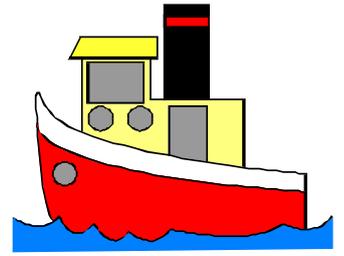




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NOTICE OF MEETING

The next general meeting will be on
Tuesday 4th Feb at 7pm,
At Palmerville Station

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| Safety Committee | Warren Karlsson, Bruce Harvey Lloyd Breckon. Pete Lindsay |

Next Committee Meeting, Thurs. 30th Jan.

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| Conveners: | |
| Workshop: | Ron Salisbury, Bruce McKerras |
| Track: | Bruce Harvey |
| Marine: | Warren Belk, Ken Fox |
| Librarian: | John Nicol |
| Rolling Stock: | Clive Goodley |
| Small Metals Store: | Owen Bennett |
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Operators Jan/Feb 2014

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| 05-01-14 | O. Bennett |
| 12-01-14 | E. Evans |
| 19-01-14 | B. Fitzpatrick |
| 26-01-14 | C. Goodley |
| 02-02-14 | B. Harvey |
| 09-02-14 | P. Jones |
| 16-02-14 | W. Karlsson |
| 23-02-14 | B. Kinkaid |

Presidents Points

Greetings members.

As we move into the new year it is time to reflect on the past year, some with satisfaction, and some with sadness as we remember the contributions made by Peter McClea and Graeme Lambert who passed away.

Progress on our track extension has been very satisfying and the work put into this project by our members and others who have an interest in what we do has been impressive. With the current progress maintained this year the end is in sight. By time you read these words I will have returned from Christchurch and CANMOD with the news of whether our proposal to host the 2016 convention has been accepted, here's hoping.

Our end of year Christmas get together at Bruce Harvey's home went extremely well and many thanks to Bruce for opening his home for us. Big smiles on the faces of those that ran on his private track. The weather was great the company fantastic and the venue awesome, Thanks Bruce and all those that attended to make it a great day. Hope the scorch mark in the lawn has healed Bruce.

The open weekend went very well also, a vote of thanks to our ladies for carrying out the catering for us once again and to our visitors that joined us for the occasion.

Congratulations to Peter Wisely on winning the Norm Decke memorial trophy with his 5" gauge simplex, well done Peter. An added bonus was Shane Marshalls 1/4 scale showmans engine, what a machine, well on the way to completion so we will be looking forward to seeing it steaming around the park in the not too distant future.

Finally, all the very best to you and your families for this new year 2014 and happy modelling.

Peter Jones.

Editors ramblings,

During the past year we have experienced a growing number of derailments and the increase was worrying, as patterns of passenger misbehaviour are unlikely to change much, and that is the usual cause of derailments on our track. Track and ridecar maintenance was stepped up and I am pleased to say that any derailment now is ninety nine percent sure to be because of passengers not abiding by instructions. However, it is a reminder that we need to stay on top of our game.

During the past two years we have received funding for our extension from several charity foundations and in the year just expired we received a considerable sum from TECT, for which we are very grateful. Work on the extension should now leap ahead.







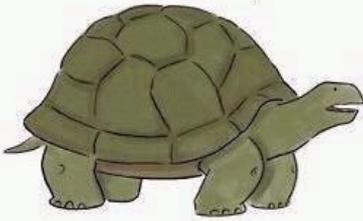
A BLOKE SAT IN HIS ARMCHAIR SHOUTS TO HIS WIFE.
"WHEN I DIE I'M GOING TO LEAVE EVERYTHING TO MY LOVE"



SHE SHOUTS BACK, " YOU ALREADY DO YOU LAZY BUM !! "



"First one home wins"



"Deal"



"Shit"



Smartypants women again

A newly married man asked his wife "would you have married me if my father had not left me a fortune?" "Honey." The woman answered sweetly, "I'd have married you no matter who left you a fortune."

Son, "Mum, when I was on the bus with Dad this morning he told me to me to give up my seat to a lady." Mum, "well you did the right thing." Son, "But Mum, I was sitting on Dad's lap."

