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Editorial:

Once again the gathering of the Clans is imminent, the annual convention is only a few weeks away, our visitors will be busy furbishing their locomotives and other gear and we, as host club are flat out with our preparations, it is good to see the strong force of members who are now turning up week after week to complete the remaining jobs, it has not been unusual to see nearly 50% of our membership on the job, this is realy worthy of congratulations. In the overall I believe that we have carried out more jobs than we would have thought possible twelve months ago, the major one of rebuilding the elevated track with its sidings and stub points has been a trial to those who have carried most of the burden, the inovations involved have caused some lost sleep at times but after all challenges are what life is all about. On the organisation front many meetings have been held and every effort put forward to making a success of our undertaking, particular mention must be made of the ladies committee who are attending to the needs of the inner man. No doubt that those who have been involved will heave a sigh of relief on Easter Monday night but they will be able to retire after a job that will have been well done Reg. Wood

Convention Report by the Convention Secretary Don Jones:

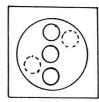
As the 1976 Live Steam Convention at Darvall Park approaches preparations have swung into full gear. The new elevated track is almost completed with the traverse points now in their final stages. All the track has been laid and the wooden sleepers fitted. By the time that this goes to print the elevated station concrete apron will have been poured and the fences erected. The loco depot has been rebuilt complete with 14 roads of greatly increased length, the elevated system provides for 5", $3\frac{1}{2}$ " and $2\frac{1}{2}$ " gauge running. A new flag pole with yards to carry the various visiting club flags is being constructed and the new base for this is complete and ready. As will be seen from the official registration form we are having catered evening meals on Friday and Saturday and once again at the near by Masonic Hall, on Sunday there will be a B.B.Q. at the grounds, A bus tour to beautiful Pittwater and northern suburbs is being arranged for the Sunday afternoon, this will return via the Harbour bridge and Gladesville bridge Darvall Park, the cost to those who wish to go is \$3.00 and includes afternoon tea, Sausages, pies, chips and soft drinks will be on sale on the grounds for those who need more than the meals provided. Invitations have gone out to all clubs and we trust that these will be returned as soon as possible so that a final assesment of numbers can be made, to our own club members will you all please see that you get your registrations in promptly, forms are available at the grounds every Saturday. Remember that catering is a very big task and that it cannot be finalised until it is known how many are coming so please help by doing yours NOW.

Signals Department:

Stage 1 of the signals programme for the ground level track is now complete, a few teething problems were encountered in the testing stage and as a result the format of the signals had to be altered, also the point motors are being standardised.

New Format:
Signal "A" & "B" will consist of three colour lights, Green, Amber, Red over a route indicator

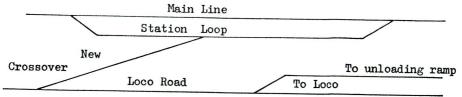
Route Indicator White Lights



Green, Amber, Red signal above

Signals Department contd.

A new crossover between the station loop and the loco road will be installed before Easter but will not be signalled



There will be no alteration to the Track Indicator. It is intended that for Easter a simple handout describing the colour light operation for our grounds will be available.

Question: What do I do if no lights are showing ?

STOP and use the telephone, if no phone proceed to next signal at a Answer: speed that will enable you to stop immediatly before an obstruction or track damage. Report malfunction of signal A.S.A.P.

"A thought for all time" A signal does not STOP a train.

Happy and safe driving

Mike & Terry.

Family \$2.0

Southern Highlands Museum - Exhibition day - Colo Vale

The rain having eased off a visit was payed to Colo Vale on the occasion of the Annual Exhibiton, this was Sunday March 7th. There was a vast roll-up not only of steam fans but also the Veteran Car Club, the grounds of the Thurlows property were crowded by visitors from far and wide. S.L.S.L.S. were well represented as usual by the 59 and 38 also Larkin, Sandberg, Haynes, Sorrenson and others were seen on the track along with drivers from other clubs, another very enjoyable day, and for those who stayed over night from Saturday, weekend.

