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EDITORIAL

Remember that old song "As The Years Roll By". How it brings one to realise that time slips by so quickly. I often wonder just how much time is wasted just thinking "What will I do tomorrow" or by putting off what should have been done today until tomorrow. My own experience in this has resulted in realising that life is too short to enable one to accomplish all one's dreams.

Modern living makes great demands on one's life and time, with the increasing tempo on requirements for one's comfort and efforts to make life easier.

All these things have come about to give us more time, it is claimed, to enjoy life with more time to relax, more time to devote to home and family, more time to build models or play sport.

But do we really get more time for all these?

The answer is NO.

This is quite evident by the need for more speed required to get to the shop before it closes, the flurry around home to be ready on time to go out, the urge to drive fast to be at sport or Club to run your model for a few hours and the same chaotic rush to return home, the development of more powerful cars, trains and jet planes is yet another example of our race to save time.

There is this rush going on in our Club because too many say, I have not enough time to spend helping you build the Grounds!, and consequently to enable the few to keep things moving so that we can claim to have accomplished one of the many things in our life, they have to move fast. How would we get on if the few reliables decided that they also did not have enough time.

It is each and every one's duty to find some time to put into his interests without this need for continued prompting and rush, therefore when making your plans and resolutions for the coming new year, give some consideration to others and thereby reduce the need to speed.

Remember - Speed kills, so think about it, plan it, and drive carefully to accomplishment and success.

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QUARTERLY AGENDA.

GENERAL MEETINGS - 2nd Tuesday each month, 8 p.m.

- Dec. 11th. Morry Turner will give us a talk on building his 1" scale Traction Engine.
- Jan. 8th As there is usually a good many members away on holidays, this evening will be open for a general Pow Wow
- Feb. 12th With so much discussions and experiments going on in many places of the world about Hovercraft, we have been able to get our local inventor and past member, Harry Clisby, to give us a talk on these interesting machines.

INTERMEDIATE MEETINGS - 4th Tuesday each month, 7.30 p.m.

Informal nights open to discussion on construction of jobs and any show of work which you may bring along.

Dec. 25 (This meeting cancelled owing to Xmas) Jan. 22nd Feb. 26th.

QUARTERLY AGENDA (Contd)

<u>COMMITTEE MEETINGS</u> -	1st Tuesday each month, 7.30 p.m.		
December 4th	January 1st	February 5th	
<u>PUBLIC FIELD DAYS</u> -	3rd Saturday each month, 2.00 p.m.		
December 15th	January 19th	February 18th	
<u>BOAT REGATTA DAYS</u> -	1st Saturday each month, 2.00 p.m.		
December 1st	January 5th	February 2nd.	

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THE ADELAIDE EXHIBITION - MARCH 28th - APRIL 27th, 1963.

We have been fortunate in obtaining a 50 ft. Boat Pool to fit inside our rail track. This will create a lot of interest and should help to offset the demand on the Locomotives.

The Exhibition authorities request that we endeavour to create as much noise on the pond as possible to draw the crowd, as the Model Cars did at the last one. No doubt the boat boys will cook up something in this field.

To start laying the cement blocks required to hold our Rail Track we will be able to commence work at the Showgrounds from early January. Perhaps at the January meeting we could organise work parties as there is a lot to do and not much time to do it in.

The form required to enter your model for the Exhibition is enclosed with this bulletin, details of section etc, can be obtained from the Syllabus posted last quarter. These are due in by the end of November or early December will be accepted.

Also there has not been many forms returned as in the last bulletin. Please pay attention to this otherwise your model may not be allocated a space for showing. These are overdue and must be handed to the secretary by December Meeting.

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AMONGST OURSELVES.

Joe Vardon had his Heilen Lassie Loco under steam for the first time about 3 weeks ago. It performed very well, giving Joe much satisfaction. We look forward to having this on the track to help handle the increasing load of passengers on Field Days.

