

The Matarawa Halt

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Meeting dates

Meetings held at
Matarawa Hall.

1 June 2006
15 June 2006
29 June 2006

Hall open from
7:30pm.

Committee Meeting
17 June 2006

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Activities

Visit to Tokomaru Steam Museum

On Sunday 4 June 2006 the club will be running a bus through to Tokomaru to visit the Steam Museum and then in to Palmerston North for a ride on the Esplanade Railway, Ten Pin Bowling or Mini Putt and an evening meal.

This outing is open to all club members and families.

Total cost per person is approximately \$50.00 which includes the bus trip, entry to Tokomaru Steam Museum, ride on the Esplanade Railway, your choice of Ten Pin Bowling or Mini Putt and an evening meal. This can be reduced by \$13.00 per person if you do wish to have the set menu meal.

The evening meal is a set menu at Expressions Café & Bar, part of the Ten Pin Bowling, Mini Putt complex. Peter Milburn is accepting pre payment for the trip.

Meet at Tranzit, Queen Street, Masterton at 10.00am. on Sunday 4 June 2006. The bus will leave at 10.30am.

Things to bring:

Picnic lunch, including something to drink. Lunch will be taken in the reserve along side the Tokomaru Steam Museum, as the Museum does not open until 1.30pm

Umbrella and wet weather gear (if wet)



Maurie Duston circa 1927. Maurie Duston Collection

Deadline for articles, notes, For sale etc for inclusion in the July 2006 issue of The Matarawa Halt is 28 June 2006.

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Obituary

A personal comment from Ian Galbraith

Maurice (Maurie) Charles Duston

13 June 1934 - 17 May 2006

Maurie died on Wednesday 17 May 2006 as a result of a motor vehicle accident.

I first came across Maurie shortly after joining the NZ Model Railway Guild in 1970. Maurie was the then editor of the NZMRG Journal, a position he held from 1968 to 1981.. In those days Maurie prepared the copy for The Journal on a varityper. (This is much like a typewriter where you type a line of text and fill the gaps at the end of a line with key presses then retype the line to give justified text) Once the copy was prepared it was sent to the printer. When the pages were received from the printer, they were laid out on the Duston dining room table in order so that Maurie and Nancy could collate The Journal by going round and round the table collecting the pages and checking the print quality. After stapling each copy the completed Journals went back to the printer for trimming. Maurie and Nancy then stuffed The Journals into envelopes, addressed and posted them

NZAMRC Convention 74 was held in Hastings and Maurie presented a clinic and workshop on photographing models. He prepared a number of photographs showing the same model under differing lighting, camera angles, aperture settings, etc to show how a model could be photographed, even with simple equipment.

In the middle 70's the NZMR Guild executive was based in Hawkes Bay and we had a more intimate working relationship and contact with Maurie as he continued to produce The Journal in Upper Hutt.

In 1988 Maurie and Nancy shifted from Upper Hutt to Carterton and Maurie became a member of our club, immediately becoming involved in our organisation of the 'Wonderful Wairarapa 92' Model Railway Convention.

Following the 1992 Convention, a number of club members were involved in running the affairs of the New Zealand Association of Model Railway Clubs Inc. The NZAMRC produces a quarterly publication, The Coupler, for member clubs. Not one to stand back, when asked, Maurie once again became an editor. This time of The Coupler, a position he held for some 7 years.

At each of the Wairarapa Railway Modellers Exhibitions, Maurie has been on hand assisting, either with a display layout or in any other way as required.

A regular attendee at the Pokaka Cultural Convocation, Maurie was named a 'Living Treasure' by other modellers, in recognition of his friendly nature and being one of the eldest of the group. He was always ready to answer any questions and was prepared to spend time with any modeller no matter what their age or skill level was.

He has been described as: "One of Modelling's Gentlemen", "One of Natures Gentlemen".

Maurie will be sadly missed by all who had the good fortune to have met him.



Maurie Duston (Living Treasure) the oldest attendee and Paul Quinn, the youngest attendee cut the Pokaka 21 Birthday Cake, November 2005

Photo Evan James ©

What's on the workbench?

Wayne Haste: It has been a long time since I put down on paper what is on my work bench so I will try to catch up. I am planning, along with a well known modeller, a small lay out using field rail rolling stock .It will be a lime works quarry and a cement works. The layout is planed to be in two half's with the quarry on one side and the cement works on the other. But I have still to build the base

latest little project has put me in touch with my feminine side. It is the fitting of lace curtains and drapes in two of the model houses that I bought second hand. I have bought a number of second hand buildings etc. and have rebuilt 3 at this stage.

Wagon Load

I was handed a box of old Loco pieces at the last Convention and amongst the assortment was 4 sets of wheel and axles. After sorting out what went with what I discovered that some parts were missing, namely one set of screws and bushes, so I made up out of some brass odds and sods a bush and washers set. I then found some other screws which I fitted. The

timber frame they sit on is made from redwood and the chain was also in the box of bits. All about half an hours work.

