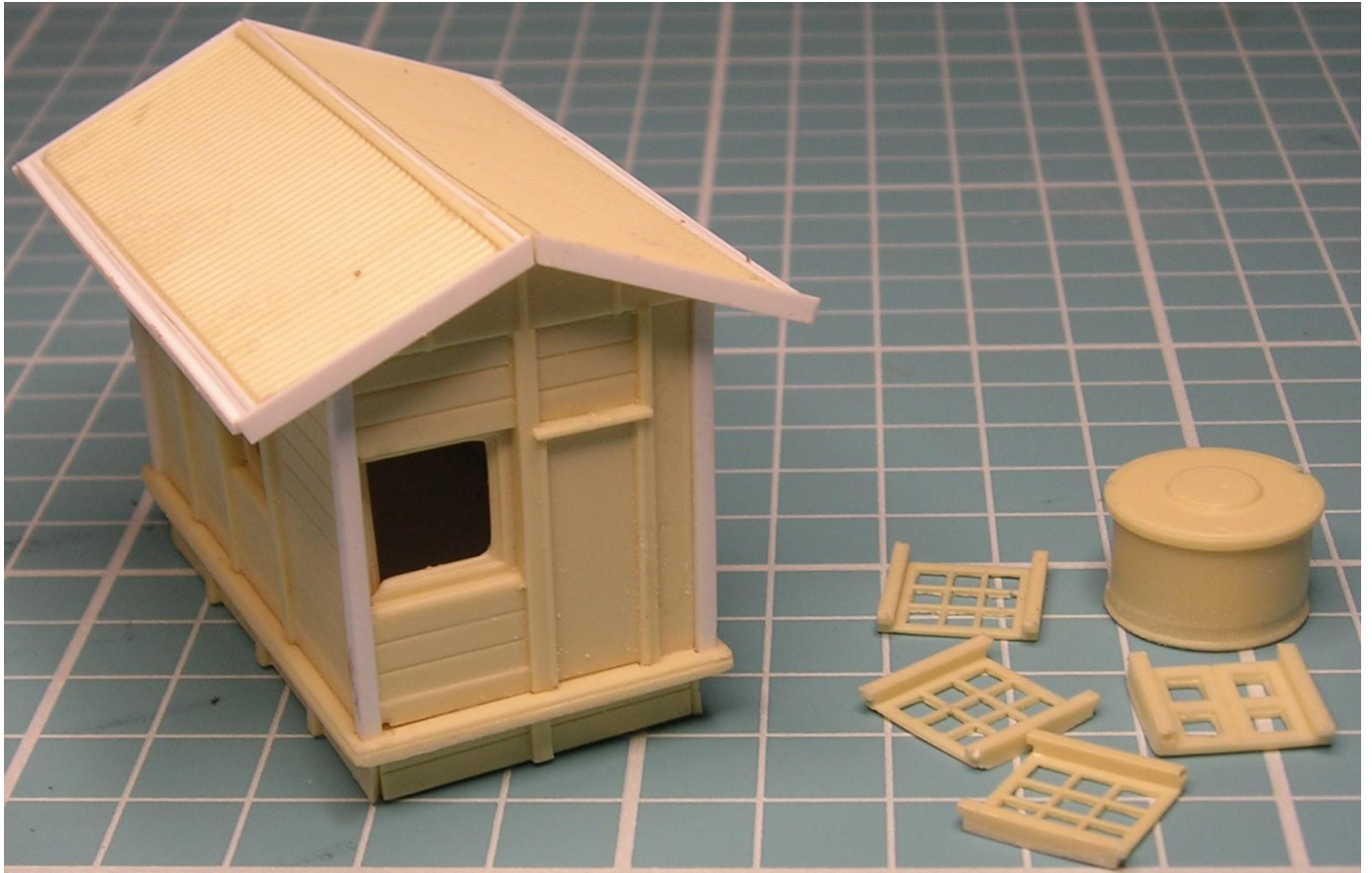
Unfortunately, I am a clutz when it comes to the use of super glue and cleaning up the resin is not a task I enjoy. So, the fit of the parts was less than good and not up to my standards. The roof is the area where I am not happy with, the roof capping didn't quite work as expected, probably due to the forementioned part fit.

