



THE FLIMSY

NMRA Division 2 Newsletter

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COVID-19 ~ Adhere to medical advice & instructions.

The variants to COVID-19 are causing more concern than realised, hence masks are highly recommended in CROWDED AREAS as safe hygiene practices and with Winter nearing a 'flu shot' is also recommended

Message from our Div 2 Super, Stephen O'BRIEN.

Our Div 2 meeting will be hosted by the members of the Eurobodalla Model Railway Club on the south coast of NSW who hosted a successful meeting this time last year.

I think everyone who attended enjoyed the weekend and the activities provided.

Would encourage members who were unable to attend last year to consider the meeting this year.

Again, this is a weekend for families to enjoy the delights of the coast which has plenty to offer.

If you have items, you wish to sell this is a good opportunity to find a buyer for the sale table.

All the layouts that will be open to us are truly worth seeing and the thought that has gone into them.

Dates: Saturday 18th June to Sunday 19th June

Editors' note:

The Epping / Rosehill exhibition in May was a must 'get to' following the hiatus for exhibitions from the COVID-19 lockdowns.

When the doors were opened the rush ... more a dash and in some cases a sprint to the second-hand area was quickly crowded displaying heaped tables of offerings being sifted / rooted through, it took an hour to circumnavigate around the tables where some were going against the rhythm of the flow.

Hands were coming from all directions to sift-n-find what one's eyes would find that bargain under those piles of wares.

Items gathered time to find the que for payment, where it was noted that some had very large bags, perhaps a shopping trolley would have been handier, where this was another slow waddle towards the cashier where sometime to make banter between buyers passed the time & finding more desirable items along the way taking another hour to pay for the gathered items.

By lunchtime it was noted that over 60% of the pile was reduced and this was the Saturday!

The tour of the exhibition layouts next order of business for viewing & chats amongst the many retailers

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

Robin.

April meeting Show-n-tell.

John GILLIES:

The Div 2 meeting on the platform at Queanbeyan railway station was briefly interrupted by the return of the Picnic Train returning from Bungendore to Canberra.

A couple of snaps from both ends the lighting for both was less than ideal for my mobile phone.





At home ~ Show-n-tell.

Ian BARNES:

Another example of his modification to a Micro Mark Uncouple Lite. This is a handy tool for uncoupling HO scale Kadee couplers and might be suitable for other larger scales. Essentially, it is a substitute for the oft used kebab or "swizzle" stick, or dental brush Pikster, but with an important difference - the Uncouple Lite has an inbuilt light which shines on the area being uncoupled. Being able to see what you are doing in such a confined space, often with poor layout lighting, makes a big difference to uncoupling.

Taken this to another step further.

To cushion the brutality of a "stick", which can damage the couplers, he has fixed a Pikster to the end.

The result is a soft "swizzle" stick with a light!



David VIRGO:

NSW K wagon 5000-gallon tank in HO scale

Background references:

- Original article in AMRM June 1977
- Additional photo of k wagon 22732/ tank L133 from ARHS

The original AMRM article referred to wagon L389/k113346. This was an older K truck with flat panels on the sides and the ends.

K wagon models in HO:

The model wagons I had available for this project were:

- a RTR Austrians K wagons with diamond panels (figure 1)
- a Bergs kit-built version with flat side panels and dreadnought ends (figure 1)
- a kit version from Silvermaz / Casula Hobbies with diamond panels.

The Casula / Silvermaz kit is still available whilst the older Bergs kit maybe hard to find. The water tank itself was once available from Casula Hobbies. But again, this is now not listed in their catalogue

