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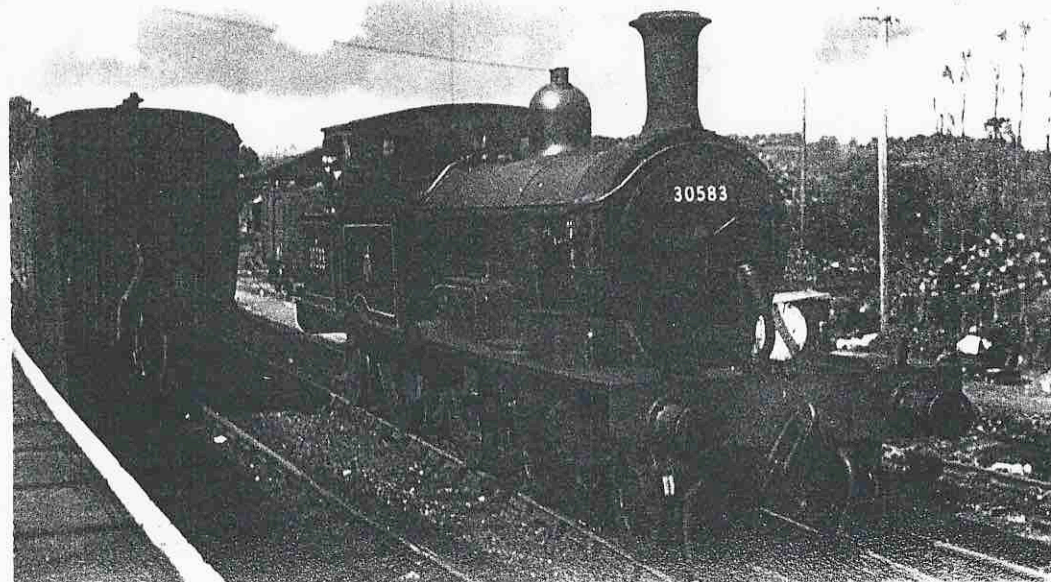
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An Adams Radial tank running round at Axminster

Photo:Gordon Etherington

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In the begining - Part 21

At the AGM held on 28 January 1986 it was recorded that member, Phil Bennett, a well known local dentist and keen Trix Twin collector had passed away. The Chairman, Les Wood reported that the club had exhibited at 12 venues during 1985. Thanks had been received from the Gauge O Guild for assisting with their Annual Convention.

During the AGM, Treasurer Gordon Etherington reported that membership stood at 53. Chris Hughes outlined developments on the Verney Junction layout following its 2 year rest. It was being adapted at that time to allow end to end running in the club room rather than the continous mode, which filled up much of the available space. John Symons outlined work that had been carried out on Alverton to make its exhibition venue at our show. Some shortcomings had been identified and were to be resolved before the next outing. It was reported that a new OO modern image layout was being planned based on the Gainsborough area. The project team however lost interest and the project never left the drawing board.

The election of Officers resulted in CMRA Rep. Chris Hughes becoming Secretary, with Colin Catley covering CMRA Rep's responsibilities. The previous secretary Dennis Lovett, stood down to concentrate on B.R.'s Cannon Street Exhibition. The committee consisted of Fred Collins, Austin Daly, Geoff Bell and Colin Catley.

Following the AGM the competition results were announced by judges, Peter Simmerson and Rodney Hall. They were;

Kitbuilt loco - Chris Holmes
Scratchbuilt Rolling Stock - Allan Dare
Scratchbuilt Scenic - Steve Howard

Three of the prizes were not awarded and Peter

Simmerson commented on the smaller number of entries and a general lowering of standards.

Honourary Member, Ivor Evans, a leading authority on Welsh private owner coal wagons suffered a stroke but it was recorded that he was making a spirited recovery.

During February, the club enjoyed an illustrated talk on I.K. Brunel on the 11th February and the club dinner on 22 February at the Cosgrove Lodge Hotel. The price of the meal was recorded as £8 each! A bring & buy evening was held on 25th February and proves a little disappointing. Only 37 of the 148 available lots changed hands!

Two cub groups attended the club room on 13th and 20th March. As well as tour of the facilities, the cubs had the hobby expalied to them. The club minutes record that they asked some very sensible questions for boys of their age.

