



# THE FLIMSY

NMRA Division 2 Newsletter

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From the editor

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## **COVID-19 ~ Adhere to medical advice & instructions.**

Variants to COVID-19 will still be more concern than realised, hence masks are highly recommended in CROWDED AREAS as safe hygiene.

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

Robin.

## **Meeting Show-n-tell.**

### **Div 2 Superintendent:**

Stephen O'BRIEN presenting Stephen WALKER with his 25 Year Membership.





## **Best of Both, Model Railway Clubs**

Recent Division 2 meetings have discussed modular layouts or baseboards with Free Mo HO AUS coming to the fore.

The NMRA has not set a standard that I have found but on the NMRA.org website, modules and modular layouts are documented.

You may find this of interest.

Over time we have all accumulated enough rolling stock and material to build a museum size layout or set up a reasonably well stocked hobby shop.

Then change happens just like your 25-year membership of the NMRA.

The family home gets too big, lawn mowing & the garden becomes hard work.

Some members have downsized for a change of lifestyle and the planned or the half started mega layout just does not fit in the new abode.

This is where the Model Railway Club might be worth considering and complementing your NMRA membership, so you get the best of both worlds.

Some Division 2 members are already in one or more model railway clubs.

Most clubs have a shed/clubhouse maybe with a working model railway layout say in HO generally or scale specific (N Scale! ).

You can have your home module, switching freight cars at any time to suit you till boredom sets in.

The club layout may offer you the chance to run those long trains or short ones and enjoy the social aspects of the hobby with other members and see a world of different trains.

Clubs generally have regular running sessions each week, so it's just a matter of finding a time that suits.

What more can I say, as member of two local clubs I enjoy the benefits of both.

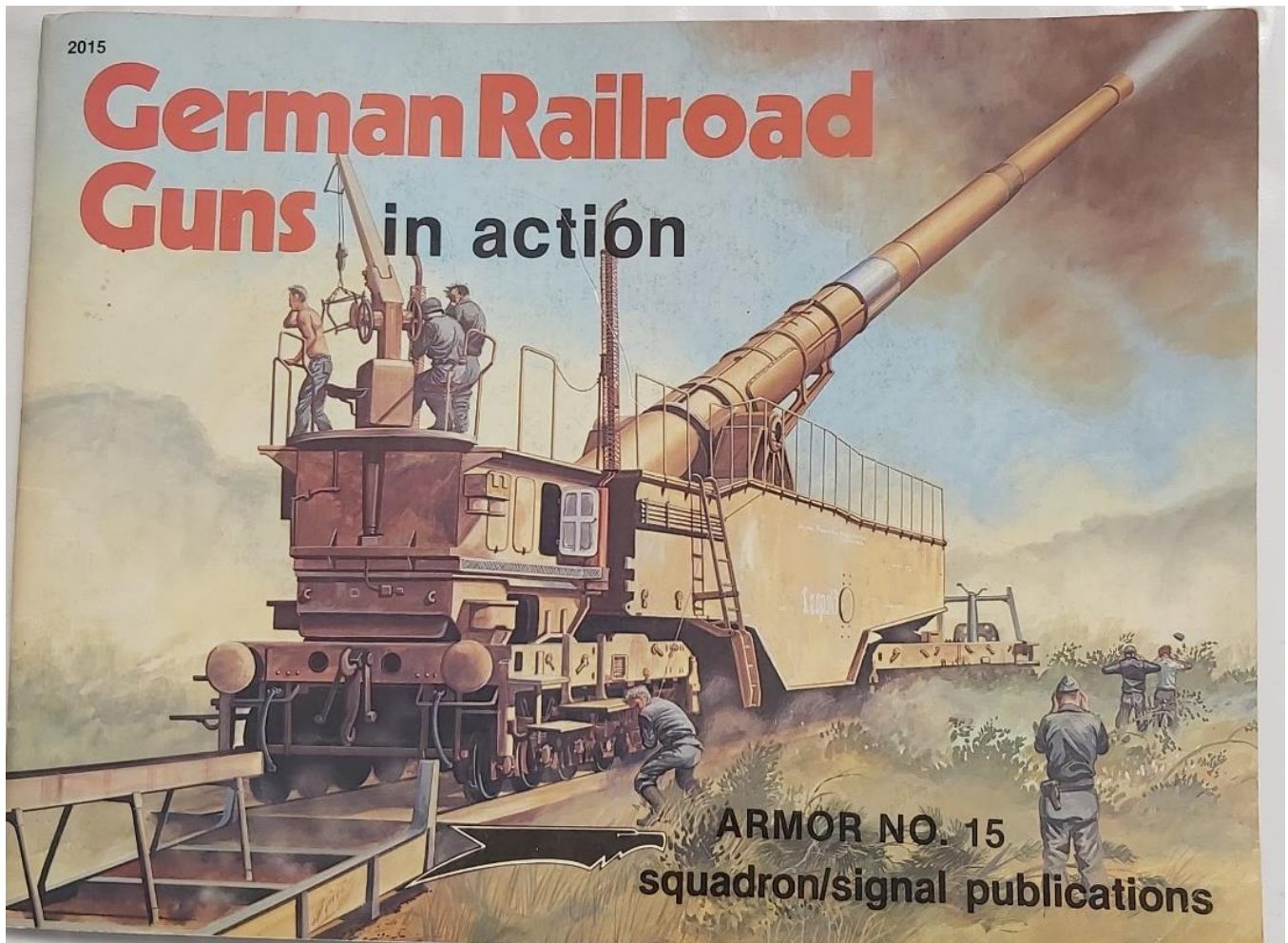
Membership of a model railway club may not be for everyone, but it is worth considering.

