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## PRESIDENTS REPORT

The staircase and kitchen project was officially opened on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October. A good number of members enjoyed a Social ½ hour followed by a short summary of the project.

It gave me great pleasure to present Gary with a book as a memento of his efforts as project co-ordinator and a Restaurant voucher to his wife Pat for them both to enjoy. This was the membership's way of saying thank you for a job well done.

After a short speech from Gary, I invited him to take the scissors and cut the ribbon and declare the stairs open.

After the ribbon cutting ceremony members and their wives enjoyed a pleasant social hour with food and liquid refreshment. Charlie Crossan was afforded the pleasure, as he claimed to be the oldest member present, of making the first official climb of the stairs

Regards Brian



Gary cuts the official ribbon

## SOCIETY MEETINGS

**GENERAL MEETING** Second Monday of the Month  
7.30 pm

**COMMITTEE** Last Monday of the month 7.30pm

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## SCALE RAILWAY

Just a few bits on the table at this months meeting...

**John Knight** has been sourcing parts to complete his "No. 36 loco", the first ever 4-6-0 tender locomotive to be built by the GWR in 1896, and designed by William Dean. Model made by Hammond Scale Models which he had bought at auction some time back. Alan Gibson (England) has supplied wheels & cranks for the loco and tender. Also purchased were castings of steam dome, chimneys and safety valves for an 0-4-2 R, plus a set of 10 crankpins, pinpoint bearings and handrail knobs (who wants to make these fiddly parts?). John said he was very satisfied with the superb quality of the castings and parts.

**James Tamis** displayed the book "Definitive Guide to the Rise and Fall of British Steam". It should provide some interesting reading.

**Brian Niven** showed a Dapol 16T Mineral Wagon which was a joint production effort with Virgin Rail advertising the advent of the Pendolino tilting trains in 2002. Although the box says "Authentic OO Gauge Model", no photo of a fullsize version has been spotted on the web so far.

**Ferg Chalmers** gave us a chat about his recent trip to ride the rails in Aussie. He had travelled from Brisbane inland to Longreach on the "Spirit of the Outback" sleeper train, then overland by road to Karumba on the edge of the Gulf of Carpentaria. The rail highlight was a ride on the "Gulflander" railmotor (QueenslandRail) between Normanton and Croydon, an isolated piece of rail in the outback. It is a rather iconic railcar built at Ipswich Railway workshops in 1950, and usually pulls two coaches.

This was followed by a trip on the Savannahlander railmotor of more recent vintage which travels between Forsyth and Cairns. He had really enjoyed the whole trip experience. Ferg had also visited a model shop (surprise!) and showed us his purchases :

Austrains DL47X diesel loco in HO scale. Aussie "National Rail" livery.

Six "Freight Australia" Tank cars, also in HO scale, by SDS Models. Modelled on Tulloch 10000 Gallon Rail Tank Cars as used in Aussie.

USA AC 6000 loco by Broadway Ltd. It is dual DC / DCC with a large range of sound effects, so it will be good to see and hear it on train when we have our DCC up and running. The prototype is built by General Electric, rated at 6000HP and is 76 foot long (about 23m).

At least three members visited the Christchurch Train show early October. The show is open two days 9.30am to 5pm, and usually draws a good crowd. There were 27 layouts on display with the usual second hand sales table (the first port of call!) and trade stand purveyors of fine railway goods present.

Layouts featured NZR, German, USA, and British prototypes in scales from Z (1:220) to G(1:22.5). The "One Track Minds" NZR modular layout is superbly modelled, as is the NZR Talmar layout, both in S (1:64) scale. Ken Devlin and I find that it is always great to talk to the various modellers we have met over the years at such events. We spent the first day and a half at the show, and then went out to see the Dubs A64 in action at Ferrymead, which was on loan from Plains Railway, Ashburton. The time passes all too quickly though!

*By Brian Niven*

### GROUP GET TOGETHERS

**Boat Group** Wednesday Following the General Meeting 7.30pm

**Engineering** Third Monday 7.30pm

**Scale Railway** Each Tuesday 7.30pm

**Thursday Toilers** 9.30 am to 4pm Weekly

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NZR Ab Talmer Layout



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**NEXT MEETING**

**MONDAY**

**10<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2014**

**7.30pm**

**FESTIVAL-WEEK 2015**

Planning is at last under way for next year's Festival-Week. I would like to thank John Anderson, Kevin Gamble, Henry Goosselink, Ron Johnston, Terry Smith and Hamish Tyson for joining me on the planning-committee. It will be held from **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January to Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February** inclusive. Here are some other major details which have already been decided.

