

Hampshire area Garden Railway Group

(incorporating the Hampshire area of the Association of 16mm Narrow Gauge Modellers, and the Southdown Railway Co.)

Associate members of Fareham & District model railway club



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Hi,

Its been a somewhat busy time of late, cataloguing all of Don Jones' stock, and busily selling it. I have attached a "for sale" list to this, and photos are available to go with it. I have several CD's with them on, and will bring a portable DVD player to show them on, to the friday meeting at Fareham. Please contact me if you are interested in any of the items. The photo above shows our own Merlin Monarch "Ivo Peters BEM" being joined by a rare Merlin Minstrel owned by Don Jones, which was having a test run prior to its sale.

Onto more cheerful things, David Fleetwood has told me that he has another of his well organised open days on his interesting and challenging 45mm gauge line (my words!) at Hordle on June 16th. Contact David and Susan directly on 01425 611372 to arrange to come along to that event, and don't forget Bob Petch's open day on 29th May.

Mike Dunckley is wishing to sell two absolutely brand new Accucraft L&B open wagons in brown, with SR lettering. He needs £25 apiece for them, phone Mike on 023 9246 5443 to buy those very well detailed wagons which come with 32 and 45mm gauge wheelsets.

On page 2 of this newsletter is a message from Rod Blakeman, regarding the boiler testing requirements for running on Southdown. Please note that this is not precisely the same as the 16mm Association rules, which are outlined in the Exchange, and on the website. All this is thanks to a particularly onerous set of rules intended on European harmonisation, which didn't really consider our small boilers properly, thus resulting in varying interpretations by modelling bodies and insurance companies.

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Southdown bookings for 2006 so far:

Merstham 13/14 May
Shildon 12/13 August
Model World Romsey, 3 September
Chichester 22 October
Exeter 29 October (tentative)

Fareham Friday meetings: Mar 10th, Apr 14th, May 12th, Jun 9th .

Southdown Railway Company & Boiler Testing.

For those of you wishing to operate live steam locomotives on the Southdown Railway Company please be aware that we are implementing new boiler testing regulations based in accordance with the 2006 guidelines of the Southern Federation of Model Engineering Societies.

What this means to you;

1. Boilers will now be hydraulically tested to one and a half times working pressure every 4 years.
2. Boiler inspections and safety valve tests (resetting) will be conducted every 12 months.
3. If you have a current boiler certificate you will need a safety valve test this year prior to operating on the Southdown Railway Company tracks. Your current certificate must be presented with your locomotive when you bring it for inspection and the safety valve test. On satisfactory completion of this inspection/test you will be awarded a new additional certificate documenting that successful test/inspection.
4. We will arrange a test/inspection day with Andy in April. If you wish to be included on that day, please let me know and I will inform you when it will happen.

Footnote, Testing priority will be given to those scheduled to operate at Merstham in May.

Rod.