Stephen O'Brien



**Jess BRISBANE:**

Books are always a great source for information, especially when projects are being constructed from kits being a GERMAN Railroad gun



Hasegawa Leopold 1/72 kit of a K5(E) railway gun.

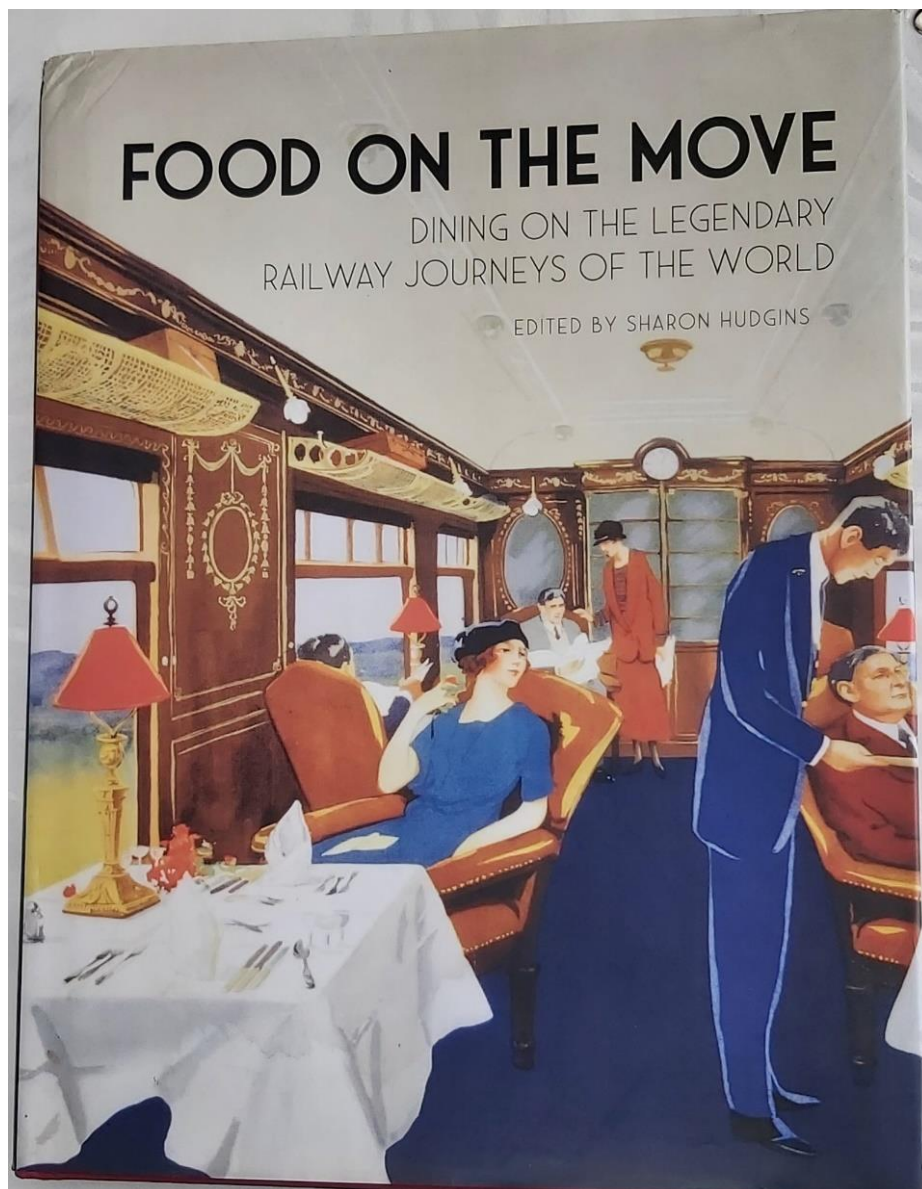




Scale figure shows just how huge the thing was.



FOOD ON THE MOVE presents what was on the menu for many Famous trains.

