



# THE FLIMSY

NMRA Division 2 Newsletter

January 2023

In this issue.

From the editor

Meeting & 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:**

The first meeting for 2023 Division 2 had a good roll up of members hosted by Malcom RISBY and his mother Marlene and it was just like the meetings Malcom hosted in pre-Covid times.

With time out during those restrictions Malcom has certainly progressed his layout and it was a good opportunity for members to see what has been achieved.

Welcomed new member Tony ROBERTS from Bombala and visitor Tom DOWLING a potential member.

Stephen O'BRIEN

Div 2 Superintendent.

## Meeting.

**Stephen O'BRIEN:**

Book Lore 94 Wattle St, Lyneham ACT 2602, worth exploring many titles as interests to choose from.

# VICTORIAN STEAM



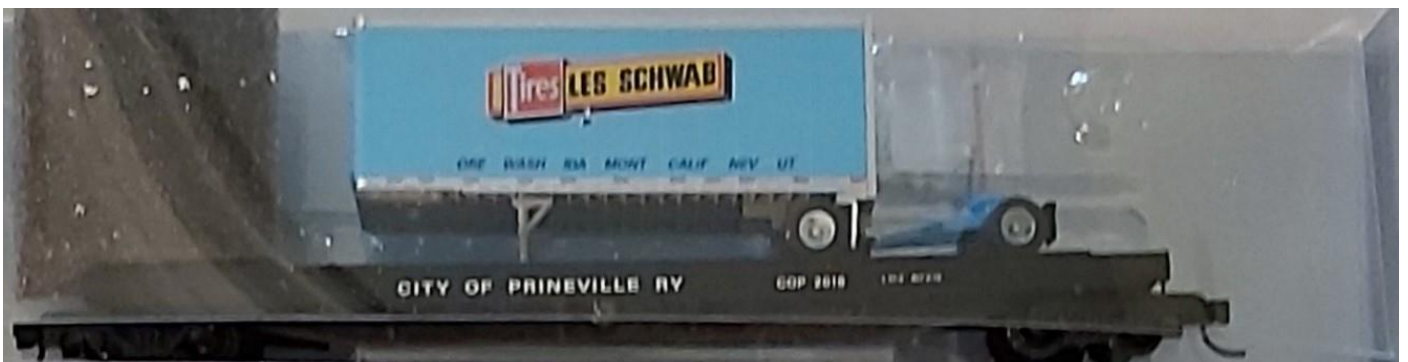
A PICTORIAL TRIBUTE TO STEAM LOCOMOTIVES AT WORK IN VICTORIA IN THE 1960's AND EARLY 1970's

R. M. CARLISLE and E. J. B. PAYNE

**Mal RISBY:**

N scale 1:160

Lowellsmith: Ltd edition CoP fat car with trailer



Trainworx: Legends of the road



Mal also had a number of books on display table, the following is only a small selection shown.

*Jerry Quinn, Sr*  
**RAIL PHOTO DIARY**



**Western Railroads 1960s - 1990s**  
Edited by Dale Jones

1809

# 8 REALISTIC TRACK PLANS For Small Switching Layouts

By Lance Mindheim

2185

# How To Design A Small Switching Layout

Lance Mindheim

2535

# How To Operate A Modern Era Switching Layout



Lance Mindheim

# RAILROADS OF MONTANA

MIKE DANNEMAN



*DW Jones*

# Railroads of Montana

## SOO LINE

OUTLOOK, MONTANA  
Depot and Whittell Sub

**RUNNING EXTRA**

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## OFF THE BEATEN PASS

30 Years on Marias Pass

**RUNNING EXTRA**

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## LIVIN' ON THE HI-LINE

A Montana Prairie Adventure

**RUNNING EXTRA**


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# SECOND SECTION

## GREAT NORTHERN'S KETTLE FALLS, WASHINGTON BRANCH

**RUNNING EXTRA**



**Rob NESBITT:**

DJH C30T

Rob bought this model at a Trains Planes and Automobile live auction in 2019, on the basis of a single photograph & was surprised to win it, as his bid was fairly miserable. However, when it arrived, the faults were obvious, and the reason other people didn't bid, clear. In addition, TPA had managed to loose one of the tender axles in their packing and posting of the model. The main faults were the tender, and the locomotive body didn't sit properly on the chassis.



