

# The Garden Whistle

APRIL 2021

**Wayne Haste's New Railway**

**G Scale news from around New Zealand**



## CGRG President's Ramblings

Well team,

Hi De Hi

Ho De Ho you yell back

Well the ones who used to watch and love the show will

The convention is now done and dusted and we can now look back with reflection on that weekend

I enjoyed myself and I hope those who attended did so too. Please write in to the editor expressing your enjoyment, I am sure he would love to hear from you all.

Also, any suggestions on how to do it better, what you liked and what you would like to see at future events like this

I think I would have liked a museum visit and some hands on train running (that right I did get to run a train or two)

But to be honest there are only so many minutes in an hour and a day and you cannot do it all.

Our AGM which was so delayed last year due to Covid 19 is about to come around again

Remember all roles are up for grabs, please put yourself forward to assist in the running of this club, your time will be rewarding

I would have liked to have achieved more in the last year, I did achieve quite a bit, but never quite enough

But that is the nature of model trains and layouts, never quite done or finished

I have recently been appointed by the Board at The Canterbury Steam Preservation Society to the position of Railway Manager

I represent the membership to the board and coordinate running trains and repairs to track, locomotives and stock

As well as developing the railway for the future

A lot to learn, coordinate and do

We meet every Wednesday night after work to talk trains and do odd jobs and project work

You would be made most welcome to come and natter, bring your own tea

Looking to add G scale out there in due course

Kind regards

Andrew Wilson

## What's he up to Now?

Andrew Wilson, West Melton



Extension started to the new store shed

Sub base crusher dust and pavers in place, some settling and compacting to be done

Prep work started for rest of area.



I have installed my new storage cabinet and loaded it up with some of my locos

Hidden in plain site my most recent purchases, well some of them I found that my locos were forever in storage up in the ceiling in boxes, could not have that



## Christchurch Group Running Day

The Christchurch Garden Railway Group held a “Fish ‘n’ Chip” running Evening on Friday 19 March 2021 at the railway of Karl Arnesen, South Brighton, from 6:0pm. What is a “Fish ‘n’ Chip” meeting you may ask? The idea is you bring your on tea to the

meeting and run trains while eating. Several had Fish n Chips, others Sushi or other that they preferred.

The early evening was very pleasant, but a cool breeze sprung up later. All the trains were battery powered and radio controlled.



Photo of my Playmobil shunter, flat and caboose passing above Mt Catt Station yard where Karl's Mikado and 10 wheeler rested.

Photo: Andrew Wilson



Chris Greer's RS3 and train sitting in Jesse Falls yard.

Photo: Ian C Galbraith



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Karl's Mikado hauled passenger train passes behind Mt Catt station

Photo: Ian C Galbraith



Chris Greer's RS3 and train drifting through the canyon.

Photo: Ian C Galbraith





Karl's Mikado hauled passenger train on the high trestle

Photo: Ian C Galbraith



Karl's Mikado hauled passenger train passes Mt Catt

Photo: Ian C Galbraith



## Castletown's Live Steam Weekend and Lloyd's 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

Lloyd Dickens, Masterton

In early March I had a live steam event.

First though I had to do some maintenance. One of my key infrastructure items, the Laxey Wheel was rotting away. The complete drive bridge needed replacement, all that was holding it together was paint. I decided to make it more scale like which meant taking a different approach to making it. I decided to use three-millimetre ply and some 25 by 50 mm wood to create the structure. The ply of course would not survive in the weather, so I used Norsk Wood resin to coat both sides after assembly. While it is not fully complete it does not look that bad. The signals also needed a repainting, but I am still in the process of doing that.

The track has held up well now I have many LGB track expanders. I have had no track bends this summer. The summer temperatures reach 28C regularly during this year, so the track reaches well over 40 C.

The track would perform reasonably well with only a couple of changes needed after the weekend.

The other change made which relates to the high temperatures is that in some locations in the garden ground cover plants just die, even if they are watered regularly. I have in these locations resorted to artificial grass,

I had three visitors Ian Webb, John Seward and Phil Smith. They all had a great weekend running their trains as I did. They did notice the Castletown population stayed inside, probably due the weather which slowly got worse during Saturday.

On Saturday night I had a BBQ Birthday party to celebrate 75 years. Unfortunately, the weather got colder to the point everyone came inside so the night run was curtailed.

Sunday produced a better day as you will notice in the photographs.