The **opening-hours** on both Saturdays and Sundays, and also on Waitangi Day (Friday 6<sup>th</sup>), will be from 10.00am to 4.00pm, and on the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 6.30 to 8.30pm.

**Lunches** will be available to all participating members for \$4 per person per day.

**Prices** remain unchanged from this year: admission - families \$10, adults \$5, children \$3; train-rides \$2 each or (concession) \$10 for 6. There will be a **raffle** for the public with grocery-hampers as prizes; tickets will cost \$2 each. There will also be a raffle for participating members with sponsors' products as prizes.

**Staffing** will again be the responsibility of the three main groups, supervised by the respective group-leaders, as follows: the first week-end (both days), Engineering; the 4 week-day evenings and Waitangi Day, Scale Railway; and the second week-end (both days), Boats. The main hall will be set up by the Thursday Toilers on 29<sup>th</sup> January.

**Models for display** are to be brought in on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January.

The Otago Vintage Machinery Club and Dunedin Model Aero Club have again been invited to participate.

Cashing in on the current interest in things military (because of the centenary of the First World War) this will be the theme, but from any era, not just WW1. As many models as possible will be displayed but particularly models such as warships, warplanes and military trains, which will occupy the central space in the hall.

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## Engineering Group News



Many group members felt the call of nature (the garden) this past month, some finding time for modelling!

Festival week will be coming around soon, so it is not too early to think about what we can commit to: can I encourage you all to think about this? We will find the roster sheet wherever it is hiding and out it up. We agreed at the meeting that 3 trains should be the maximum on the track at one time, so if you are bringing a loco can I please ask you for a timing so that we can make this happen.

The safety issue has always been a major one, so I will find a way to get the Health and Safety Plan onto the internet. Jim Woods adapted this from the Canterbury group (I think) and I have also had a look at it. There have been concerns about responsibility if something goes wrong on the day. Safety is a responsibility for all of us, but especially the Day Controller. Along with the Health and Safety plan the ADR certificate is also a good guide.

To modelling. Chris Kennedy doesn't do gardens, so the 5" Bjax rebuild is going well. Nice work Chris, beautiful paint job.



Jim Woods is moving along with his Isle of Man Engine, as most of you will know a Beyer Peacock 2-4-0T built originally in Manchester. A beautiful stove pipe chimney is this months offering.

*By Dave McBride*

## Festival Report cont.

A barbecue-and-salads meal will be held on the first Saturday evening for those who helped run the event, a fish-and-chip meal on the first Sunday evening and a sausage-sizzle with chips on the second Saturday evening.

Drinks and nibbles will be available after the display closes on all 5 full days.

A **working-bee** to spruce up the premises will be held at 9.00am on the preceding Saturday morning, 24<sup>th</sup> January.

Many other details have also been looked at and I will keep Members informed through *Conrod* as things develop.

*Michael Forrest, Convener*

## October Tether Car Report

Another month has passed and we had a successful running day on the 5<sup>th</sup> October. The weather was kind for us this time although it was not the last Sunday of the month; we have to grab a good day when it is presented to us.

It was great to see Murray's car finally do a timed run and obtaining a speed of 128.18 kph. Well done Murray.

The top speed for the day went to Gordon with a run of 152.62 kph, Lachlan coming second with 134.11kph and Jim 3rd with 131.55 kph. It was pleasing to see Jim doing some modifications to his gearing to try to get another few more kph out of Ken's Car.

*By Mel Kennedy*



Charlie makes the first official climb

Date			Crew	Time	# Attn	Contact Ph	Contact Name
Nov	Sun	9	7	11.30 - 2.30	100		Grants Braes School - Gaylene O'Brian
Nov	Thu	20	TT	9.30 - 11.30	25	456 2929	Caversham Playgroup - Julie Blair
Nov	Fri	21	TT	9.30 - 11.30	25	456 2929	Caversham Playgroup - Julie Blair
Nov	Thu	27	TT	9.30 - 11.30	25	456 2929	Caversham Playgroup - Julie Blair
Nov	Fri	28	TT	9.30 - 11.30	25	456 2929	Caversham Playgroup - Julie Blair
Nov	Sat	29	3	1.00 - 3.00	60	454 2528	Lodge St Patrick - Colin Downing
Nov	Sun	30	5	11.00 - 3.00	100 +	4796715	Delta Xmas Party - Matt Nesbit
Dec	Mon	1	TT	9.30 - 11.30	30 - 50	456 3213	Dunedin Community Child Care - Tracy Cross
Dec	Tues	2	TT	4 to 6 pm	100	021 866620	Paws - Stu Hayes
Dec	Wed	3	TT	9.30 - 11.30	30 - 50	456 3213	Dunedin Community Child Care - Tracy Cross
Dec	Wed	10	TT	10am - 12	30	4709377	Vera Hayward Centre Jo Deker
Dec	Thu	11	TT	9.45 - 11.45	40	4550038	Bayfield Kindergarten - Rae Shureutt
Dec	Fri	12	TT	10 am - 12	100	4772944	Wild Things - Jan
Dec	Sun	14	6	11am to 2 pm	80	4743300	DCC Social Club Kids Xmas Party