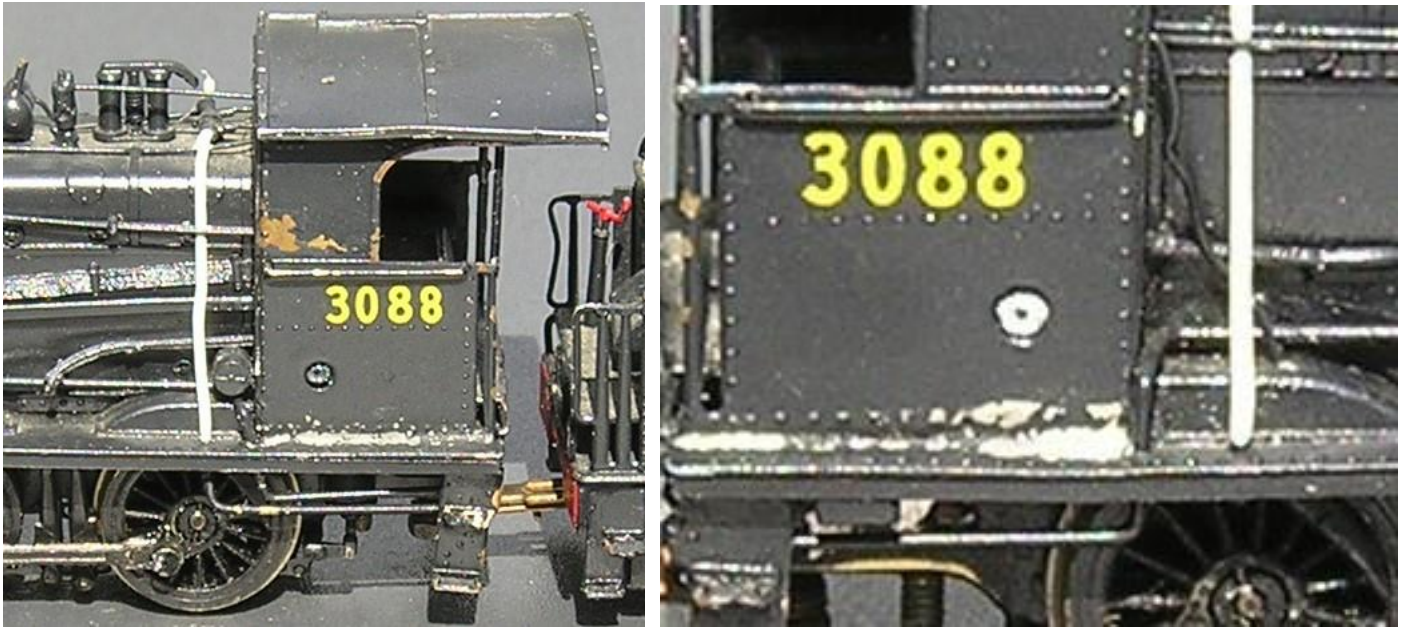
First issue to fix was the chassis problem, caused by a badly fitted electrical wire where it was inverted on the workbench his shirt sleeve caught the body & propelled it to the floor. The chimney & headlamp broke off the cab smashed and fell apart. The whole lot was then placed in a box & there is sat until earlier this month.

The problems with the tender were caused by poor soldering - the tender frame soldering had failed and the wheels very loose, hence the loss of one axle.

The original builder had also used brass pickups for only 2 of the tender wheels - which is not required, if the wheel insulation is shorted out with a small wire to bridge the gap the builder had also failed to tin the brass, so the low melt solder didn't take to properly hold the whitmetal details - and these had been damaged, or lost.

The soldering faults fixed OK, the problem with the broken and missing castings simply ignored

It was then noted, bubbling of the paint near the cab, to footplate join - seems the builder had failed to completely clean the model before painting. The cab was straightened as best as one could and resoldered.