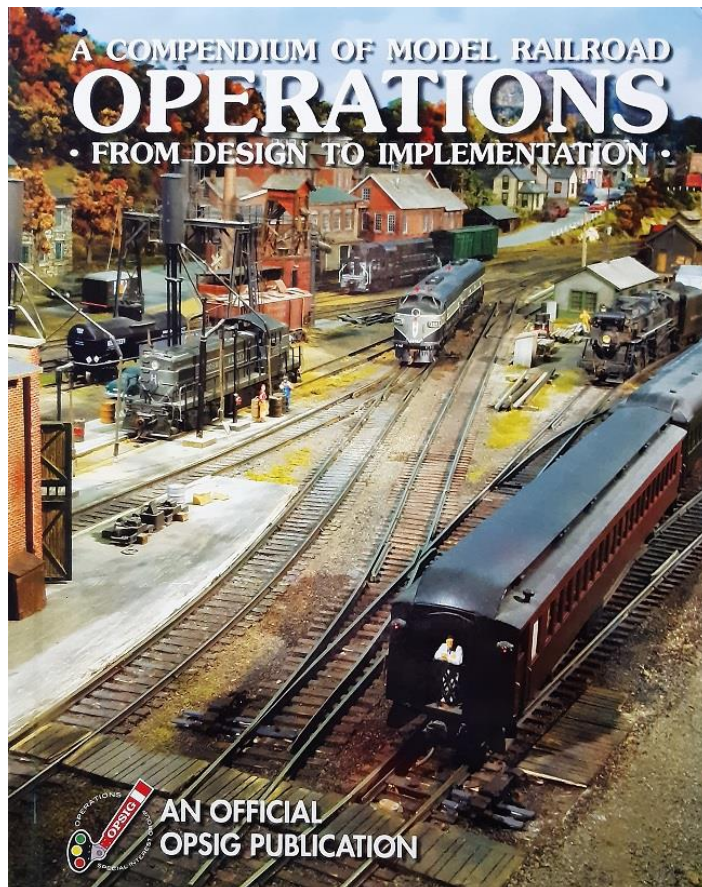




**John GILLIES:**

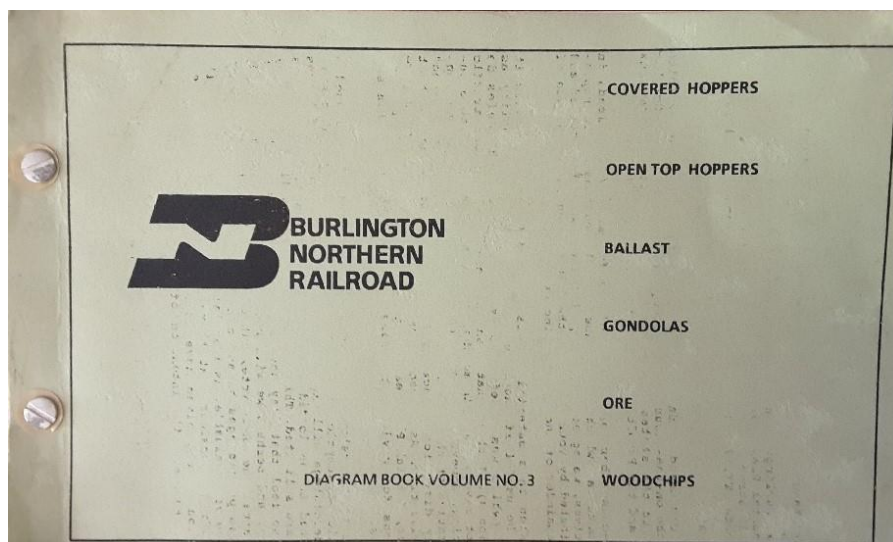
Tabled for perusal as indicated in the September 2022 The FLIMSY, the NMRA; An OFFICIAL OPSIGS Publication.

Interested in purchasing this publication; contact John GILLIES, the cut-off date is Saturday 19 November when John will be the host the next Div 2 meeting.



John Gillies brought a 1990 copy of Burlington Northern Diagram Book Volume No. 3 covering covered hoppers and open top hopper diagram that was a gift from a US Great Northern modeller who used to work in BN's marketing department. The book contains an 11-page cross referenced index of each BN and predecessor road series in car number sequence and 269 diagrams with dimensions, capacities and equipment details for each series of cars.

