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ANGRMS display at the 2003 Brisbane Miniature Railway Show, RNA Show Grounds on the May long weekend.

President's Report

By Bob Gough

I do not have a great deal to report at this time as Paul, Shane and Greg have covered our activities elsewhere in this issue.

Greg is always looking for workers at Woodford to help cut grass, building and installing new points and track work. Work days are every Saturday.

The Brisbane Model Train Show is always a great place to be over the May long weekend and I am always pleased to meet and greet our out of town members who make their way to our stand.

Till the next time,

Bob G

A special fund-raising reminder to all members

RMP Baguley

We have until the end of June to pay for this locomotive and wagons. If we do not raise the required funds we could well lose this opportunity to place in our collection a historically interesting locomotive.

If we do not buy this loco we could lose it to some other collector and I might like to tell you all, they are waiting with cheques in hand. It could end up going overseas.

But I would like it to stay with us in Queensland. It would be handy for our fire ban days, also our second side rod loco (diesel).

We are also looking for donations to help transport this equipment to Woodford.

Bob Gough, Fax/phone 07 3848 3769

[Background: Baguley RMP, b/n 3377, 0-6-0DM of 1953, was Mulgrave Mill #1 and most recently operated on St Helena Island in Moreton Bay with 12 covered passenger wagons converted from cane bins. The Board made a decision late last year to purchase these items if a special fund raising appeal for the purchase (\$6000) and transportation costs was successful.

Your donations are still required if this purchase is to proceed and every contribution, large or small, is appreciated.

Please mail your cheque today or call Bob Gough to make a cash donation.

Editor]

Track Matters

By Greg Stephenson



Over Easter I attended the 6th Australian Narrow Gauge Convention in Sydney. Whilst this is an event targeted at the model railway fraternity, I met a number of people associated with the Illawarra Light Railway Museum Society including Michael Milway who looks after their trackwork. It was interesting to compare methods and the similar issues facing both Societies in encouraging train crews to participate on trackwork days. Both of us had been through the exercise of designing pointwork to accommodate the range of wheel profiles on rollingstock collected from diverse sources. It was pleasing to discover that independently we had come up with virtually the same combination of check rail (32mm) and frog (45mm) flangeway widths to allow us to use the equipment that had been collected.

A Story of Rail Benders: Late year, whilst we were fabricating the first set of points for the Woodford Station modifications, we broke our “Jim Crow” rail bender. It may have been through a combination of our inexperience and the crystalline nature of the original metal, but it sheared through the large screw thread. George Hadley arranged to cut a new threaded section and have it welded to the original head of the bender. In this form it has been used to complete the pointwork.

When Chris Hart – our member in Ingham – heard of our plight with the rail bender, he offered us one from his collection. It just remained to get it to Woodford. Fortuitously, Carl Millington, who is a loco driver from Isis and whose parents live at Bli Bli visited Chris earlier this year and he brought the rail bender back for us. We now have two “Jim Crow” rail benders on-site.

Thanks to George for arranging to repair our original rail bender and to Chris and Carl for getting a second rail bender to us. We now have no excuses to hold up progress!

Future Work Days: On the normal May monthly track day, we began to clean up the area currently occupied by the “Sim’s Metal” Road and removed a quantity of material located in this area. Whilst there are some restrictions on our activities caused by the current public liability insurance problems, there is still a range of projects that need to be undertaken to maintain the Museum so it can be reopened when the insurance issues are resolved. With this in mind, I plan to continue the work parties on the second Saturday of the month. The next monthly work parties are scheduled for Saturdays 14th June, July 12th and August 9th.

If you can help on any of these projects, let me know on telephone 3844 9269 or via email at greg.stephenson@uqconnect.net.



Saturday 22nd February 2003. Greg Stephenson using the repaired rail bender to align the points with the existing track at the workshop end. Terry Olssen, Brian Wilson and Bob Gough assisting. Photo: Bill Blannin



Fiji Oct/Nov 1994: Malcolm J Brown Collection from the CaneSIG website.
#18 Hunslet 6WD, #15 Baguley-Drewry 0-6-0D

PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE UPDATE & FORMATION OF ASSOCIATION OF TOURIST RAILWAYS – Qld.

By Paul Rollason

As you are all aware, we still don't have any public liability insurance to allow us to operate our trains at this stage. The good news is that we now have a static museum public liability insurance cover in place. This means that the public will be allowed back onto the site to view the museum and to take photos. This policy also covers us in the event that anyone entering site hurt themselves.

To help overcome this huge problem that we all face, a meeting of all the railway groups across Queensland was called on the 10th May. An outstanding response was received by many groups. Letters were sent to all known groups in Queensland and a total of 14 groups were represented at the meeting. All the South East Queensland groups were in attendance and a representative from Ballyhooley Steam Railway at Port Douglas and Mackay Heritage Railway attended the meeting. There was also support from other groups from around the State that couldn't be at the meeting. Graham Guy from Queensland Transport–Rail Safety Accreditation attended the meeting and vouched their support for the group.