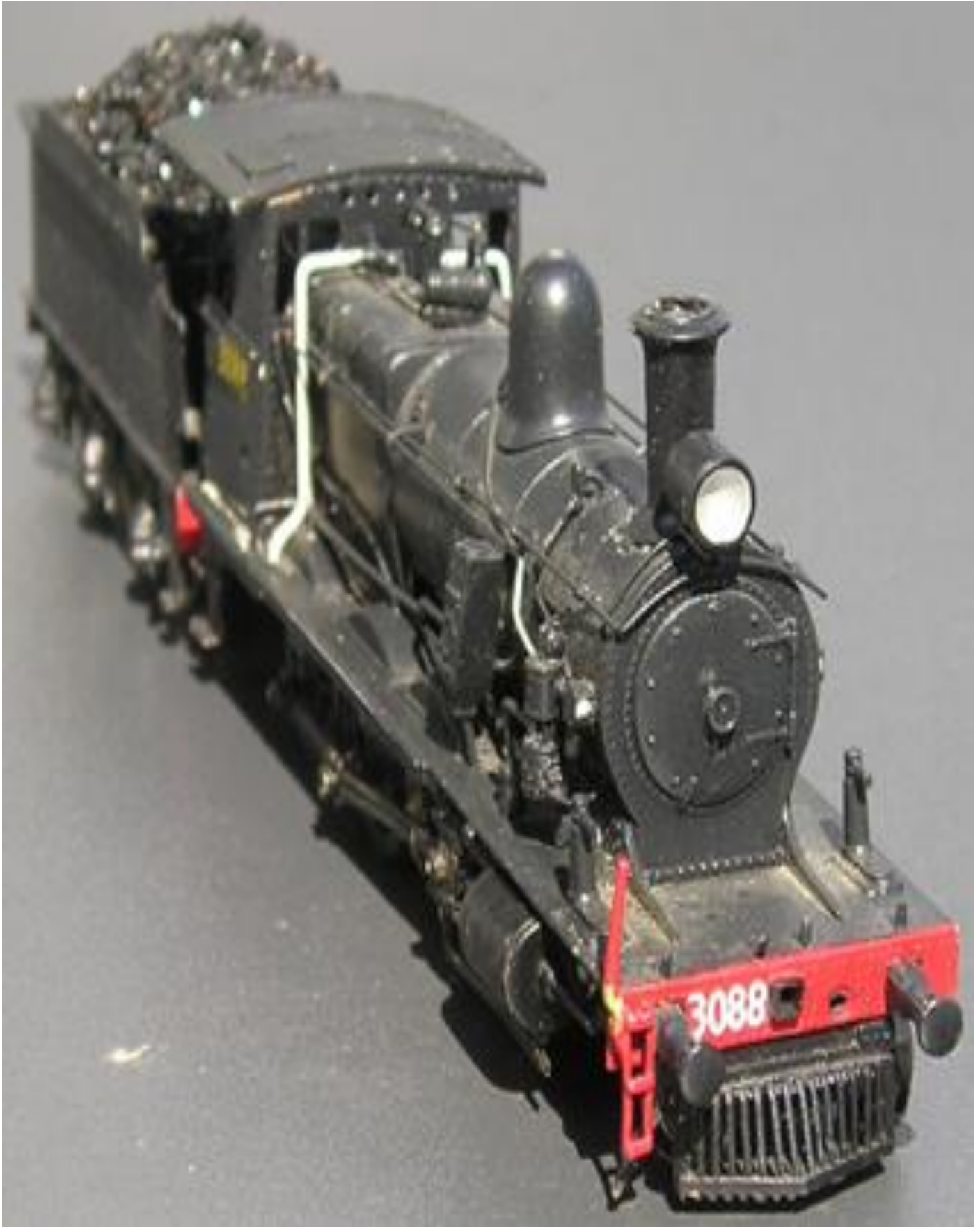
The chimney and headlight glued with expoy, as it was impossible to solder.





With all the damage, restoring the model to pristine condition is not really an option.

The existing paint will get touched up and weathering may hide any paint flaws.



The only positive is that the model actually runs sweetly with the portescap motor and gearbox

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

**Jack CHILD:**

Information & picture from WIKIPEDIA: The New South Wales Z16 class (formerly D.261 class and D.334 class) was a class of steam locomotives built for the New South Wales Government Railways in Australia.

