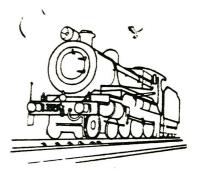
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Saturday 5th. March, as well as the Federal Election Day, is the date of our first Charity Day for 1983. This day is in aid of The Hills Childrens Therapy Centre.

All members are asked to make an effort to keep this day in mind to help as either drivers with their locomotives or with the other jobs necessary for the running of our railway.

Laster Convention 1983.

The 1983 Live Steam Convention will be hosted by the Defence Research Centre Salisbury Inc. Model and Experimental Engineers Society, Penfield Annex, Salisbury, South Australia.

Any members who wish to attend the 1983 Convention should contact the Secretary, Alan Mackellar, for application forms as soon as possible.

Christmas Party

The 1982 Christmas Party was once again a great success. The weather for a change was very warm but not unpleasant. The children were all very excited by Santa's arrival, transported behind Peter Shiels tank engine.

The party and afternoon tea were enjoyed by young and old alike. Our sincere thanks must go to Diane Lee and the other ladies who worked so hard to make the party so enjoyable. Neil Campbell also deserves our thanks for his part as Santa, it would not be easy wearing that Santa suit in this hot climate, but I am are Neil enjoyed every minute of it.

Chairs for the Club House, A message from our President, Jim Hyde.

The Club has ordered 50 chairs for the new Club House, each chair costing \$19.20. It would assist our finances considerably if a sufficient number of members were prepared to donate the cost of a chair to the club on this occasion.

There are many members who for various reasons have not been able to assist in the construction of the building and it is considered that a donation such as this would be acceptable to many of our members.

Our Treasurer, John Hurst, would be most happy to receive your donation.

A.A.L.S. Constitution.

Since this matter was raised late in 1981 and discussed at the 1982 Convention more meetings have been held and the constitution revised.

To let all members know where the S.L.S.L.S. stands on this matter I will reproduce a letter sent to Mr. Barry Glover, who has been working on the constitution.

"Dear Barry,
Your correspondence covering the revised proposed A.A.L.S. Constitution to hand.
Having perused the documents, we confirm our original decision to reject the documents for the following reasons.

A.A.L.S. Constitution. cont.

- (1) We are committed to operate in accordance with the requirements of the N.S.W. Dept. of Industrial Relations (to which the A.M.B.S.C. is totally responsible) covering (a) boilers and pressure vessels and (b) Amusement Devices, the N.S.W. Dept. of the Environment and Planning and the N.S.W. Registrar of Co-Operatives. Adherence to the requirements of these Govt. Departments ensures that our Society operates in a responsible and lawful manner.
- (2) Our membership will <u>not</u> accept that <u>non</u> members, through a constituted body shall have any authority over the operation of our Society, likewise our membership will not participate in any organisation which can exercise any form of authority over other "Live Steam" Societies.

Looking forward to seeing you next Easter.

Yours Sincerely, Alan. R. L. Mackellar Hon. Sec.

FOR SALE.

3 ½" gauge track 125 feet long circle in 20 foot lengths, approx. 40ft. diameter, in fair condition. Also approx. 70 6" x 8" x 14" concrete blocks and 100 6" x 8" x 8" blocks used to support the track. \$150 the lot.

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Duty Roster.

Mar. 183. B. Hurst, B. Tulloch, A. Eyre, M. Yule, J. Hyde, B. Rawlinson, L. Davy.

Apr. 83. W. Edgecombe, P. Brotchie, G. Esdaile, W. Allison, B. Peake, J. Leishman.

May 183. M. McAulay, T. Arney, G. Farkas, M. Tyson, A. Mackellar, H. Ryan, D. Price.

Jun. 183. W.Richards, I.Ramsay, T. Geraghty, W. Sandberg, J. Hagan, R. Boyd, H. Spencer.

Keeping the Passengers Informed Department.

Item from Eric Holmes.

An intending passenger informed the booking clerk that he wanted a sleeping berth.

"Certainly Sir " said the Clerk " Upper or Lower."

"What's the difference" asked the customer.

"Well, a difference of a few dollars on this train." the Clerk said.

"The lower is higher than the upper - the higher price is for the lower. If you want it lower you'll have to go higher. We sell the upper lower than the lower. In other words the higher the lower - most people dont like the upper, though its lower on account of it being higher. When you occupy an upper you see, you have to get up to go to bed, and get down when you get up, so you can have the lower if you pay higher. The upper is lower than the lower simply because its higher, so if you are willing to go higher, it'll be lowerwater please somebody, this gentleman has just fainted."

General News Items.

Both George Farkas and Bill Edgecombe have not been in the best of health of late. I am happy to say that both members are now on the mend and are out and about again.

The temporary transfer from the elevated track to the ground level on the eastern side is now ready for use.

Some roads of the ground level loco depot have been demolished in preparation for the relocation of the turntable and the reconstruction of the ground level loco depot. This project will get a move on when we have mor e workers for this project.

Alan Mackellars 4-4-0 American loco is making steady progress, the boiler and its fittings are complete and Alan is now working on the springing. The workmanship is first class, it will be a fine example of model engineering when it is complete.

There has been a suggestion that a full week end run be organised for fund raising when our Club House is complete.

Editorial.

To start the year I will make two requests, first, articles for the Newsletter to make it more interesting for you. Second, the ladies who run the canteen on our public running days always appreciate cakes or other goodies to sell to the public (and for our afternoon tea as well.)

John Lyons.