Cover page: Diagram Book Volume 3: BURLINGTON NORTHERN RAILROAD, rolling stock

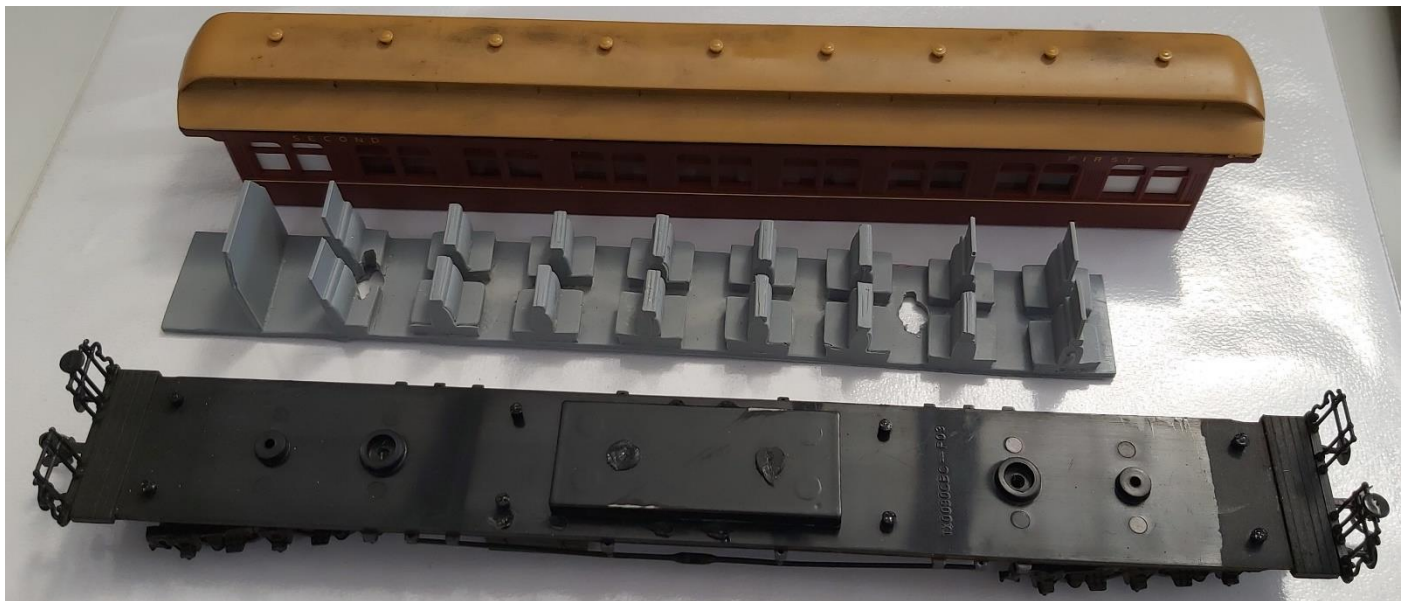




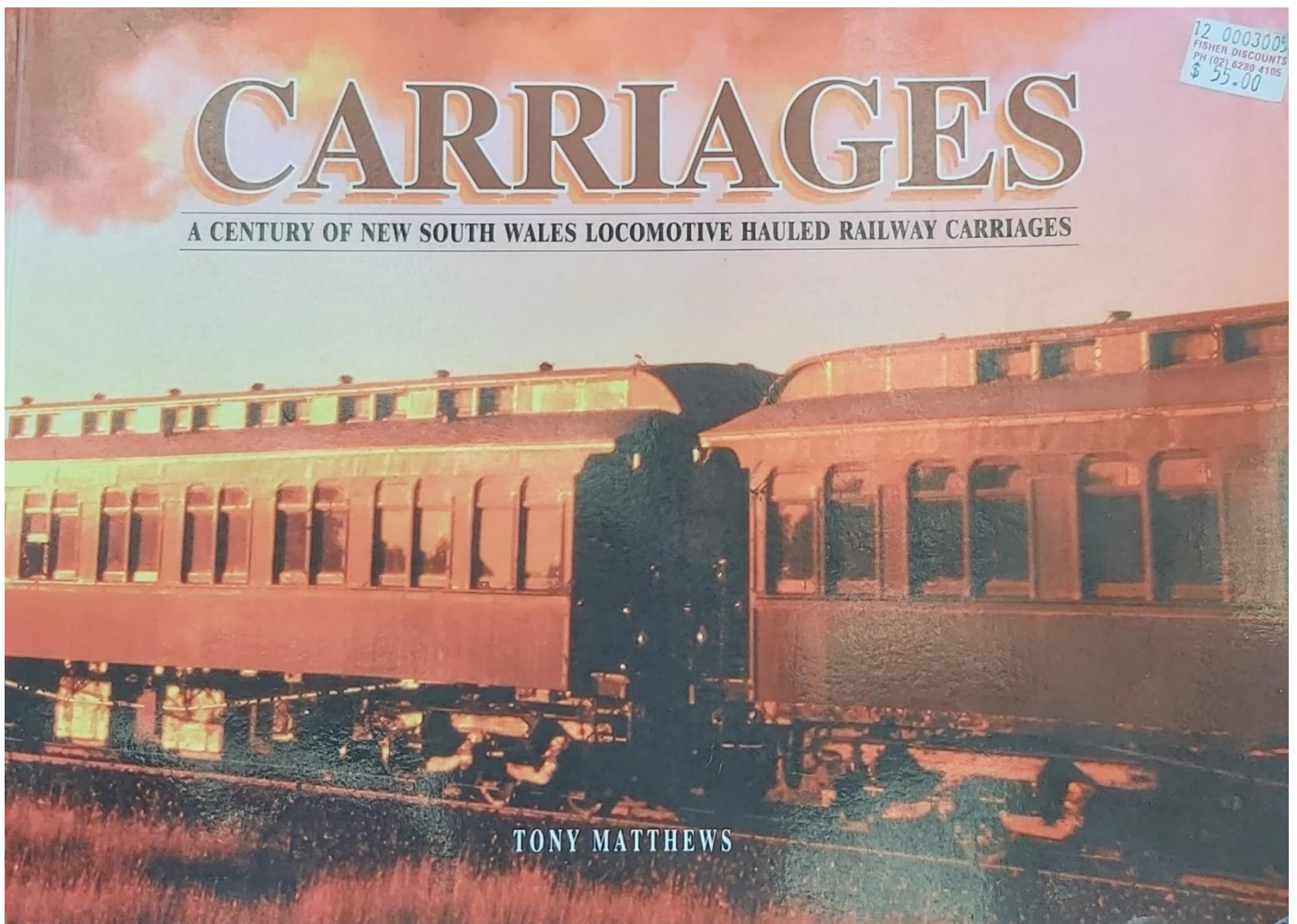
**Warren BACKHOUSE:**

Interiors for AUSTRAINS HX & CBC coaches.

Evergreen styrene, Sydney Hobbies seats



