

Sussex Miniature Locomotive Society



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Dear all

Issue 6 how time is flying by. Hope you are all still well and keeping occupied.

Thanks to technology we're continuing to keep in touch with our friends and relations using Skype and Zoom and having virtual afternoon teas and as I have a birthday soon I am now looking at a Wine and Cheese possibility!

I was talking to one of our G Scaler members who is living in a village and the local pub is doing "take out" beer. You take down your own bottle and the publican fills it with your favorite beer. His son lives nearby so in the sunny weather he and his son have been going down to the pub and buying a pint and going back to the garden, social distancing and having a beer. Anywhere else doing anything like that?

I am still looking for more good stories to put in the NEWS so please do not hesitate to send me material. It doesn't have to be about trains but something you have heard about, seen or done that you would have talked about if you were up the club.

Keep Safe all

Mike W

Brief club house NEWS

All is well at the club and the security team are still doing their rounds.

Still awaiting confirmation of installation date of Security system.

Wharfedale Article 5

1974-03-30 - The New Extension Opening Day (22) - Fred Bailey with
Wharfedale & SMLS Committee (4) - (with Names) - NG-P-10



Left to Right:- Mike Killick, Bob Youldon, Chris Saunders, Jim Killick, Dick Simmings, Bill Cro, Arthur Yendell, John Seymour, Alan Gettings, Allan Killick, Geof Lavis Dick Burge Fred Bailey



In full steam Circa 1986 Tommy Thomas

Mike P.'s musings No.5

Ron (Mr. S. R.) Bostel PBS

Continuing the story of Ron Bostel, I will tell you a little about his locomotives and of Ron himself.

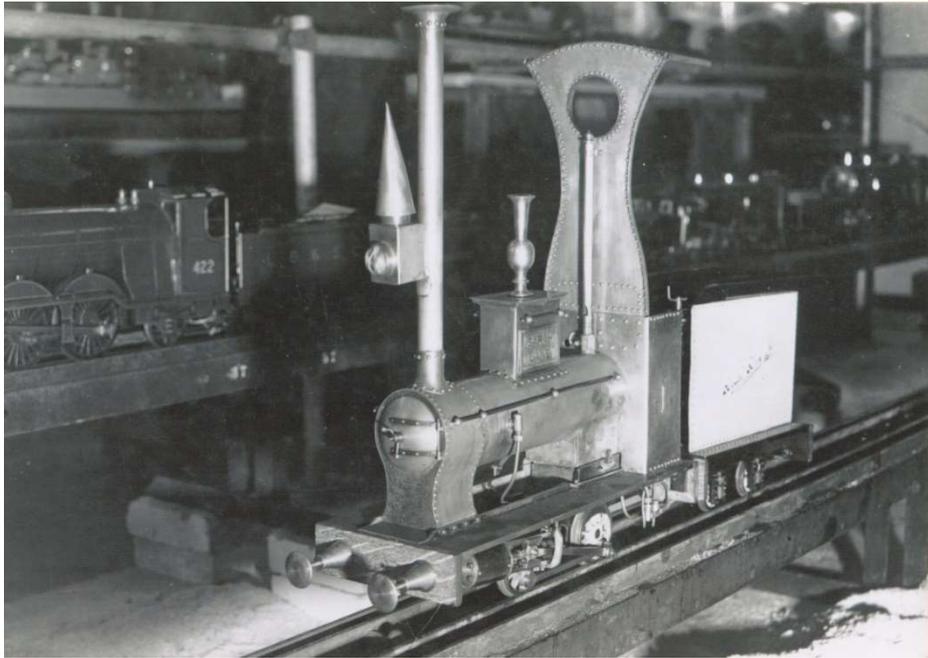
Born in the early 1900's, it seems Ron became involved in engineering and ran a plumbing company based in Brighton, somewhere on the site of what is now Churchill square. He was involved with the Brighton and Hove Model Engineers, and then helped set up and build SMLS at Beech Hurst.

On 17th of April 1954, in the mid-afternoon, the original Beech Hurst track was completed and Ron steamed his 3½" gauge Fayette along with Les Clarke's 5" loco, thus testing both track gauges.



There were only 8 people present at these first tests, and one of those eight was another young club stalwart called Mike Killick. Mike and his father had been watching the tests and Ron invited them both to have a ride...which they did...behind both locos, and it ended up with Ron inviting them to join the club. That's another story!

Another engine of Ron's, was his 3 ½" gauge "Juliet" in Roland Emmet style, that stood 14" tall at the chimney, and apparently "wobbled dangerously" on the track.

