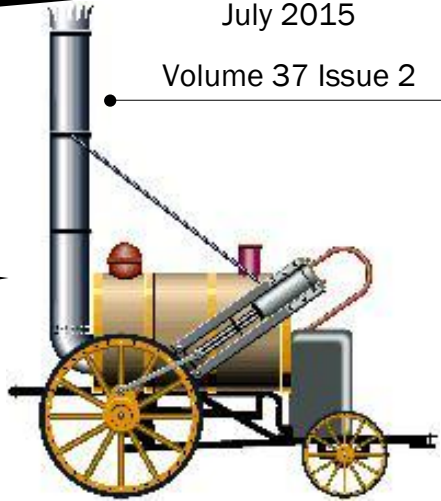


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Steps for the garden railway built by Ron. What a professional job Ron. Ellen & Len Castle

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**Editors Note**

My first Rocket edition has been well received and many more copies had to be printed than I expected.

I plan to produce a new edition in time for each general meeting.

Ellen and Len Castle have been helping me out with contents for the Rocket. Thanks to you both.

If you have pictures for the Rocket, include some notes to go with it.

# *Secretaries Report*



# Around the Duck Pond

I will have more information and pictures about the recent improvements to the boat pond next month.

Bring out your boats, the pond is back in business!!!



# Track Report



PER-WAY REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2015

SATURDAY 2nd Nice day 17 degs.

I did not attend today as I spent the day testing the oil burner on my new loco, oil burner worked well.

WEDNESDAY 6th Cool day 16 degs [ some showers].

Dropped 1/2 truck of dolomite on the 2m section of Main Line track as mentioned in last report this was to build up the

shoulder, this was then graded with the plough which I had modified slightly so as to spread shoulder ballast more.

ROLLING STOCK.

My passenger guards wagon was fitted with six short lengths of rail [ 500mm ] to the underside of the first front seat A end No K.P.H. 4.R., this is an attempt to overcome the weight transfer when the Guard leans back in his seat which has a tendency to lighten the A end of the wagon.

SATURDAY 9th Cool day 16 degs with showers.

Transferred 40 sleepers from oil bath to draining rack and replaced with 1m sleepers which will be used for switch

sleepers.

Mark removed all sleepers and cut out the small section of ladder track which was butt welded to the removed No 2 container track switches.

The Tunnel facade frame work was erected and the top portion fitted with Blue Board.

## ROLLING STOCK.

The Club passenger guards wagon No P.M 2.R. was also fitted as above.

David and Mark helped today.

WEDNESDAY 13th Cool day 16 degs.

Made up one new T-rail track jig.

Replaced high rail E.J. near Signal L.B.P.1 with a modified one, this is to improve the radius through the joint.

Lifted and tamped the Loop Line By Pass track from Tunnel to Skeeter Junction with the help of David, this work took all afternoon to complete, one truck of dolomite was dropped and graded over the entire length.

SATURDAY 16th Nice day 20 degs.

I did not attend today as I spent time working on my new loco.

WEDNESDAY 20th Cool day 15 degs.

Transferred the 1 m sleeper material from oil bath to draining drum and replaced with untreated ones.

On inspection of Switches 3. 4 and 5 found movable frogs badly worn, fulcrum pins loose and bell crank drive plate also

loose, built up worn frogs with weld and ground to correct thickness, fulcrum pins tightened, bell crank plate welded all

cleaned and lubricated with diesel fuel, David helped in this work.

SATURDAY 23rd Cool day 17 degs.

I did not attend for reasons given above.

WEDNESDAY 27th Nice day 19 degs.

The check rail on the L.H. Lay By siding stock rail was extended by 12 inches as the original did not give the frog sufficient protection.

Transferred 22 sleepers from draining rack to storage, Transferred the 1m sleeper material from draining drum to storage.

Fitted I..J. on common rail of Lay By switch.

ROLLING STOCK.

The Weed Control Wagon was tested today and found to work well, all main tracks and sidings sprayed , 200 litres of spray used.

SATURDAY 30th Cool day 16 degs.

Checked, oiled and tested all Signals and Switches.

Swept track at entrance and exit of tunnel.

Made up one I..J.

Len pre-drilled 40 sleepers.

Container was relocated to new site.

K.W.L. HAMPEL

TRACK MANAGER.