Live Steam 21– Phil Smith





Live Steam 21– Ian Webb’s “Vulcan” with mixed goods



Live Steam 21– John Seward, Phil Smith and Ian Webb preparing locos.



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Live Steam 21– John Seward’s train in the lush greenery



Live Steam 21 Lloyd's "Beddglert" and prototypical carriages at Union Mills



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Live Steam 21– John Seward and Phil Smith with Ian Webb's train on the bridge



Lloyd's 75<sup>th</sup> birthday cake cutting

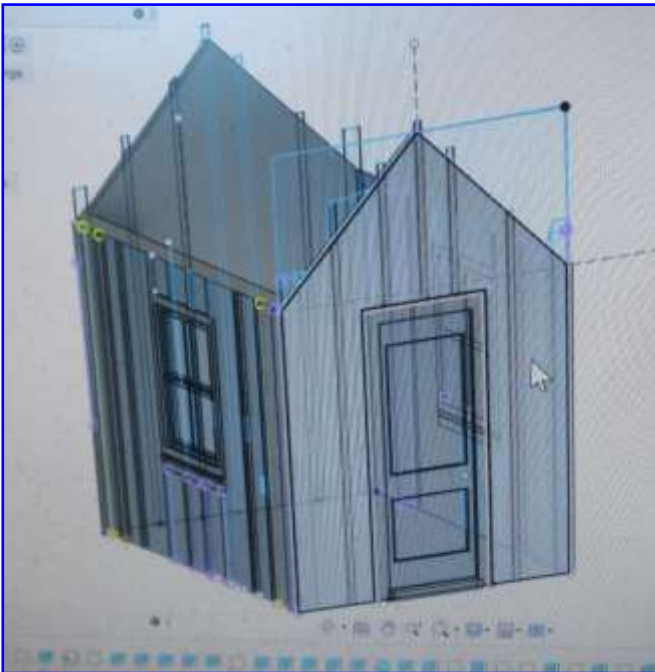


## What's on the Workbench

Ian C Galbraith, Rangiora

Dennis Lindsay wanted a small shanty for his railway and provided me with a drawing of a shanty with a side extension/ Dennis did not require the side extension/ The drawing was enlarged to 1:24 scale and, using Fusion 360, I produced the drawings for the building, roof and chimney. Once the drawings were

completed, they were prepared for printing. Using eSun PLA+, printing was started. The bed was at 60C, the nozzle, 0.4mm was set at 205c. The initial layer height was 0.2mm and the balance of the printing at 0.12mm height. Printing of the body took 43 hours, the roof, 17 hours and the chimney 45 minutes



Drawing being prepared in Fusion 360



Body and roof printed

After advising Dennis that his shanty was ready, we discussed battery options for operating trains. Dennis had been in touch with Michael Hilliar and found that a number were fitting batteries in trailing cars rather than in the locomotives. I had converted a number of locomotives, 81, with Revolution R/C and apart from three of my own all were fitted with internal batteries, 16 AA NiMH. The three with battery cars were too small to allow batteries to be fitted.

Battery makes and styles were discussed and Dennis thought Makita 18v batteries could be used. His preference was as he had a number of Makita 18v tools.

This got me thinking. I was looking at purchasing an electric hedge trimmer. A battery trimmer would be more convenient than a 230v corded one. As the hedge trimmer was not going to be used for heavy work, the cost of a high quality (high cost) was not

justified. Mitre 10 advertised a Black & Decker hedge trimmer with an 18v 2Ah rechargeable battery and charger and additional batteries were available. This looked promising. A visit to The Warehouse for printing items gave me the opportunity to visit the power tool section. There they had an 18v 2Ah battery powered hedge trimmer and a selection of batteries at reasonable prices. I looked at the charger and batteries and saw that a holder for a battery could be designed and printed to fit in a box car, I purchased a MAKO hedge trimmer, which came with the 2Ah battery and charger. After charging the battery the hedge trimmer was tried out and worked very well and a long standing job was cleared up in minutes.

Measurements were taken from the battery charger and a holder was designed in Fusion 360 and trial copy was printed. A couple of small alterations were



made to the drawing and a workable battery holder was printed.

Two brass contacts were fitted to the holder and wires connected to a JST two pin plug. The holder was mounted in the centre of a boxcar, with a removeable roof.