The Z16 class were an amalgamation under the New South Wales Government Railways 1924 locomotive renumbering of two previous classes, the D261 and D334 classes. The D261 class were renumbered as 1601-1624 and the D334 class as 1625-1641.



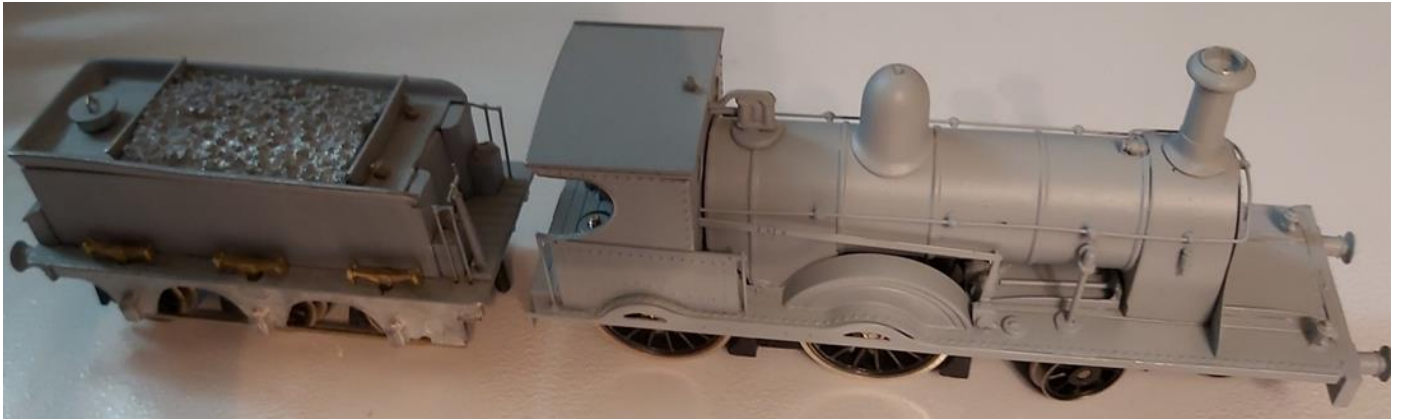
Ezi Kit NSWGR D334 picture box

**NSWGR D334**  
**LOCOMOTIVE** By Ezi Kits  
(HO SCALE KIT)

A photograph of the assembled NSWGR D334 locomotive and tender kit. The locomotive is shown in profile, pulling a coal tender. The kit is made of milled brass and white-metal parts. The locomotive has a large boiler, a tall smokestack, and a prominent chimney. The tender is filled with coal. The entire kit is shown on a light-colored surface.

*(Photo shows assembled model)*  
A quality kit featuring milled brass chassis for loco. and tender, white-metal and etched nickle silver parts, Mashima motor and enclosed gearbox, Ramford driving wheels, many brass detailing parts, and complete instructions.

