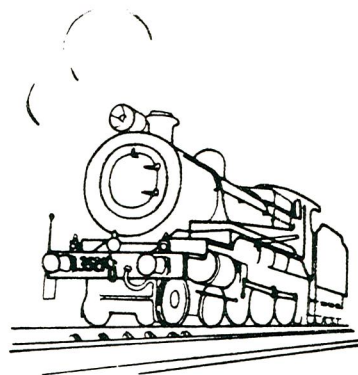


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1985 President's Report.

The past year has been an excellent one for the S.L.S.L.S. Co - Op. Ltd., a succession of fine well attended public running days has resulted in a very satisfactory accumulation of club funds to meet our ever increasing running costs and to finance the improvements to our track and grounds.

Once again a very special thanks to the ladies who ensure the kiosk operates so successfully each public running day and for their organisation of the Christmas Party.

Charity Days were held for the Crowle Home in September and the Spastic Centre in March, both days were fine and financially successful, unfortunately the Spastic Centre day had to be terminated at about 4.00 pm due to the high temperature and strong winds which broke some limbs from trees and made the grounds unsafe.

The Easter Convention at Lake Macquarie was attended by a large number of our members and after due consideration of our delegates report on the proceedings of the A.A.L.S. meeting the Board decided to withdraw from A.A.L.S. This decision received the support of a large majority of members attending the June special general meeting.

Inter - Club visits were made to the Sydney Society of Model Engineers and Blue Mountains Railway Society Co-Op Ltd., Members also visited John Hagan's 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ " railway at Duffys Forest and John Green's 5 " gauge railway at Yarramundi.

Seating for the public was greatly improved with the donation of eighteen concrete and timber park seats which have been placed around the grounds.

The reconstructed 5" ground level turntable, steaming bays, unloading hoist and swing bridge are now in service and subsequent connection to the elevated track will complete this project.

The signal Box and its electrical system is proceeding towards completion after many years work by a small group of members.

Installation of the new light poles with underground wiring is proceeding and should be completed within the next year.

Six new locomotives appeared on the Societies tracks in steam this year with a number of new locomotives in various stages of construction indicating that our Society is continuing to grow.

The southern boundary fence will be replaced in the near future now that funds are available, other projects include the extension of the carriage shed, installation of the longer stub points beam and a suitable design for a new footbridge over the tracks for the public to enter the grounds.

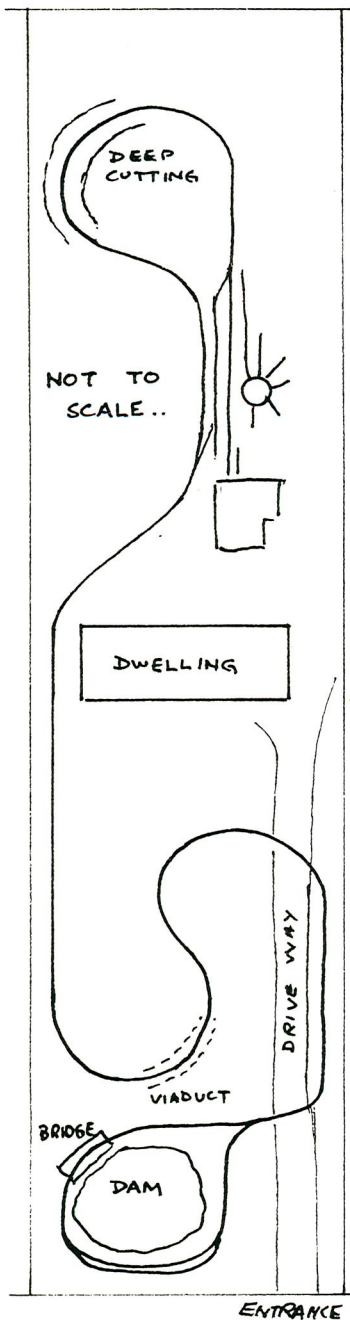
Jim Hyde.
President. S.L.S.L.S. Co-Op. Ltd.

CHARITY DAY

The Charity Day for the Crowle Home will be held on the first Saturday in September, Sept. 7th. The running day is to start at 1.30pm and all members who can make it to the grounds on that day are urged to do so. Help make the day a success.

H.D.M.E.S. Weekend.

The Hornsby club is holding a running weekend on Oct. 12th and 13th. If any member is thinking of going please let our Secretary Alan Mackellar know.