The Charity Day given to various orphanages on September 22nd was quite a success. About 180 children were entertained with Loco rides and Row Boat Rides given by Phil Claridge. My film shows Phil pulling hard against a head wind with a boat load of enthusiastic passengers. Herb's Pierret River Launch wasn't very satisfactory at pulling the boat, owing to the strong wind blowing down the funnel causing the gas blowers to go out, consequently no steam. However Herb learnt a point or two from this and will make another attempt later on.

The Bean Engine given to the Society by Miss Oldfield and overhauled by Ralph Skewes had its initial run at the September Field Day and proved most interesting. This is indeed a very historical article to have in our possession and will be always in front of the public's notice - a good many of whom have marvelled at the work done in those early days.

AMONGST OURSELVES (Contd.)

Well, we had a couple of letters from our Past President, Ron Collins who, as you know, has taken a position with a Melbourne Company. Ron's cheery letters, which I read at our last meeting, gave us a good many smiles reading of his effortsto get his family to Melbourne in his old bomb!

Ron has moved to his new home, the address being 21 Magnolia Avenue, South Oakleigh, Victoria. Kindly enter this on your Membership List, which was sent out with the last bulletin, under the heading of Honorary Member. You will find Ron's name there but no address. Ron says that if anybody is that way anytime to call in, he will be very pleased to see you.

Also a letter from Ross Bryant infoming us of his new address, which is 5 Mefore Street, Cobar, N.S.W. Ross is one of our country members who was at Broken Hill. Please alter his address on your list. Ross will also be pleased to see anybody from S.A.S.M.E.E.

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WANTED TO BUY.

Member, Bill Perin, is looking for a 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " self-centering 3 jaw Lathe Chuck to fit his recently acquired lathe. Bill would like one under \$3 value if you can help him contact him at Club or his home address, 7 Lawrence Street, Rover Gardens.

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Last bulletin I asked for any photographs or information on the construction of our pond, for an article for the "Model Engineer". As yet nothing has come in. Please endeavour to look through your treasures. This is urgent as I have to get this article away for print.

Glen Heath dug out a few early photos of our grounds which I can use but I want something on the pond.

AROUND THE GROUNDS.

Construction of our new Rail Track is well advanced, the bridge is completed, and piers are ready for track laying for a considerable distance each end of the bridge.

The Exhibition Track is nearing completion but, unfortunately, there is still too much being left to the few old stalwarts, although we have been seeing a few new faces occassionally. This is encouraging but remember - Many Hands Make Quick, Light Work.

We have re-stocked the pond with more fish, mostly big ones after the Shag had a good feed. These are from $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 lbs.

I see the boat boys have fitted two new benches for attending to their boats. These are booked as Bill Perin's so be careful.

The Steamhouse has been getting a few more stationary engines, so to make sure that you can run yours, here is a reminder of the necessary connections which are standard.

AROUND THE GROUNDS (Contd)

The Committee have had several discussions on the construction of the new pond, and the possibility of permanent damage to the wall of our existing pond if we breach a section of it. We are seeking information on this, so if any member has any knowledge or ideas on doing this job, would he please contact a Committee Member.

I had a ring from an intending M.E. Member who, unfortunately, has to move to New Zealand and has to dispose of his equipment.

He is Mr. Holwill, 11 Gannell Street, Brighton, who was constructing a 3½" G Maxis and has for sale an E.W. English made lathe 2½" centre x 10" between centres, mounted complete with Electric Motor, Tools, Die Holders, a 3 jaw self centring and 4 jaw independent chuck for same, a quantity of M.E. Hand Tools etc. PRICE £50. Also available is a Bassett Lowke "0" Gauge Steam Mogul Locomotive and 90 feet of track - PRICE £30.

He can be contacted at above address or Phone LF 6116.

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NEWS FROM OTHER CLUBS.WESTERN AUSTRALIAN SOC. OF MODEL ENGINEERS.

I have just this day, Monday 19th, received a letter from Secretary, Mr. Noonan, inviting anybody attending the Empire Games to visit them or himself.