Model primed awaiting on a livery & decocer

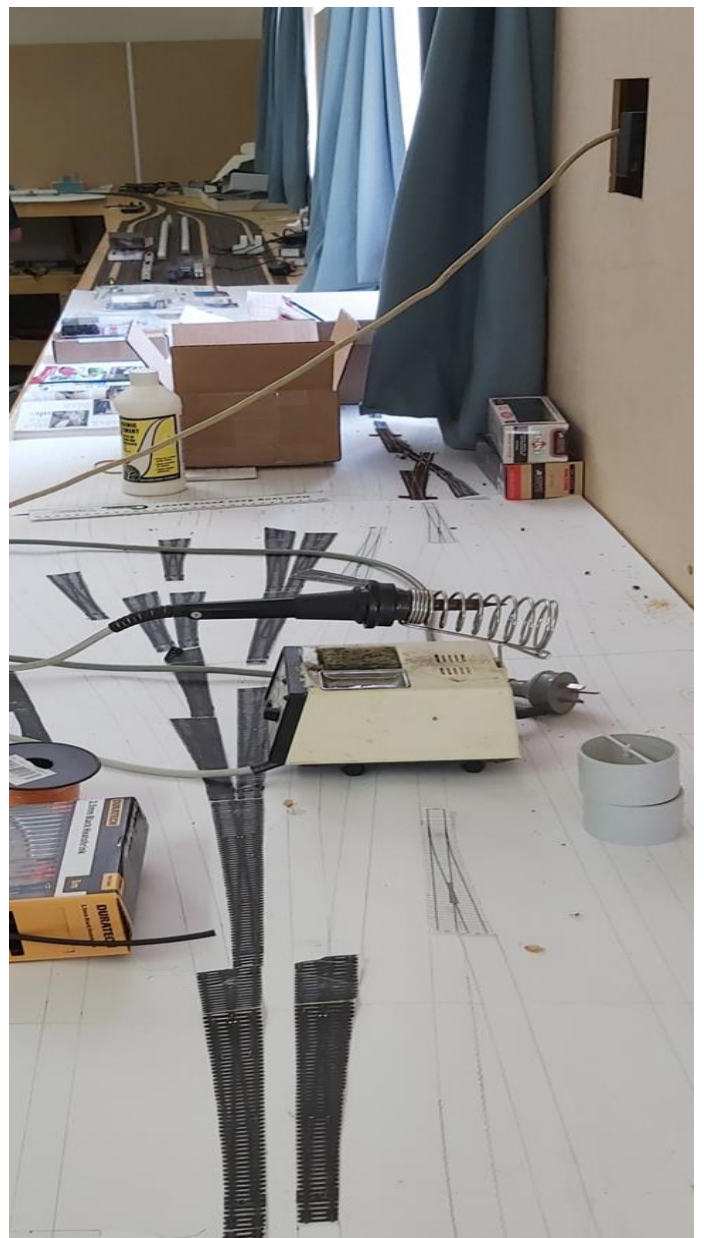


## Hosted meeting.

Still under construction:

Left: work continues where 'paper planning' is useful to what is required for fitting consists into sidings.

Right: Placement for the many turnouts for the connection to the laid trackage far end.



## At home Show-n-tell.

### **Martin CANTEROS PAZ:**

The Tumut layouts [HO & N] continue to expand in rolling stock, especially on Nico's N scale video <https://youtu.be/-BTTQGbeLlo>

### **Robin FOSTER:**

Building kits in my spare time:

Water tanks are always a challenge especially when those parts are 'pre-coloured' so re-colouring to a better look is the only option to get it away from that 'shake-n-glue train set look', where builders licence does require time to decide on a colour.

Airbrushing with Vallejo Model Air does provide mix-n-matching colours in the cup without undue cleaning where the colouring can also provide some interesting 'weathering'

The tedious part of this project area was the installing a working spout using CABELL scale models 40 links to the inch chains. The small links look great, however with 12" to the foot fingers it does pose issues even when tweezers are required to hold as manipulate accept through expanded holes.

Adding soil effect to the base: TAMIYA diorama texture paint provides many colours where Dark Earth being chosen being liberally applied to cover that coloured moulded base.

All that is needed to complete is the water gauge, ladder & some figures before placement to the area.



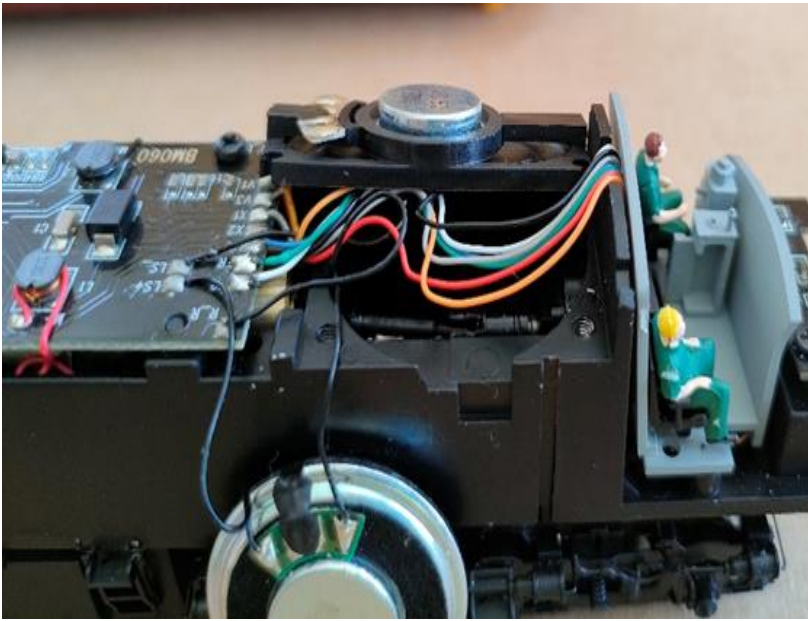
## David VIRGO:

