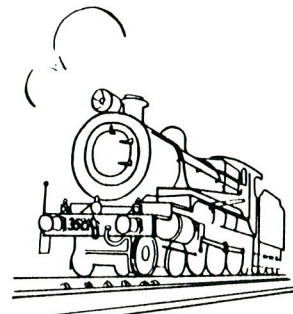


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Editorial :

As my reader will see from further reading in this Newsletter we have passed our twentyseventh year of existence - not that this is claimed as any record but at least it does suggest that our reason for being is more than justified, also, that those people who have made up our membership over the years have given the support necessary to make a movement like ours succeed. The members of any group are usually divided into three categories - those who just belong - those who always back up when there is a job to be done - and a very small few who take the initiatives and responsibilities of planning and organising without which no society would continue to exist. We in S.L.S.L.S. are no exception in the composition of our membership, happily the middle group that I mention is very strong when the chips are down but it is the leaders that I want to refer to - in the past there have been a number to whom we owe a debt of gratitude, names that spring to mind are those of the late John Hurst (our present Treasurers father) and the late Cec MacKellar, happily with us to day is a man who is a foundation member and who for twenty-five years was our President and who still takes the leading part in our reconstruction programme, some members myself included have on occasion grumbled about the time taken with certain aspects but this is only the result of the degree of perfection that is behind everything that Cec.Gunning does, the new track will be a long time witness of his love of exactitude. Rank and file members are inclined to take this kind of devotion without further thought but it is my belief that though it is never looked for or expected that non-the-less it should receive recognition. It has given me personally great pleasure to initiate and recommend the move that Cec. be honoured with Life Membership of our Society, this motion was adopted unanimously at the Annual General Meeting held on the 3rd June last. We have and will benefit greatly from your efforts Cec. but we will also be glad to see you able to settle down to your own workshop in the near future and get on with what we are all in the club for - building locos and in your case that lovely 5" gauge American Atlantic.

Reg. Wood, Editor.

27th Annual General Meeting :::::

The election of office bearers for the ensuing year took place with the following results:

President	W. A. (Bill) Richards.
Vice President	Graham V. Sharp.
Secretary	John L. Davies.
Treasurer	John L. Hurst.

Presidents Report:

Gentlemen, it is with pleasure that I present to you the 27th Annual Report of the Sydney Live Steam Locomotive Society for the year ending 30-4-75.

The major project during the year has been the rebuilding of the elevated track. Dismantling of the old track started in October last year and was completed by the end of the year, this resulted in increased interest in the rebuilding programme which has proceeded at a greater rate since Christmas. A few posts and beams were still to be installed on the top curve and on the western side only (since completed Ed.). The elevated roundhouse in being rebuilt in steel throughout, catering for 2½", 3½" and 5" gauges with one arrival road and one departure road together with twelve stabling roads.

Work on the ground level track includes an extended loco road and a siding at the bottom end just beyond the overhead bridge.

Ground maintenance continues to remain good due in greater part to the poisoning programme, and to a lesser part to the members response, I notice that some members are failing to honour their obligation in this department. The lawnmower fleet stands at five 18" machines and one 24" power driven machine, the maintenance of which is carried out by Peter Shiels.

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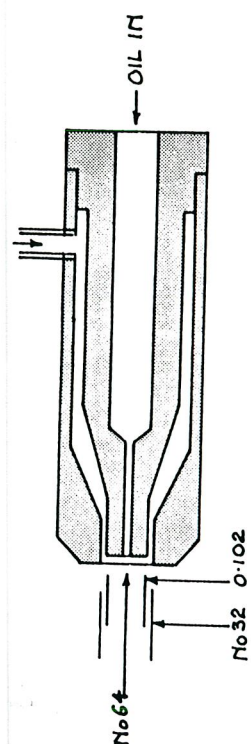
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Presidents Annual Report contd.

During the year one new locomotive has been commissioned to traffic, an 2 . 8 . 0 in 5" gauge built and owned by Reg. Wood. In addition three more locos have appeared owned by new members these are: Princess Royal 4.6.2. in 2½" gauge by Jack Esdaile, Tich 0.4.0. in 3½" gauge by Jim Hyde and 36 class 4.6.0. in 2½" gauge by Don Jones.

An interclub visit was held at the Blue Mountains Railway Society on 26th October '74, this was in conjunction with their 10th birthday celebrations, as with previous visits of this nature it was well patronised and a good time was had by all, for the first time without rain.

Membership stands at fiftyone, the first time that the half century has been reached, there are 32 full members, 15 associate members and 4 affiliate members. During the year Brian Kilgour and Bill Edgecombe were transferred from associate to full member. New members accepted into the society were Jack Esdaile Bill Hamilton, Jim Hyde, Don Jones, Ron Moffett, Jeff Sorenson and Michael Tyson.