Dates to remember:

Monthly Meetings April 6th Tuesday May 4th June 1st Annual Meeting and election of officers. Running Day March 20th Convention April 16.17.18 & 19 Visits April 20 Illawarra Live Steamers 21 Blue Mountains 22 Western Districts 23 Colo Vale Exhibition Hornsby & District M.E.S. Admission: Adult 60 Asquith Boys High School Child 20 ¢ 29th May - 9am to 9pm.

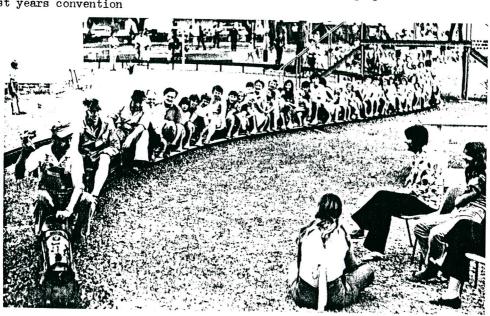
Rosters:

Please refer to your last copy of Newsletter for Gate and Garden rosters.

30th May - 10am to 6pm.

The Big Haul:

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This issues project is a very useful tool designed by Terry Geraghty for the trepanning of holes or the cutting of washers or discs, the drawing is self explanatory, the clamp plate part 2 is arranged to grip the tool bar in the desired position to cut the required diameter, the tool bar should be a nice sliding fit into the body. Tool sharpening is important, it should be noted that the front rake should be kept to a minimum to reduce any tendancy for it to dig in, cutting speed should be on the slow side depending of course on the material being worked on. It was very pleasing to see that last issues project has already caught on, Ern Sweet showed me a very nice job that he has made of his.

Around and about:

On Sunday the 21st March the Illawarra Live Steamers will hold their Efficiency Trial, entrys from S.L.S.L.S. comprise Reg Woods 2 - 8 - 0, Ray Lees 59 and Cec Gunnings 'Coronation'. if the previous trial was any indication this should be a very interesting day.

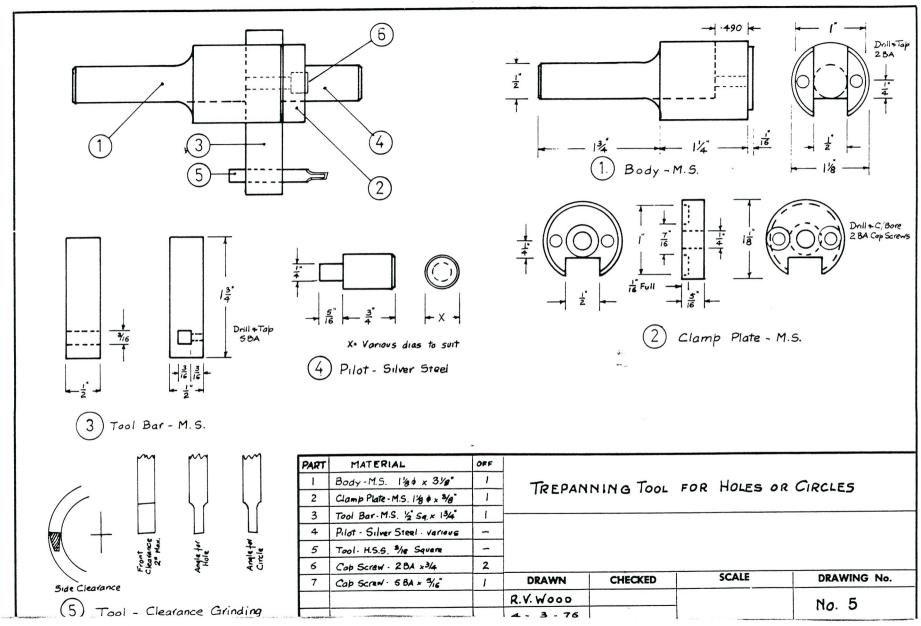
The next inter-club invitation day is to be held at the Sydney Society of Model Engineers at Luddenham on Saturday 29th May next.

Nothing like a laugh: (With acknowledgement to Cinders & Soot)

A young brides mother was helping unpack after the honeymoon and was shocked to find her daughter's trousseau badly torn.

Darling,' she gasped, 'didn't your husband like your trousseau?

'Oh yes', the blushing bride replied, 'he liked my trousseau, mother. It's just that he liked my torso more than my trousseau - that's why my trousseau is tore so. ***********



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