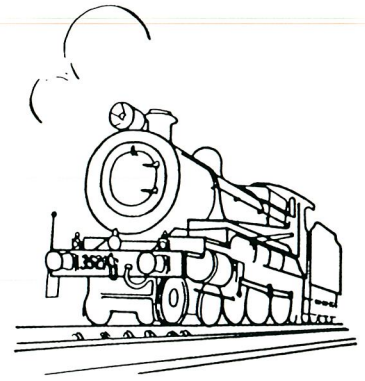


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Notice for December Special General Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that at the next Special General Meeting of the Society to be held on Tuesday 6th December 1994 the following resolution will be put before the meeting to be discussed and passed as a Special Resolution : " That the existing rule No. 64(k) be deleted and replaced by : That for the financial year ending April 1995 and all subsequent financial years the Auditor of the Sydney Live Steam Locomotive Society Co-operative Limited need not be a person who holds qualifications specified in Clause 5 of the Co-operation (Accounts & Audit) Regulation 1988. This resolution is authorised by an order of the Registrar of Co-operatives made pursuant to Clause 12 (5) of the Regulation and published in the N.S.W. Government Gazette No. 40 of 25th February 1994."

Members should note that it is not the Society's intention to change our present Auditor or to prevent him carrying out the duties of auditor in the future if he still agrees to his appointment. This change is made at the suggestion of the Registrar of Co-operatives in order to simplify the operation of Societies such as ourselves.

S.L.S.L.S. Electrical Facilities. by Warwick Allison.

At the last members meeting, a request was made for information on how our grounds electrical system is operated. This is a brief account of the salient points.

1. Street Lights.

Fluorescent lighting is provided on the flood lighting poles between the Park Avenue entrance and the club house. This operates from a switch on the right hand front wall of the old club house (above the outside bench).

2. Flood Lights.

There are flood lights on all the street lighting towers. The three towers at the elevated station, ground level loco, and ground level station are isolated by a circuit breaker housed in the green distribution board adjacent to the inner main platform. This board is secured by a main gate keyed lock. Normally this breaker is off to prevent the lights being switched on by kids, etc., during the week. To operate these floods, open the green box and switch on the breaker marked " Flood Lights ". Each tower has switches that control each flood on that particular tower.

When finished, make sure that this circuit breaker is switched off and the board locked again. Do not switch off any other breakers or you might find the street lights won't work.

3. Barbecue Lighting.

The lights on the mast adjacent to the barbecue are isolated by circuit breaker no.16 on the distribution board in the club house. If you can't remember the number, there is a list adjacent to the board. Again, individual switches are provided on the mast for each light.

4. Yard Light.

A small flood light mounted on the signal box illuminates the carriage shed yard. The switch for this is with the power point in the signal box near the kettle.

5. Lighting beyond the Clubhouse.

This is not functional as yet.

6. Carriage Shed, Coal Crusher and Loco Depot.

6.1 Carriage Shed.

Carriage shed lights are switched on by the brown switch on the fuse box inside the compressor house door. This operates all the lights in the compressor house, coal shed and carriage shed.

6.2 Coal Crusher.

This supply is isolated to prevent unauthorised use during the week. The switch for this is inside the compressor house on the power point on the right hand wall. Please make sure this is switched off at the finish of any crushing for the day.

6.3. Loco Depot.

The loco 12 volt supply is fed from the power point where the coal crusher switch is, as described above.

6.4. General.

All the external power points around the ground level loco depot, including the crusher and signal box are fed through a Residual Current Device (RCD or Safety Switch) . This is located on the switch board inside the compressor house. This is to be left on (i.e., switch in the upper position) but should be checked in the event of no power in this area.

If anyone wants a guided tour, just ask Henry or myself. Warwick.

News Items.

There was a special happening that missed the last Newsletter through lack of space that I feel must be recorded. This happening took place on the July public running day causing great amazement for many of our members, it was something that some thought they would not witness in their lifetime. For those of us fortunate members who were present that day we saw, by mid afternoon, on the elevated round house, a 5" gauge C 30T, none other than C 3142, Jeff Sorrensen's loco at last out of shops after a restoration project of a very considerable length. As the afternoon progressed word spread and some members ventured to the top of the ground to see what was actually happening, yes it was there, and, eventually in steam. It was good to see this locomotive back on the roster, looking better than ever, a good effort Geoff. The loco. after its steam test was again hard at work on the ground level for the August running day.

