

from the **FOOTPLATE**

Be prepared for a big day in August !!

The club birthday run is on again.



This year will be bigger and better than ever before. We have a better reason for organising the birthday/invitational run other than an annual event.!

As most of the club members will know by now, we are using this years event to raise funds for the Gillams sawmill at Grandchester. What some folk may not know is that the Ipswich City Council has come on board and are helping to organise the attractions, parking, signage, advertising and more volunteer helpers, as well as some much needed funds to get this all up and going.

Extra to the usual static steam locomotive displays, will be Face painting, Jumping Castle, Coffee Van, Ice Cream Van, Lions sausage sizzle and a vintage engine display as well as our usual souvenir stall and our own canteen.

Our hard working President has been at several meetings with the councillors, nutting out all pros' and cons' of organising the day.

All will be revealed at the next meeting and we hope that we will get a lot more visiting locomotives this year to make it a wonderful day.

Toowoomba model train exhibition

We had a very successful run at Toowoomba again this year with the portable track and Dave Muscat and Steve Wilson double headed both days. Peter Bodetti went as guard nearly all day Saturday and we welcomed the return of Layton Dixon to the club and he was put to work on the Sunday when he visited with Grandad Ronny.

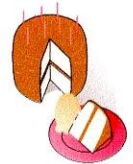
It was an incident free weekend as far as the public was concerned but Dave had a bit of trouble with his loco but after a few heads got together, it was up and running again and worked hard all weekend. This was unusual for Daves loco as one can usually not kill it with a stick !

Stevs loco just kept chuffing along as usual and he even ran on char without being tempted to throw in a bit of coal ! As usual, the weather was frosty but Dave, Steve and Jen made the Saturday night dinner a heap of fun with their joking around etc and it was good to get into bed and get warm. I think we were all too tired to be cold, although Steve nearly cooked himself with his electric blanket !

Last running day..

We had an extremely busy day this month with 2 birthday parties being booked in and the surprise visit of a wandering 4 w.d. club. All hands were needed on the day but some members worked all day with out hardly a break.

A new visitor came interested in joining the club. He wants to build a steam traction engine which will be a welcome addition to our stable of different engines amongst the members.



Dave and Steve double heading at Toowoomba Model Train Exhibition.



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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Time again for the Presidents report. Well first thanks to all who helped at Toowoomba Train Show. It was a good weekend, thanks also go to all those members who made the last running day a good one and thanks to the visiting drivers. As you all know it will be our Birthday run on the 5th August and I will need as many members on deck to work for that day, as we will have a lot to do. The Ipswich City Council and local Government members are also coming to help as well as the Lions club. Also on the 22nd July, which is only 2 weeks away, we have the Ipswich City Council fun day to do with the portable track at Limestone Park in Ipswich, so anyone who is available I need you to help as we owe this one to the Council. Coming up also in August is the Annual General Meeting of the club, so get your vote in for who you want to be the next committee people, or if you feel like taking on a position have a go. Well that, s it till next time. Good Steaming !!
Roy Clark

SECRETARIES REPORT

I was pleased to see Peter, a new member, looking to learn something that would help to ease the burden of a running day. Clive and I were only too pleased to show him the points system. We need all members to learn all that they can to ease the burden of running the system as too few of us can operate the points, the station, the steaming bay and all the other things that keep the running days going. In my humble opinion, all members should be able to give the usual operators a break from their duties. It can be hard to run the one thing all day. Good on you Peter and come on all of you old members, learn to do all that needs to be done. We have a new proposed member. He calls Ronnie Dixon "Poppie". Yes its' Layton Dixon, Rons' Grandson and I am really pleased to see a young, REALLY YOUNG, keen applicant. I hope and pray that the birthday run is a great day for all.
Yours in steam
DUDLEY

PANNELS PONDERINGS.

"I think about the hereafter alot now, I go somewhere and wonder what I am here after! "



CLUB NOTES



July 22nd ...
Ipswich City Council fun day.
August 5 th...
G.M.L.S.A Birthday/Invitational Run. Incorporated with the Ipswich City Council.
August 19th... Club A.G.M. & working B.
September 2nd ...Running day.

TROPHIES for Birthday Run



There will be 4 trophies awarded this year to those taking part in the run.

1. Best Q.L.D. Loco
2. Best overall
3. Peoples Choice.
4. I.C.C. Award—councillors choica.



The wording for number 4 may not be exact but that is the gist of it.

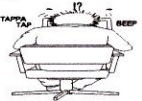
" SICK LIST "

Those still on the sick list are James Chaplin and Cath Gillam, James is still hanging in there with the chemo and we hope that he will come out alright at the end of it all. Cath has been somewhere to catch the dreaded lurgey and had lost her voice. Don't know what Jake had to say about that but she is still mobile!!



JOKES ... Here are some of the classic questions that were asked of the Sydney Olympic Committee via their web site and the witty answers that go with them.

- Q. Will I be able to see Kangaroos in the streets in Australia.? (USA)
A. Depends on how many beers you have had.
Q. Can I bring cutlery into Australia? (U.K.)
A. Why bother? use your fingers like the rest of us. !
Q. Will I be able to speak English in Australia. (USA)
A. Yes but you will have to learn it first.
Q. Which direction is North in Australia.? (USA)
A. Face North and you should be right.
Q. Is it safe to run around in the bushes in Australia?(Sweden)
A. And accomplish what?!



EDITORIAL

The fun and games of working at computers This is my second go as the programme that I use to invent this newsletter just lost half of my writings. Luckily not all and I still have my short term memory at the moment, hopefully !!!

Finally got the photos of the rest of the committee members for the website and it is all up to date, even though I had to chase Bronwyn around the kitchen to get hers. Have a look at the site folks as Henry the web master has added a new section which he called "out and about" and he has put on photos that I sent him recently. If any one has photos of anything of interest to club members, please contact Henry and he will be only to happy to put them on for you. or if anyone has a story or poem that will make the website more interesting. Don't worry if you do not have a computer just give me what you have and I will put it on for you.

Rember to keep this web site we have to use it.

Editor... Judy Clark...

"Thought for the Day"

Years wrinkle the skin; but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul.

Anon...