At the March 1986 committee meeting the committee were trying to get to grips with the effects of the Data Protection Act. 34 members were recorded as having paid up and having their data recorded! The Treasurer reported that this was an increase in 9 over the same time the previous year.

Twelve members attended the CMRA Convention at Hatfield on 12 April which was once again a great success.

By the June 1986 meeting membership stood at 45. It was reported that the turntable for Alverton was under construction.

The club outing took place on 6 July to the Midland Railway Centre at Buttlerley and the Tramway Museum at Crich.

To be continued.

MILTON KEYNES MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY 25th Anniversary year

President	Jim Wood	Committee	Geoff Bell
Vice President	Les Wood		Chris Garner
Chairman	Dennis Lovett		Chris Lester
Secretary	Chris Hughes		Colin Jamieson
Treasurer	Gordon Etherington	Librarian	Mark Wilson
CMRA Rep	Eric Bowman		

The art of communication

This is the 25th edition of MKMRS news to be published and it is two years since the first monthly magazine was printed (April 1992).

In the first issue, I outlined why we were experimenting with a newsletter, although I doubt that we envisaged it getting to be such a large undertaking. I recently took a look at the first very modest issue and then looked at others to see how the magazine developed. I felt at that time we were not communicating properly and as someone who is employed as a communications manager that could have proved very embarrassing!

I would like to think that as a result of publishing twenty four magazines in two years, that our communications are now very much better than they were before. It is now pretty difficult for a MKMRS member to complain of not knowing what is going on!

I believe that since MKMRS was formed back in 1969, that we have produced a total of around 33 maga-

zines before the start of MKMRS News in 1992. If we continue in the monthly format then at some stage we shall pass that total. Last April I said the experiment should continue for another twelve months at least. The past 12 issues have not been easy to put together thanks mainly to job changes and lack of access to equipment needed to produce the magazine properly. As far as artworking is concerned that has at least been remedied for the time being.

Contributions are always welcome. I must thank my regular suppliers of material for making my task easier. Please keep up the good work. Unlike some magazine Editors who refuse to publish a magazine if they have no contributions, I do the opposite. I write it myself. So if you want a greater mix of articles in your magazine and less of my efforts, you know what to do!



Dennis Lovett,
Chairman

Club Notices

25th Anniversary Dinner

To celebrate our 25th Anniversary in October (the month in which the first formal meeting was held at Bletchley Fire Station in October 1969), we have arranged a special club dinner for Saturday 15 October 1994. Although the date remains the same, would you please note that the venue is now the **Catering College at the College of Further Education in Sherwood Drive, Bletchley**. Further details will appear next month.

Rail Exhibition

The modern image magazine **Rail** is holding a model railway exhibition at Bletchley Leisure Centre on Saturday 16/ Sunday 17 April. Further details appear elsewhere in this issue.

ExpoEm

The EM Gauge Society will be holding **ExpoEm** at Bletchley Leisure Centre on Saturday 14/ Sunday 15 May. Further details appear elsewhere in this issue.

Swapmeet dates

Swapmeets will take place at Woughton Campus on the following dates;

22 May
18 September
11 December

Opening times are 1100 - 1500. Admission is 60p, child/senior citizens 30p.

April QGM

A short QGM will take place on Tuesday 26 April in the club room. This will include the formal presentation of audited accounts.

Back to normal?

The activities relating to the reorganisation of the real railways has prevented me from being in the club room as much as I should have been. This issue of the magazine has also suffered from the lack of spare time to produce it. I hope that normal service will be resumed as soon as possible. *Chairman.*

Historical Model Railway Society

The HMRS will be meeting in the club room on Wednesday 27 April at 1930. The speaker will be tackling the subject of **Industrial Scenic Modelling**. MKMRS members are invited to attend any of the HMRS meetings. Eric Bowman can provide further information.

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Triang TT

By Dennis Lovett

TT or Table Top Railways first arrived in this country in 1951 when the Rokal range was imported. The range at 3mm to the foot sits comfortably between N scale (OOO as it was first known was still 9 years away) and OO.

In 1953 Walter Lines, Chairman of Lines Brothers, the makers of Triang Railways, saw a TT set produced in Switzerland by Wesa. On his return he told Triang to develop a similar system which they began once they had moved to Margate in 1954. The Triang TT system was launched in 1957.

