



28 February 2005

**"South Hampshire 16mm & G Scale Railway Group.  
Incorporating "Southdown Railway Co."**

(Associate members of Fareham & District Model railway Club.)

I am very pleased to report that we had a very successful first outing with the new Southdown Layout. We were overwhelmed with praise and comments about how good a show we put on. Even some of the traders came over to say how they enjoyed watching our trains on the most interesting layout they had seen. So praise indeed, and all thanks to the hard work of those who spent the winter building, painting or sowing, and then everyone's faultless running of the trains over a very busy and tiring weekend. (We did have one naughty bit of tail chasing, and that driver was cautioned and received 2 minus points.)

It was our first visit to the Lincoln show and we all agreed that it was one of the better organised we have attended. We were also very well looked after by Steve Warrington ( the organiser) who supplied B & B, expenses and fed us an excellent lunch both days. Thank you Steve for a great weekend and venue to display our efforts.

The result of all this impressive display was that we received invitations to attend some new venues around the country. So our reputation is expanding. If you are prepared to travel and rough it a bit for a weekend away running trains let me know and I'll try and fit you in the roster. We still have some slots available during the later part of the year.

Remember I need to notify show organisers well in advance on numbers so please check your diaries and let me know which shows you would like to support. Don't forget to check you boiler certificate currency. New professionally built boilers are exempt for the first two year there after you need a new certification every two years.

For those that are interested, my Accucraft Mogul ran beautifully with it's new piston valves. Very smooth and controllable. Also saw the Accucraft Lyn, in black it looks beautiful and a bargain at under £1000.

I won't be at Fareham this month as I am going to Majorca cycling later this week.

**Southdown bookings for 2005**

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| Rugby      | 23 April.   |
| Redhill    | 14/15 May,  |
| Romsey     | 4 September |
| Elsecar    | 8/9 October |
| Chichester | 22 October  |
| Exeter     | 29 October  |

See you soon.

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Friday dates are;

11 March  
8 April.  
13 May