Reference: CARRIAGES a Century of New South Wales Locomotive hauled Railway Carriages, Tony MATTHEWS.



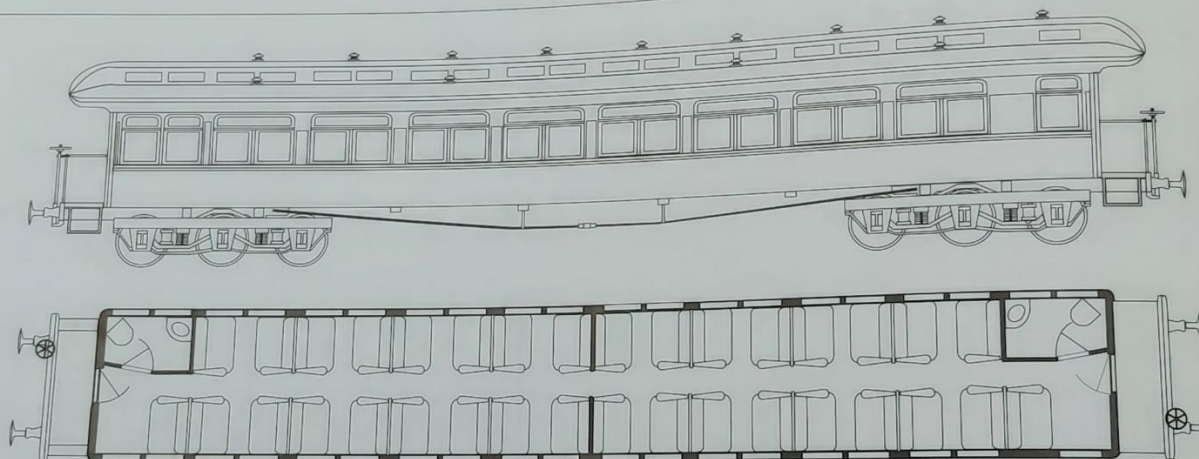
### PULLMAN CAR 61' 0" CORRIDOR CAR



CODE: HX  
Converted from BAM No. 2  
Tare - 37 ton - 4 cwt - 0 qrs  
Capacity: 60 Passengers