The existing battery pack (16 aa cells) was removed from the tender of the locomotive and a JST two pin socket fitted at the rear of the tender. For test purposes the loco was sat on a rolling road, the fully charged AA battery pack was connected and the loco left running. After four hours it was still running, though slowed slightly. With the sound turned on there was a noticeable decrease in speed and when the whistle was sounded the wheels almost stopped.

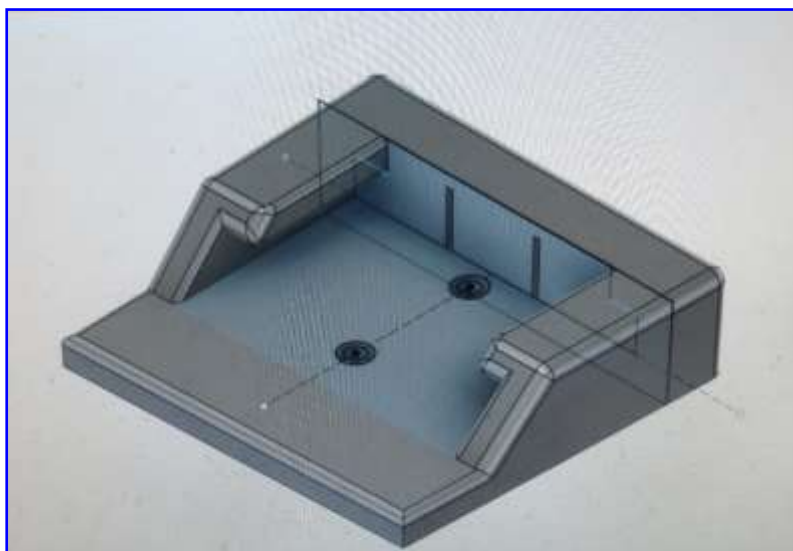
This gave me a benchmark of some degree. The boxcar with its MAKO 2Ah battery was connected and the same test run. After five hours, the sound was turned on, with no noticeable speed reduction and with the whistle sounded there was no drop off in speed. This looks positive.

Now to get out and weed and clean the track and check performance.

Cost comparison:

16 AA rechargeable NiMh 2Ah cells \$91.00—  
\$151.00, depending on manufacturer

MAKO 2Ah battery, \$29.00. 3Ah battery \$43.00.  
These have a 2 year warranty



Battery holder in Fusion 360



Battery holder on printer



Battery holder wired and mounted



MAKO 3Ah battery in holder



# Wayne Haste's New Railway

Photos: Dean Ellicock, Carterton





## THE GARDEN WHISTLE





## THE GARDEN WHISTLE





# Wairarapa Running Day at Dean Ellicock's Layout

Warren Stringer, Carterton Article & Photos



Dean's new layout, September 2017

For our February running day this year the weather gods smiled on us and we had a lovely calm sunny day. With such a pleasant afternoon it was pleasing to see a good turnout of local railway modellers, plus a handful of out-of-towners who joined Dean to share all the hard work that he has put into developing this lovely layout.

I recall visiting this layout four years ago when it was brand new. All of the track was in place on raised and level track beds, two large truss bridges made a grand statement as the dominant features on the layout, and Dean had planted native tree saplings all around the area.

Now, in 2021 his saplings have grown quite a bit and turned into sizeable trees, so that the layout is now firmly anchored in place amongst a forest of leafy green foliage, and the previously large-looking bridges have now been absorbed into the landscape.

There has been much additional scenicking work on the layout too. The main station area of Reichenbach has a distinctly European atmosphere with many Pola buildings and Preiser figures bringing the scene to life.

Many folks brought their trains along to run on Dean's DCC powered track. Dan had his Class 50



Dean's Mallett with passenger train at Reichenbach



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Class 50 with military train at Reichenbach Station

DR loco hauling a military train around the layout. This provided a striking contrast to the passenger train services also running on the day. Dean's own DR Mallett with a mixed rake of passenger coaches, and Murray's Mallett also with passenger coaches both looked right-at-home in these surroundings.

A couple of foreign trains that found their way into the European countryside for the day. There was Lloyd's Caledonian 4-6-0T with a rake of Isle-of-

Man short wheelbase coaches purring through the woods, and also a DRGW 4-6-0 powered goods train flying the flag for the USA.

As usual Dean laid on a delicious afternoon tea spread for us, which the crowd worked their way through with relish, before we all wandered off after a thoroughly enjoyable time. Thanks Dean we all appreciated the work you put into hosting our running day once again.