The first locomotives to emerge were an ex LMS Jinty and a WR Castle Class 4-6-0. Whilst the Jinty can be identified as smaller version of its bigger brother, Triang never did produce a OO Castle, the Castle in the range being the Hornby - Dublo version which it later re-released under its Wrenn label. A small range of wagons and Mk 1 coaches also appeared and a sets and accessories were offered from the beginning.

In 1959 a Merchant Navy 4-6-2 and a Class 31 A1A-A1A diesel appeared, with the Britannia appearing a year later, when the same manufacturer introduced its OO version. A WR 61xx 2-6-2T and a DMU followed in 1961.

For a brief period manufacturing began at the company's Calais factory. A French locomotive (0-6-0T) which fitted on the Jinty chassis soon followed but after 6 months production was switched back to Margate.

The TT range was not developed as fully as it might have been. The emergence of OOO or N effectively killing off the scale.

The last catalogue appeared in 1964. By this time TT sales were poor although existing stock remained available, new products were not forthcoming. In 1966 there was a shortage of coaches, so a run of 1,200 MK 1 coaches in blue and grey livery was produced.

In 1968 existing stock was passed to the Wrenn subsidiary and sold for a time as the Wrenn Table Top Railway,

The end of production virtually killed off the scale. A strong society was formed (3mm Society) to keep the flag flying, which it has successfully done.

The opening up of Eastern Europe has resulted in an influx of continental items in their favoured scale - TT. Perhaps Mr Dapol will re-enter the market in due course!



QUIZ CORNER by SAGITTARIUS

FOREIGNERS!

Summer is coming and thoughts of holidays are filling our minds. This month's quiz takes us outside the British Isles and will test your knowledge of railways in other parts of the world. If anyone has been there, done it or got the tee-shirt why not write a short article for the Newsletter about it?

1. Where is the longest straight stretch of track in the world?
2. What is the world's longest journey in one train?
3. Which railway was the first to use main-line diesel-electric traction?
4. When did the last scheduled steam hauled train run in West Germany?
5. What were the last steam locomotives on SNCF?
6. What railway is the principal one to run through the Alps from east to west (or west to east)?
7. What was the lowest point reached by any surface railway in the world?
8. Where was the only railway to the top of a volcano?
9. What is the world's highest railway?
10. Which railway was the first in India and when was it opened?

Answers next month

CMRA Convention Saturday 9 July 1994

This event will be held on Saturday 9 July at Beaconsfield School. Commencing at 10.15, the day will include a talk on resistance soldering by Mike Gray, a talk on Plasticard buildings by Ted Coughlan, and Humour on the footplate by Keith Catchpole. Participating clubs are also expected to demonstrate their abilities.

Tickets must be prebooked. Volunteers please see Eric Bowman, who will also be delighted to provide further information on this event.

Luton Thanks

Thanks to those who took the N gauge Mandlebury Central layout to Luton where I am told that it did us proud. My spies on the Bletchley Railwayana stand tell me that they could not see the operators for the crowds who were more than impressed!

All this despite the van hire collapsing around them on the Friday and having to hijack Robert Garners pick-up at short notice.

Dennis Lovett
Chairman

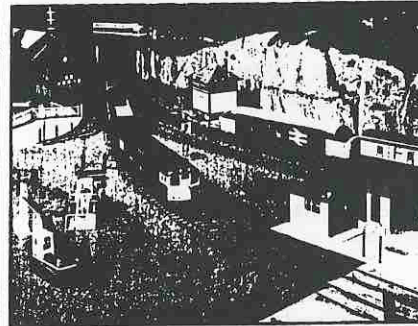
Profile

Apologies for not being able to find a profile victim this month. All those who thought they had managed to avoid me need not worry. This popular feature will soon be back! Potential victims have been warned.

Editor

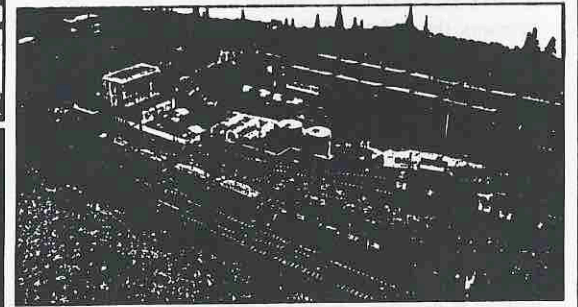
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