1934 version

### PULLMAN CAR 61' 0" SECOND CLASS CORRIDOR CAR



CODE: CFX  
Tare: 35 tons - 15 cwt - 0 qrs  
Capacity: 68 Passengers

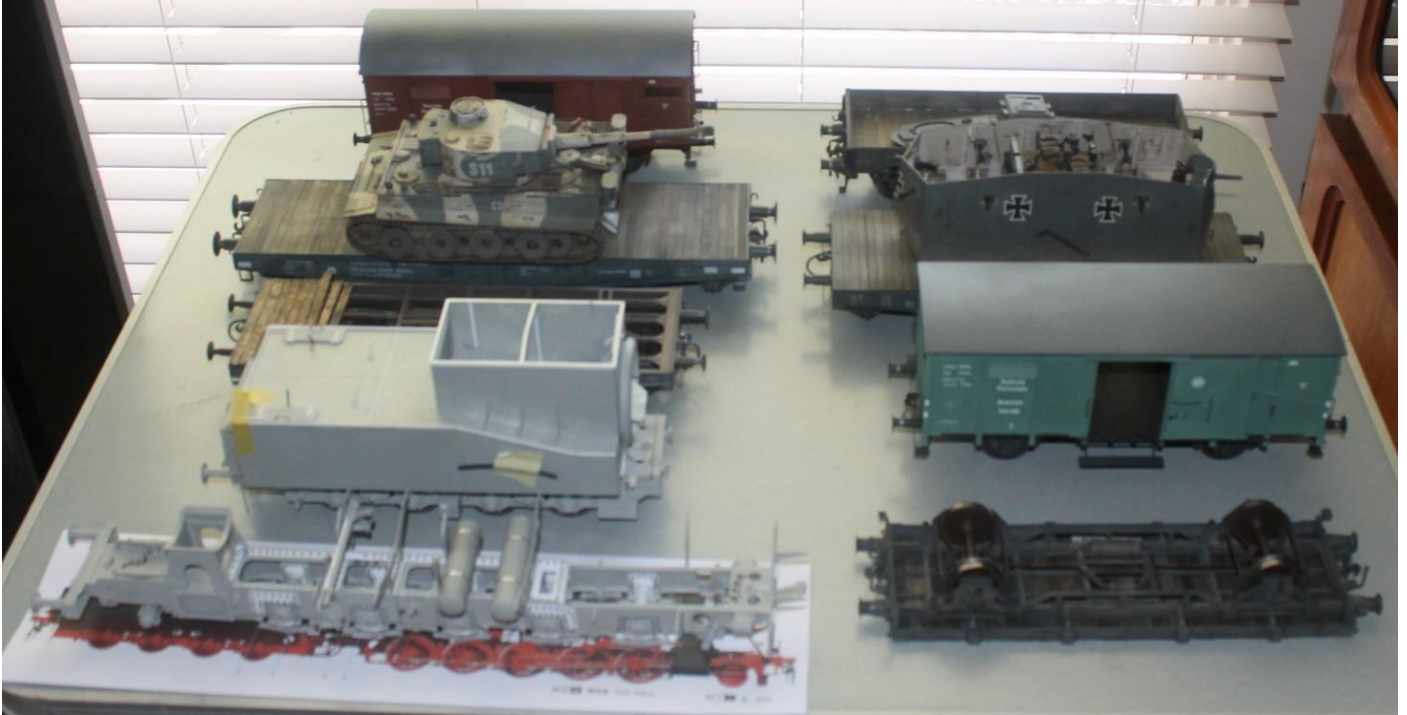
All 61ft Pullman cars had a measurement  
of 67ft. 11in. over end of platforms.



## HOST PRESENTATION.

David LOW presented a PowerPoint presentation & talk segment on his GOULBURN layout, unfortunately David hasn't uploaded this to any medias, this segment presentation was on the train that ran from Melbourne / Albury to Goulbourn, shunting rolling stock for the Canberra line, then continuing to SYDNEY.

David's other passion is Military modelling, these were spotted & displayed on a coffee table



Following this presentation Members were then invited to the layout for a running session  
There is a 'duck under' to access the operating area having limit to the number of operators

David has included several 'landmark' items unique to the area

GOULBURN Station.





The foot bridge and tower



A 48 class waits for a shunter's signal to couple to the coaches



Signal box





Hotel



Yard signal box



Top mounted PECO motors





The staging yard



NSW 8040, Bi-Centennial, shunting a VR car carrier loaded with factory fresh vehicles for delivery to SYDNEY.





More Military Armour items (tanks) were spotted in shelves inside the operator's area.



John MARTIN, David LOW, Stephen O'BRIEN & Wal PYWELL discussing the next required movement.



## At home ~Show-n-tell.

### **Martin Canteros Paz:**

Martin sent an email of his son, Nico, having a review on SCALE TRAINS website, showcasing an in-depth review video about our **Rivet Counter N Scale GE Standard Turbine Locomotive** by **Union Pacific Snowy Valleys Division** on YouTube. The video shows the model being unboxed, a quick glance at the manual, and a demonstration of the lighting and sound features.

Here's what he had to say: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B7MsZFTKq0g>

### **David VIRGO:**

Bridge update (3D printed)

Since my last "show and tell" in August, the 3D printed bridge has progressed nicely and is over 90% complete.