A wife asked her husband; "What do you like most in me, my pretty face, or my sexy body?" He looked her up and down and replied, "I like your sense of humour."



No, not an engine with a tall chimney, but either a very clever shot by the photographer or a right cock up. Not mine.



Just before the funeral services, the undertaker came up to the very elderly widow and asked, 'How old was your husband?' '98,' she replied... 'Two years older than me' 'So you're 96,' the undertaker commented... She responded, 'Hardly worth going home, is it?'



My apologies for the lateness of this newsletter, events beyond my control conspired to derail me time and time again. My own bad health was as nothing compared to my computer's bad health. It died, and so did its brand new replacement. Most of the pictures are from Cos Ray and seven are mine, they have finished up mixed randomly, but I am sure Cos will forgive me. The two wheeled bus was not photographed at our open day, we tried OSH would not allow it.

I also owe an apology to Bob Batchelor regards a comment in the last newsletter re his work on Pioneer's vacuum brake, I got it wrong, Sorry Bob.

The Christmas 'Do' was held at Bruce Harvey's property on 7th Dec as planned and turned out a sunny and pleasant day. I am sure everyone attending had a very enjoyable afternoon and evening, as I did. Thank you Bruce, and also the barbecue cooks. Peter Wisely and grandson provided train rides, adding a nice ambience.



A Supposedly True Story

John Bradford, a Dublin University student, was on the side of the road hitch hiking on a very dark night during a bad storm. Time passed, but no cars went by. The storm was so bad he could hardly see half a metre. Suddenly he saw a car slowly coming towards him and stop. John, desperate for shelter and without thinking about it, got into the car and closed the door---only to realize there was nobody behind the steering wheel and the engine wasn't running. The car started moving slowly, John looked at the road ahead and saw he was approaching a curve in the road. Scared, he started to pray, begging for his life. Then, just at the curve, a hand appeared through the open window: John, paralysed with fear, watched as the hand grasped the steering wheel, turned it and then disappeared out of the window without touching or harming him. Shortly thereafter John saw the lights of a pub ahead, and so gathering strength, he jumped out of the car and ran to it. Wet, and out of breath he started telling everybody about the terrifying experience he had endured. A silence ensued when everybody realized he was crying and wasn't drunk. Suddenly the door opened and two more people walked in from the wet and stormy night. They, like John were soaked and out of breath. Looking around and seeing John sobbing at the bar, one said to the other, "Look Paddy, there's that idiot who got in the car while we were pushing it."

Dave Harris handed me three photos of his loco and his lookalike, the late Ron Harris, his father. Dave now has the engine (Corsair) and gives it a run now and again on our track, it still runs very sweetly. I have a personal interest in these photos as I fired for Ron at Frankton in 1961-62. Ron was about 27 years old then and was a slim young man. We worked well together and it was a pleasure being on the footplate with him. These photos were taken on our track in April 1982.



The photo below is of Dave Harris taken at Open Weekend 2013. Same engine,



A burglar broke into a house one night. He shone his torch around, looking for valuables, when a voice in the dark said "Jesus knows you are here." He nearly jumped out of his skin, clicked his torch off and froze. When he heard nothing more, after a bit, he shook his head, switched on his torch and continued. Just as he pulled the stereo out from the wall, clear as a bell he heard, "Jesus is watching you." Freaking out he shone his torch around frantically, looking for the source of the voice. Finally, in the corner of the room, his flashlight beam came to rest on a parrot. "Did you say that?" He hissed at the parrot. "Yep," the parrot confessed, and then squawked, "I'm just trying to warn you that he's watching you." The burglar relaxed, "warn me eh, who in the world are you?" "Moses," replied the bird. "Moses?" The burglar laughed. "What kind of people would name a bird Moses?" "The kind of people that name a pit-bull terrier Jesus."

My wife sat down next to me as I was flipping channels She asked, "What's on TV." I said, "Dust."

And then the fight started...

My wife was hinting about what she wanted for our upcoming anniversary. She said, "I want something shiny that goes from 0 to 150 in about 3 seconds." I bought her a bathroom scale.

And then the fight started.