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## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Well back from my holiday, refreshed and ready to go! And what wonderful weather we are having, spent some time at the track running my loco's on the G1, and with all the work the lads have put in around the track it is really beginning to look a pleasant 'garden railway' site, a pleasure to be in such a rural location enjoying ones hobby. When the weather starts to turn (not too soon I hope) and Autumn is upon us we will be looking to start on some more 'hard' landscaping, paving slab donations are still always welcome.

Many thanks must go to Nigel Griffiths, his lovely wife Helen and of course the two Johns for all the work they put into keeping the grounds at Tyttenhanger in such lovely kept condition.

At this council meeting we also agreed to allow the "Fairs & Fetes" committee to have secure access to one half of Container No.1 at Tyttenhanger. This is an exception and **only applicable in this case.**

I was also involved in doing the stewarding at the recent birthday party. I found this most rewarding and enjoyable, as did most of those present, a good time was had by all, especially the young children (of all ages) who thoroughly enjoyed riding the GL & RT loco's. Many thanks to all those volunteers there. A quick reminder that we are still looking for a volunteer to run the birthday parties, not a difficult or onerous job.

Next month I shall be reporting on the jubilee weekend celebrations, with the weather forecast as it is it should be a warm and sunny occasion, until then, I wish you all "Happy modelling"

*David Metcalf*

## TREASURER'S REPORT

I was unable to attend the July Council Meeting as I was away in the West Country, after a pleasant few days in Yorkshire, attending the West Riding Small Locomotive Society's track near Wakefield for this year's LittleLEC competition. Rob Roy performed well considering her age and achieved second place with 0.31% efficiency behind Mike Law's Juliet II with 0.38%. It is interesting food for thought as to how the efficiency of both engines was so much less than when they competed at Colney Heath in 2011. Rob Roy achieved 0.543% that time and Mike an even higher figure.

A few more members have paid their subscriptions as a result of the Post Code list published in last month's News Sheet. I have not asked our Editor to include it this time, but would ask you all to check the list again and if your Post Code is mentioned and you have not cleared your debt in the past month, please get on and do it now. Whilst I will not be attending the September Council Meeting I will be supplying Council with a list of defaulters as at 26th August for approval to delete said names from the Society membership.

By the time you receive this News Sheet the special weekend at Colney Heath to celebrate 70 years of the Society's existence and over 50 years at the Tyttenhanger site will be but a fading memory. I hope those who attended enjoyed it.

*Mike Foreman*

### Loco Section Meetings

Held at HQ, Finchley starting at 8.00pm.

19th September - John Polley, Modelling the Underground and '3D' printing

17th October - To be advised

21st November - To be advised

19th December - Members Film Evening. All types catered for!

As usual I'm short of ideas, let alone speakers. Please help!!!!

Tony Dunbar

Front cover: Southern Pacific passing Camp Kern on the GLR, 12-07-14  
Photo: O Chapman

## **July General Meeting At St Alban's Signal Box By OMAH Mk II**

The July General Meeting was held at the St Alban's Signal Box and hosted by our very own Jim McDonald.

Jim welcomed the gathered expectant throng from the NLSME at the perimeter of the elderly signal box.

The first artefact seen was a set of miniature signals from the Vauxhall Model Engineering Club. This cheered up ex-members of that club who has thought that the signals had been lost forever. In fact they were used to explain the block signal system in use during the LMS days.

The signal box had been built in 1892 by the Midland Railway and had been little altered since. It was probably built of prefabricated parts sent down from Derby as a Type 2A box rather like a Meccano set of years gone by.

The Box had a 44 lever interlocked frame which was reconfigured in 1906 and almost again in 2014 by a little girl climbing amongst the levers.

There had been a development in 1963 when a toilet was built onto the box; perhaps something the little girl was trying to tell the group.

A demonstration of its use (the signals and not the toilet) was given and the museum below the main frame devoured with interest.

The building was listed as Grade II in 1979 and it closed in 1980.

All too soon the visit terminated and it was time to bid farewell to Jim and his team before seeking sustenance elsewhere.

### **JUNIOR DRIVING COURSE**

The club will be running a joint Driving Course in conjunction with the 7 ¼" Society and our NLSME Junior Members. It will be held on Saturday September 20th 2014 between 10:00 and 16:00.

For further information please email the webmaster



Above The signalman observing from his signal box.  
Below Familiar faces at restored St Albans South Signal Box, 04-07-14,  
Thanks to Jim McDonald for a super evening  
Photo:O Chapman



## **UPDATED STEWARDS ROTA PLEASE CHECK CAREFULLY FOR YOUR NAME**

Please remember if you are unable to do your duty, it **is up to you** to change with another member. Please then notify me of the change so it can be published in the next newsletter. If at short notice please let the Senior Steward for that day know.