Figure 1 Austrains RTR Diamond Ends and Bergs Kit dreadnought ends



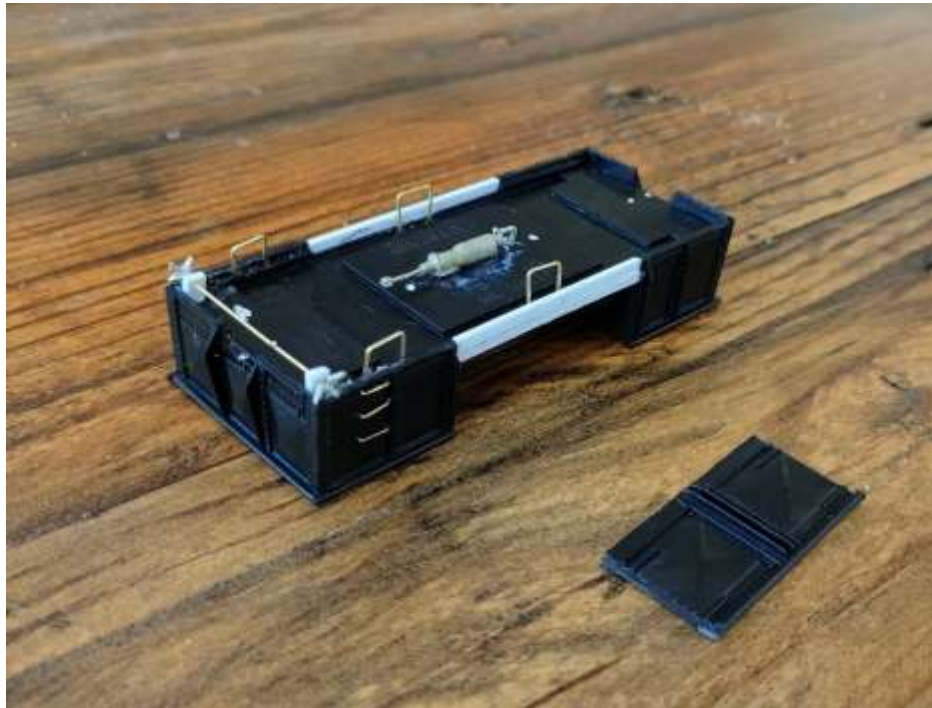
How I did it:

I purchased the available Casula hobbies kit with the intention of replacing the diamond ends with 3d printed replacement flat panels. An alternative would have been to use styrene sheet and strips to create the ends. The side diamond panels are in the doors, and these are discarded so wouldn't be an issue.

However, it was a bit of luck that I decided to check the ARHS photo archive (available online to ARHS members) for K wagon examples. There I found a very clear image of a diamond panel K wagon fitted with a water tank. It's nice to have a photo of a prototype that requires slightly less work to model.

With the wagon kit sorted, I needed a water tank. Whilst it would be possible to scratch build a tank from styrene sheet and strips or shape one in Balsa wood, I planned to 3D print the basic shape and add some details with styrene strip. The AMRM article included a plan with dimensions for the water tank. These were adjusted to create a tank that would fit within the Casula K wagon. It's worth noting that the interior dimensions of the 3 different models all vary slightly which means adjusting the tank size to suit.

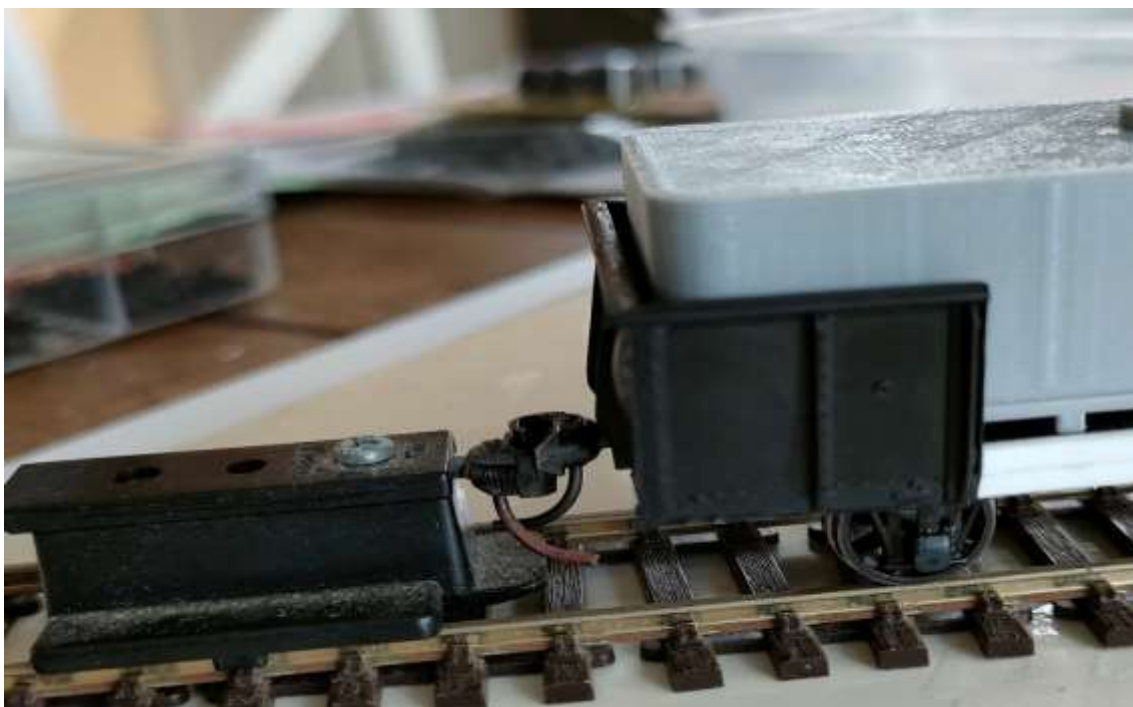
Figure 2 Silvermaz Kit with door removed and basic detail added



Coupler problem:

An unexpected issue was a difference in the height of the floor from what I expected. Although the top of the Silvermaz wagon is the same height as the other models, the floor mounting for the kadee is higher as shown in figure 3. Adding shims wasn't possible as I had already fitted some detail that ran over the coupler box. so, I have ordered some overset couplers which are yet to arrive.