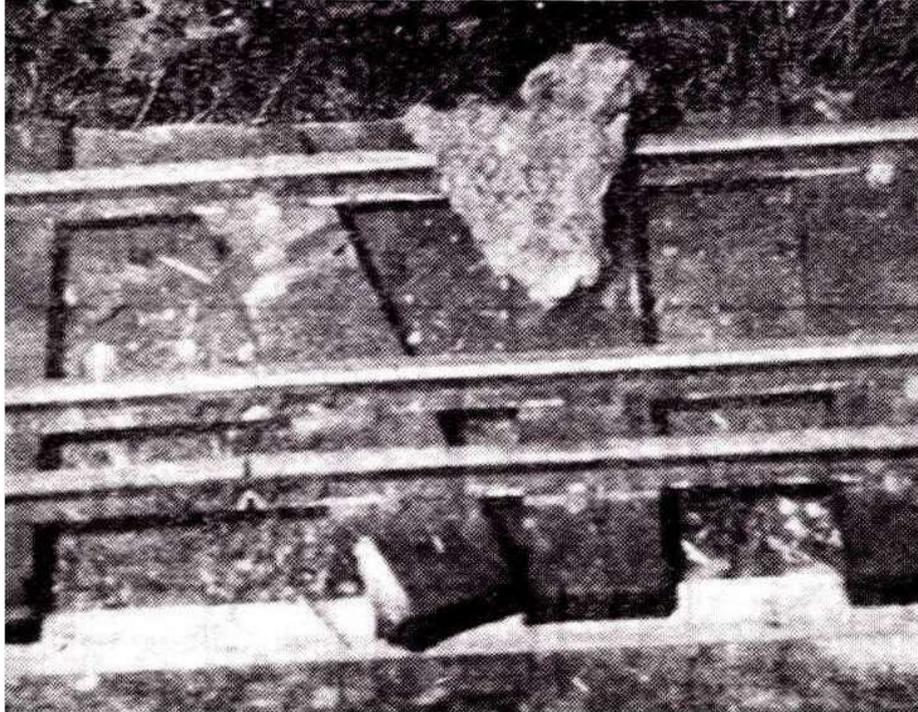


Mrs. Norah Potter christens the Bluebell.

In 1959, Ron held a special day for his Fayette loco, calling it "Bluebell" in honour of the East Grinstead to Lewes line. After the naming ceremony, and with passengers on board, (including Roland Emmett himself who lived in Ditchling) Ron set off to lap the track. Despite checking the line earlier, on rounding the second bend, Ron braked hard but hit a stone on the sleepers and tipped "Bluebell" off the track. (Remind you of anything! Kids never change.) No one fell off the train, but the loco was damaged. Some youngsters had sabotaged the line when no one was looking.



Colleagues gather round the damaged engine as Mr. S. R. Bostel shows them the brick which caused the smash.



This is the rock that sent Bluebell toppling from the line.



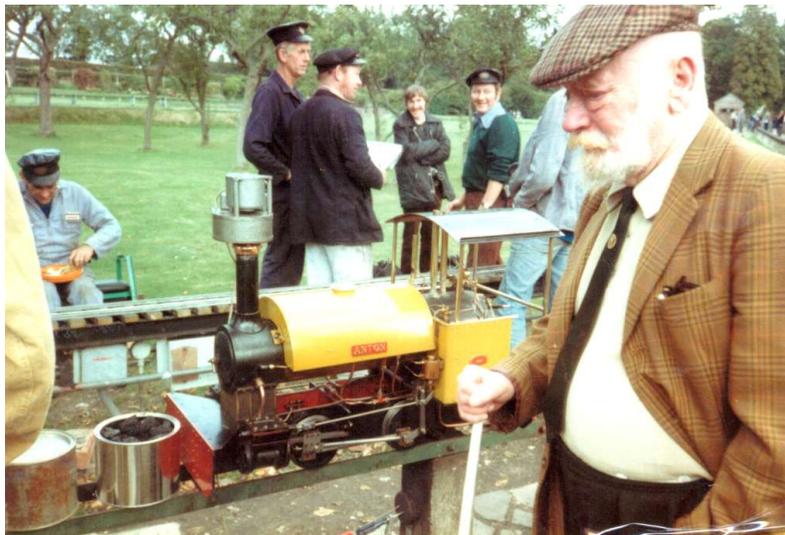
The derailed train is put back on the line.