Senior Stewards, if you are on emails It would really help me if you can let me know if there were any changes on your day and if any members didn't do it please let me know the reason if you are aware of it.

Please contact the webmaster

Thanks, Sue Rose

### **3 August 2014**

#### **Richard Payne - Senior Steward**

Rob Brook  
Geoffrey Burton.  
Alex Chapman.  
Maurice Heneghan  
Tracy Johns  
Simon Humpheries  
Dave Morgan  
Derek Smith.  
Roy Thompson  
John Creasey

### **17 August 2014**

#### **Paul Godwin - Senior Steward**

David Brand  
Stuart Davies  
Peter Brewster  
Derrick Franklin  
Peter Fraser.  
Peter Jenkin  
Martin Cooper  
Roxanne Nickels  
Colin Reeves  
Dave Snellgrove.

### **7 September 2014**

#### **Keith Hughes - Senior Steward**

Brian Baker  
David Broom  
Colin Davidson  
Stephen Don  
Peter Foreman  
Adam Gorski  
Anthony Mason  
Jacqui Penny  
Gordon Lawrance  
Mike Woolsey

### **21 September 2014**

#### **Mike Ruffell - Senior Steward**

Graham Ainge  
Graeme Browne  
John Beesley  
Dave Green.  
Brian Looker  
David Marsden.  
Alan Marshall  
John Morgan  
Sanj Raut  
Colin Thomson

**5 October 2014**

**Ian Johnson - Senior Steward**

Dave Chisnall  
Peter Cook  
Keith Doherty  
Micheal Gibbs  
Mike Franklin  
Bryn Morgan  
Lawrence Steers  
Peter Stern  
Keith Wakefield  
Tim Watson

**19 October 2014**

**TO BE ADVISED**

Robin Barfoot  
Peter Fox.  
Susie Frith  
Dave Lawrence  
Alan Loosley  
Ian MacCabe  
Colin Rouse.  
Nigel Kerr  
Peter Smith  
Ron Todd.



A demonstration of St Albans South Signal Box, 04-07-14.  
Photo O Chapman

## Marine Mumbles (Rides Again)

It's Big Thank You time, again, from me again. Whilst I was witnessing my middle son being "off-loaded" onto this poor unsuspecting female (also called a wedding), Dave Lawrence ably assisted by Brian Looker took charge of the second Toy Boat Regatta. I gather they didn't have to Keel Haul or Flog (wouldn't have got much for them anyway. Oh, wrong flog) any of the toy boaters. Also because I wasn't there, it didn't rain at Colney Heath. There was a THUNDERSTORM where I was though! See Murphy's first law of thermodynamics reared its ugly head again. Anyway back to the plot. Dave took some great photos of the regatta, which I have included. Nearly didn't get them as I was still trying to work out, the night before the News Sheet deadline, how to "bump" them over to my old computer (built by J. Noah and Sons Shipbuilders). By the sound of things a lovely time was had by all at the regatta.

The third, and last, regatta will be held on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September from 9.00am at our pond at Colney Heath. Do come along, it's great fun.

The Marine Section, on behalf of the NLSME, has been supporting the St. Albans Model Show for the last couple of years. It would be nice (back to that nautical term again) to have some different models on show. If anybody wants their pride and joy shown, just give Dave or me a call. The show is on Sat 27<sup>th</sup>/ Sun 28<sup>th</sup> September at Townsend C of E School, High Oaks, St. Albans. AL3 6DR. Start/ finish times are 10.00am to 5.00pm each day. The show is much bigger these days.

You lot thought you had got away with not hearing about the exploits of Lawrence/Stern/POND. Fooled You!! Dave and I have shifted, about, another fifteen barrow loads of 'whateveritis' lying fallow on the pond bottom. Using Dave's net of nets we have even cleared the middle. Another couple of sessions and we may have completed the job. All help will be gratefully received, with the same monetary remuneration as Dave and I get. Pay bargaining may be employed, but it won't get you anywhere.

Till next time.

*Peter Stern*



Above and below, some boats from the second Toy Boat Regatta.  
Photo Dave Lawrence





Above and below some of the many boats from the second Toy Boat Regatta.  
Photo Dave Lawrence



## Forthcoming General Meetings 2014

Unless otherwise indicated General Meetings are held at 8-10pm at our Legion Way Headquarters in North Finchley. All members are welcome and we are always happy to see friends and family attending. We hope for a good attendance to support our speakers. Please remember that many of the meetings depend on the Club to provide the catalyst for a stupendous evening. For information email the webmaster

### **Friday Aug 1<sup>st</sup> 2014. General Meeting. Colney Heath BBQ**

Tomato soup and rolls supplied but let us know beforehand if you would like soup and roll or will be bringing more substantial sustenance. Please join in so that members from other sections can enjoy each other's company and share memories of times past and plan for the future. Jim Mac Donald.