The corporate box





Dean's new layout, September 2017

As far as I am aware the layout has still not been given a formal name, and though it is not my place to do this I now find myself tempted to at least give it a nickname. Given the way that the whole layout has

now been absorbed into the treescape around it I will now always think of this railway as the "Forest of Dean".



Lee Collett with Lloyd Dickens, September 2017



## OBITUARY

### LEE COLLETT,

Carterton Aged 73 years

Recently we said our last goodbyes to Lee Collett, a good friend and fellow model railway enthusiast who passed away at home after a long illness.

Lee moved to the Wairarapa soon after marrying his wife Christine in 1998.

After seeing Jim McIntyre's garden railway setup in operation both Lee and Christine got the idea to build their own train layout. With a preference for 'something European' they purchased an LGB starter set around 2005/06, and the Rosebrook Railway was born.

As we all know, Lee did not do things by halves, and Rosebrook quickly grew into the beautifully scenicked layout that we know today.

Having developed all the room available for Rosebrook it was then time to build another layout – Christine's Hydrangea Tram Line – on the other side of the driveway.

But wait – there is more – with much of the back yard, the other side of the house, and of course the front yard still 'unpopulated' it was only a matter of time before Lee got around to building his third and largest garden layout – the Dry River Railroad. First came the new shed – a big shed – to house the railway locos, rolling stock, and other railway equipment, plus the metalworking plant, plus a workshop space and other storage that he needed.

And by now the railway collection had grown substantially, and the storage space available could not house the whole collection...

But wait again, there's even more, as Lee was receiving new shipments of railway items from Europe, so the collection was still expanding!! Of course, Lee had a plan (he always had a plan) to deal with this – first he would concentrate on the Euro trains and sell off much of the rest – secondly, he would be retiring soon and told us that he would not be buying any new trains after that.

So, come retirement time we offered our commiserations as his "Last Train" arrived in the post – that is until, yet another train arrived shortly afterwards, and we challenged him on his "Last Train" commitment. Oh, it is okay he replied, Christine is still working, so she is buying the trains now... And just like that "Last Train Lee"

was born.

In due course the Dry River Railroad was laid out and so the rest of the section had now received the garden railway treatment.

By now Lee was using his many years of experience in metalworking to build new features for this railway. A complex 'Stone arch viaduct' appeared, to support a circle of track in the front yard, with a castle appearing inside the viaduct. Before long Lee had completed his 'piece-de-resistance' – a large middle-age monastery complex – which took over the vege garden. A ruined abbey has appeared more recently to fill another corner of the courtyard behind the house.

Of course, Lee was also making up metalwork items for other folks as well; corrugated tunnel arches for Jim, a 'stone arch' viaduct for Don in Christchurch, track beds for Dean...

Lee and his creations were an inspiration to us all. He will be sadly missed.





## OBITUARY

### COLIN BACHE

Aged 70 years

Recently we said our last goodbyes to Colin Bache, a good friend and fellow model railway enthusiast who passed away suddenly

Colin moved to the Wairarapa in 2017 and settled in Masterton. He 'discovered' our garden railway modelling community at a local Railex show where our local garden railway group had a layout on display.

We learned that he had retired from a long career working as a TV cameraman, bringing us our daily TV from the studio, and filming outside broadcasts of sporting fixtures – which he also loved to watch.

He invariably had a camera close to hand and loved to photograph anything and everything that took his interest.

His extensive collection of Garden Railway trains brought him great satisfaction. When we visited him at home, he would often have his trains, sorted by colour, arrayed about the house. There would be the 'blue train' on the dining table, the 'yellow train' on the kitchen server, the 'red train' on the coffee table in the lounge...

Clearly Colin needed a track to run his charges on – so Murray Clarke set about building him a nice large layout in his back yard. And then with a room put aside in the house to store his collection he was now all set to 'clear the clutter' from the rest of the house.

As we got to know Colin further, we realised that he would often be diverted from whatever task he was doing, to something (anything) that interested him more... If he were doing the dishes and the cricket came on the tele then the cricket would draw him in. if there was a new train that took his interest, he would be drawn to it like a magnet, and if he did not have one, he would 'want to get one'.

Colin had his layout on

display at the 2019 Garden Railway Convention. He put a lot of work into getting everything working beautifully – then re-laid the paintwork in his fiddle yard – which caused major derailling problems. But Colin being Colin he was more interested in setting up a second display on the front porch than in getting his main layout back in order. The result was – somewhat predictably – rather chaotic on his running day. Of course, Colin was in his element, and had his camera out taking photos rather than sorting out the layout.

