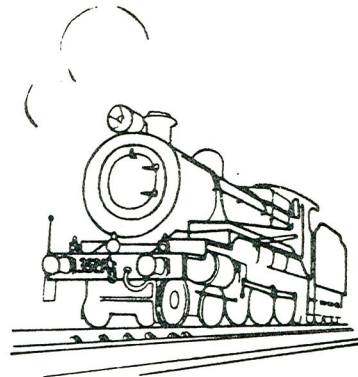


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Editorial.

The Live Steam movement has grown and flourished over the years since the S.L.S.L.S. was founded in 1948, the first live steam society in Australia. With careful and professional guidance from the Societies executive over the years our Society has made great progress developing and improving the grounds at West Ryde to what we have today.

The Easter Live Steam Convention was introduced on to the Australian scene with the first such convention held at our West Ryde grounds in 1956.

Members of our Society were to the fore with the A.M.B.S.C. development, this having started as early as 1945 with the Rhodes Live Steamers when the D.L.I. at that time indicated a request that design standards for miniature boilers be established. These facts are recorded in the files of the D.L.I., now the Dept. of Industrial Relations. Slow progress was made in establishment of design principles until 1966 when it was felt that steps should be taken to establish a written code of required design procedures. This was done as a co-operative effort with the N.S.W. Clubs of the day. Our Society provided the Chairman and the Secretary.

As well as the annual Easter gathering our Society instigated the Inter-Club Days. At a meeting at West Ryde in 1973 the idea was welcomed and the system formalised so that the Inter-Club visits were set down for May and October of each year. Members of any Society could turn up at the host Societies ground and enjoy the companionship as well as the running rights on the track with your locomotive and of course your current boiler certificate.

In the November Newsletter in past years I have been able to include a report of the October inter-club meet. There is no report this time as it seems that as our Society is no longer associated with the A.A.L.S. the host society saw fit to withdraw their invitation to us for this last Invitation Day.

It will be remembered that when the idea of the A.A.L.S. was first floated with the publication of the draft constitution our Board of Directors opened the matter for general discussion by our members at a special general meeting and much debate followed. The Society as you will remember supported the A.A.L.S., with some reservations but kept an open mind as it, the A.A.L.S., seemed to battle to get into stride.

We realise that as a Co-Operative, a Registered Amusement Device, a user of miniature boilers and a 99 year lease holder of our site we are answerable to the Registrar of Co-Operatives, the Department of Industrial Relations and the Ryde Municipal Council, is there a need to be answerable to another body. Our Executive has always managed our affairs in a most professional manner - why let anyone else take over.

After further discussion following the Easter Convention our Society decided to withdraw from the A.A.L.S.

QUESTION ? ? ? Did anyone read in the constitution that Clubs not affiliated with the A.A.L.S. would be not welcome at Live Steam Functions ? ? If we were to dare to go to such a function would we be removed ? ? Will our boiler certificates have to be stamped with A.A.L.S approval.

Just where will this whole thing end. Is it not, afterall, a leisure time interest that use to premote friendship and companionship.

John Lyons.

CHRISTMAS PARTY and RUNNING DAY.

As usual this get to gether will be held on the 2nd Saturday in December, that is Saturday 14th December.

Christmas Run Day.

The childrens party will be held about 3.00pm and that special visitor, Santa, will be making a call. (presents to the value of \$8 -\$10.)

Those members who wish their children, grandchildren or what ever to attend the party should please inform Diane Lee so that catering arrangements can be made. Diane's phone number 533 5959. Members are also invited to stay on for a B.B.Q. (B.Y.O.) and celebrate the festive season.

Works Report

prepared by Bernard Courtenay

The new fence at the southern or lower end of the ground has been completed. Much mid week and Saturday work went into the project and the result is very satisfying. Up at the front gate new security wire has been placed along the fence top.

Work continues on the ground flood lights with a substantial sub board having being concreted into the ground near the inner main platform.

The elevated track maintenance continues through the work of a small group of one and some helpers. Also a new set of stub points is nearly ready.

Surveys are currently being made at the lower end of the ground preparatory to drawing a plan for the extension of the bottom curves and the replacement of the foot bridge. As well survey work continues on the carriage shed extension.

A signal gantry has been fabricated for the new signals at the outer main junction. It will carry signals controlling the entrance to the outer main platform, outer main through line, the inner main through line and the inner platform starter, dead end.

New point motors have been installed recently, the latest of which powers the crossover between the yard head shunt and the inner main loop.

It has been agreed that a retaining wall should be built around the bottom inner curve between the ~~big gum tree~~ and the foot bridge. This should encourage people to use the concrete drain top as a path, instead of the track, as well as consolidating the bank.

Boiler Certificate Renewal Reminder List.

<u>Owner.</u>	<u>Engine.</u>	<u>Boiler No.</u>	<u>Renewal Date.</u>
Warwick Sandberg	2-6-0 Mogul	N.F. 73.15	5th Feb 1986
John Davies	4-6-2 C 38	N.C. 69.18	5th Feb 1986
Ted Esdaile	2-6-0 Freelance	N.A. 78.95	19th March '86
Trevor Collett	2-6-2 Mountaineer	N.K. 78.14	14th Apr 1986
Keith Gapes	4-8-2 D 57	N.A. 69.11	7th May 1986
Ray Lee	4-6-0 C 35	N.A. 79.98	2nd Jul 1986
Neil Campbell	4-6-0 Springbok	S.A. 72.53	16th Jul 1986
George Farkas	4-4-2 Iron Duke	N.A. 68.1	1st Oct 1986
Maurie Haynes	4-6-0 C 30T	N.A. 77.89	5th Nov 1986

Members are reminded that in order to save time boilers should be presented for inspection with all openings plugged except test connection which should be 5/16" X 32 TPI female thread. Please ensure that safety valve mountings are sealed.

Duty Roster.

Dec. '85. M.Haynes, J.Sorenson, M.McAulay, B.Courtenay, D.Gash, W.Hamilton, N.Sorenson.
 Jan. '86. J.L.Hurst, J.Davies, R.Lee, N.Campbell, P.Shiels, J.Lyons, P.Brotchie,
 Feb. '86. B.Hurst, B.Tulloch, A.Eyre, M.Yule, J.Hyde, B.Rawlinson, T.Esdaile.
 Mar. '86. W.Edgecombe, G.Esdaile, W.Allison, J.Logan, B.Peake, J.Leishman, J.Murray.

Gate Roster.

Nov. '85, P.Shiels, Dec '85, P.Dunn, Jan. '86, J.Hyde, Feb. '86, M.McAulay
 Mar. '86, J.Hurst Jnr,

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