The National Park signal box



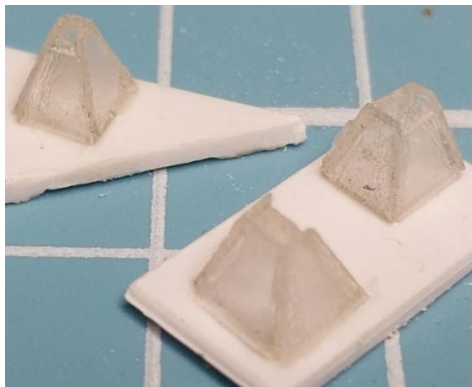


That just leaves the water tank, and spouting - Bob Taaffe's book has an excellent picture, which will help.

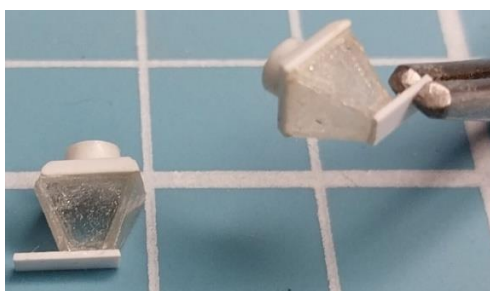


I had given up trying to source suitable lamps to grace the outside of my Wagga station, so I thought I would waste a day and try and make something from scratch. The station has 3 such lamps. Picture shows one of them on the gent's toilet block.

I found some scrap clear styrene sheet - probably 0.020 thick and cut quite a number of shaped glass panes. Styrene cement adhered these to offcuts of 0.040 thick styrene sheet.



After drying, these were cut to size, and the 0.040 styrene filed to shape. Additional styrene added - a 1.5mm thick cylinder of rod for the top, and a small base from 0.015 x 0.080 strip for the bottom.



Addition of a brass wire with superglue, and then paint the "metalwork", drill a hole in the wall for the wire extension, insert the lamp.



Yes, I know they are slightly larger than HO scale, but there is a limit to what my fat fingers will hold. But they don't look out of place from normal viewing angles.

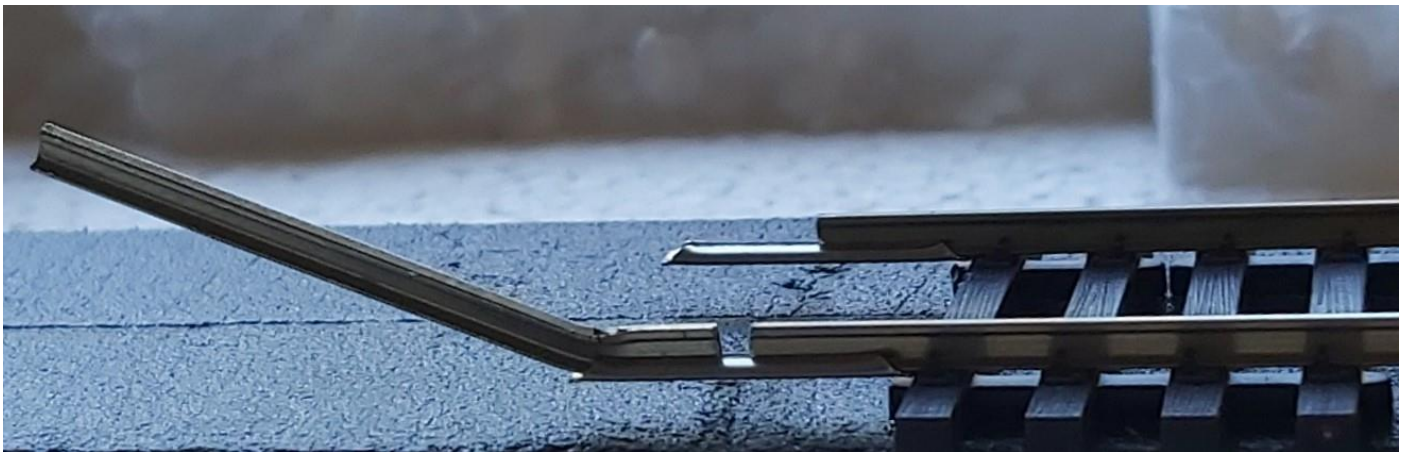
I would say it was a day well spent.