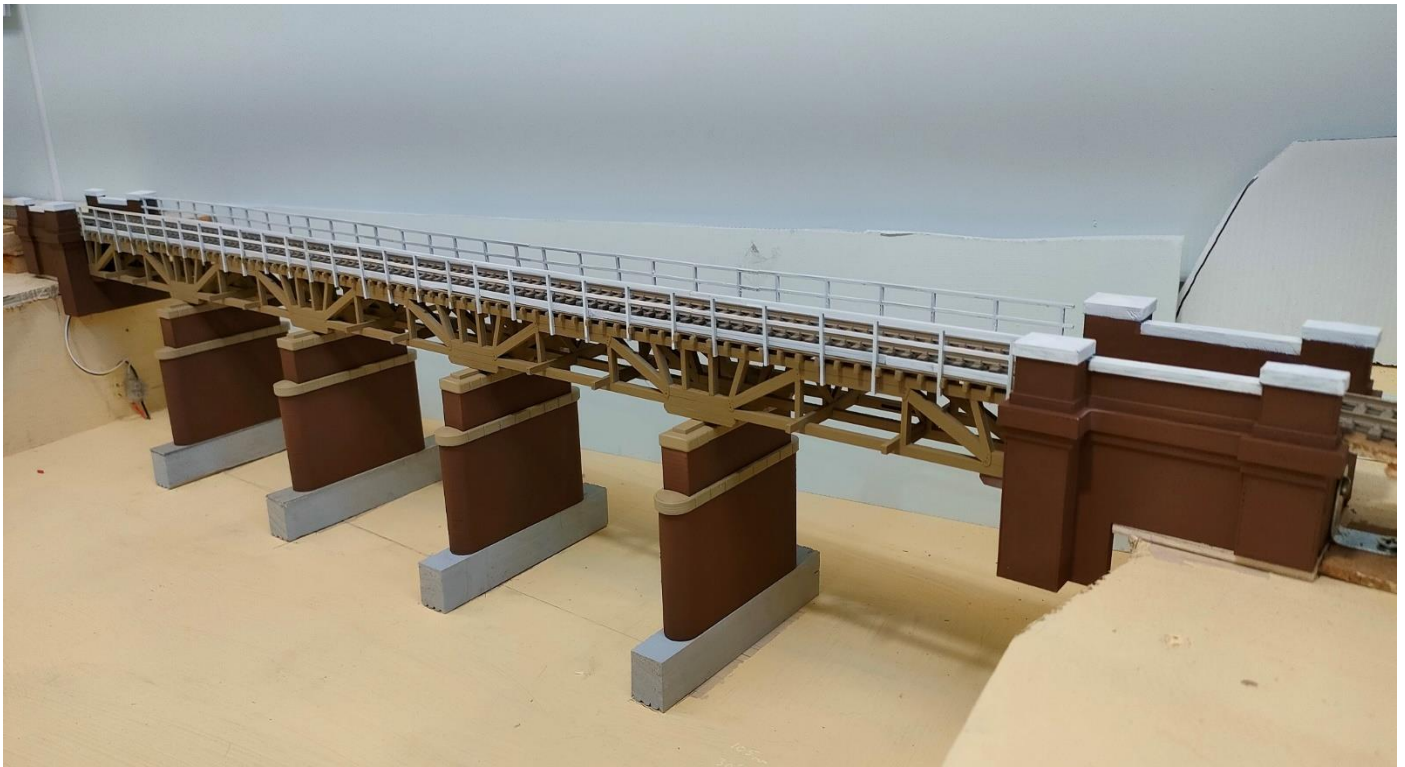
I settled on a design based on the prototype found at Tenterfield Creek south of Tenterfield NSW. The line was originally the mainline to Brisbane via the "break of gauge" station at Wallangarra on the NSW-QLD border. The bridge was designed as an impressive structure and is about 210 feet long with brick piers and abutments.





The HO scale model is about 750mm excluding the abutments and is the largest structure I have 3D printed for my layout. The photographs show the current state of model. It still requires more paint, ballasting and lateral braces. The main features of the bridge are:

- All 3D printed
- Simple details like truss “joiners” and some blockwork joints (see photo)
- Full length with 5x 42’ spans
- A ballasted deck
- Brick piers and abutments
- Power feeds to the track



**Jack CHILD:**

Tree placement:



This tree found a place on Walcha Road, this tree was featured in the September 2002 The FLIMSY.



**Matt SEMENAS:**

### **Matt's Humble Beginnings in HO Modelling 1989:**

Well folks I don't have much to report on my current layout so I thought it would be interesting to look back when I built my first layout with my son and then he got his friend involved as well. The layout was built in 1989 in the basement of our house in Calgary. For those of you folks that have seen my current layout you will recognize some of the buildings and rolling stock that is currently on my layout. When I took the overseas assignment here in Australia in mid 90's we demolished the layout, but I put most of the buildings, rolling stock and track into storage.

The photography is a bit crappy but what the heck it was my first attempt at a layout. My current one is a bit of an upgrade but includes all the rolling stock, some of the locomotives converted to DCC and about 20 of the buildings.

