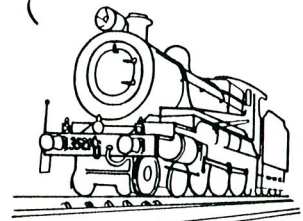


Sydney Live Steam Locomotive Society
Anthony Road, West Ryde, N.S.W.

Newsletter
Correspondence.
The Editor,
P.O. Box 124
West Ryde, N.S.W.
2114.

'Newsletter'

Vol. 5. No. 1. Price 10c



January 1977.

A message from the President.

Gentlemen,

Permit me the opportunity of paying tribute to Reg. V. Wood who has been the Editor of the S.L.S.L.S. Newsletter for the last four years which comprised sixteen issues.

The Newsletter was originally proposed by Reg. so naturally He agreed to become it's Editor. During this time He has maintained a consistently high standard of journalism, keeping the members well informed of the affairs of this and other societies and faithfully reporting on items of interest and importance. He has also carried out many fine photographic reproductions which added greatly to the overall quality of this journal. I might add that Reg., to a very large extent, personally stood the cost of producing our Newsletter and it is with gratitude that I thank you Reg. on behalf of the members, for a job well done.

I now introduce you to your new Editor Mr. John. A. Lyons.

Thank you Gentlemen.

Bill Richards.
President.

S.L.S.L.S.

Editorial.

The beginning of the year seems as good a time as any to start a new venture. For the S.L.S.L.S. two changes are taking place, a new Editor for the Newsletter and the proposal to form a Cooperative society.

The formation of the coop. society will mean the winding up of the S.L.S.L.S. in the form it has followed for the past twenty nine years and the incorporation of the S.L.S.L.S.Coop. Ltd. The move will be of great benefit to us all as it will provide protection for our personal assets should any claim be made against us, out side the scope of our insurance cover, - a most important consideration in this day and age.

In my first editorial I would like to thank Reg. for his introduction in the last Newsletter. I don't know if it will end up " bigger and better than ever" I hope I can keep up the standard that has already been set. Reg. will help with some photographic reproduction from time to time.

If there is any item that any member feels should be mentioned in the Newsletter please let me know, I do not have a crystal ball or the power to read minds, I need your help.

This journal is the Newsletter of a society that has in excess of fifty members. Newcomers such as myself have a lot to learn about our hobby and the knowledge of model engineering held by the overall membership must be considerable. The Society and the model engineering field in general can gain by hearing of the experience and ideas of its members.

Any ideas you have had, methods of carrying out specific operations, variation of design etc., can all make interesting reading and may help and encourage other Members. After all Messrs. Evans, Young and L.B.S.C. had to start some where.

With your help I hope I can continue to produce a Newsletter that is both interesting and informative.

John Lyons.

Memorial Scroll.

Before the official business of the Extraordinary Meeting held on the 30th Nov. 1976 got under way a special presentation was made.

The remaining foundation members had met and arranged the preparation of a Scroll in remembrance of the Founders of the Society.

The framed Scroll contains photographs of the Founders, the late J. E. Hurst and the late C. S. MacKellar. It also contains details of the time and place of the inaugural meeting and the names of those invited to attend that meeting. Presenting the Scroll to President Bill Richards foundation member Rod Brown spoke of the guidance that the Society received from the two Founders as the Society grew.

Accepting the Scroll on behalf of the Society Bill thanked the foundation members and the presentation was acknowledged by acclamation.

Bill commented " we need a club house to put this thing in-- " (or words to that effect.)

The foundation members present at the meeting were presented with their Foundation Member Badges; Rod Brown, John L. Hurst, Alan MacKellar, Cec. Gunning and George Floyd.

George spoke of the enjoyment that was shared by the members and their families in the early days of the Society and Allan had with him some early photographs showing what things were like when the Society was getting under way.

Extraordinary Meeting 30th Nov. 1976.

The purpose of the meeting was known to all members. We had received our copy of the Prospectus for the S.L.S.L.S. Coop. Ltd. with the last issue of the Newsletter. Twenty seven members attended the meeting despite petrol problems.