I still have two old railway journals that Colin brought for me to read when he visited me in hospital. That was Colin, he always made time for his mates, and often regaled us with stories of his adventures. He was a true gentleman who loved to share his trains – and his bad jokes – and his mischievous sense of humour with those around him.





## Wellington Group Running Day

Gavin Sowry, Taita

Yes folks, the Wellington Group is still alive and kicking, despite being rather silent in recent times in these pages. The March running day reverted to the traditional second Sunday, after various other days were trialled. This time Gavin Sowry hosted the day at his Taita Gorge Garden railway. This railway is now 21 years old, and is running as good as ever, and is a sight to behold, as a few of the first time visitors testified. The beautiful fine Hutt Valley weather certainly helped, as well.

Pretty much the usual format for these days..... First in, first served, with David A taking the honours. Fresh from a trip on the White Pass, he could not pass up the LGB model of the White Pass speeder (which he travelled on) on sale at the station.

Another one of his escapades was the golf cart run out from Whangamomona, where he picked up a toy model of the cart, which he has since motorised and correctly gauged. But, his pick of the day was a

Pacific Electric trolley (tram) car by LGB. A superb looker, and quiet runner.

Marty S brought along his Crocodile for a maiden outing on the Taita Gorge, his first visit too. A magnificent creature, and right at home on the line, complete with 2 of the matching 4 cars that he has for it. Gives one a better appreciation for the European stock, well, it is, after all, LGB.

Phil S turned up with one of his Geese, to keep Gavin's one company. They played chase for a while.

Mine host had the Beer Train out and about, and David joined in with his Stubbie LGB steamer. Later, a bit of 7/8ths stuff was run to demonstrate what can be done with the 'toy' LGB hoppers, and an upscaled Bachmann Davenport.

A delicious afternoon tea and cool drinks were put on courtesy of Gavin's wife, and Granddaughter.



The White Pass speeder. David went for a trip on the real thing, along with the Forgotten World golf cart.



## THE GARDEN WHISTLE



It ran as good as it looked, this is David's LGB Trolley, in Pacific Electric livery.



Outback, because it is out the back of the train shed, we see the Beer Train with a Stubbie steamer, basking in the sunshine



## THE GARDEN WHISTLE



This crocodile rocks! Well, it doesn't, actually, it is a very smooth runner, even on the R1 curves.



A gaggle of geese, so the saying goes. They ended up chasing each other. No geese were harmed in that exercise.



## THE GARDEN WHISTLE



Phil's red goose stops off at Sam Drucker's store to make a delivery



As the sun sets on Taita Gorge, we bid you adieu



## Auckland Group Meeting February 2021

Robert Graham: President - Auckland Garden Railway Society Inc

Our February meeting was a departure from the norm and instead of having a locally based running session we travelled down to Paeroa to visit Allan Smith and his indoor model railway display. It has been a few years since we have visited Allan at Paeroa and we were blessed with great weather for the day.

Allan's place is on the way out of Paeroa on the Te Aroha Road and he has a large indoor display with several independent loops. Allan is a long time member of the Auckland group and he is a talented modeller who has made some fabulous scratch and kit bashed models of New Zealand Railways locomotives, railcars and rolling stock including a Rogers K, AB, Wairarapa railcar, Standard Railcar, bird cage passenger car and sheep wagon. As well as locos and rolling stock Allan has made buildings and other line-side and decorative items to create a town scene and fairground scene on his layout.

Due to travelling down in separate cars it was arranged that Allan would have his display open from 10 am to allow for people arriving at different times. Holding a morning meeting departed from the normal

afternoon arrangement but it meant that we were free for the afternoon so we could visit the Goldfields Railway that runs between Waihi and Waikino in the Karangahake Gorge, or the Victoria Battery Society at Waikino or go for a walk around the old gold mining areas in the Karangahake Gorge.

Before we left Allan fired up the kettle to put on morning tea and he also demonstrated his new Philips air fryer which allows cooking without fats and oils. On behalf of the Auckland Society I would like to thank Allan for hosting the Auckland groups visit and showing us the fruits of his modelling labours. I'm in awe of Allan's modelling skills and there were a number of items that I would have loved to take home with me.