Mr. Noonan's address is 54 Woodsome Street, Mt. Lawley, W.A. Phone 71-2540.

Although it may be a little late for the games, perhaps someone will be going west at Christmas time. Be sure and look them up at the above address.

SURREY HILLS LIVE STEAMERS.

Secretary, Stan Milligan's News Sheet reports that a member of theirs, Roy Wentworth, has a set of plans for a schools class 4-4-0 Loco. Particulars could be obtained through Stan Milligan, 274 Mont Albert Road, Surrey Hills, Vic.

Also they will be opening a member's new track which has curves of only 12'6" radius in gauges 2½", 3½" and 5". Possibly Juliets and Tiches would be about the only Locos to negotiate such a sharp radii.

SYDNEY SOCIETY OF MODEL EXPERIMENTAL ENGINEERS.

The News Sheet from above is a combined November-December issue and Secretary, A.J. Harvey, 7 Beaumont Street, Campsie NSW has taken over duties from W. Blandy. He and the Committee extends the best of good wishes for Christmas and New Year

DON'T LEARN THE SAFETY LAWS BY ACCIDENT.

REPORT ON THE TRACTION ENGINE RALLY held on November 10th and 11th at George Mulcahy Lane, Goldsmith, Beaumont, Vic.

Those making the trip from Adelaide were Alan Frankham, Owen Thomas, Claude Miller, The Speedsters Mory Turner and Mac Dunkley (no tickets this time) Ken Hall and yours truly, Howard Hall and Milton Hall, also we were pleased to see John Norris and his friend arrive later Saturday morning.

Most of us arrived there about 1.30 a.m. and Bunked in George's spare room. Saturday morning was very overcast and rain set in about 7 a.m.. This really made things sticky but it did not stop the Lake Goldsmith Steam enthusiast who had their various engines alight and most of them in steam by 10 a.m. One of the boilers needed a new flue tube so they set up their force, the blower being driven by a beautiful stationary engine about 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " bore x 4" stroke. This took about 14-20 minutes to raise steam and get under way. It was not long before they had the new tube fitted and boiler under steam.

There were 4 portable engines varying in size. A Tangye mounted on a trailer with a vertical boiler, 2 Steam Rollers and George Mulcahy's Traction Engine, a Fowler in good condition nicely painted red and gold. This Traction Engine was the treat of the day with most who no doubt drove or rode upon it.

It was still raining, but the Engines were all working. The kiddies had the time of their lives running from one to the other in the rain, blowing the various whistles. What a noise at times!

The women-folk did a marvellous job at catering. There was ~~food a-plenty~~ and the real spirit of an outdoor function was in full swing, rain or shine. About lunch time the rain eased slightly but came in very heavy straight after. By this time there were about 200-300 people present.

Here I think we had the treat of the day by having a ride in Ken Hall's once Stanley Steam Car. We travelled about 20 miles, seven of us, at a steady 30 m.p.h. The car weighed 37 cwt. and rode beautifully maintaining a steady 300 lb. P.S.I. and throttle about $\frac{1}{4}$ open. Ken had a drive and I have no doubt a great yearning to have been able to have brought it to Adelaide.

We had a film evening Saturday in George's Wool Shed and afterwards supper and a chat around the fire. Nothing was too much trouble for George and his enthusiasts who were pleased to think that we had travelled so far for such an occasion. But weren't we enjoying ourselves. Sunday was good weather and the engines were hard at it again. We put our model locos on show. Mory's Traction Engine stole the show on such an occasion and Ken Hall had a run with his loco. George's old Dodge, a 1927 model, travelled miles, driven mainly by Milton Hall. This acted as runabout, taxi etc. over paddocks and through grass 2-3 ft. high.

We all had a marvellous time and were sorry when it came to an end. We sincerely thank George, Tom Mulcahy and the Lake Goldsmith Society Boys for the opportunity of attending this gathering, and look forward to another such function.