Water Tower



Photo: Wayne Haste ©



Photo: Wayne Haste ©



Photo: Wayne Haste ©

This is made from bit and pieces. I purchased a box of junk from Mack's Track. The brick work is Slater's Plastikard, the ladder is scratch built, and the valves have dressmaker domes as tap heads.

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boards.

As I have stated in my earlier letter I would like to build a saw mill, so lots of timber loads and stacks of timber to build. My



Photo: Wayne Haste ©



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John Robinson: It's a long workbench this month on H&M's Railway!

Construction of a 3.25m long trellis bridge out of ripped down kwila decking is underway, based on a mix of NZR and WMR standard designs. With 13 triple beam spans and 11 bents to build it's taking a bit longer than I thought but results are

promising so far. All joints are pinned and glued, with the little rose head copper nails used, vaguely looking like bolts. And in between times a bit of both G sale & S scale train running of course.

Grant Morrell: As the weather closes in for winter the kits comes out for that quiet evening in front of the fire. After the convention with my 6 carriages

that I bought for my Nth Is Limited consist I decided to have a break from the layout (not a long one) and have a play with the kits. With many of the same type I find it easier to construct all 6 at the same time, so a couple of evening were spent cleaning them all (prep work is very important for a good end result). So far 2 subframes are complete and running very smoothly on the track. Due to the

lightweight construction, thin shims of lead were placed underneath till the required weight for smooth running was obtained. Seating and sleeping quarters have all been painted this was very time consuming but worth it, then put aside for later.

Layout work - I was recently given some slither (baled wool) to try as a scenery material for scrub, after a bit of play to work out the best way to make this stuff work and look right I applied it to the scenery areas with amazing results. Material used were the slither, scenic foam texture (various colours) and diluted PVA sprayed in a fine mist. On a sheet of newspaper I teased the slither apart, sprayed PVA and sprinkled the foam texture on and continued teasing it until a scrub style texture form was created. I then glued this to the layout area, teased it out a little more, a quick spray and more texture applied over top (not to much) and then left to dry. This stuff is very cheap and goes a long way in the



Photo: Grant Morrell ©



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scenery department - I believe it's available at 'Craft Heaven' in Greytown.

A while back Ian Galbraith informed me of a plastic plant you can get at 'The Warehouse' which is ideally sited for reeds and such. 3 Stems for \$3.45, after coming home with a couple of bunches I sprayed a dull green, plucked the reeds off the plastic ball part and applied to the layout area - what a difference.

David Carman: Over the last few months I have been looking for a replacement locomotive for my American West layout. The original loco has worn out. The motor is fine but the pinion wheels that transfer the drive to the forward drivers (no connecting rods) have worn badly and the driving rods have worn through at the wheels. Discussion with the train doctor and others puts repair in the mission impossible basket!! However :- I now have to hand a Peco white metal body-shell kitset for a OO9 (narrow gauge) tank locomotive. Also a Graham Farish O-6-O mechanism which should fit the loco shell. I am planning to build and "Americanise" the loco by means of a cowcatcher, spark arrester chimney and the like. Wish me luck!

Ian Galbraith: The June 2006 issue of Garden Railways arrived at the beginning of May and included Part 1 of an article on Building with Styrene. The basis of the model was a Hartland Locomotive Works flat car kit. The author detailed his methods of constructing a small Work Caboose using 3mm thick styrene for the basic shell. As I only had a supply of 1.6mm styrene I used this for my basic shell. The walls were cut to size using the "score and snap" method. The curved

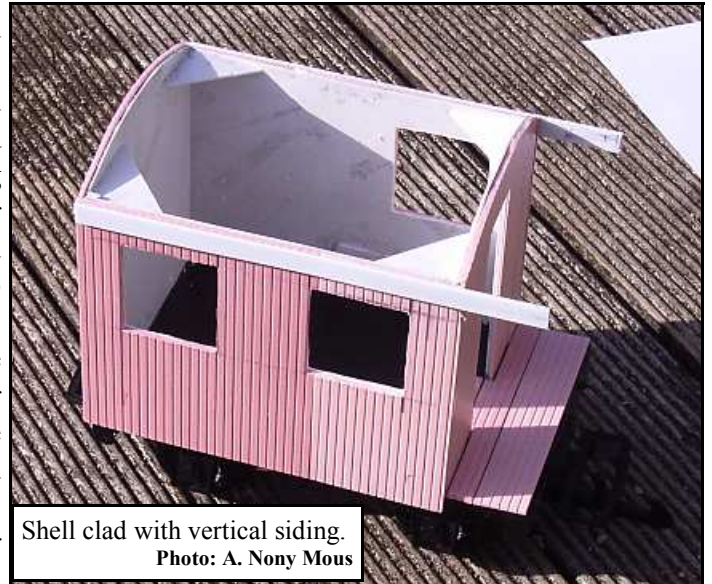
top of the two end walls were cut using a fretsaw then sanded. The windows and door were again "score and snap", then filed to size. The four walls of the shell were assembled using MEK and aligned using a couple of squares.