Up until the mid sixties, Ron owned a Lanchester car (a poor man's Rolls Royce in those days, actually I bid on one once, but lost, but that's also another story!) Even Ron's car had been modified "Emett style". The radiator cap was in the form of a locomotive chimney which showed steam from time to time. The car's exhaust came up in an "Emett style" chimney out of the white roof at the back, the rest of the car being painted maroon and black. On the back was an

oval plate with the letters “SP” on a white background. (Shovel and Pump), and it seems he drove around at a nice steady 30mph!

Unfortunately, Ron’s eyesight began to fail, and he had to give up the car and driving locomotives too. Later on, his daughter used to bring him up to Beech Hurst on days when Ray Parsons was driving his engine, and Ray would stop near the low part of the track near the steaming bays and someone would guide Ron to the train so he could board , and then Ray would drive Ron round giving a running commentary so that he could “experience” the fun of driving again despite by this time being completely blind.

Ray told me Ron was a very friendly chap who would help anyone, and he certainly did a lot for Beech Hurst in those early days. He spent his last years with his wife at his home in Cirencester and died peacefully on 13th January 1988.



I have made contact with Brian and you will all be pleased to hear is in very good shape and locked away like the rest of us. He has sent me the following article describing how he moved from static steam engines to locomotives.

Brian Joyce



Photo by Linda

Way back in 1956 I was working in Malaysia with a company with extensive interests in plantations and general trading. As agents for De La Rue - Formica - I had secured a contract for the refurbishment for the interior of the Malayan Railway passenger coaches and as such was able to freely visit the workshops in Kuala Lumpur. To get to get to the coaches one had to pass through the engine repair shops which were a dream scenario of dismantled engines, boiler work, retyring wheels etc, far more interesting to watch than Formica. From early days I had always been involved in making thing and had just completed a Stuart Vertical 10 with the aid of an Adept one a quarter inch lathe and a finished boiler and I was looking for another steam project. It so happened in 1956 that the Model engineer was newly published in a larger format and with it a new construction series of a loco "Ivy Hall" by Curly. It was a terrible loco but for me it unlocked the details of what was needed to make a model loco.

At that time I was friendly with an engineer in the railways who did his best to discourage me from what I had in mind — the 56 class loco — “try a dock tank, a Titch or a shunter.” —but I reckoned that I would only ever make one loco and it had to be a big one. Nevertheless my friend made it possible to proceed by providing me some of the works drawing rescaled for a three and a half gauge loco with a 5 inch outline (similar to South African NG locos).I still have a much faded general arrangement drawing of the loco. With the drawings I was ready to go.

The engine was ambitious - to start with it had three cylinders, unusual wheels and rotary valve gear which had to be replaced, but I went ahead and 20 years later I was still working on it. (In the intervening period I had built a 5in. ng tank as I had realised that my project would never stand up to club running.) But it did pull passengers at Worthing and Brighton clubs and it collected the signals at Beech Hurst on its last outing.

Malaysian Railway 56 class narrow gauge express engine

The photo below was taken in Hurstpierpoint.



This came out of the blue so it's now a guess who?

It's the young man passenger that we need to know who it is:-



Sadly as we all know the driver Peter Marten passed away several years ago now, but I spoke with Enid, his wife, and Enid was very happy for me to use the photograph as it was a reminder to her of happy times.

It promoted Enid to find a full photo of Peter in his French boiler suit which Enid remembers caused much amusement at Beech Hurst when, every time he put it on, everyone dissolved in hysterics, and he couldn't understand why.



John is on a roll:-



From this

Photo by Linda

Through This



To this:-



Recipe Corner

One of the pleasures of Beech Hurst is the arrival of homemade cakes from member's Mums, Wives and Partners.

All eyes definitely light up with the arrival of Tom carrying a Mum's cake.

Gaynor's Apple and cinnamon cake

Dry ingredients

300g /10oz self-raising flour

1.5 tsp ground cinnamon

0.5 tsp salt

250g/8oz Demerara sugar

50g/2oz raisins

Wet ingredients

125g/4oz melted butter

2 large eggs beaten

175ml/6fl oz milk

250g/8oz apples peeled chopped and cored

Icing sugar for dredging

Preheat oven to 180 degrees or 170 fan

Mix together all dry ingredients

Add all wet ingredients to dry mix

Mix thoroughly till smooth

Turn into lined and greased 20cm/8 inch square tin Cook for 55 minutes Turn onto wire rack to cool Sprinkle with icing sugar when cool

Grateful thanks from all to Gaynor for the many cakes.

News From Afar 4.



