

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

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Here we go yet again,

I suddenly remembered it was time to do the newsletter, when I was in the middle of flycutting the underside of the chimney for my Barclay loco, as its such an unexciting and lengthy task that one's mind tends to wander... Therefore this edition might be a bit thin!

The header picture this month is an "in progress" pic of what Bob P is about to take delivery of. Considering its Bob, its obviously Belgian (as its obviously not Corris!), and that's all I know about it, apart from it being rather lovely!



I did visit the London Model Engineering exhibition, and managed to buy about half of what I'd intended, and a few other things I hadn't intended to buy, and spent ages chatting to the guys on Ttarrag Shed, but that's the way it is... I also managed to miss seeing the gas turbine builders stand, which took some skill... but the key point was that I got my materials for my Barclay smokebox and chimney and I'm well on the way to completing these now.

I am looking for some information on a railcar, one of which was used on the Sierra Leone Railway, but there were standard gauge versions about. Actually there are two types I am after basic dimensions of. One is the Wickham no40 mark II, and the other is the Baguley type C, as now present at the Statfold Barn Railway., I wasn't aware that they had this, when I visited last year, or I would have sought it out and measured it. The Wickham one, although built in this country, and although there are a couple of examples in existence, one of them at Quanton, I cannot get any information on. This is purely because of unhelpfulness by the owners! The official Wickham history has no drawings or dimensions. The museum in Canada



which has one, refuses to answer any communications, and the folk at Quanton are just plain unfriendly and unhelpful, and refuse to let me see it. Any help anyone can give, would be gratefully received. Here is a pic of the open 1915 Baguley, and a closed 1952 Wickham. Geoff will be quick to notice that the Baguley will be an easier task than the tiny Wickham no10 "flying bedstead" that I also intend to do one day.



Tony Lee has sent this year's list of running dates. There are sessions on 15th May, 19th June, 17th July, 21st August, and 18th

September. It is vital to contact Tony first on 01256 892 567. I have also received dates and locations for the Reading area group, headed up by Andy Watkins. Please contact me if you want to know about those, which may be of particular interest to those in the Northern part of the county.

Just a quick reminder for those of you who are entering the MOTY (Model of the year) competition at the 16mm Association annual show, there will be further guidance in the February issue of SMT, including an entry form in "Bulletin". As always, the February editions comes out later than others, to include all the show materials, and the annual members DVD. I've had a query over my point about the quality of film footage, and the answer is not to degrade it in ANY way from the original shot footage. Saving it in any other format will inevitably degrade it, and we cannot afford that.



The members DVD is likely to be viewed by people all over the world, who might have 50 inch HD TV's, (or rather large and even higher resolution monitors) so it needs to be the very best quality. To this end, I have recently purchased a camera capable of shooting 1080i video as well as rather large still photos.

We are still looking for stewards to help out for an hour or two at the show, which apart from being rewarding, is also a way to get in to the show free. All the details for anything to do with the show are in SMT or bulletin, or on the 16mm Association website.

Hopefully someone may bring along something to run at our next session, and it'll be ready to run in time... Don't forget, if you've got something that needs a boiler test, let Paul Betts know in advance, so he can make arrangement to be there with the test kit.

The last picture above, is of Marguerite's smallest loco, hauling a short test train over a newly installed siding, using the new stainless steel Miha Modell point I recently took on test. The test went fine, and the point is very satisfactory indeed. The bit of track just to the bottom right hand corner of the picture is in Miha Stainless steel (code 250) rail spiked onto oak sleepers with stainless spikes from California and Oregon Coast. The rail curved very obediently in my home made rail bender, and was actually easier to manage than the brass rail I used previously. The oak is from the leftovers from my dining room floor!

See many of you on Friday 11th, I hope.

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PORTCHESTER Friday meetings: February 11th, March 11th, April 8th, etc., on the second Friday of each month, from around 8pm. This means that those of you who are waiting for me when I turn up with the keys at about 7-50 shouldn't be suggesting I'm late!