Figure 3 Coupler height issue



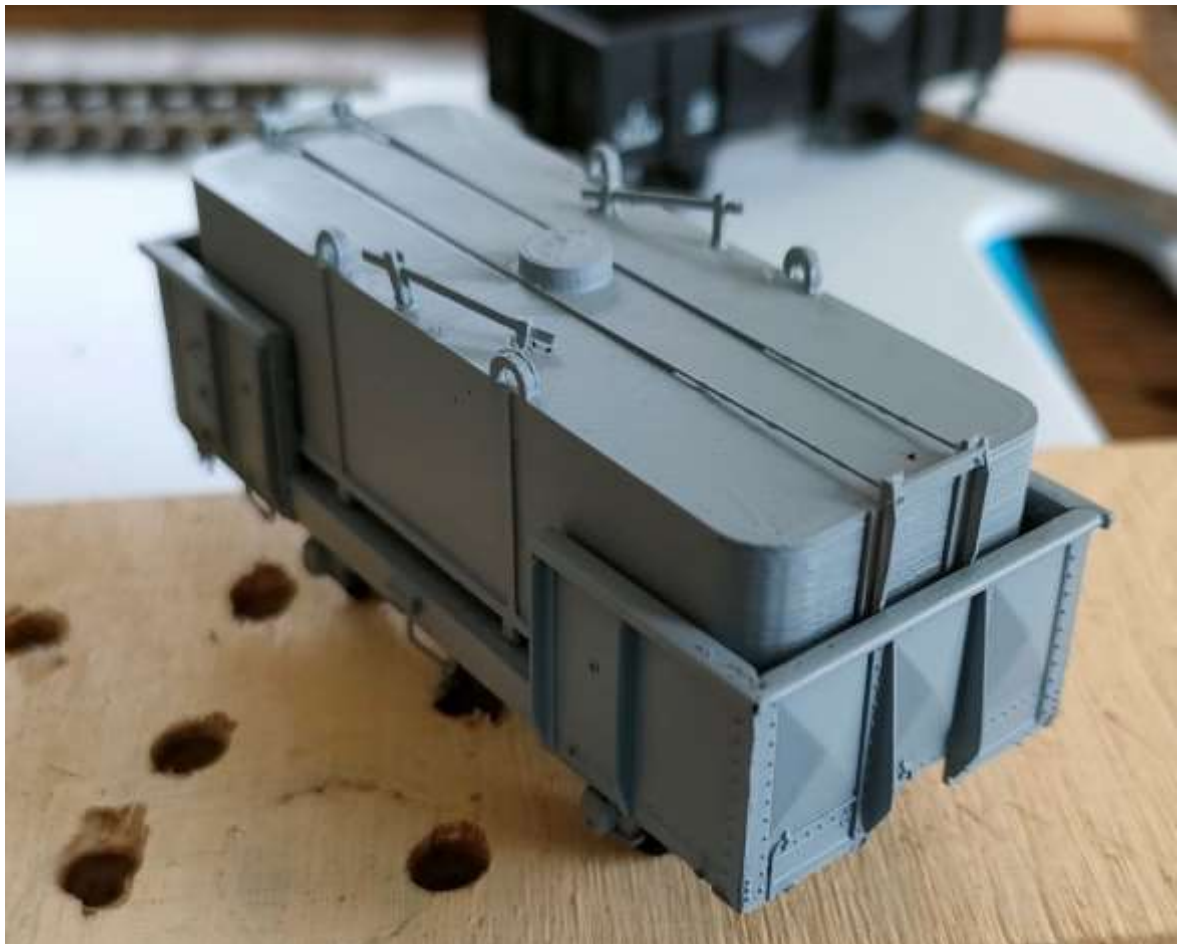
The almost finished model:

Overall, I am happy with the model. It would have been nice to use etched brass lifting rings but that can wait for another day. Once the couplers arrive, I will paint using a blackish grey and add decals.

