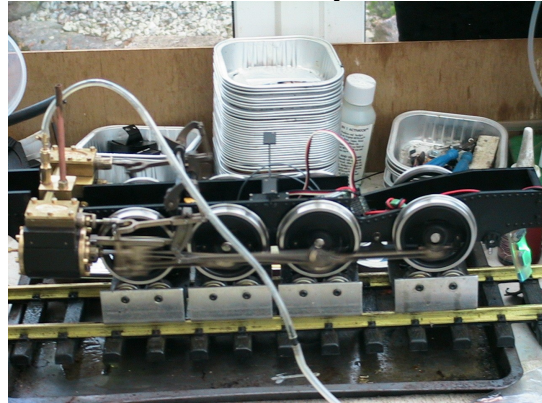


Hampshire area Garden Railway Group

(incorporating the Hampshire area of the Association of 16mm Narrow Gauge Modellers, and the Southdown Railway Co.)

Associate members of Fareham & District Model Railway Club



February 2008

Hello,

Well I've had rather a busy month, I actually actually made it to the Portchester meeting again, month, and a 16mm Association board meeting, which was lively to say the least, as it involved the difficult job of choosing a new editor. As you may know, David Clark has chosen to stand down as editor. His recent move to the far North of Scotland, and his full time job of editor of "Model Engineer's Workshop" have influenced his decision. In the end, after much discussion made more difficult for me by the fact that two of the applicants were people I regard as friends, we chose Andrew Charman, who is a motoring journalist by profession, and is also the press officer of the Welshpool & Llanfair Light Railway.

I also made it to the London Model Engineering Exhibition, and spent a fair bit of money on stuff including digital readouts for my milling machine, a quick change toolpost for my lathe (which I suspect may be the last business I ever do with Warco...) and some other bits and bobs. I've also been on local community radio twice, and it looks like I'm going to be on Ocean FM soon, so you may have to book a meeting via my agent soon! (next stop Broadway, I think not..)

The pictures above, are my somewhat fanciful bogie llama brake wagon, for 32mm visiting or Southdown running (well I've already got a cattle, truck, I thought llamas would make a change. the other picture is Rod's latest effort, demonstrating he's heavily into these compound devices, this one being a rather fine Regner G4/5 loco, and no, I don't have a clue where it operated or exactly what it is, despite seeing a picture of it. I only know about British built stuff!

The matter of a minibus to the 16mm Association National Garden Railway Show at Stoneleigh on 29th March 2008, is now extremely urgent. Basically, if its not resolved in the next week or so, its not going to happen! So here's the deal, from Paul:

The minibus hire works as follows:-

For a 9 seat bus, the cost will be £264.74 including estimated fuel consumption. Dividing by the nine occupants give a per-head cost of approximately £30.

For a 17 seat bus, the cost will be a total of £274.74 including estimated fuel consumption. Dividing by 14 occupants will bring the per-head cost to approximately £20. If the bus is full (i.e. 17 people the price per-head drops to £17).

If the list remains at eight and we can call on another driver/car as well as myself, then the cost per person would be (for my car) around £10 each, allowing for extended pickup points etc. and four persons per car.

Mike Dunckley has called to tell me he is selling off a large quantity of Lima "O" gauge equipment, including 5 locos, 40 wagons, 11 bogie coaches, plus 10 continental long wheelbase wagons, and a fair bit of track and 4 points. this includes one complete set, and is mostly boxed.

Mike also has some useful logs for wagon loads, going spare, after a bit of tree surgery at home. He has birch logs, with bark on, typically around 1" diameter, in various lengths for 6' downwards, plus some chunkier stuff suitable for modelling hardwood forestry loads. The smaller stuff may be ideal for a train of Sar timber wagons to go behind an Accucraft NGG16 Garratt, for example...

Its appropriate for me to give a reminder of Mike Dunckley's DVD for sale, that is dedicated to our friend the late Don Jones, Contact Mike on 02392 465443 to buy one (or more).

I also have a few things to dispose of, namely some early "Steamlines" magazines, Nos 9,11,12,13,14, and its immediate successor Garden Railway World, 15 copies, from no 2 onwards. free to a good home (or any home come to that...)



Marguerite's Merlin Monarch - "Ivo Peters BEM" which is completely original and unaltered, or maybe not...

If anyone has any news of running sessions, or events, please let me know, and I'll add them to the next newsletter.

A handwritten signature in green ink that reads "William Bickers-Jones". The signature is stylized and written in a cursive hand.

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PORTCHESTER Friday meetings: 8th February, 14th March, 11th April.

Details of Southdown's show attendances are here: <http://www.cslr.co.uk/southdownshows.htm>