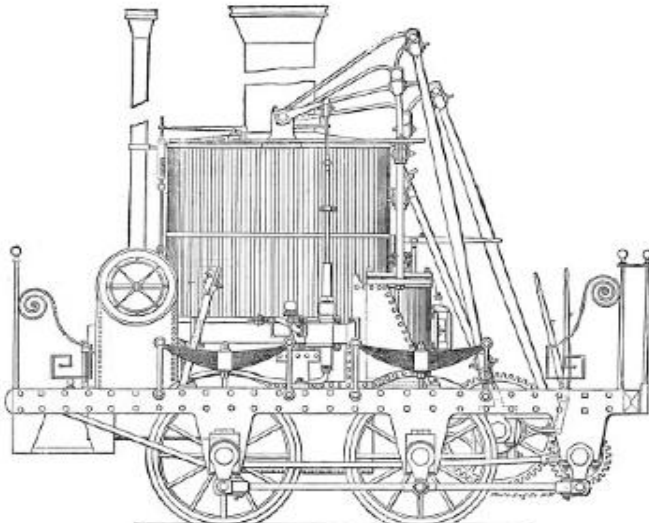


FIG. 2.—GILLINGHAM & WINANS' ENGINE, GRASSHOPPER TYPE, 1885—BALTIMORE AND OHIO RAILROAD

# Penfield Posse



The last time I shared some words with you in the pages of our Rocket, I stated that in speedway, the guys are like hibernating bears in the winter.

This year this is true to their on track appearances, but behind the scenes there is a lot of stuff going on.

Michael Wilhelm, Paul Cain and Peter Henley are all working towards getting our transponder timing system up and going.

Michael has the traffic lights now operational, Paul has the design and building of the control tower moving, and Peter has been up to his usual stuff for the speedway, and the venue in general.

Two of our guys, Trevor Hall and Dave Owen who are both rehabilitating after illness, have been attending on Wednesdays and some Saturdays helping out with what they can. Also giving their cars a run.

Peter, Paul and Michael drove to Renmark recently to meet Grant Muller at Angoves Wines. The stairs for the control tower were kindly donated by Angoves and we thank them for that.

The "Team Green Machine", Michael Fyffe and Colin Kane have built two Wingless Sprintcars based on the HPI Baja and look good on the track.

Sprintcars will be the section that looks like growing in numbers for the new season. Possibly at this

**Tip**

Turn on the transmitter and then the receiver.

Check the steering and throttle servos, to see if they are moving the right way.

If all is good, now start the engine. - editor





stage, the car count looks like 9 or 10.

Grant Muller has purchased Jim Bell's "Predator" and has the rebuild well under way.

John Cooper is building a new "Beagle Chassis" car.

Team Green were seen at Peter Henley's place buying bits for their two new cars.

The big question that we all ask is, which of Peter Henley's three sprintcars will he bring out. (1) The trusty old "Beagle Chassis", (2) The "Smurf" Chassis or (3) The "NAC Chassis" the last car built by the Late Keith "Nobby" Noble. Oh well!!! the loveable old Smurf can only drive one at a time.

The Speedcar section has gained Shane Stevens and this will still give us about 6 or 7 cars.

2014 Australian Champion Christopher Burgess, may be restricted in this racing this year because of this Uni Studies and heavy training commitment with SANFL Football Club, West Adelaide.

Paul Wall and Michael Wilhelm have been turning some laps with the Dirt Modifieds and have been smooth and quick.

During May we lost one of our members in Kym Foreman after an illness. Kym will be missed shooting around the pits on this "gofer" and our thoughts are with wife Sue and family.

John Cooper

Left-

Stairs and landing, ready to be unloaded.

Right-

Pete welding everything back together.



# Did you know?

## \* News and information about your club \*

A piece of club history was revived on Saturday 4th July when a sausage sizzle was held by the hard working members who give so much of their time on Wednesdays and Saturdays. These men gave \$2.00 to cover the cost, and a small profit was made. The next sausage sizzle will be held on Saturday 8th August. It would be nice to see you there.

Happy birthday Michael for Saturday.

Kind Regards, Ellen & Len Castle.

# Rails in the Garden



# The Gallery



Sleepers cut and drilled ready for Jamestown. Ellen & Len Castle



Sleepers waiting to be cut and drilled - 8 pallets.

Ellen & Len Castle



No need to climb the scaffold to work on the control room.

The steaming up bays.

Ellen & Len Castle



# Club Calendar

General Working Bees are held every Saturday

Please do your bit to support the club!

**On Open Days Members are asked to arrive early to help set up equipment etc. for use on the day, then to assist to pack up afterwards. Additionally, everyone is requested to, wherever possible, operate their models until the conclusion of the Open Day.**