Public support on our open days continues to be satisfactory although there has been a noticeable decline since the withdrawal of the elevated track, the sale of soft drinks and afternoon teas has been very good during the year and again sincere thanks to the ladies who have given up their Saturday afternoons to perform this service.

Two charity days were held, one for the Crowle Home on 19-10-74 and one for the Ryde Lantern Club on 2.11.74, both days being well supported by the public.

In conclusion Gentlemen, I sincerely thank all those members whose time and effort throughout the year has further advanced our society and made my task that much easier.

W. A. Richards, President, S.L.S.L.S.

Days to Remember:::::

FILM NIGHT on the 15th August, Friday night at 7.45 pm., programme will include (subject to availability) '4472 Flying Scotsman', 'The line to Sky', 'North British' etc., Members, wives, girl friends and just friends will be most welcome, would the ladies bring a plate for supper. The place will be of course the Presbyterian Church Hall, Roselle.

INTERCLUB INVITATION::::: Members please note that the Lake Macquarie invitation day is on the 25th October at their track at Edgeworth, those who were at the Convention need no encouragement and those who were not will not want to miss a run on this fine track so NOTE IT DOWN NOW. As the following day Sunday 26th is the clubs normal running day visitors are invited to make a weekend of it if they feel so inclined.

CLUB MONTHLY MEETINGS::::: Aug. 5th, Sept. 2nd, Oct.7th, Nov.4th.

Running Days::: July 19th, Aug.16th, Sept.20th, Oct.18th, Nov.15th.

Recent Visits:

I.L.S. 10th Anniversary, a representative group of our members travelled south for this important occasion, unlike some other notable events in the history of I.L.S. this day was blessed with perfect weather and a right good day was enjoyed by all, the hospitality usual down south was exceeded on this occasion and was capped off with a birthday cake washed down with 'Champers'.

Bankstown Inter-Club Invitation: The attendance on this day indicates the continuing popularity of these inter-club meets, clubs represented included I.L.S., Blue Mountains, Western Districts, Hornsby and S.L.S.L.S. (I hope that I have not missed anyone), yours truly and six other members from S.L.S. were there and Ray Lee, Maurie Haynes and Barry Potter ran their locos. The day also saw the official opening of the track by the Mayor of Bankstown who in addition to complementing the club on what they have done said that he thought that the Council should come forward with some assistance, good luck Bankstown we hope it comes off.

Smokey Mountain and Grisley Flats Railway: Your Editor had the pleasure of a visit from Keith Watson of Castledare fame during April last and at his suggestion we headed north in search of the new track being laid by Arthur Birch, despite a couple of false turns we did at last arrive at the right spot and found Arthur up to his eyes in mud working on this very extensive project. The track is 12" gauge and laid in 14 lb rail, it is a single line with balloon loops at each end and a branch line, in all there is some 7,500 feet of track which meanders all over the property. We were unlucky in that the loco at present in use there was undergoing a complete overhaul so 'no steam', nevertheless it was good to see the work that has been done and in the not too far distant future this will be a railway well worth a visit.

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The Lantern Club: An invitation to the Dinner Dance to be held at the 'Crystal Ball', West Ryde, organised by the West Ryde Lantern Club to raise funds for the deaf and blind children was received and attended by a group of S.L.S.L.S. members. A party of twelve members and their better halves enjoyed a most delightful evening. The 'Crystal Ball' room is very spacious and over the dance floor are hung large chandeliers, at one end is a lounge area where the guests were offered savouries and drinks on arrival. In all about three hundred guests were present, in the S.L.S.L.S. group there was some problem in recognising friends normally seen in overalls and with smutty and oily faces, it is rumoured that Paul Brotchie was wearing shoes. It did not take long to wake up to the reason for all the 'Eskys', Ron Larkin knew the ropes and came prepared full of the necessary refreshments, Neil Campbell, Bill Edgecombe, Barry Potter and myself quickly retreated to the corner shop and aquired supplies. The band was 'super' and as the announcer said 'provided our kind of music'. The dinner part of the show was most enjoyable with sweets and coffee to follow. During the night even the staunchest non-dancers were seen on the floor and everybody joined in for the progressive barn dance including one of our taller members who continued on until he met up with his wife at which time he sat down exhausted (he wasn't the only one). Molly Jones was dancing in the right place during one of the spot dances and received a prize. After a Cha-Cha Neil Campbell was heard to say 'Its just like riding the foot plate'. Barry Potter and Dianne Lee danced the Cha-Cha and only Barrys feet touched the floor. I'M sure everyone enjoyed the night and our thanks go to our President Bill for organising our group (tickets etc.). Looking forward to another such evening, it was a real night out for the girls.

Reported by Maurie Haynes.



The S.L.S.L.S. Group at the Lantern Club Dance

New Models: Two new models have appeared in recent times, the first is a very rugged design and will do a lot of hard work in the years to come, the design is quite conventional and includes the usual blow down valve and a quick action dumping ashpan. The second is of more graceful form and is particularly interesting in that it is fitted with the latest form of twin hydraulic buffers. Hearty congratulations to Ray and Dianne Lee in the birth of Mathew 25-3-75 and to Ron and Laurelle Larkin in the birth of Karen 17-4-75.

