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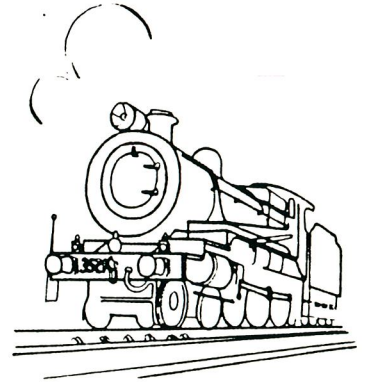
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

A reminder that this meeting will be held on the **second** Tuesday in June, June 8th at 8.00 pm. Business will include the election of office bearers for the coming year, the presentation of annual reports and any other necessary business.

Out and About.

Since the last Newsletter there have been two visits to other Clubs, here are reports on each of them.

Lake Macquarie. The Lake Macquarie Society celebrated their Fortieth Anniversary on the 27 / 28 February 1993 and invited other Societies to their grounds for a weekend of running.

Fifteen members, including Trevor Collett who travelled down from Coramba, went to Edgeworth for the day on the Saturday and spent an enjoyable day running locomotives and talking; one member was also reported as doing plenty of eating (no name no pack drill).

The Edgeworth grounds filled with locomotives both large and small by quite early in the morning and by mid morning traffic jams seemed to be the order of the day. A trip "over the hill" out into the paddocks with the 7 1/4" gauge seemed to ease the congestion for a while but later in the day there were even holdups out in the sticks.

A feature of the celebrations was the official opening of the recently completed fully covered main station complex with its multiple platforms and through road. A great project, well executed, congratulations to all members of the Lake Macquarie Society who were involved. The celebrations were completed by the cutting of the traditional Birthday Cake which was soon devoured by the ever hungry visitors.

A most enjoyable day was had by all our members who attended, the weather was perfect and the company good, next time there is an interclub visit put aside your cares and come along for a relaxing time.

Thanks again to the Lake Macquarie Society for a great day.

Report by Henry Spencer

Colo Vale Visit. "Windy Ridge" provided an idyllic bushland setting when 17 members and their families visited there on Sunday, 2nd May. Accompanying them were 7 locomotives which were run on the fine 5" gauge ground level track. To find previous mention of such visits to Colo Vale we have to go back to Newsletters of 1982-83 when NSWGR models seem to have predominated. This visit was represented by TGR "R", VGR "S", WAGR "V" and of course NSWGR was not to be out done with the presence of 30T and 35 classes. Along with Lionel Pascoe's locomotive there was a certain "39" circulating all day. Additional interest was provided by the presence of the remote, cable controlled 3801.

The picturesque layout has a roundhouse with turntable, storage sidings, points and colourlight signalling operated from a signalbox which even had genuine NSWGR signalbox phones on the wall. The station area has water columns and two attractive platform lights of a bygone era. The route passes through a mixture of natural bushland, cleared areas, across a dam, and with

varying grades made the drive and ride both challenging and interesting. Even to sit by the still waters of the dam with its reflections of bushland and trains on a glorious autumn day wasn't hard to take.

Dave Thurlo and his wife must have really toiled to have the both the grounds and track in such first class condition for our visit. Thank you both for a day, I'm sure, we'll long remember.

Report by Brian Rawlinson.

General Items.

Jeff Sorensen would like to locate the boiler former plates that he and Maurie Haynes used when making the boilers for their C 30 T locomotives, the plates were lent to someone so if any member knows of their whereabouts Jeff would be pleased to hear.

The Society was notified recently that country member Peter Hinkley had died about Easter time 1992. In the early 1970's Peter was an active member running his 3 1/2" gauge Princess Marina (I think) till his work commitments took him away from Sydney. He would have been somewhere around the half century mark. R.I.P.

Vacuum Brakes. Brian Kilgour is working on an investigation of a system of vacuum brakes that could be adopted by the Society. Based on a system published in Model Engineer, that has been in use for many years Brian is looking at making some improvements and when sea going activities allow will fit out his Nigel Gresley and riding trucks. Brian will also, when on dry land, try not to get involved in sorting out dog fights. I hope the arm has fully recovered.

At the Grounds. As many members are aware the two large old gum trees were removed some time back. At the direction of Ryde Council two trees of a specific species of gum have been planted to replace them.

The top of the retaining wall on the eastern bank near the signal box was cleaned up recently with over one ton of scrap steel and other rubbish removed to the tip.

One coal bin will be built soon for the purpose of evaluation.

Work is progressing well on the ground level round house. Retaining walls are complete and the drainage is as good as finished. Excavations have been completed and the form work is well under way. Weather permitting it is proposed to pour concrete on the following Saturday mornings; May 22nd, June 5th and 12th. starting time 7.30 to 8.00 am. Lots of help required. Warwick Allison has been working on the rewiring of the public entrance gates (cyclone mesh) and refurbishing the sign with some professional help from Paul Taffa's brother

Provisional Members. Ron Harrison, Carol Leggett and Matthew Lee have become provisional members of the Society, I hope you all have an enjoyable association with the SLSLS.

