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November Ramble

Whilst waiting for 'The Merrifield Engineering Emporium' to come to a decision and hone the cylinders for the king I thought it wise to revisit a hobby to pass the time of day away as the wait could be lengthy. Now No.1 Son is fast approaching 9 and thoughts turned to the attic, Aha thought I a play room, so it was with much haste that the attic was turned into a warm carpeted play room complete with loft ladder, light power and warmth (its amazing how much B&Q seem to squeeze from my wallet). But more importantly a Scalextric set up on the floor! Not content with this and keeping to the Anorak train spotting person I seem to have become I resurrected his train set, only this time no holds were barred and much visiting to a great shop in Alton (that's Hampshire for the non travelling membership!) a new fandangled device was purchased called DCC. For those not familiar, this clever bag of tricks means no more complicated wiring and better still many trains on the same track running separately, black magic or what! Actually what really happens is that there is a small circuit board inside your loco and this receives differing signals from your controller depending on what loco and settings you choose? Sounds expensive doesn't it, well you wouldn't be far wrong with circuit boards for the home enthusiast to fit, running around £15 each fitting them to old loco's isn't the easiest of tasks, compounded by the fact that if you get it wrong it resembles the old indoor fireworks you used to be able to buy. Now I was recently invited to a friend of one of our member's houses to marvel at his technology but unfortunately due to work commitments couldn't attend, so until I can make the next invite its out with the hammer, soldering iron and cutters and see if I can make these little blighters fit before his birthday. Commiserations to Jordan who weren't it for a late entrant who sneaked under the wire, would have won the Funlec and shown everyone the way home, but a great day's fun, better luck next time kid. ED

London Model Engineering

Exhibition.

A coach has been booked for the London Model Exhibition at Alexandria Palace on Sunday 22nd January. It will leave Littledown car park at 8 a.m., picking up passengers at 8.10 a.m. Ringwood and 8.30 a.m. Southampton. The coach will be leaving at 5 p.m. for the return trip home. The cost is £12.50 each, including a tip for the driver (providing we get enough takers!) I need to know who is coming at the November evening meeting, with money at December meeting latest. The Southampton Society has been invited again as per last year, and as seats will be allocated on a "first come first served" basis, it is advisable to book early. Naturally the invitation is extended to members' friends/family. Many thanks. Brian Merrifield (01202 683701).

For Sale

5" Gauge GWR King Class Castings, Frames, Wheel Castings, Cylinder Castings, Tender Frames, Wheels, Side Plates, Buffers & Buffer Planks, Machined Chimney, Safety Valve Cover, Drawings (Kennyon) & lots of small parts.

Engineering Tools, Work Benches, Cupboards, Marking Off Table, Height Gauge. Also Zito Lathe 3 & 4 jaw chuck, Drilling Machine & Grinding Wheels.

Phone Mr.Green on 01202 485793.

Burgess BK3 Bench Saw, Newman 1Hp single Phase 1400W Motor £10.00 each item. Contact Derek Moore 01202 748632

LATHE Myford Super 7 Very early model with drip feed lubrication. Motorised, on solid wooden bench. 3-jaw chuck, 4-jaw chuck Change Wheels, standard faceplate Catch plate, Jacobs drill chuck. Vertical slide Cut off slide Saddle mounting Turret attachment. Various lathe tools. Countershaft clutch needs attention. A good clean up is also needed. Price £500.00 To view, ring 01202 511267

Diary Dates

16-Nov-05 David Reddaway Kingston Lacy Ladies Night

18-Dec-05 Santa Special

21-Dec-05 Christmas Party

24-Dec-05 Luscombe Valley Humbug Day

Chairmans Thoughts

Funlec started off a bit damp but this did not seem to put members off from taking part, I even had ago but let my partner down with my poor attempt. It was finally won by Peter Watson and John Ingram who now hold the cup for 6 months each. Well done John, Dick and Gordon for organising a very enjoyable day and hopefully this can become an annual event. I then had the task of lighting up the new BBQ on my own as the clubs normal BBQ operators were indisposed but I believe Derrick is on the mend and will soon be back at the track. It does seem strange to light up without any coals but all went well and the ladies did us proud with potatoes, all types of salad ,rice and especially the Onions that Peg slaved over. Then in the afternoon we had tea and cakes enough to feed the five thousand, so thanks again to all that helped. The Speedy boiler has had a hydraulic test to check for leaks and all went well, now its down to me to put it back together so we can hopefully see it running again, Don't forget our forthcoming meeting is LADIES night, so all us gents will be busy making the teas and coffees and handing them around and finally washing up. Reminder to our Santa's its time to get in training, December 18th is getting nearer so start by putting on weight and practicing your "Ho Ho Ho's. On a serious note we have now got all the presents and they will need wrapping, I will be asking for help with this task at the next meeting. Our annual dinner menu is enclosed, please make your choices and return the slip with full payment by the 2nd January 2006 to Dick. David Martin ■

Last Months Competition

A1 Coal

A2 Polish

A3 Phillips

A4 Iron ■

This Months Competition

Q1 Which word has the same meaning as the word 'forensic'?

Q2 Which annual event took place at Alexandra Palace in London in 2002 after rioting forced it to be moved from Nigeria?

Q3 How old does a road vehicle need to be to be described as a classic?

Q4 Which famous comedian used the name Gerald Wiley when he submitted scripts to the BBC? ■

And Finally

A man was leaving a cafe with his morning coffee when he noticed a most unusual funeral procession approaching the nearby cemetery. A long black hearse was followed by a second long black hearse about 50 feet behind the first. Behind the second hearse was a solitary man walking a pit-bull on a leash. Behind him was a queue of 200 men walking in single file. The man couldn't stand the curiosity. He respectfully approached the man walking the dog. "I am so sorry for your loss, and I know now is a bad time to disturb you, but I've never seen a funeral like this with so many of you walking in single file. Whose funeral is it? The man replied, "Well, the first hearse is for my wife" "What happened to her?" The man replied " My dog attacked and killed her." He inquired further, "Well, who is in the second hearse?" The man answered "My Mother-in-law. She was trying to help my wife when the dog turned on her." A poignant and thoughtful moment of silence passes between the two men. "Can I borrow the dog?"

"Join the queue" ■



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