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This Months ramblings from a hotel somewhere in London

Well it was all steam ahead at the Reading Society annual visitors weekend last month that Thomas, Polly and I attended. Not only was it the last rally of the year it was also a Southern Federation sponsored rally where friends old and new enjoyed the excellent weather, food and hospitality. The editor of the Model Engineer was in attendance snapping away with his camera at a vast array of models, haven't seen any of the pictures maybe a member has seen a report of the rally. Interesting thing about the Reading society was in the clubhouse and engine sheds. The engine and storage sheds were made from storage containers and dressed up on the outside to blend in. Not only are they cheap they are incredibly secure and long lasting. The unloading ramp and sections within the engine shed are made from the donation of a tail lift from a scrapped lorry; it is magnificent and runs from a 12v battery, absolutely effortless for any member. The tracks consist of a 5" raised section somewhat similar to Guildford & a 5 & 7" ground level, which travels through car parks open fields, and some interesting inclines.

Unloading and steaming bays are provided for each gauge and circuit. All this accompanied by some traction engines, stationary engines and a model exhibition makes this one for next years calendar.

And now for Sinsheim, a group of us are off to the highlight of any modelling year in January. If you are thinking of going this year is the last year it is at Sinsheim and also the 10th anniversary so a party is in order. I understand that a travel company are organising an excursion, with accommodation around £50 per night bed and breakfast everyone should experience Sinsheim once, although a certain friend of mine despite constant cajoling has declined a free holiday. Oh well can't please them all can we. Cheers for now and see you soon, hopefully at the Funlec which sounds like real fun.

Funlec Details

After a lapse of several years the Society is once again having a Funlec. The format of the competition differs from previous Funlecs with the aim being to have some fun. The competition, for the Funlec Cup, will take the form of a

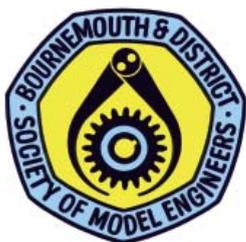
shunting competition using the Society's electric loco, Sheddon Wheals. Entries will be for teams of two members, a Driver and a Shunter/Guard. Teams may enter twice with the roles being reversed. Entry Forms and the complete Rules will be available on the day. John, Gordon and Dick hope that there will be a large entry. The competition will be followed by a Barbecue

London ME Exhibition 2006

Once again a coach has been booked to take members to the London Model Engineering Exhibition at Alexandra Place on Sunday 22nd January 2006. It will depart from Littledown at 7am picking up at Ringwood and Southampton. The plan is to arrive very soon after the show opens at 10-30am and to leave a 4-30pm. Members of the Southampton ME Society will once again be joining us on this trip. Tickets will be £12.50 each and are available from me at our evening meetings or by post at 12 Burngate Road, Poole, BH15 4HS, please can you make cheques payable to BDSME

Seaton TramWay Trip

I was lucky enough to be invited to join Richard Knott recently on a days driving experience at Seaton Tram Way and found the whole experience most enjoyable. Thinking of BDSME members whilst there I enquired about the possibility of a group visit to share a days driving. What they can offer is to cater for six people (the maximum allowed because of insurance limitations) to have a full day with a tram and driver / instructor and the members will be able to drive all day. Each person would have one and a third end-to-end journeys at the controls. The day includes a mid day meal, morning tea / coffee and cream tea in the afternoon there will also be a visit to the workshops. Your tram will collect you at Seaton Station 9-30am and deliver you back at 4-45pm; cost per person will be £52. I understand we could arrange this for any day of the week even weekends if that is preferred. If you fancy driving on a railway around corners as tight as you would expect your car to go round and being in the company of a very friendly group of people then this could be for you



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Diary Dates

19-Oct-05 Sandbanks Ferry

23-Oct-05 Funlec Contact Dick Ganderton for details

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

We would like to remind members to make a note in their diaries of the Annual Dinner at The Crooked Beams Restaurant on Wednesday 25th January 2006. Menus and details from Dick as soon as he gets them from the restaurant.

Chairmans Thoughts

The new BBQ will get its first official outing on Sunday 23rd October our Funlec day, some cakes would be appreciated from the ladies please. We now have 50 metres of cable to run power to the station building, volunteers required to help dig ready to lay the cable. I will bring this up at the next club meeting and let's hope many hands make light work! We will also need help in painting the new passenger trolleys so if you are unable to dig perhaps you could paint. All help would be very much appreciated. Speedy has had its boiler repaired and I should have it back soon, its proposed to give it a pressure test before it gets put back together and a re-test done next year as it would then be valid for four years.

And now a little something from the Chairman's wife especially for the ladies:-

The Miracle of Toilet Paper. Fresh from my shower, I stand in front of the mirror complaining to my husband that my breasts are too small. Instead of characteristically telling me its not so, he uncharacteristically comes up with a suggestion. "If you want your breasts to grow, then every day take a piece of toilet paper and rub it between them for a few seconds." Willing to try anything, I fetch a piece of toilet paper and stand in front of the mirror, rubbing it between my breasts. "How long will this take?" I asked. "They will grow larger over a period of years" my husband replies. I stopped. "Do you really think rubbing a piece of toilet paper between my breasts every day will make them larger over the years?" Without missing a beat he says "Worked for your bum, didn't it?" He's still alive, and with a great deal of therapy he may even walk again. Stupid, stupid man David Martin

Last Months Competition

A1 He was Captain of the Carpathian, re.the Titanic

A2 Hardness of Solids

A3 Flying Scotsman

A4 1983

This Months Competition

Q1 The burning of what substance produces most of the world's electricity?

Q2 What nationality was scientist Marie Curie?

Q3 In 1980 which electronics company demonstrated its latest invention, the compact disc?

Q4 What is the main element found in steel?

And Finally

A company chairman was given a ticket for a performance of Schubert's unfinished Symphony. Since he was unable to go, he passed the invitation to the company's Quality Assurance Manager. The next morning, the chairman asked him how he enjoyed it, and, instead of a few plausible observations, he was handed a memorandum, which read as follows; For a considerable period, the oboe players had nothing to do. Their number should be reduced, and their work spread over the whole orchestra, thus avoiding peaks of inactivity. All twelve violins were playing identical notes. This seems unnecessary duplication, and the staff of this section should be drastically cut. If a large volume of sound is really required, this could be obtained through the use of an amplifier. Much effort was involved in playing the demi-semiquavers. This seems an excessive refinement, and it is recommended that all notes should be rounded up to the nearest semi quaver. If this were done, it would be possible to use trainees instead of craftsmen. No useful purpose is served by repeating with horns the passage that has already been handled by the strings. If all such redundant passages were eliminated, the concert could be reduced from two hours to twenty minutes.

In light of the above, one can only conclude that had Schubert given attention to these matters, he probably would have had the time to finish his symphony.



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