Figure 4 Primed model side



Figure 5 Primed model end



Rob NESBITT:

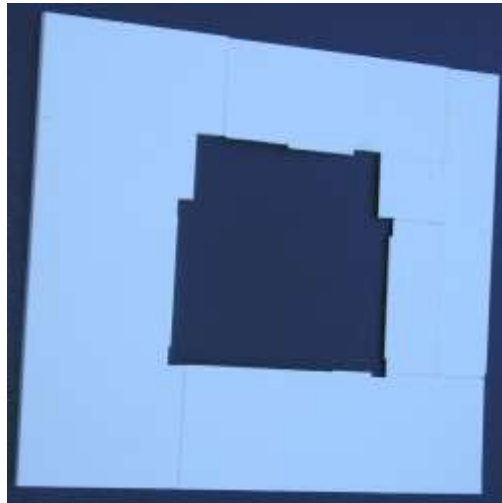
Abandoned VR Walkers Railmotor - at Huon, on the line (now a rail trail) to Tallangatta. 22/5/22



Picture of my model of a Walkers Railcar for comparison



Workbench activities have been the concrete paving for the platform and surrounds. These pictures haven't been cropped, or tweaked, but you can see the subtle slope of the pavement in P1011582. After painting, they will get glued to the plank of wood. The buildings will slip into position. All the paving is now done - awaiting paint (tomorrow?) Today would have been ideal for painting, but the paving just wasn't ready.





Getting a bit dark for picture taking, just added the blacktop for the roadway on the entrance side - not yet weathered, so currently darker than it will be. The concrete paths around the station buildings have taken an age to fabricate. They aren't secured to the board at present - so some lifting is visible



The HO scale Road Ragers cars seem a bit small. They have been placed for effect - they should be angled parked (like in my 1980s picture of the station). It is nothing like the current parking arrangement where all the parking is in a separate car park.



Rob's blog <http://buildingwagga.blogspot.com/> for the updates which now have some interesting history to areas visited.

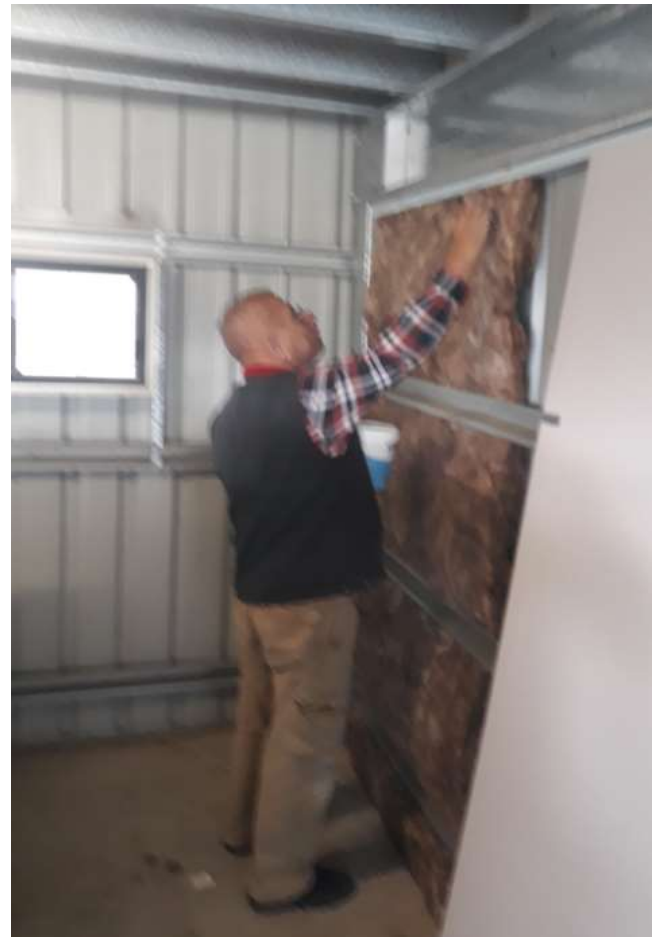
Brad HINTON:

Brad's blog is called Armchair Modeller Down Under. <https://armchairmodellerdownunder.blogspot.com/>

Stephe JITTS:

Update to the 'project at the new residence shed' aka the rebuild begins.

We've rewired the shed and now begins the insulation and lining





The last say.

Austerity Frugal & Recycle.

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

Being editor has advantages to learning what Members are up to in the at home Show-n-tell.

I indicated that I could extend to June, however, sooner would be more ideal to assist with the changeover.

If interested in the Div 2 The FLIMSY editor position for, please contact our Div 2 Supernatant: Stephen O'BRIEN.

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.

To comply with current COVID-19 rules meetings will be advised.

2022 is the year yet to be determined for scheduled events, consider & reserve your Expression of Interest for a possible hosting for a Div 2 Meeting.