As it was to turn out this special event was almost surpassed on the September running day. The ground level track superintendent Mr. Bill Richards Esq., was so taken by the events of this day that he requested space in the next Newsletter to have the matter recorded. Bill reported that both Drivers Tulloch and Sorrensen were present with their locomotives and just about ready to steam out of loco by our official starting time of 1.30 pm. The Superintendent could not recall either driver being ready at this time on any occasion in the past, he felt that the happening was of such significance that a medallion should be struck commemorating the event for all time.

AALS.

A letter has been received from AALS seeking items for the agenda for the conference at Easter 1995. Please give thought to anything you would like raised at this meeting. We must also appoint our delegates to the meeting; if you intend going to Townsville please advise the Secretary if you are willing to be a delegate for the Society.

Narooma Public School.

This south coast school will again be visiting our grounds on 24th November 1994 at 9.00am. If you are free could you come along and help. Bring your loco too the more the merrier.

Christmas Barbecue.

Following the public running day of 17th December 1994 a Christmas Barbecue will be held at our grounds. Its BYO everything, it is also a great way to finish off the year, all members are especially invited to attend.

George Farkas. RIP. George, a long time member of the Society passed away on the 8th September after a long period of failing health following major heart surgery ten years ago. Seven members of the Society attended at the Funeral.

George was always a willing worker for the Society when on leave from his employment at sea and on retirement agreed to become a club boiler inspector. The test pump equipment at that time was somewhat primitive so George assembled the necessary equipment and fitted out a timber case to contain the new fittings and hydrostatic test pump.

His family have very kindly given the Society a number of railway books and a complete set of the Australian Model Engineering Magazine as issued to date for inclusion in the club library.

Editors note. I enjoyed many running days double heading with George, our two small locomotives having to work pretty hard to haul ourselves and a club truck sometimes with three or four adults. My thanks to Jim Hyde for the above notes.

Post script. One of the books mentioned above " Chasing Australia's Last Steam Trains " by Mark and Kevan Hardacre actually belonged to one of George's relatives who would like the book back. It was in the box at the time of the October meeting but has since being borrowed. Jim Hyde would like to be able to return the book to the family so if whoever borrowed it has not returned it yet please do so and inform Jim who will return the book.

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The boiler of this locomotive will be returned to Sydney from East Greta before Christmas but will still have to be worked on before being fitted back on its chassis. Ray Lee is to organise another visit to Eveleigh to inspect progress in early February. If you are interested put your name on the sheet on the notice board so you can be notified when the visit is on.

AMBSC Code Pt. 1 1994 issue 6.

Copies of the latest issue of the Code Pt. 1 Copper Boilers are now available to our members at \$7.50 per copy. This issue extends the scope to include some new requirements for traction engine locomotive type boilers and circular type firebox boilers. However Table 3.8.1. Circular Fireboxes and Flues Subject to External Pressure is indicated in Rule 3.8.1. to have been calculated in accordance with the requirements of AS 1210 - 1985 Rule 3.9 which specifies the temperature applying to copper is not to exceed 70° C whereas saturated steam at 700 kPa (101.5 psi) is 170° C. Careful consideration will have to be applied to any such boiler design by both the designer and club boiler inspector.

The quality of printing and sketches has been greatly improved using modern methods, however no code is ever perfect some items will no doubt in due course be suitably amended.

Indications are that governments are withdrawing from control by deregulating industry and that in the not too distant future AMBSC may be required to accept full responsibility for the safety of miniature boilers used for hobby purposes. In the past our codes have been approved and accepted by the various State Statutory Authorities, however without such acceptance the position of AMBSC and it's club boiler inspectors may well be untenable in the event of a serious injury claim.

J.L.Hyde. Boiler Inspector.

New Foot Bridge. notes from Peter Shiels.