8101 - Club 7.25 Diesel Outline
Skin being stripped for repaint.
Powered by G.M. 6 cylinder petrol engine with severely modified

From the garden. Nothing from my garden, but work on the grounds continues at the track, probably illegally due to lock down restrictions, but..... Some pictures below.

In the workshop Nothing changes - The riding car is progressing as I am still able to work outside as the temp during the day remains in the mid teens to low twenties, but raining today. (26th)



The top picture implies a tea break, true, but also a Molson's Canadian on the side. The traffic cone is not some male symbolism but there to protect ones own from the lifting threaded rod that extends somewhat when the scissor lift (home made) when in certain positions.

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The bottom photo shows the ongoing construction with the slats now attached to the sides. It also shows the slats ready to be placed on/for the roof. I was intending just to use the 2.5 mm slats covered in boat carpet but have changed my mind as I think the slats alone would not be strong enough. I have decided to use MDF underneath the slats again, this time 5mm as that is what I found in my 'stock'.



The front and rear of the riding car will be the same construction as the sides. The hand/grab rail will be attached outside of that and will be made probably out of 12mm x 25mm steel bar or similar.

I/we had another visit from 'Parks and Conservation' wanting to know when they could come on site to assist with the 'noxious weed' spraying regime. I organised a gate key for them and said ' Now you can come when you like.' Good thinking?





Another day in my external (fine weather) workshop. For use by head bangers, that is every time I go under there I bang my head on the cross beams. Slow learner!

Weather this day (25/4) around 21C. Come the end of this month we will start getting frosts. Working outside then: I



Paul Gugger driving his Queensland PB15 on a test run after sorting out a few steam pipe leaks. He purchased, completed and finished the loco after a member died far too early. His next task when I asked was to finish his (nearly there) Britannia. I believe he is finishing cladding and then the paint

On site 27 April - 22C after the fog lifted. A terrible late Autumn day as you can see.

The left hand picture shows the yards. They had been sprayed (Glyphosate - yes we still use it) to kill the grasses and weeds, but that doesn't remove the material, so when there is still a lot of dew on the ground I hit it with my rather large propane burner. The smoke is hidden by the fog.

The right and shows a garden next to the club house. A member wanted to plant it. Of course we said as long as you maintain it. We are still waiting for the maintenance input. A challenge as can be seen by the amount of weeds that I removed.

Cheers and stay well - David - Canberra - 28 April 2020

Puzzle Corner.

Ray Parsons last week's quiz answers.

1. Rover. 2 Rolls Royce. 3. Triumph. 4. Jaguar. 5. Morris.
6. Ford. 7. Vauxhall. 8. Land Rover. 9. Audi. 10. Peoples transport

Ray Parsons this week's quiz.

Where are you?

All the answers are towns or cities in the British isles

	Clue	Town or City
EG	STUPID CHIPS	DUMFRIES
1	ROYAL BIRD ON WATER	
2	BEAST CROSSING A RIVER	
3	COLOURED VEHICLE	
4	AGED PIG	
5	COOK GOOD	
6	FLIGHTED MISSILE OPENING	
7	BIG BATTLE GOING ROUND IN A WEIGHT	
8	DON'T SCREW IN	
9	BODY PART IN CONTAINED LIQUID	
10	FICTICIOUS FLIER FORDING A RIVER	

Lorema's Challenge

Hope You enjoyed last week's challenge here are the Answers.

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DAISY	ANEMONE
BLUEBELL	BEGONIA
DAFFODIL	GEUM
AZALIEA	LILY
PHLOX	ASTER
POLYANTHUS	IRIS
PRIMROSE	
TULIP	
PANSY	
ZINNIA	
ORCHID	
FUCHSIA	

This week's Challenge. Found around the house



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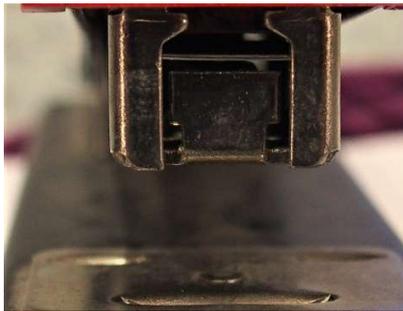
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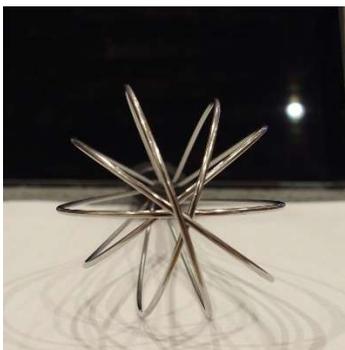
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