Boiler Inspections: The following members are reminded that their boilers will be due for renewal of Boiler Certificates on or before the following

dates.	July 5th 1975	J. Logan	NA.69.6	'Director'
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	Sept 21st 1975	C. Gunning	NA.69.18	
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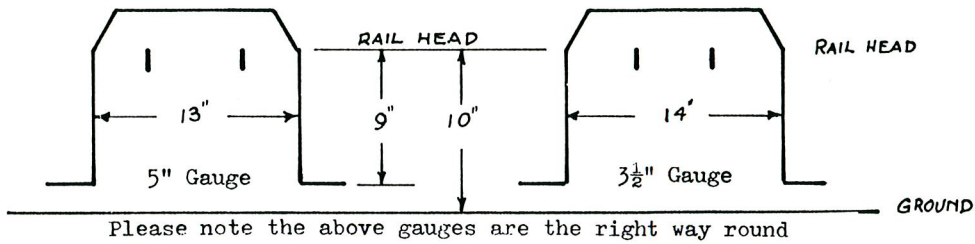
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Riding Truck Clearance::::clearance for riding trucks and stirrups for use on our new elevated track is as shown in the diagram below - will all clubs please copy so that members will be informed for the next Convetion which is to be held at our track.



Club Badges:::: It has been decided to have struck a members badge, these are on order and should be available by the end of August, your annual subscription for this year includes the cost of this badge, due to the cost and problem of sending this by post will all members please arrange to pick up their badge in person on one of our running days after the end of August, this will not apply to our country members to whom we will of course send by mail. In addition there will be available an S.L.S.L.S. souvenir badge for general sale to any non member wishing to purchase same at a cost of \$1.50. For any information and supply of badges please contact Reg. Wood 57-4455.

New Members::: We were pleased to welcome to our membership a regular visitor and driver on our tracks for some time in Warrick Sandberg.

Club Movement in the South:::: by Jim Ranford.
During my annual visit to South Australia this year I had the pleasure of visiting the new grounds of the Adelaide Miniature Steam Railway Society at Regency Road Prospect. This young club is an 'off shoot' from S.A.S.M.E.E. (you'll get shot if you say 'Break-away'), its members comprise 5" gauge members of the latter who are desirous of running 5" ground level but are unable to get this facility at Millswood due to space limitations. I was fotunate to attend a meeting of S.A.S.M.E.E. where I was able to renew acquaintances with dozens of friends there too many to mention names and I dont want to offend by risking chance omissions. A most gratifying and impromptu motion was moved and passed to hold a benefit day to assist the new club, to me, this was a wonderful gesture and should dispel any ideas of a wrangle within the movement in S.A., it is an excellent example to follow. The amount of work that has taken place on this two acrs site since work began last July is quite staggering and is a credit to those nineteen or so members involved. Trackwork is taking shape and to date approximately 1,200ft. of the proposed 2,500 ft has been laid together with points and a most facinating double slip that has to be seen to be appreciated, I'M aware that some people saw it in Maurie Turners workshop but it is now in operation, makes me feel like building another 5" gauge loco. The turntable was being installed when I was there and countless hours have been spent in workshops on this and other equipment like cheese-head point levers, hydraulic point controls and signalling devices etc. Completed, so far, is the truck shed, the ground floor portion of the signal cabin and all perimeter fencing gates and entrances. An Rx loco wheel has been mounted on the Regency Road frontage with a sign "Railway Park" erected alogside. Footings have been poured for the clubroom and toilet complex. Those who knew Grayson Calvert one of S.A.S.M.E.E.s stalwarts and who accompanied Maurie Turner to the convention at Easter will be sorry to hear that he passed away quietly at his home less than twelve hours after they returned to Adelaide, suitable gestures and expressions were made at the club meeting. To any of our fraternity visiting Adelaide I can strongly commend a visit to A.M.S.R.S. another name to be added to the list of "Loco" people, their President is Murray Sambell, Secretary John Wakefield and Treasurer Maurie Turner, any of these gentlemen would be delighted to welcome visitors.

ROSTERS:

Garden Roster:

July	W.Edgecombe. P.Brotchie. S.Children. D.Cross. G.Floyd. R.Bremner.
Aug	T.Arney. C.Gunning. R.Wood snr. R.Wood jnr. G.Singline. J.Esdaile.
Sept	W.Richards. I.Ramsay. C.Hazelwood. J.Ranford. T.Geraghty. D.Jones.
Oct	G.Sharp. B.Kilgour. R.Larkin. P.Hinkley. J.Hurst jnr. R.Moffett.

Gate Roster: Please refer to your copy of the last issue of 'Newsletter'

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