**Friday September 5<sup>th</sup>** Edward the Compressor returns to provide a breath of air to resuscitate your forgotten machine. So please ransack your bottom drawers and bring something along to hold us all spell bound when it springs into life. We hope.

**Friday October 3<sup>rd</sup>** Auction 'bring and buy' at Headquarters as well as tons of metal and tooling for the model engineer. Please come along and buy a few bargains or just come to be entertained and leave with regrets that you did not bid for that mystery tool box.

**Friday November 7<sup>th</sup>** How Barnet got its Railways. A talk by a railway historian from Barnet Museum. Listen and learn with fascination concerning the machinations that took place before High Barnet Station was finally established.

**Friday December 4<sup>th</sup>** THE Christmas party for all sections. Please come along and have an evening of Christmas fun. New cuisine this year and meet folk you do not usually see in convivial surroundings.



Above Paul Bexfield's 3½" "Columbia" styled after Western Maryland J-1 'Potomac' 1403 (BLW 1947)  
Below Drivers and Stewards queue up for Ice Cream provided during the birthday party 12-07-14.....volunteers apply here!  
Photo: O Chapman





Above B1 climbing to the bridge 12-07-14  
Below Mike Foreman performs running repairs on his V3 in the steaming bays, 20-07-14  
Photos Owen Chapman





Above: Roy and Red passing under the Tyttenhanger Bridge, 20-07-14  
Photos: O Chapman

## For Sale

15, 3 foot lengths of fine scale 32mm (O gauge) track, 3 sets of points, 2 crossovers. Reasonable offer.

Contact the webmaster

## **Dates for your Diary**

Sat/Sun 26/27 July	60/50th Anniversary invitation weekend
Sat/Sun 26/27 July	Fete's and Fairs at Dacorum Steam Rally. Contact Jim MacDonald
Friday 1 August	8.00pm General Meeting; BBQ at Tyttenhanger; Colney Heath
Sunday 3 August	2.00pm Sunday Public running
Tuesday 5 August	8.00pm Council Meeting; HQ, Legion Way, North Finchley
Saturday 9 August	Brian Apthorpe's Invitation Day, Colney Heath
Sunday 10 August	Colchester SMEE Visit, Colney Heath
Wed 13 August	Garden Railway visit by the South East Group, Colney Heath
Friday 15 August	Loco Section meeting at Tyttenhanger.
Fri - Sun 15/17 Aug	Fete's and Fairs at Flamstead Scarecrow Festival. Contact Jim MacDonald
Sunday 17 August	2.00pm Sunday Public running
Tuesday 19 August	8.00pm TSC meeting; St Mark's Church Centre, Colney Heath
<b>Friday 22 August</b>	<b>Deadline for copy to Editor for September News Sheet</b>
Saturday 23 August	Fareham, Chelmsford & Chingford Visit, Colney Heath
Tuesday 2 Sept	8.00pm Council Meeting; HQ, Legion Way, North Finchley
Friday 5 Sept	8.00pm General Meeting; Return of Edward the Compressor; HQ; Legion Way, Nth Finchley
Saturday 6 Sept	St Alban's Mencap visitors; Colney Heath
Sunday 7 Sept	2.00pm Sunday Public running
Sunday 14 Sept	9.00am Toy Boat Regatta, The Pond Tyttenhanger; Colney Heath
Sunday 14 Sept	Peterborough club visit, Tyttenhanger; Colney Heath
Sunday 14 Sept	Fete's and Fairs at Muswell Hill. Contact Jim MacDonald
Tuesday 16 Sept	8.00pm TSC meeting; St Mark's Church Centre, Colney Heath
Friday 19 Sept	8.00pm Loco section meeting; Modelling the Underground and '3D' printing; HQ, Legion Way, North Finchley
<b>Friday 19 Sept</b>	<b>Deadline for copy to Editor for October News Sheet</b>
Saturday 20 Sept	10.00am Driver training day; Tyttenhanger, Colney Heath
Saturday 20 Sept	2.00pm Private party (Owen Chapman); Colney Heath
Sunday 21 Sept	2.00pm Sunday Public running
Friday 3 Oct	8.00pm General Meeting; Bring and Buy Auction; HQ; Legion Way, Nth Finchley

Every Wednesday	Garden Railway Section at Colney Heath (11am - 4pm); O, OO and HO Model Railway Groups and Video Group at HQ (evening)
Every Thursday	GLR working parties at Colney Heath (all day); Slot Cars Section at HQ (evening)
Every Saturday	Working parties on GLR including junior section (all day)
Every Sunday	Morning working parties at Colney Heath (start 9.00am).

**NB. Please notify Malcolm Barnes (Secretary) of all meetings and other Society events for inclusion in the Society Calendar. Approval for special events still rests with Council and/or the Tyttenhanger Site Committee.**