Inter Club Visit. The week end of May 29th and 30th will have the Canberra Society hosting the first such visit for this year, details from the Secretary.

Duty and Gate Roster.

There are seven Duty Roster groups, each with a group leader. The Group leader will phone each member of his group during the week prior to the second Saturday of the month for which the Group is rostered. If you know that you are unable to attend on your required day please ring your Group leader and advise him and if possible arrange with a member of another group to stand in for you.

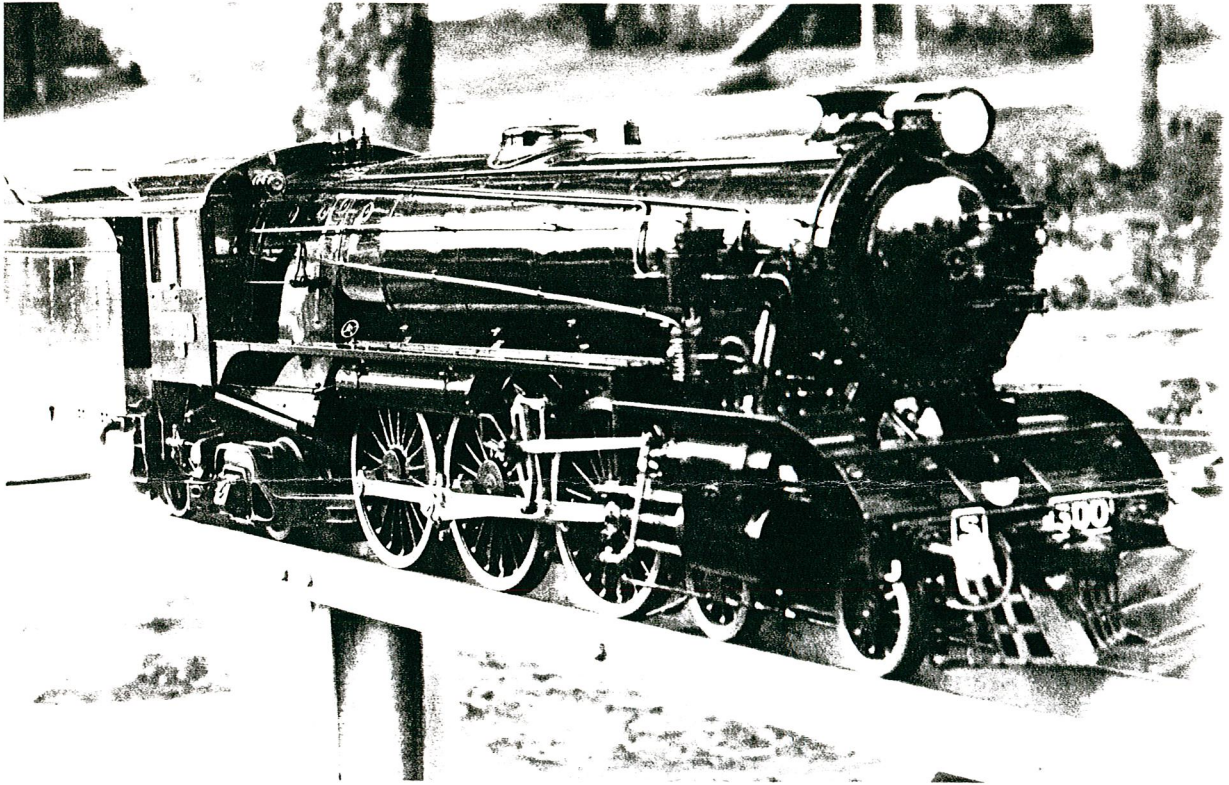
Duty Roster

June	'93	Group 4
July	'93	Group 5
August	'93	Group 6
Septem.	'93	Group 7

Gate Roster.

