

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



September 2007

Hello yet again,

Our header picture this month is of David Fleetwood's latest project, and possibly the largest single garden railway structure I have ever seen! I did threaten to show it, and David has kindly supplied a picture of it, presumably taken with rather a wide angle lens!

Right, who's been doing what, this month? Rod has had a steam up to test certain aspects of his reconstruction, and also took the opportunity of demonstrating what is possibly the fastest accelerating steam locomotive I have ever seen, his compound Saxonian Mallet. Its quite a beast, and takes a bit of practice to drive properly, with its six servos and compounding.

I've managed to make my steam tram actually move, at a rather more pedestrian speed, Paul Betts has been railway building, and I dread to think what David Fleetwood is up to now....

Other news, its Rod again, he is setting up meetings at the homes of those in the Western end of our area, to cater for those who seem to have been left in the cold a bit after the problems suffered by the Rails Group in New Milton. The first meeting is on October 26th, at Rod's, so contact him on 023 8066 3373 for details. Not just for the "Western folk!"

Tony and Ginny Lee are having a running session on 15th September, so those in the know need to remember to arrange with Tony, to attend. I'll be running on a metre gauge railway on that day, with Pascal and Anne Lelievre-Schiller. This means, as I mentioned last month, that I'll be missing out on the Portchester Friday meeting. However, can you all consider the suggestion that was made by a few of the group, about a minibus or coach trip to the Association annual show at Stoneleigh next March 29th. Do you want to go up there and back the same day, do you want to go up the day before, and come back the same day, or what? accomodation could be at the Oak at Baginton (see <http://theoak.greatpubs.net>) which is a couple of miles from the show itself. There is always the "Stoneleigh Park Lodge" on site, but its a bit expensive, and totally soul-less, I know, I'm staying there myself!

As mentioned before, Paul and Pippa Gander are having another running day on their interesting 45mm gauge railway in Totton on 22nd September. Contact them on 023 80 873307 for details. Adam, that means you!

I'm selling a Hitec Ranger 3, 3 channel 40MHz FM transmitter and receiver, with at least one set of crystals, I'll only want £15 or so for it.

Please send me details of any running sessions you'll be having!

william.bickers-jones@ntlworld.com

PORTCHESTER Friday meetings: 14th September, 12th October, 9th November.