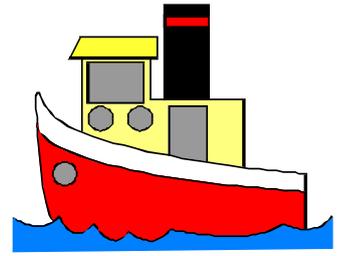




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NOTICE OF MEETING

The next general meeting will be on
Tuesday 2nd July at 7pm,
At Palmerville Station

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Next Committee Meeting, Thurs 27th June

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 June / July 2013	
09-06-13	R. Salisbury
16-06-13	O. Bennett
23-06-13	B. Kincaid
30-06-13	E. Evans
07-07-13	C. Goodley
14-07-13	B. Harvey
21-07-13	P. Jones
28-07-13	W. Karlsson
04-08-13	P. Lindsay
11-08-13	B. MacKerras

Presidents Points

Greetings members,

Another AGM over and I thank those that attended and those who forwarded their apologies. Bob Stacey has stood down this year, I thank Bob for the work he has done over the years setting up our displays on various occasions and for the other work he has done on committee over the last 9 years. We welcome John Nicols onto our committee, John is doing a first class job with our library and is taking an interest in the ongoing maintenance of our track, thank you John, and thank you for joining the committee. I hope you enjoy working with us over the next twelve months, as I am sure we will enjoy working with you.

Following an onsite meeting with Sunrise Lions Club, I spoke to a group last week at a 6.30am meeting and have since had advice that the Lions have formalised their offer of help with our track extension project, both financially and physically, and we are really looking forward to our association with the Lions groups in Tauranga.

At our first committee meeting of the year we set to dates for each month, second Saturday is to be a working B and the third Saturday is to be a play day, both weather permitting, as we move into the winter months.

Our committee approved expenditure to manufacture a sign listing sponsors of the track extension, this is long overdue, it has been on my 'to do' list and has now reached the top. The board will sit behind one of the Eastern windows during the week and will be displayed on the Northern wall during our running Sundays. The next job just behind that is to formalise ride car signage, advertising various businesses in the area, if you want to know more about this give me a call or email.

There has been some discussion over how we identify the track extension as against the existing track system. We have Nos. 1-2-and three tunnels so I guess it's logical to call the new trackwork No 3 extension, open for debate.

Finally we welcome Bryan Fitzpatrick as a trainee track operator, thank you Bryan for agreeing to take on this task.

Happy modelling.
Peter Jones.

From the Committee Meeting

We need to utilise the vacant spaces on the sides of our ridecars for money raising, that is, advertising. This has been promulgated previously but the only uptake unfortunately fell through after a few months. If any reader can help in this part of the club activity, get in touch.

Our club newsletter will from hereon no longer be sent by post and will be available to members by three alternative methods: 1-by email where the email address is known, 2- on the club web site, 3- in the club house. A number of printed copies will be available at the clubhouse.

Bruce Harvey is lending a water pump to the club to enable water flooding the track, which has sunk owing to the weight of the new embankment to be pumped away, until such time as the affected track is raised.

Owen is working on a 'Friends of the Railway' scheme: volunteers will be honorary members and will help with ticket clipping and policing the track, plus any other duty the Operator needs done that does not entail a trained person. If you know of some-one who fits the bill, put it to them. Owen has put a flier with more info in the clubhouse window.

We are going to trial Eftpos on Sundays, there is a regular demand for it and we could be missing out on potential customers. The Eftpos will be available only for concession tickets.

Brian Kincaid has joined the Operators team and will keep you bludgers in line and the trains running smoothly.

Bruce MacKerras is now a Boiler Inspector, he has taken this on enthusiastically and has been swatting up on the paperwork conscientiously. Well done Bruce.

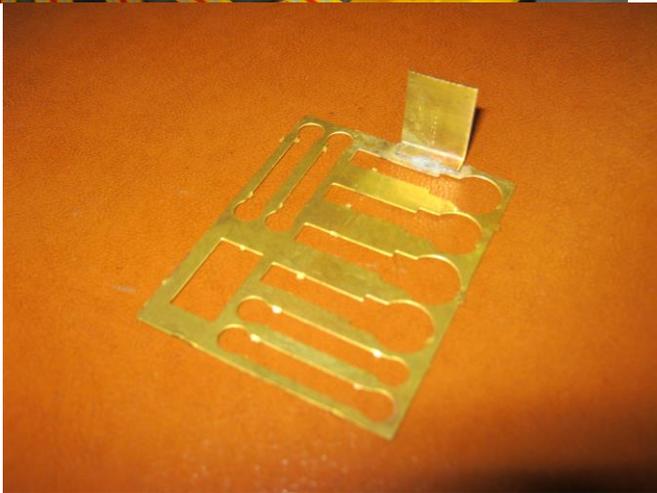
Las Vegas Churches accept gambling chips?