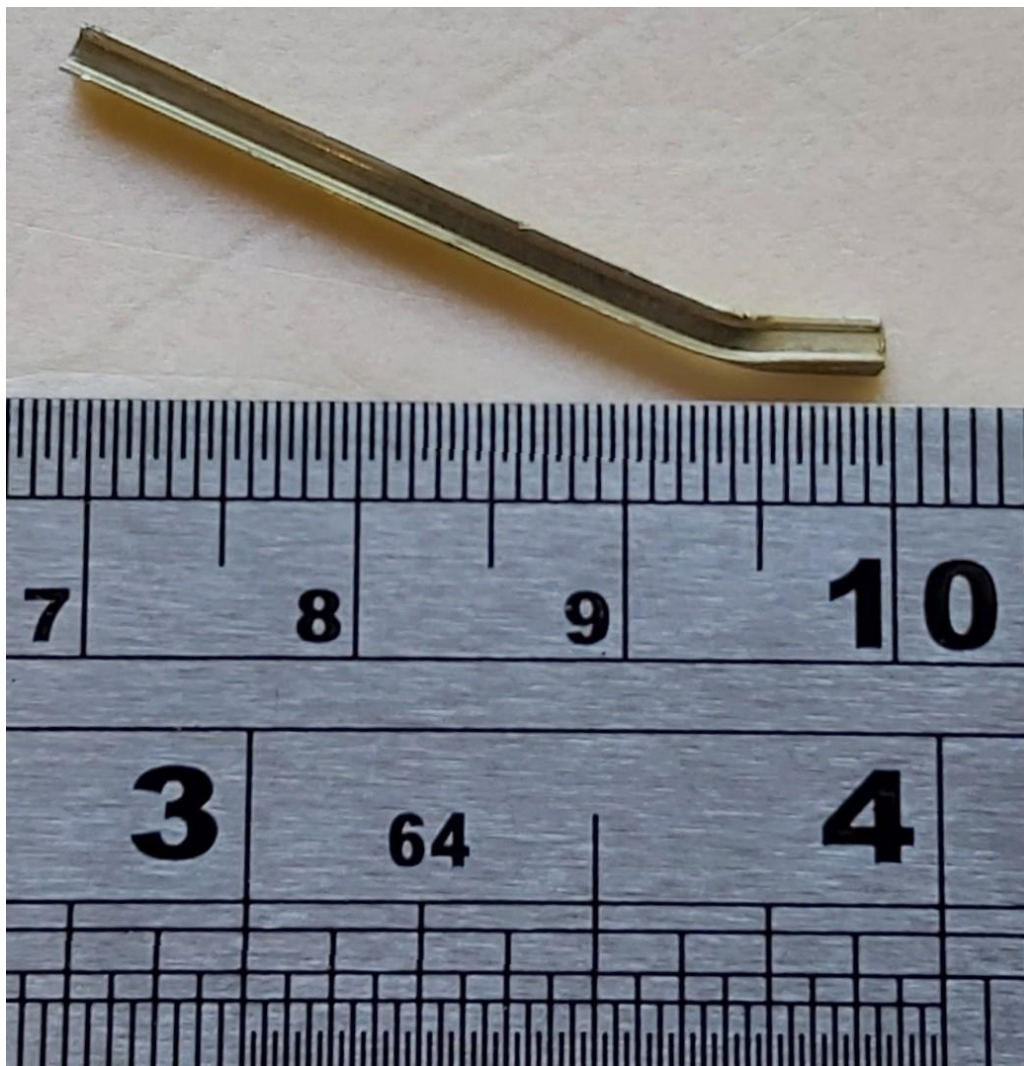
Building Wagga updates can be found on : <http://buildingwagga.blogspot.com/>

Ben FEATHERSTON:

From the recycle box; cut off rail can be made for a useful tool for inserting fishplates easily without damaging fingers or the fishplate.



The 'tool', dimensions in this case Code 83 PECO rail, also adaptable for your choice for other Code rail.



The last say.

Austerity be Frugal & Recycle.

As we farewell 2022, with its issues with many health matters that confronted us, COVID with its many variants then nearing years end the grasses & flower pollens gave many symptoms to our immune system like having the flu.

Good news is that exhibitions are being planned for 2023, we look forward to these to again 'tour' the areas to view layouts as the retailers to see 'what is new / news'

Remember and adhere to the ~COVID-19~ medical advises as updates.

A CHALLENGE for 2023

Meetings as articles for presentations form only part for The FLIMSY for information to Members where for various reasons are unable to attend, hence the 'At home Show-n-tell' has been a success adding to the Div 2 Meetings.

The Challenge is: for each Member to do at least one S&T at a Div 2 meeting or an 'At home Show-n-tell', perhaps both, for 2023, pictures with a short blurb or a no limit to writing up the article.ie:

Building kits in my spare time.



Watch emails for updates to Div 2 meetings & continue to 'BLING' to my inbox to the activities of Div 2 members in modelling at home.

Keep on training

Robin.

2023: Time to consider an Expression of Interest for hosting a Div 2 Meeting.

To comply with any current medical rulings for meetings this will be advised.

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