Graham Sharp and Don Jones explained points where needed and John Hurst gave a summary of the Societies matters. As the meeting drew on many points were raised that could be ironed out at a later date. (* insurance)

John Hurst, in moving that the recommendation of the committee be accepted, acknowledged the work done by the members of the committee, Bill Richards Graham Sharp, Don Jones, (and Reg. Wood in the early stages).

The motion was carried unanimously. Don Jones mentioned the help given by Allan MacKellar.

Note. See Newsletter Supplement for latest developments

Christmas Party.

The 1976 Christmas running day, party and B.B.Q. was well patronised by members, their families, relatives and friends etc. As locomotive running got under way over forty children sat down to their Christmas party organised by Elizabeth Tulloch and some of the ladies of the Society. After the usual party fare all adjourned to the centre of the grounds for the arrival of the afternoon's V.I.P. Santa Claus. How else would Santa arrive at such an Event but by train, hauled by Norm Potter's 5" gauge pannier tank. Having distributed all the presents and posed for numerous photographs Santa departed by the same means of transportation.

Ice cream was then distributed to the children, including some rather old ones, and preparations were made for the B.B.Q. and more locomotive running.

If all the children enjoyed the afternoon as much as Peter and Catherine Lyons then it was well worth the effort. Our thanks should go to Elizabeth and the other ladies who assisted in making the afternoon so enjoyable for all and to Bill Edgecombe for the part he played in the festivities.

Charity Day.

The day was the direct opposite to our previous charity day - dry and very hot. The locomotives of John Hurst, Ray Lee, Barry Tulloch, Barry Potter, Paul Brochie and Terry Geraghty provided the motive power on the ground level track while the elevated running was catered for by Ern Sweet, Ron Larkin, Warrick Sandberg, Maurie Haynes, Ted, Jack and Gary Esdaile. My own loco. 2552 spent an hour or two slipping around the small elevated track.

A good crowd kept the drivers working all the afternoon and the stalls set up the Spastic Action Group did a good trade especially in cold drinks and
cont. over.

Charity Day. cont'd.

ice blocks.

The afternoons effort realised \$ 448. 10 while the Group's stall raised about \$ 150 .00.

Convention Matters.

1977. Adelaide is the setting for this years Convention, April 8th to 11th. Preliminary details list places where accommodation may be booked. (No camping on grounds.) John Davies has the details.
1979. Thought should be given to the proposal to hold the 1979 Convention in Perth. Members who would venture to the West should the Convention be held there should notify Graham Sharp or myself by the end of March as Graham needs the information for the Adelaide Convention Meeting so the decision for or against Perth can be made.

Australian Miniature Locomotive Efficiency Trials.

The following is a transcript of a letter sent by Ray Lee to the Secretaries of kindred Societies.

" On 13th March, 1977 Sydney Live Steam Locomotive Society, in conjunction with Illawarra Live Steamers will be conducting the Australian Miniature Locomotives Trials for 3-1/2" and 5" gauge engines.

Competitive shields will be awarded to the overall winner plus the best performance by a 3-1/2" gauge. These trophies will be held by the winners for a period of approximately twelve months or until the next trial is held. Additional trophies will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, 3rd and the best 3-1/2" gauge.

In order to make the day a success we would like each club to nominate 2 x 5" gauge and 2 x 3-1/2" gauge engines, preferable in order of choice. (In case we are swamped with entries and may have to limit runners, 3-1/2" gauge will run first.)

Locomotives will be required to make a run of 25 minutes hauling a load nominated by the driver. The Illawarra Live Steamers Dynamometer Car, which gives direct readouts of work done and distance travelled, will be used for the readings. Rules will be as circulated to all clubs prior to the 1974 Convention.

Competitors are requested to provide their own favourite type of coal in preweighed bags of approximately 2 lb lots for check weighing by officials. The mine or seam of origin is also required plus the percentage mixture in the case of using mixed coals. e.g. 50% Wallarah & 50% Char. Each type to be supplied in separate bags. The winning engine will be the one using the least amount of coal per draw bar horse power hour."

Elimination trials for the S.L.S.L.S. will be held on the first Saturday in February, (5th) contact Ray for any details.

Locomotive News.