A Railway in the country.

On a Saturday late in July the SLSLS were invited by Mr. John Green to visit his property in the foothills of the Blue Mts., the attraction being John's extensive 5" gauge ground level railway system. The day was rather good weather wise for mid winter and a reasonable number of members availed themselves of the invitation. Locomotives present were Eric Holmes R4, Barry Tulloch's D 50 class and Jeff Sorenson's C 30T.

The track, some 3000ft. in length has a return loop at each end gives a run of almost a mile from the starting point and back to the start facing the same way.

The railway includes a turntable with round house facilities and a steaming bay. The yard provides passing, shunting and storage sidings. Running from the yard to the east the track skirts the side of the house and then swings down through two reverse curves to cross the driveway. After running parallel to the drive the track turns to cross the drive again then heads off around the dam. You should see the size of the carp that lives in the dam. There is a passing loop on the far side of the dam and the track also crosses a steel girder bridge. On the reverse curves there is a very nice wooden trestle viaduct.

Once back through the yard the track swings through a very deep cutting that will eventually be made into a tunnel.

While I was there Eric Holmes and Jeff Sorenson ran passenger services with Barry Tulloch's D 50 class hauled a train of 32 mixed goods wagons + guards van. This train looked truly magnificent as it climbed at near scale speed back up the bank after its run around the dam, Barry had set the regulator and disembarked to watch from trackside.

John has a number of scale buildings in the yard area these give a very realistic effect. At times on the track John likes to have running sessions where only scale trains are run even to a timetable.

Some of the members enjoyed a B.B.Q. or picnic lunch and I am sure that all who were there enjoyed the day as much as my son Peter and I did.

(There has been great enthusiasm in the house hold to get to work and complete a 5" gauge loco.)

Nostalgia Department.

Courtesy of Eric Holmes.

Ah for the glorious days when steam was king. The following shows how one gentleman saw those romantic hours.

The Manager, Railway Hotel, Snake Gully. N.S.W.

Dear Sir,

My wife and I spent last weekend at your hotel having a room on the railway side. We have wondered ever since then why it is that your local train engine has to ding and gong and fizz and spit and clang and bang and buzz and hiss and wail and pant and rant and howl and jowl and grate and grind and puff and bump click and clang and chug and moan and hoot and toot and crash and grunt and gasp and groan and whistle and sneeze and wheeze and squeak and blow and jar and jerk and rasp and jingle and twang and rumble and jangle and ring and clatter and yelp and hum and snort and growl and thump and boom and clash and jolt and jostle and shake and screech and snarl and slam and throb and clink and quiver and roar and rattle and smoke and smell and shriek all the confounded night long.

Yours, W.E. Tyred

Sales and Return

Bill Richards will give away for almost nothing a "Sadie" vacuum cleaner and a barrel lawnmower fitted with a Villiers 70cc 2 stroke motor. They are practically useless as appliances but the motors might be useful.

Also Bill has forgotten to whom he lent a jig for drilling the four holes for attaching buffers to buffer beams. Would the present custodian kindly return it as someone else wants to borrow it.

Register of Equipment.

At a recent Directors meeting it was considered that a register of such items as patterns, jigs and other items such as boiler plate formers, plans, sketches, etc., could be of great assistance to the members of the Society. Ron Larkin has the task of compiling this information. If you have items such as were mentioned please jot down the details and give them to Ron. This is one way we can be of great assistance to each other.

Duty Roster.

Sept. '85. W.Richards, I.Ramsay, T.Geraghty, W.Sandberg, J.Hagan, A.Cottrell, H.Spencer.
Oct. '85. G.Sharp, B.Kilgour, R.Larkin, J.B.Hurst, C.Wear, T.Collet, J.Rule.
Nov. '85. A.Mackellar, E.Holmes, V.Scicluna, J.Stevens, P.Ferguson, D.Price.
Dec. '85. M.Haynes, J.Sorenson, M.MCAulay, B.Courtenay, D.Gash, W.Hamilton, N.Sorenson.

Gate Roster.

Sept. '85. P.Brotchie, Oct. '85. P.Shields, Nov. '85, P.Dunn. Dec. '85. J.Hyde.

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Remember to keep the second Saturday in December free, The Christmas Run and Party.
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Editorial.

Simply two requests, the Ladies are always grateful for extra cakes or goodies for the canteen on the public running days.

Secondly, some contributions for the Newsletter would be most appreciated.

John Lyons.

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