THIS MAY COME AS A SURPRISE TO THOSE OF YOU NOT LIVING IN LAS VEGAS, BUT THERE ARE MORE CATHOLIC CHURCHES THAN CASINOS. NOT SURPRISINGLY, SOME WORSHIPERS AT SUNDAY SERVICES WILL GIVE CASINO CHIPS RATHER THAN CASH WHEN THE BASKET IS PASSED AROUND. SINCE THEY GET CHIPS FROM MANY DIFFERENT CASINOS, THE CHURCHES HAVE DEVISED A METHOD TO COLLECT THE OFFERINGS.

THE CHURCHES SEND ALL THEIR COLLECTED CHIPS TO A NEARBY FRANCISCAN MONASTERY FOR SORTING AND THEN THE CHIPS ARE TAKEN TO THE CASINOS OF ORIGIN AND CASHED IN.

THIS IS DONE BY THE CHIP MONKS.

At last I have some club news from Tuesday evenings. Below right is Shane Marshal with a wheel from his traction engine. No, he is not wheelchair bound, just demonstrating the size of the wheel, or acting the goat, believe what you want to believe. Below left is a look at the detail. I have no feedback on who did the paint job.



How to tackle a fine soldering job. First make the right tool for the job. Here we have Geoff Hallam doing just that. The box contains a 12 volt 8 amp transformer, a 900watt light dimmer. There is an on/off treadle switch, and for the actual soldering, a handle from an old carbon arc welder. A 7/16" carbon rod set into the handle completes the setup. Geoff calls the gismo a 'resistance soldering unit' and he assured me that after a few practices and adjusting the power, it performed admirably. Well done Geoff. The photos show a piece of fine soldering and Geoff's gismo.

Below are photos of Peter Lawn's answer to a different problem, creating inside splines in the Shock AL link. Peter made the 'driver' by graduating the rod in fine increments, cutting the splines and hardening. The splined rod is then driven through the female part and gradually reams splines into the latter.

It was a coincidence that both objects on display were not end products, but tools to produce end products.



Playday 15th June

Working Bs to be a regular event on the second Sunday of the month to catch up on work left undone as efforts were concentrated on new works.

Hawkes Bay 5th, 6th Oct Open Weekend

Kapiti Miniature Railway open the new track on their Open Weekend 28th 29 September

My idea to have a national calendar for special events drew only three replies and so I guess that is a non-starter, a pity.

I read somewhere that the Napier ambulance went to the wrong park or park entrance to attend an accident, owing to the ambulance staff not having the right information about the local parks. We have had the same problem here and it has been raised in committee several times over the years, but that is a problem we cannot solve.

Perusing the local freebie newspaper car supplement, I saw a new Hyundai advertised as having push button start, supposedly a big selling point: sixty years ago, my car, along with most cars then, had a push button start, what goes around comes around as the saying goes.

Another car was advertised as having 'chain drive, again sixty years ago England had quaint three wheelers with chain drive. I guess they meant chain drive camshaft, then again perhaps they didn't know the difference.

Wanted to buy. Below is a Stuart steam engine, Lloyd Breckon is interested in acquiring a similar machine. This particular model is 225mm tall and in working order, but Lloyd said a similar machine of any order or make might be acceptable. Ph Lloyd on 07-579 2121



CREATION

A man said to his wife one day, "I don't know how you can be so stupid and so beautiful all at the same time"
The wife responded, "Allow me to explain: God made me beautiful so you would be attracted to me;
God made me stupid so I would be attracted to you!"

12. I was driving this morning when I saw an A.A. van parked on the side of the road.

The driver was sobbing uncontrollably and looked very miserable.
I thought to myself, "That guy is heading for a breakdown."

Brian Kincaid sends an update on his foundry project.

Hi ya, a bit of progress has been made on my foundry project [just one of too many]. The ¼ inch rod frame work has been covered in 2 layers of ½ inch mesh inside and out, and then plastered one Sunday afternoon on the inside, which was cured over the week and the next Saturday the outside was plastered. Three days later the ferro cement had hardened enough to be able to handle very carefully. It was then immersed in a drum full of water to do the final curing process. 30 days minimum.

Why so much work? Ferro cement is very strong when done properly, it also has very good insulative properties. I have worked with ferro cement launches and yachts for many years doing rebuilds / repairs . A ferro cement boat can burn out completely internally and not suffer hull damage, yep, it's that good, been there done that, and so I reckon this material will make an excellent foundry casing, very strong, durable and will help hold the heat in. The lid is being made at the moment, the thingy poking out the side is the air/fuel inlet .

The casing will be lined with shera crete 80, but that's for the next newsletter as its quite a story on its own as to how to go about this process, in the meantime I need sleep, it's hairy berry season and I'm loose on a forklift on night shift.