Many discussions took place on what should happen within Queensland in regards to a Queensland association and trying to tackle the insurance dilemma. The meeting decided to form the Association of Tourist Railways–Queensland (ATRQ), which brings us in line with the other states which are in turn forming an Australian Association.

David Lloyd from Stanley G Plantzos Insurance Brokers was also invited to the meeting to bring us up to date on the public liability insurance issues. He also outlined one possible solution which would entail all groups buying into one large insurance policy and the premium divided up according to a formula based on risk. The more groups that participate and join this insurance pool, the cheaper it will get for everyone. There is a very positive lead and one insurer is seriously considering the proposal. David did say that the premium would not be as cheap as what we have had in the past but the exact figure is unknown.

The meeting proceeded with what ATRQ could do to benefit all groups in the future. This included advertising via brochures and web sites, raising the standard of safety and training, sharing ideas/networking, listing the availability of spare parts for other groups, consolidated voice to government bodies, greater consultation with Queensland Transport and many other issues.

There was an overwhelming positive feeling about the outcomes of the meeting and far more was achieved than was first anticipated. ATRQ is now encouraging all rail groups across Queensland to be a part of this group for the betterment of all. The next stage is to wait for the feedback from David Lloyd and then the official registration as an Incorporated Association. More information will follow as ATRQ develops.

Operations Report

By Shane Yore

April and May has seen a busy time for Operations. At long last the production of the AC 16 mugs is underway with the final artwork being finalized as we speak. The mugs will be available within the next 4 weeks.

Most of the last month has been spent preparing for the Miniature Railway Show at the RNA Show Grounds. As usual we didn't have many people volunteer to help man the stand even though all those people on the roster have had several months break. None the less our usual display was erected by myself, Paul and Sherie Rollason and Bob Gough with the added touch of sticks of cane in the corners to add to the atmosphere. The stand was staffed by Sherie Rollason (for the entire three days I might add and she isn't even a member), Terry Olsson, Peter Mills, Greg McHugh, Rob Deskins, Greg Stephenson, Bob Gough, Graham Prideaux and his daughter and myself. I thank all of you very much for your efforts and your commitment is much appreciated. It is a pity others don't offer their assistance to reduce the burden on the few.

This year we decided to keep the sales area looking more professional by not displaying any second hand books. This worked for us fairly well with a number of positive responses from various people. The total takings were a little over \$1000. We sold more videos this year than we have in the past, particularly Ron Aubrey's video "Maroochy Harvest". This is a good video for enthusiasts and we still have copies available. John Hall was invited to display and sell his magnificent prints of narrow gauge locomotives.

Finally I will remind all members that under the By-Laws of the Society, please do not use the Society's name under any circumstances in any way without the written authorization of the Board. This includes any commercial transaction, public declaration or statement to the press, radio or television, or to any other person, firm, company or regulatory/government authority. This has unfortunately occurred a couple of times in the last couple of months. Please don't put the Society's in any circumstance which may be detrimental. Consult the Board before you act.

New Queensland Rail Heritage web site

By Lynn Zelmer

The Central Queensland rail heritage groups have had a 'portal' web site—a single point of access for all groups, including tourist oriented attractions, museums, railfans and modellers—with links as appropriate to the organisations' own web site for several months. This volunteer operated, not-for-profit, site recently expanded to serve all of Queensland's rail heritage attractions/groups with a dedicated web domain (qldrailheritage.com). The CQ groups have been transferred to the new domain and others are being added regularly. Visit qldrailheritage.com for details.

XIX. Cane-Wagons for Locomotive-Power.



Fig. 2808.

Fig. 2808 illustrates our lightest design of cane wagons with basket ends for locomotive-power. In case the wagons are required to be fitted with screw-brakes, we do not extend the under frame, but fix the brake to one of the ends, furnishing also a foot board for the brake man.

Standard Sizes: 1, 1½, 2 and 2½, feet carrying capacity. 500 and 600 mm gauge.

Cane truck available for import through O&K's Sydney agent c 1900. Central Queensland Archives/Special Collections Folio 1563/13 (Mount Morgan Mining Company Archives), scanned with permission. CaneSIG collection.



Cuba: CA Manalich sugar mill's 1365 pulling a rake of loaded bogie sugar cane bins and way cars to the mill, 2003. Claus Kleinhagl photo.



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Scheduled Activities and Contacts

Monthly Meetings	TBA
Track Work Parties	14 June, 12 July and 9 August
General Work Parties	Every Saturday
Running Days	Suspended until further notice

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