



THE FLIMSY

NMRA Division 2 Newsletter

March 2023

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From the editor

Meeting & At home ~ Show-n-tell

The last say

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

COVID-19 as their many variants are still surfacing so hygiene as masks & any other protective measures are highly recommended especially in CROWDED AREAS.

To Stay safe, it is also recommended to have the 5th / booster and a Flu shot.

Div 2 Members can continue to 'bling' my inbox with their 'at home S&T'.

Robin.

Div 2 Superintendent Report:

Division 2 March 2023 Meeting

Our host for the March meeting was Jack and Maron CHILD who indicated he will take over as the Div 2 Editor for The FLIMSY.

Interchange, the latest venture for members from head office USA has been taken up by at least three members from Div. 2.

The 2023 NMRA Rosehill Convention was discussed, where updates to be advised as details come to hand from the NRMA AR

Hosted meeting Show-n-Tell have seen a wealth of activities as the many at home S&T submissions.

The next Division 2 April Meeting will be hosted by Ben FEATHERSTON at BYWONG NSW on Saturday 18th commencing 1:00 PM an email will be sent to confirm details.

Stephen O'BRIEN

Div 2 Superintendent.

Meeting.

On the Show-n-tell table:



Rob NESBITT:

The Ladysmith perway shed (as hinted in the last Flimsy) has been scratch built and painted. The Hand Trolley is one that used to be sold as a kit from the late Lloyds Model Railway range.



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

The Slumber coach is a brass model from Shoreham Shops recently obtained on eBay for a silly price. It is a CB&Q prototype "Silver Slumber" part of the California Zephyr train. Extremely well detailed, although no interior. Proves that sometimes you can still get bargains on eBay, as my price including postage was less than a fifth of similar sleeping coaches sold on Friday night from the same seller, I bought my slumber coach from.



George SAISANAS:

MHO Brakevan in HO scale by SDS Models

These NSW MHO brakevans have been released filling a void of more modern RTR brakevans that were used to trail many country passenger trains well into the 1980's. The model presented is a 1980's liveried "candy" SRA of NSW with modified doors as occurred from around the mid 1970's. Models of originally manufactured, modified (eg. Dynamometer Car) and modernised as presented here are available. Fine detailing & crisp painting are features of this model, however, sprung buffers & lighting are not included. If your preferred model is shown as sold out on SDS's website, be sure to check with the major hobby shops, especially those interstate for availability.



Warren BACKHOUSE:

This is FREMO AUS HO test module being constructed using 7 Ply for strenght as light weight.

Module: 1200 x 650 x 150mm

The make up consists of lenghts having the 'cut outs' being cut with a circular hole saw then jigsawed & sanded, the square pacers againn using a circular saw the ends have hand grabs & have been 'dovetailed' for added strenght.

Once all the components are cut they are screwed & glued in a clamped jig.

Plywood was chosen over Medium Denisty Fibreboard (MDF) / Craftwood as it is more stable to the various humid conditions and as the construction being much lighter less lighty to 'warp'.



Legs attached to module, a 'leveling' attachment at the base of the legs being the next consideration.



More to follow in future articles in The FLIMSY on this project.

Robin FOSTER:

This Rivarossi Pullman Sleeping Car is from a Venice Simplon-Orient Express collection, was won on an eBay auction as a single unit an eBay purchase which was not in it's correct box.



The Rivarossi Venice Simplon-Orient Express collection as the set



Question: Why are sets broken-up

Ian BARNES:

An EziKits.NSWGR 26 class, still under construction, requiring more handrails, air pump etc, before painting.



Hosted meeting.