Part 1 finished at this stage and with the next issue not due until July, I decided to carry on using skills picked up over the years. For the outer cladding I used Kensey Plastics S scale rusticated weatherboard running vertically. After the cladding had been attached to the basic shell, using MEK, the window and door openings were squared up and window frames attached. Clear styrene was cemented to the inside and the inner frames fitted. The door was fabricated from 1.6mm styrene and various sizes of strip. The roof is Evergreen corrugated styrene, formed by running under hot water and wrapping round

a bottle. This was fastened in place with MEK. The chimney is a length of 6mm styrene rod. The model was painted with Badger acrylic paint.



HLW wagon kit and styrene.
Photo: A.Nony Mous



Shell clad with vertical siding.
Photo: A. Nony Mous



Ready to start work.
Photo: A.Nony Mous

Coming Events

4 June 2006	Trip to Tokomaru Steam Museum	Depart 10.00am Tranzit
3-5 June 2006	Tauranga Model Expo	Bethlehem College Events Centre
3-5 June 2006	Model X Show	
	West Wave Recreation Centre	Henderson
8-9 July 2006	Hobby Expo 2006	Taupo
15-16 July 2006	Palmerston North RAIL X	Palmerston North
5-6 August 2006	WRM 25 Anniversary	Carterton
30 Sept-1 Oct 2006	Wellington Rail-Ex	LH Town Hall & Horticultural Hall
30 Sept-1 Oct 2006	Big Little Train Show	Christchurch
30 Sept-1 Oct 2006	Rotorua Model X	Rotorua
14-15 Oct 2006	Great Little Train Show	Invercargill
10-12 Nov 2006	Cultural Convocation	Pokaka
11-12 August 2007	Model-Wai 2007	Town Hall Masterton
Easter 2008	Convention 2008	Registration of interest forms available at the Clubrooms

Twenty-fifth Anniversary Celebrations.

The Wairarapa Railway Modellers Inc 25th Celebrations will take place on 5-6 August 2006. All past and present members, supporters and families are welcome to attend. Invitations have gone out to all present and past members as well as clubs with which we have a close association

Programme

Saturday 5 August 2006

10.00am at Clubrooms for registration, morning tea and a natter with running on the club's layouts.

12 noon Lunch at clubrooms

1.00pm –5.00pm Layout Tour

6.30pm for 7.00pm Dinner at Masterton Golf Club, Lansdowne, with after Dinner Speaker

(Bar facilities will be available at the Golf Club on a user pays basis)

Sunday 6 August 2006

10.00am at clubrooms for morning tea and farewells

Registration cost \$35.00 (Includes Lunch & Dinner on Saturday)

Hastings Model Railway Club 50th Anniversary Sunday Layout Tour

1. Bob Heron's HO American layout in Havelock North. The BNSF loco is a Tower 55 model with factory fitted Digitrax sound decoder. Bob had other locos fitted with QSI, Bachmann and Soundtraxx decoders.
2. Dick Porter has a 4mm scale layout in a purpose built 7m x 4m shed with double track mainline representing LMS, GWR & BR.
3. Russell Smith models NZR in S scale. Here are two Standard Railcars running as a multiple set. Russell has an extensive roster of scratchbuilt locomotives.
4. John Taylor works in N scale and although using an American prototype has managed to include many features depicting events and locations in which he has been involved. A model of the Industrial Gas's factory where John worked is included
5. Paul Berntsen models in 7mm scale with locomotives and rolling stock running on 16.5mm track. (Two foot gauge) Paul produces 7mm kits.
6. One of the many interesting scene on Paul's layout. A Morgan in the garage and an Austin on the road



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Supper Roster

1 June 2006	R Fowler	G Watt
15 June 2006	W Bradley	P Lennox
29 June 2006	P Milburn	J Beresford

If you are unable to provide supper on your rostered night, either swap with another member or contact Ian Galbraith

There is no telephone at the clubrooms, but a cell phone, 021 2646945 is usually on hand.

For Sale

Five foot twin fluorescent light fittings. (No Tubes) \$25.00 each

Contact Peter Milburn Ph: 370 3983

For Sale

The club has for sale 6 x N scale modules from the estate of the late Trevor Grantham.

These consist of 4 corner modules and 2 straight modules. They are fitted with track, turnouts and some scenery.

Offers to Peter Milburn Ph 370 3983

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NOTICE of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 10th Annual General Meeting of the Wairarapa Railway Modellers Inc will be held at the Matarawa Hall, Swamp Road, Carterton on Thursday 3 August 2006 commencing at 8.00pm

AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Apologies
3. Obituaries
4. To confirm the minutes of the 9th Annual General Meeting held on 4th August 2005
5. Any matters arising
6. To receive and adopt the President's Report
7. To receive and adopt the Treasurers Report
8. Election of Officers
President
Secretary
Treasurer
Committee (3 required)
9. Appoint person to Review the Accounts
10. Patron
11. General Business
12. Time and place for 11th Annual General Meeting

Ian C Galbraith

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Secretary
27 June 2006