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Augusts Observations By The

Secretary & Vice Chairman

The club Barbq on Wednesday 17th August was well attended by our club members along with the invited guests from the Model Electronic Railway Group (MERG) And whoever organised the weather was a genius. We had two steam loco's joined by 5 diesel outline, including the 'Shed on wheels' complete with a new shed (Body, built and fitted by Ted Rouse), which seems to have a remarkable turn of speed for one so young, I saw several members and others driving the beast with beaming smiles, at least they looked like smiles from where I was sitting, as usual shrouded in steam. Dick seems to have sorted his Marie E, it was going like a bat out of !!!! The food laid on was superb and many thanks must as usual go to the resident caterers, the ladies did us proud, thanks also to the club member who suggested to Peggy that we should have fried onions with the Burgers, a nice touch.

It was quite dark before the track was vacated and I think the evening was accepted as a great success. To follow that was going to be a tall order, but on Sunday 21st August the day dawned bright and sunny for the Kite Festival, for which we had been asked to run. I arrived at 0945 to find Dave White, Neil Horder and Mike Durham already there and several very large kites hovering above the park in quite light airs. Within 15 minutes of arrival we had passengers and, with lots of little people attached to larger parents hovering around, it was soon apparent that we were going to be busy, and so it was proved, by midday we had carried in excess of 100 passengers. At which point my lubricator failed and I was off. That young upstart 'Shed On Wheels' was doing it again, with several other Diesels. I was pleased to see Martin arrive as I returned to the steaming bay with the Maid; Steam would soon be back on the rails. I hope Martin will fill in the rest of the afternoon's activities, as I had to leave at that point.

Just as Dave departed I went on to the track with the "Maid" to support the "SHEDDON WHEELS". We were kept really busy all afternoon giving rides to kids from 1 to 80 years young. This was possibly due to the lack of wind grounding many of the kites. From our point of view it was a very successful day's running which passed very smoothly as everybody happily "mucked in" without being asked. We stopped running at about 4.45 pm having run almost solidly all afternoon. My thanks go to all those who assisted not forgetting the "kitchen crew" who ensured nobody went short of drinks etc. For anybody without a key for the engine shed I have a stock available at £2.95 each. D.Finn/M.Cuff.

Nonsense from the Editor

Well another couple of visits since we last chatted have been and gone, I have to say that the Frimley society made Thomas and I very welcome and the barbecue in the evening was one to be envied, not a burnt banger in sight. The weather got the better of us all on the Saturday afternoon but a quick dry off and a change of clothes saw us back on the right track with both Thomas and I driving on a very interesting fully signalled ground level track with visitors from other societies. Luckily as the sun rose on the Sunday morning and the other campers awoke we were all greeted by a magnificent day in splendid surroundings, trust me if you get a chance to go, visit the park where they are located in Frimley as there is something for all the family and a peaceful location next to the canal. What can one say about The Great Dorset Steam Fair (or Stourpaine as I remember it) a truly magnificent event that wears the legs out, but again an event that one has to do every now and again? It was nice to bump into a couple of our members playing at lifting logs with chains and steam engines although the strain was clear on the engine when John sat on the log as well! If you have a bug for Showmen's engines as I do, it is Mecca.

Case anyone is curious the 'King' now has all four cylinders and motion in place and the very expensive boiler arrives next month. Time to strip it all down and paint the frames I suppose Last visit of the season, will be the Reading Society weekend this month which is also the Southern Federation Rally hope to see some of our members there and I will give a report next month as well as details of the Sinsheim rally in January 2006.ED

Midlands Exhibition

The Midlands Model Engineering Exhibition will be held this year at the Warwickshire Exhibition Centre near Leamington Spa from Friday 14th to Wednesday 19th October. It is approximately 130 miles from the Littledown Centre and the question is, should we have a coach trip to see it on Sunday 16th? The cost of hiring a coach comes to £15.00 each with a minimum of 25 people, be they members or friends. Time is short, therefore let me know, with payment either before or at the September meeting latest, if you would like to go. Cheques payable to BDSME.

Diary Dates

21-Sep-05 Jack & Anne Bath Archive Films

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

Chairmans Thoughts

What an unexpected worthwhile day we had with the Kite Festival, thanks to all who helped, full report to follow from the Secretary and Vice Chairman. On behalf of the Ladies I would like to thank Nicki for her Hardanger sewing demonstration all those that attended went happily away with there own sample to show one and all, I think they all enjoyed themselves whilst the men played trains. The amount of cakes was disappointing but Asda came to the rescue. We are now proud owners of a gas BBQ, it will get its first official outing on Sunday 23rd October our Funlec day, more details in next month's newsletter which I believe will be open to one and all. David Martin

Hardanger Demonstration

The demo of Hardanger Embroidery took place on a lovely sunny day, Sunday 14th August. Don't know where the start time of 3.30 came from quoted in the last mag, but we started as I had scheduled at 2.00 pm. Whatever, it was a very pleasant way to spend an afternoon and we were served with tea and cakes mid-way through our session, thanks lads.

I took along a couple of pieces along to show what Hardanger is (for those who weren't there, it is a form of embroidery very popular in Norway, used to decorate clothes and household linens mostly). Everyone wanted to "have a go" and we girls were enjoying ourselves so much that the boys were taking the gazebo away at the end of the afternoon as we were still sewing!! Thanks go to daughter Lisa who came along to assist; we did quite well between us and had a few laughs along the way. Perhaps someone else would like to do something similar next year???

Nicola

Last Months Competition

A1 Ferrule

A2 RNLI

A3 Whip

A4 Lead

This Months Competition

Q1 Why did Captain Arthur Rostron become famous in 1912?

Q2 What does the Mohs scale measure?

Q3 Locomotive 4472 is better known by what name?

Q4 In which year did the Pound note cease to be legal tender?

For Sale

Kerry 8 speed pillar drill with rack controlled table elevation in good working order £75. Steel 6 drawer engineers tool chest 17.5" x 15" x 8.5" could do with a repaint due to some surface rust £15. Home made (Ron Bettell) linisher one-inch wide belt good working order £20. Brian Tel: 01202 683701

And Finally

This should make you smile especially as it's a true story

On 20th July 1969, as commander of the Apollo 11 lunar module, Neil Armstrong was the first person to set foot on the moon. His first words, after stepping on the moon, "That's one small step for a Man, one giant leap for mankind" were televised to earth and heard by millions. But just before he re-entered the lander, he made the enigmatic remark "Good luck Mr Gorsky". Many people at NASA thought it was a casual remark concerning some rival Soviet Cosmonaut. However upon checking there was no Mr. Gorsky in either the Russian or American space programme. Over the next ten years many people questioned Armstrong as to what "Good luck Mr. Gorsky" meant, but Armstrong always just smiled.

On 5th July 1995, in Tampa Bay Florida, while answering questions following a speech, a reporter brought up the 26-year old question to Armstrong. This time he finally responded. Mr. Gorsky had died, so Neil Armstrong felt he could answer the question. In 1938 when he was a kid in a small midwest town, he was playing baseball with a friend in the backyard. His friend hit the ball which landed in his neighbours yard by the bedroom windows. His neighbours were Mr & Mrs Gorsky. As he leaned down to pick up his ball, young Armstrong heard Mrs Gorsky shouting at Mr Gorsky, "Oral Sex? You want Oral Sex? You'll get oral sex when the kid next door walks on the moon"!



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