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## BOAT GROUP REPORT

17/10/14.

We had a good attendance at our monthly gathering on Wednesday 15 October with 18 members present.

Our meeting started at 7 pm with boats on the pond. Unfortunately it was a rather cool evening following a rather cool day at 11°C, unlike the previous or following days when the temperatures were in the lower 20°C.

The club's running day on the last Sunday of the month was also very cold and windy with only a few very brave souls turning up for this event!

The mid-week boating group had three good sessions during the month, with the last one being a perfect summer's day in the mid twenties.

One very good suggestion, that will be followed up, is to have "boating day or evening" arranged similarly as the mid week boating group using a phone tree to contact members. This will allow us to make use of the warmer days or evenings.

If you are interested please contact Henry Goosselink so as to be placed on the list.

As at 17/10/14 seventeen members have decided to take a bus to Invercargill on Saturday 25/10/14 for the Little Train Show over Labour Weekend. Lets hope they have ordered better weather there than last years event.

The only notice that will be still applicable is the Club Christmas Dinner at the Forbury Functions Centre

Friday 21 November at 6.30 pm. Contact Bob Newbury.

### Bits on the table

**Vaughan Peterson** has finished his tethered hydrofoil so it's ready for it's maiden voyage soon.

**Tony Roach** has been working on a scratch build model based on an old English trawler of the 1930's era. It is to an approximate scale of 1:48 and is waiting to have electrics fitted.

**Murray Vince** has been fine tuning his Juno and has reshaped the bilge keels and lowered the batteries in the hull to make it less tender on the water.

**Henry Goosselink** has made a new rudder for his America's Cup yacht and has bushed the shaft while he was at it.

**Brian Nunn** has had a good success with trialling different motors to obtain the best speed/endurance performance, and has fitted a low drain Electronise motor. The result is a good speed and endurance for his S-boat.

**John Anderson** has been trialling different size sail/mast set-ups for his Footy yacht. The most recent sails being made from drafting film with the corners re-enforced.

**Jon Winton** is making steady progress on his sweet pea loco and he is boring lots of holes. Just as well it's not a boat!

It was evident that with Labour Weekend coming up fast that several members are exercising their green fingers

At our meeting next month Gordon Duell will give a practical demonstration on fibre-glassing using Murray Wright's hull for the process. This should and will be a learning curve for many of our members, so come along to this session, enjoy and learn.

*By Henry Goosselink - Group Leader.*



Vaughn's Tethered hydroplane





Tony's scratch model

## CLUB TRIP TO INVERCARGILL

On Saturday 25th October 16 members met at the clubrooms at 7am and piled themselves into a 14 seater van and a couple of cars and set out to visit the Southland model Engineers on their opening day. This of course includes their Great Little Train Show.

The first stop was at Balclutha for a short comfort stop and then onto Gore where we pulled up for about 20 minutes for the mandatory pie, coffee and comfort stop. This gave the van driver chance to stretch his legs. At this time it was observed by many that a far better day had dawned this year than the cold shocker that was the year before.

The trip itself was uneventful and we arrived a little after 10.45am, parked up and those who had taken model boats down pulled them out of the trailer and set off for the pond. Others set off inside the hall to view the scale Railway layouts and to spend their money on BARGAINS. As the day progressed the weather became warmer and warmer and a beautiful bright blue day evolved. Those of us who had taken the precaution of rugging up were soon all seen to be removing layers of clothing.

All enjoyed their day out, made welcome as we always are by the Southland club and all models operated as they should.

A call to return to the van was sent out and we were back on the road home to Dunedin at about 3.30pm having first gone to a Challenge Fuel Station and witnessed Henry at his best in working out a deal on the cost of the fuel. We all arrived back at the club rooms at 6.45pm. A great day out for all.



Line up of boats at Invercargill



Tony prepares his air boat for a run



Kevin frees up a snagged prop

*By the Editor*



Craig and The Supervisor check out Des's driving technique

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