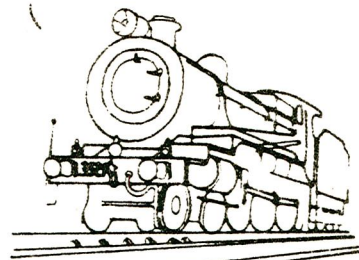


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Editorial.

I would like to take the opportunity to wish all members a happy new year on behalf of the Society. 1982 should be a very special year for the S.L.S.L.S. as it should see the completion and occupancy of our club house,, meeting room with facilities. The project is now reaching the stage where the fitting out will be underway, there will be many jobs of a specialised nature. Trevor Arney will be pleased to hear from any members who can turn their hands to any of these tasks.

Secondly, I must apologise to Laurel Larkin for not thanking her for her effort of typing the AALS Constitution that was included with your last Newsletter. Please accept my thanks, however late.

As usual as Editor of the Newsletter I will be pleased to accept any contribution from members for publication. Always remember that I need your help to make our Newsletter as interesting as possible.

John Lyons.

Christmas Party.

The Christmas Party, held in early December was once again a great success. We seem to be able to pick the days, another hot, steamy (weather wise not locomotive) day with a total fire ban. Santa, Bill Edgecombe, rode behind an electric locomotive with Tery Geraghty doing the honours.

The club house was utilised for the first time providing a cool, shaded area. Dian Lee acted as co-ordinated the party and was ably assisted by a number of other ladies. All the children enjoyed the afternoon and it was good to be able to chat with other members and their families.

Thanks to Dian, Bill and the ladies, all of who worked to make this afternoon such a pleasant event.

A Bridge Report.

Following some running problems on the bridge on the ground level inner main the Bridge Committee and several members of the board inspected the said structure on the Saturday following the October Meeting.

It was found that the footing of one intermediate pier had settled and as a result the right hand running rail was nearly $\frac{3}{8}$ " lower than the left hand rail. This caused a swaying motion of the trains, probably causing passengers to loose their balance.

The base of the piers were packed, the running rails are now level and as far as we know there have been no further problems. We deliberately ran the R.4 on the inner main on the following running day and the improvement was very noticeable.

Also discussed at the time was the possibility of adding 15" wide walk ways and railings to the existing bridge. It was the general feeling amongst those present that to construct a new single span bridge would be the most appropriate and necessary action.

Eric Holmes has prepared three sets of plans showing alternative designs for a new single span bridge. a. Conventional steel framed truss bridge. (Hawkesbury River Bridge profile) b. Contemporary Arch Bridge (Merivale Bridge Qld.) c. 19th Century Timber Truss Bridge.

These plans were viewed at the last meeting, it was felt that the Hawkesbury River type bridge would be the most suitable and that further design work will be carried out.

I would like to thank Eric Holmes for the report.

Proposed A.A.L.S. Constitution.

At the December meeting the proposed A.A.L.S. constitution was discussed in detail and after much consideration it was decided that the S.L.S.L.S. delegates to the Easter Convention meeting would not support the proposal.

Colo Vale.

Dave Thurlow has kindly extended an invitation to the members of the S.L.S.L.S. to come to his Colo Vale property, Windy Ridge on the Saturday and Sunday 6th. and 7th. of March. If any members would like more information they should contact Ray Lee.

Duty Roster.

Mar. '82. W.Richards, I.Ramsay, T.Geraghty, D.Jones, W.Sandberg, J.Hagan.
Apr. '82. G.Sharp, B.Kilgour, R.Larkin, P.Hinkley, J.B.Hurst, C.Wear, T.Collett.
May '82. M.Haynes, J.Sorenson, P.Dunn, B.Courtenay, K.Sewell, W.Hamilton, E.Holmes.
June '82. J.L.Hurst, J.Davies, R.Lee, N.Campbell, P.Shiels, J.Lyons, B.Donovan.

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Opportunity exists for part time work for a proficient carpenter / model engineer to help and to install and equip a neat small workshop for a Dentist at Neutral Bay involving the making up of machine tool stands, shadow boards, repair and maintenance to equipment for half to full day friday to sunday.

Contact Craig Erskine-Smith working hours 90 1124, after hours 908 3696

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For Sale

5" gauge D 50 class. Tender completed and painted. Chassis and running gear including buffer beams, wheels, axles, axle boxes, crank pins, side rods, connecting rods, crossheads, slide bars, cylinders, eccentrics and straps. Front bogie complete. \$1800 ono. Contact Barry Tulloch.

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375 Model Engineers, 1947 to 1954 Offer invited phone Mrs. Graff 89 3712.

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New Members.

At recent meetings Trevor Collett and Eric Holmes have been granted full membership status. We hope they have a long association with the society.

Watch "Rush" ABC-TV tonight 20th Feb. starring Jacki Weaver and Barry Clayton and Shuttleworth Portable Engine.

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