At the time of preparing this Newsletter all welding has been complete and the components will be taken for galvanising next week. The old bridge will come down after the November running day and digging will start for the footings for the stairs on each side. These footings will be poured when the stair treads are in place. Peter reports that to date (16th November) 20 full working days have been put in on this project, Peter , Bill and Lionel the principle workers.

On return of the galvanised parts the columns will be erected, the span lifted into place and the stair treads put in place. The only outstanding materials are the sheets of compressed decking for the span.

Duty Roster

Dec. '94. A Mackellar, A.Austin, J.Grey, P.Sharp, V.Scicluna, P.Shiels, G.Esdaile.
Jan. '95. B. Courtenay, V.Condon, M.Haynes, J.Sorrensen, N.Sorrensen, P.Taffa.
Feb. '95. J.L.Hurst, A.Cottrell, J.B.Hurst, J.Lyons, P.Lyons, M.McAulay, B.Peak, M.Yule.
Mar. '95. B.Hurst, J.Davies, A.Eyre, J.Hyde, K.McMahon, D.Mulholland, B.Rawlinson, B.Tulloch.

Gate Roster.

December. R.Lee. 1995 January. J.Leishman. February. J.Lyons. March. P.Lyons.

Editorial.

It is time once again to wish all members of the SLSLS the best of cheer for the Christmas season and may everyone enjoy a safe and happy New Year. The seasons certainly seem to roll through much more quickly these days.

A special thankyou to those members who were able to contribute something for the Newsletter during the course of 1994. A request to all members, give a thought to the possibility of contributing to your Newsletter, there may be one or two others who would be interested in what you have to say.

Remember to try to keep the December run day and BBQ in mind, in the past this event has been very popular and enjoyable.

John Lyons.

I will finish this year with an offering from John Hurst, I hope that too many members do not feel like this.

My Failing Memory.

Just a note to say I'm living that I'm not among the dead
Yet I'm getting quite forgetful and more mixed up in the head.
There are times I can't remember standing at the foot of the stairs
If I wish to go up for something or I've just come down from there.
With my frigidair before me my mind is full of doubts
Have I just put food away, or, have I come to take some out?
There are times when its still dark when I stand beside my bed,
I can't tell if I'm retiring or getting up instead.
If its not time to write to you there's no need to get upset
When your my age these things happen its so easy to forget
But with the mail time fast approaching I will try to make it clear
In this letter I am mailing that I love you precious dear
Yet the mail box stands before me and my face turns ruby red
For I failed to mail your letter I just opened it instead.

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1994 - 1995 Boiler Inspection List

Owner	Boiler I.D.	Loco.I.D.	Date due
J.Ranford /			
V.Scicluna.	NA-69-7	31/2" 4-4-2	1-6-'94. O.D.
P.Brotchie.	NA-69-8	5" 2-8-0	15-6-'94. O.D.
J.Davies.	NA-69-17	21/2" 4-6-0	1-12-'93. O.D.
J.Hurst.	NA-70-28	31/2" 4-6-0	6-12-'94.
B.Tulloch.	NA-73-59	5" 2-8-2	5-10-'94. O.D.
J.Lyons.	NA-76-79	31/2" 2-6-0	7-12-'94.
R.Lee.	NA-87-123	31/2" 4-6-0	16-3-'94. O.D.
J.Ranford.	NA-88-126	31/2" Heisler	7-9-'94. O.D.
C.Leggett.	CM-80-37	5" ??	21-5-'94.O.D.
B.Tulloch.	NA-70-35	5" 4-6-2	19-9-'95.
W.Allison.	NA-72-55	31/2" 4-4-2	5-12-'95.
J.Davies.	NC-69-18	31/2" 4-6-2	27-5-'95.
J.L.Hyde.	NA-82-106	31/2" 4-8-2	7-11-'95.
B.Tulloch.	NA-85-129	5" 0-4-2	4-11-'95
R.Lee.	NA-85-116	5" 4-6-2	15-8-'95.
R.Larkin.	NA-88-129	5" 4-6-0	16-5-'95.
W.Allison.	NA-90-131S	5" 2-8-2	1-4-'95.
R.Lee.	NA-92-133	5" Vic."S" class	21-11-'95
J.Leishman.	NA-92-134	31/2" 2-6-2	26-8-'95

O.D.=over due.