### 3D printed speaker mount for Trainorama 44

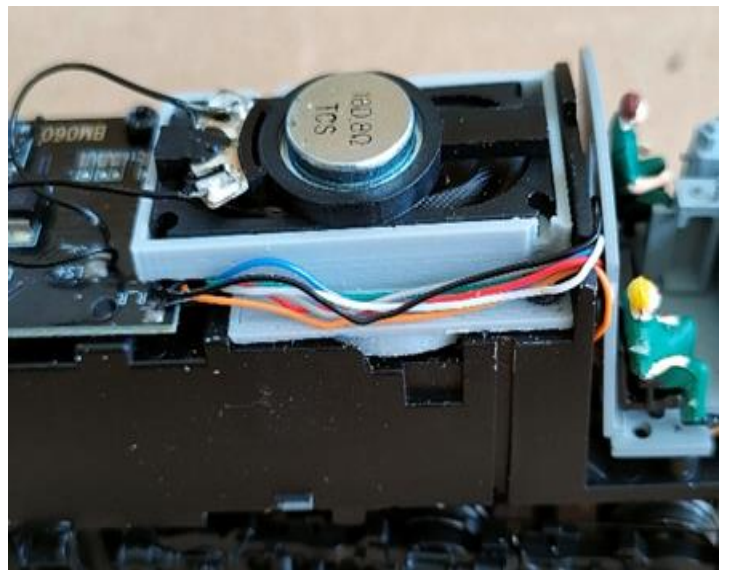
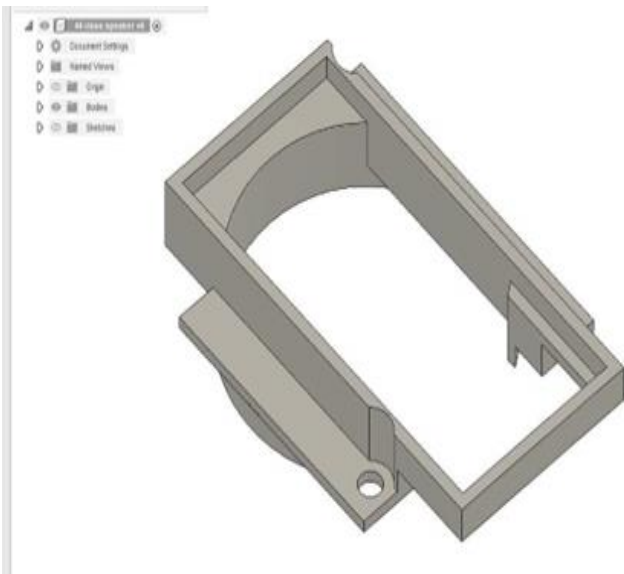
Over the holidays I ordered a TCS wow-sound decoder for my Trainorama 44 class. This was a second run model which was DCC ready for a 21 pin decoder.

I wanted to replace the provided round speakers with a rectangular Soundtrax speaker. I did a quick check and was sure there was room for the TCS speaker. But there were a few issues to address.

- 1) The shape and size of the speaker opening
- 2) The overhang of the mainboard wiring
- 3) The management of the wiring