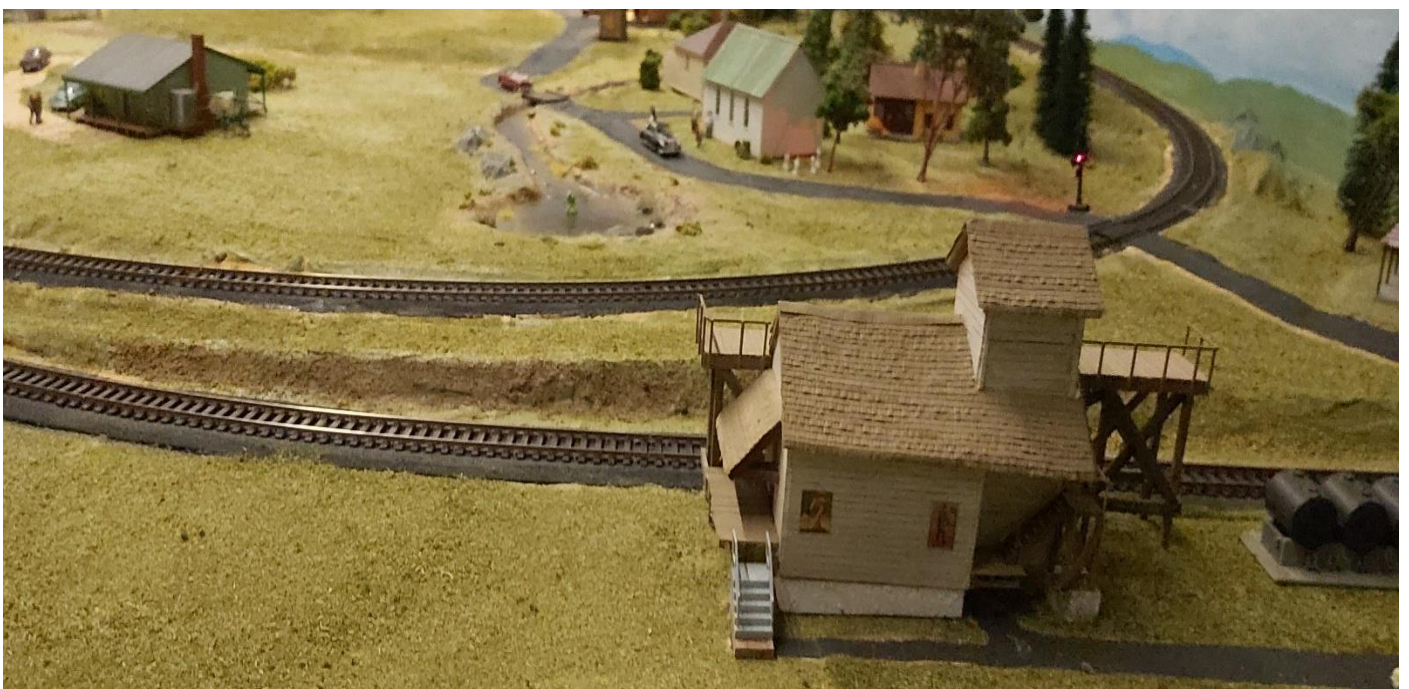
Jack CHILD:



NSW 4856 exits from the tunnel, passing the cattle yard and eases into the station



The night mail arrives at WALCHA Station





The roundhouse is a 'recycled' item from another layout.



Dusk the locals are starting to gather for the evening's entertainment.& BBQ.



3 bridges



Those Cockatoos in the tree are up to no good.



An Ezi-kit NSWGR D334 doing 'light engine' running.



At home Show-n-tell.

Wai PYWELL:

I have finally finished my program and test track.

This allows operation on DC with a reversing switch so you do not have to unplug and reverse the DC input plugs.

The main switch allows for operation on DC or DCC and can be used as a programming track. My DCC system has separate outputs for a programming track and separate output for a booster for the main track.



The unit measures 2 metres in length and is fitted with HO and N scale track and is set up along the back of my work bench within easy reach for testing and programming either gauge locomotives. In my previous layout, I had the same functionality built on to the front of the yard so after programming and testing, I could drive the loco straight out on to the main yard. That layout was HO only and now I dabble in both gauges. There is no room for much of a layout in HO in my retirement village villa, but the village is building an HO switching layout for several residents to enjoy.



I will keep you posted on progress with this project.

Robin FOSTER:

Cleating is useful to strengthen corner walls or areas that require added strength being required to any weak points in joining sheets also for any flooring that may require removal to adding to rooves to allow better alignment / removal for adding / adjusting interior details as future lighting.

Evergreen styrene strips are available in various sizes to accommodate these fixes.



Cleating also allows for any 'out of aligning / mating ill fitting' of parts from sprues that impede the 'flash' on parts of walls, from cutting and sanding too much in correcting the parting from the sprue



The last say.

Austerity be Frugal & Recycle.

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 with pictures.

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.

Update: Jack CHILD jackchild.37@gmail.com in in the process of taking over the Div 2 Editor: The FLIMSY and is now ready for your Hosted Meetings and you're at home Show-n-tell with open arms.

Happy rails : Happy trails



2023: Expression of Interest for hosting a Div 2 Meeting.

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