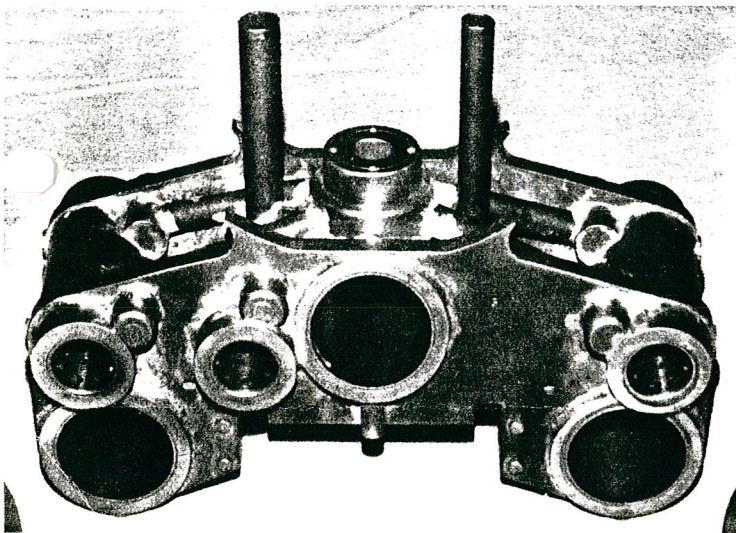
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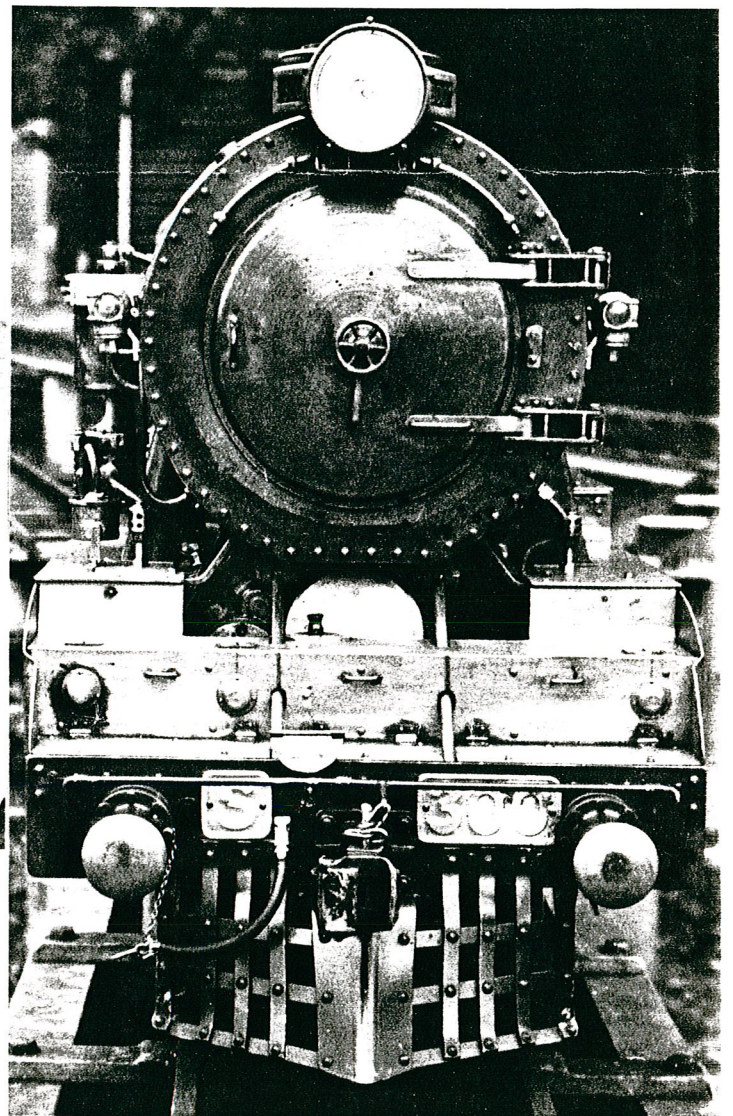


VR. "S" CLASS

BUILDER. RAY LEE



FABRICATED CYLINDER BLOCK.



Something many of us may find amusing.....

For all those born before 1945.

We are survivors. Consider the changes we have witnessed. we were born before television, before polio shots, frozen foods, xerox, plastic, contact lenses, frisbees and the pill.

We were before credit cards, split atoms, laser beams and ballpoint pens; before pantyhose, dishwashers, cloths dryers, electric blankets, air conditioners, drip dry cloths and before man walked on the moon.

In our time, bunnies were small rabbits and Minnie was a Walt Disney character not a car or a skirt. Designer jeans were scheming girls named Jean, and having a meaningful relationship meant getting along with our cousins. We thought fast food was what you ate during Lent, and outer space was the back of the local picture theatre.

We were before house husbands, gay rights, computer dating, dual careers and commuter marriages. We were before day care centres, group therapy and nursing homes. We never heard of FM radio, tape decks, electric typewriters, artificial hearts, word processors, yoghurt and guys wearing ear rings. For us time sharing meant togetherness - not condominiums or computers. A chip was a piece of wood, hardware was hardware and software wasn't even a word.

In 1940 Made in Japan meant junk and the term " making out " referred to how you did in your exam. Pizzas, McDonalds and instant coffee were unheard of.

In our day cigarette smoking was fashionable ; grass was mowed. Coke was a cold drink and pot was something you cooked in. Rock music was a grandma's lullaby and aids were helpers in the Principal's office.

We were certainly not before the difference between the sexes was discovered, but were surely before the sex change. We made do with what we had, and we were the last generation that was so dumb as to think you needed a husband to have a baby.

No wonder we are so confused and that there is such a generation today. But we survived - what better reason to celebrate.