Enjoy and have a good laugh.

Please take special note of the control panel, impressive or what eh! The ranch house is currently part of the cattle and bison ranch that is currently up for sale on my layout and Putin is riding bare back checking out the ranch. The building has obviously been fully restored prior to the proposed sale.





Both the CP and Santa Fe locomotives have been converted and operating today on my current layout.

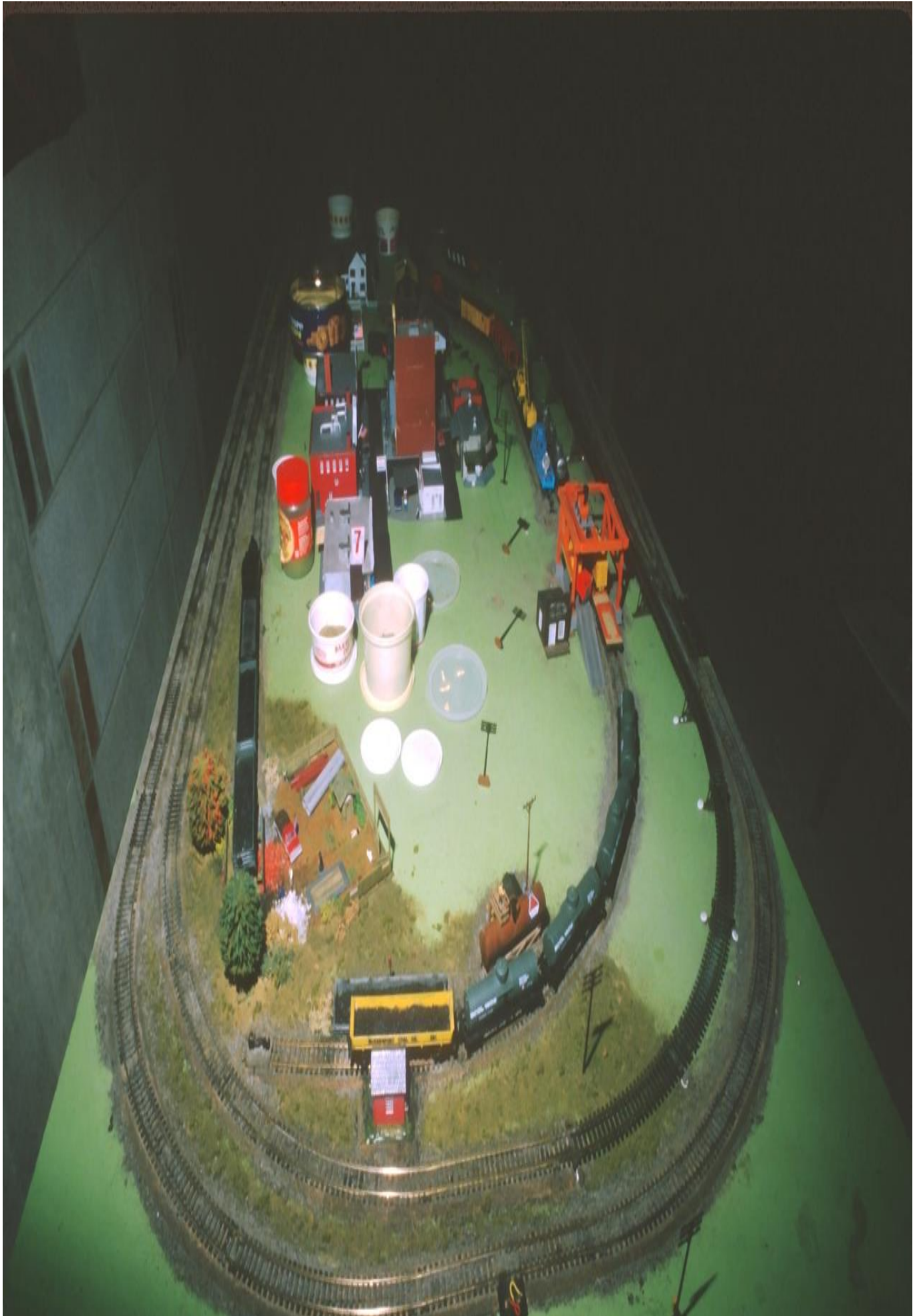


I would like to draw your attention to the very creative backdrops in this photo:

No artificial plaster rocks here it's the real stuff from the mountains:



Still a lot of work in progress that never got done before the move down under:







## **The last say.**

Austerity Frugal & Recycle.

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

Next Div 2 meeting will be 19 November 2022 at John GILLIES.

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 is just 2 months away, so consider an Expression of Interest for hosting a Div 2 Meeting.**

To comply with any current COVID-19 rulings for meetings will be advised.

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