Murphy, a furniture dealer from Dublin, decided to expand the line of furniture in his store, so he went to Paris to see what he could find.

After arriving in Paris, he visited with some manufacturers and selected a line that he thought would sell well back home. To celebrate the new acquisition, he decided to visit a small bistro and have a glass of wine. As he sat enjoying his wine, he noticed that the small place was quite crowded, and that the other chair at his table was the only vacant seat in the house.

Before long, a very beautiful young Parisian girl came to his table; asked him something in French (which Murphy couldn't understand); so he motioned to the vacant chair and invited her to sit down. He tried to speak to her in English, but she did not speak his language. After a couple of minutes of trying to communicate with her, he took a napkin and drew a picture of a wine glass and showed it to her. She nodded, so he ordered a glass of wine for her.

After sitting together at the table for a while, he took another napkin, and drew a picture of a plate with food on it, and she nodded.

They left the bistro and found a quiet cafe that featured a small group playing romantic music. They ordered dinner..... after which he took another napkin and drew a picture of a couple dancing. She nodded, and they got up to dance. They danced until the cafe closed and the band was packing up.

Back at their table, the young lady took a napkin and drew a picture of a four-poster bed.

To this day, Murphy has no idea how she figured out he was in the furniture business.

Boating news

Hi Folks. One Metre Sailing. Queens Birthday has come and gone and some 33 one metre yachts were raced either in Tauranga or Waihi during that weekend. The numbers racing on Wednesday in Tauranga enjoy racing with no results taken and so one can go home having won every race true or false. Saturdays are more serious re results and on Saturday I was officer of the day. With some 15 to 20 boats determined to win, starts were a bit hectic with several general recalls. The wind played tricks as seems to have been the case during the last few weeks but I was able to set reasonable courses and every one seemed to enjoy the day. A six hour race in Hamilton is coming up this month and another member and myself will attempt to race my boat in this race, sailing 20 minutes at a time. Should be a lot of fun if we last the time. With the days getting colder I guess you train buffs will be shovelling the coal into your furnace. Cheers Ken.

English from around the world

Cocktail lounge, Norway. LADIES ARE REQUESTED NOT TO HAVE CHILDREN IN THE BAR AREA

Doctor's office, Rome. SPECIALIST IN WOMEN AND OTHER DISEASES

Drycleaner's in Bangkok. DROP YOUR TROUSERS HERE FOR THE BEST RESULTS

In a Nairobi restaurant. CUSTOMERS WHO FIND OUR WAITRESSES RUDE OUGHT TO SEE THE MANAGER

On the main road to Mombassa, leaving Nairobi. TAKE NOTICE WHEN THIS SIGN IS UNDER WATER- THIS ROAD IS IMPASSABLE.

On a poster at Kencom. ARE YOU AN ADULT THAT CANNOT READ, IF SO WE CAN HELP

In a city restaurant. OPEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK AND WEEKENDS

In a cemetery. PERSONS ARE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING FLOWERS FROM ANY BUT THEIR OWN GRAVES

Tokyo hotel's rules and regulations. GUESTS ARE REQUESTED NOT TO SMOKE OR DO OTHER DISGUSTING BEHAVIOUR IN BED

On the menu of a Swiss restaurant. OUR WINES LEAVE YOU NOTHING TO HOPE FOR

In a Tokyo bar. SPECIAL COCKTAILS FOR LADIES WITH NUTS

In a hotel, Yugoslavia. THE FLATTENING OF UNDERWEAR WITH PLEASURE IS THE JOB OF THE CHAMBERMAID

Hotel, Japan. YOU ARE INVITED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE CHAMBERMAID In the lobby of a Moscow hotel across from an Orthodox Russian cemetery. YOU ARE WELCOME TO VISIT THE CEMETERY WHERE FAMOUS RUSSIAN AND SOVIET COMPOSERS, ARTISTS AND WRITERS ARE BURIED DAILY EXCEPT THURSDAY

A sign posted in Germany's Black Forest. IT IS STRICTLY FORBIDDEN ON OUR BLACK FOREST CAMPING SITE THAT PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT SEX, FOR INSTANCE, MEN AND WOMEN, LIVE TOGETHER IN ONE TENT UNLESS THEY ARE MARRIED WITH EACH OTHER FOR THIS PURPOSE

Hotel, Zurich. BECAUSE OF THE IMPROPRIETY OF ENTERTAINING GUEST OF THE OPPOSITE SEX IN THE BEDROOM, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE LOBBY BE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE

Airline ticket office, Copenhagen. WE TAKE YOUR BAGS AND SEND THEM IN ALL DIRECTIONS

A laundry in Rome LADIES, LEAVE YOUR CLOTHES HERE AND SPEND THE AFTERNOON HAVING A GOOD TIME

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