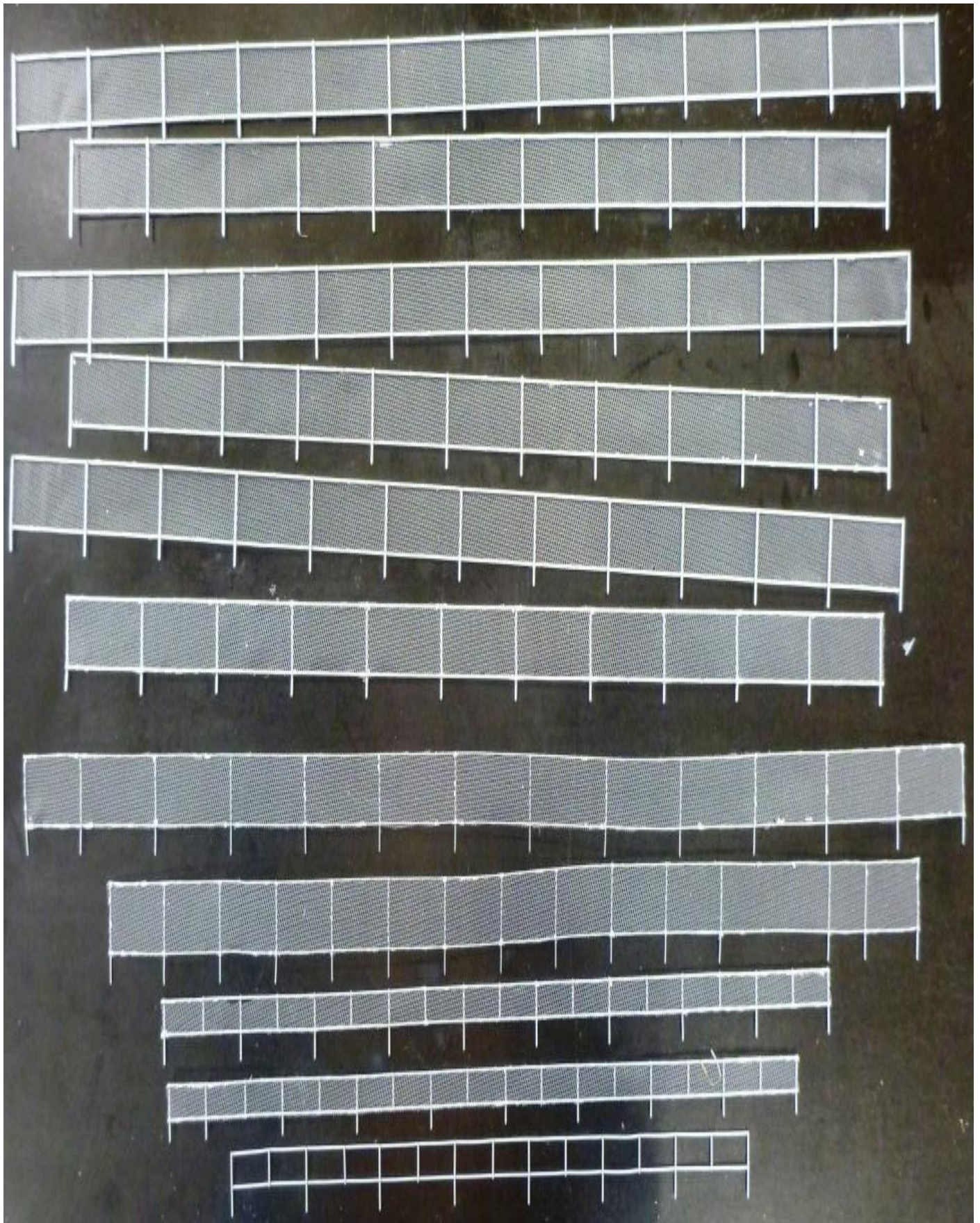
My solution was to design and 3D print a mounting that would fit into the existing space and assist with keeping the wiring tidy. It would also use the existing mounting screws and carry the speaker over the main board.



In under an hour, I had drawn up the design, tested, refined and printed it. Installation went smoothly and after a bit of reprogramming the notorious Traino lighting functions, I had a nicely working model. At some point I might refine the design and add an enclosure for the back of the speaker.

**Ian BARNES:**

Inspired by some online YouTube clips which show us how to make model railway chain link fencing, experimentation with producing mesh fencing in bulk. After some sad failures it was settled on a method where the photo shows four different types of fencing cheaply made from wire mesh, easily obtained from your hardware store, and trimmed to suit & tuille (bridal veil), obtained from your favourite haberdashery.



## The last say.

Austerity be Frugal & Recycle.

As we farewell 2022, with its issues with many health matters that confronted us, COVID-19 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.**

## THE CHALLENGE for 2023

The Challenge continues: 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:

Repairs & constructing custom billboards.



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: 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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