The 3-1/2" gauge Derby 4F built by Jack Esdaille , with some assistance from Gary Esdaille, has been running for some time now. This would probably be one of the first of this type of locomotive, recently described by Don Young in the Model Engineer, to be finished in Australia. The Derby 4F is a fine model of one of the larger 0-6-0 tender locomotives used in England. The boiler specifications were changed to suit the local Boiler Code. The locomotive runs well and hauls a good load.

New member, Norman Potter, has had his 5" gauge " Pansy " (0-6-0 G.W.R. pannier tank, L.B.S.C. design) on the track a number of times. The locomotive is straight L.B.S.C., about ten years old, it was overhauled inconjunction with boiler testing and is beautifully finished. (We can see where Barry gets his talent.)

The Christmas running day saw John Hagan's 5" gauge Gresley A3 Pacific "Spearmint" on the track. John seemed rather pleased to have the locomotive running after some early setbacks, it runs smoothly and, like the original, it has a good turn of speed. The loco. was built by H. Clarkson & Son of York and attended to by Arthur Mears on its arrival. It is finished in the traditional L.N.E.R. colour scheme.

cont. 'd.

Locomotive News. cont.'d.

On show the same day was the chassis of an American 4-4-0 loco, in 5" gauge been built by Allan MacKellar. The craftsmanship that has gone into the construction to this stage is superb. I am sure that the finished loco. will be well worth waiting to see.

Ron Larkin's "Atlantic" has been outshopped in a new green livery. Both Ron's locos. have been superheated of late and Ron reports that the performance has improved dramatically.

My own 3-1/2" gauge 2-6-0 N.S.W.G.R. Z 25 class loco. had its maiden run in November. The construction followed much of the general arrangement of Barry Potter's Z 24 with a mixture of "Ludy", "Rob Roy", "Mona". (O.B. Bolton, M. Evans and L.B.S.C.). I now have to finish dressing the engine.

New Members

We welcome, as Associate Members, Norman Potter, Bryce Peake and Gary Esdaille. We hope, gentlemen, that you have an enjoyable time with the Society.

Tom McMurray and myself have been transferred to Full Membership.

Duty Roster.

Feb. '77 M. Haynes, J. Sorensen, B. Potter, E. Sweet, W. Hamilton, P. Dun, J. Lyons.
 Mar. '77 J. Hurst snr., J. Davies, R. Lee, N. Campbell, K. Capes, A. MacKellar, M. Tyson.
 Apr. '77 B. Hurst, B. Tulloch, A. Eyre, L. Thompson, J. Hyde, T. McMurray, C. WEAR.
 May. '77 W. Edgcombe, P. Brothie, S. Childs, G. Floyd, R. Bremner, J. Logan, G. Esdaille.
 June. '77 T. Arney, C. Gunning, R. V. Wood, R. G. Wood, J. Esdaille, E. Esdaille, G. Parkas.
 July. '77 W. Richards, I. Ramsay, J. Ranford, T. Geraghty, D. Jones, W. Sandberg, J. Hagan.
 Aug. '77 G. Sharp, B. Kilgour, R. Larkin, P. Hinkley, J. Hurst jnr., P. Shiels, J. Singline.

Gate Roster.

Feb. '77 J. Logan. Mar. '77 T. Arney. Apr. '77 K. Capes.
 May '77 P. Dunn June '77 G. Floyd. July '77 P. Shiels.
 Aug. '77 B. Potter.

Boiler Certificates.

Boiler inspector, Stan Childs, has drawn up the following list of boilers that come due for inspection in 1977.

OWNER.	REG.No.	TYPE	GAUGE inches.	EXPIRATION DATE in 1977
R. Lee	N.A. 73.59	2-8-2	5	19th January
B. Tulloch	N.A. 69.16	2-8-0	3-1/2	2nd February
J. Hyde	N.A. 73.62	0-4-0	3-1/2	2nd March
J. Logan	N.A. 70.30.	0-8-0	5	20th March
J. Davies	N.A. 67.17	4-6-0	2-1/2	1st June
M. Haynes	N.A. 70.33	4-6-2	3-1/2	8th June
E. Sweet	N.A. 71.45	0-6-0	5	3rd August
R. V. Wood	N.A. 73.58	2-8-0	5	20th October
R. Larkin	N.A. 71.39	0-6-0	5	16th November
J. Esdaille	N.A. 74.71	4-6-2	2-1/2	7th December

ooooooooo00ooooooooo