After visiting Allan most of us headed to Waikino for some twelve inches to the foot rail action and to catch the 13:00 Goldfields Railway train to Waihi (<https://www.waihirail.co.nz/>). The Goldfields railway has been operating since 1980 and it is a single track line that runs between Waihi and Waikino following part

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Allan talks to Bruce Cropper about the display while Michael Hilliar watches the trains



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Allan's scratch built locos and railcars



A closer look at the Standard and Wairarapa railcars which have bodies carved from native timber



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of the route of the old line from Auckland to Tauranga via Paeroa and Waihi. This route was abandoned in 1978 when the Kaimai tunnel opened and that allowed the formation of the Goldfields Railway to run trains over the portion to Waikino.

The railway generally climbs from Waikino up to Waihi and the train travels at leisurely pace. Our train comprised a passenger carriage, dining carriage with tables, an open air carriage and a wagon for bicycles all hauled by DSa551 (made by Hunslet). Since the opening of the rail trail from Paeroa to Waihi the Goldfields railway has done good business carrying cycles to and from Waikino meaning that one can either cycle from Waihi to Waikino and catch the train back or take you bike to Waikino on the train

and then ride back. More information on the rail trail can be found at <https://haurakirailtrail.co.nz/>

The Waikino station has a good sized carpark and there is a very popular café at the station. Also its not far from the Victoria Battery Society (<https://www.vbts.org.nz/>) that operates a museum and two foot gauge railway around the remains of the Victoria Stamper Battery which used to crush and process the ore from the Martha mine.

Another attraction in the area are the walks around the gorge and old gold mining relics see <https://www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/places-to-go/bay-of-plenty/places/kaimai-mamaku-conservation-park/karangahake-gorge/?tab-id=50578> which can be reached from a couple of carparks off SH2.

In closing I would again like to thank Allan Smith for hosting the Auckland group visit. See you at the next meeting



Allan controlling the trains





The Goldfields Hunslet



Michael Hilliar, Bruce Cropper and Allan Smith enjoying the ride



## West Highland Railway Meet 1: 27th February 2021

John Boyson: Pokeno



*Linda crossing Dubh Eas Viaduct*

Priscilla and I have given some thought to the matter of visitors to our railway over the period construction has been underway. We are acutely aware of the interest that our activities are generating. The conclusions we came to, having attended other meets, are that we are open to meets but want control over these. We are also being careful to ensure that these do not become overwhelming either for us or our guests. Thus, prearranged private visits at a mutually agreed time and date are fine. We will also organise occasional mini meets. These are and will be limited by numbers and frequency and are available by invitation only. Recipients of my weekly newsletter will gain details of these as and when they are organised and can request an invitation to attend when a date is announced. These dates will not be made public and no access will provided to anyone not given an invitation. If anyone is interested please let me know at [john.boyson@xtra.co.nz](mailto:john.boyson@xtra.co.nz) and I will happily include you on the mailing list for the newsletter.

Thus, having agreed a framework for these, we decided that the first meet would coincide with the completion of the latest stage of the railway build. This is at a point where the main line is about three quarters complete. There is now a run of about 50 metres end to end available.

Firstly then, a big thank you to those who attended. There was a reasonable mix of interested people present including two couples (in addition to Priscilla and I) which provided a good social balance. The railway with all its current limitations in terms of lack of circuit and sidings seemed to perform reasonably well. Train running comprised the resident engines, a Roundhouse Katie courtesy of James M, and Roundhouse Linda courtesy of John S. Thank you both for bringing these. In addition, John H brought a Gauge 1 clockwork Midland 4-4-0 engine. The coarse scale wheels prevented it from operating sadly. However we did set it up for some static photos. Running was thus 100% live steam and all radio controlled. Nice!



## THE GARDEN WHISTLE



*The first train of the day was the Leek and Manifold resident set with J B Earle attacking the grade past what will become the North Yard.*



*The group assembled and relaxing. Missing are James who was working on his engine (see below) and Bruce who was perusing the indoor models at the time.*



## THE GARDEN WHISTLE



*Next up was James with Katie. The lack of sidings meant that there was a gap between trains running which allowed some socialising without the distraction of trains. This helped generate a relaxing atmosphere for everyone. Here Katie is crossing Gleann Viaduct on the new extension. I am currently preparing a two article series on the construction of this for the Garden Whistle and GIMRA NZ newsletter subject to editorial discretion.*



*James's recently constructed carriages to go with Katie are a joy to behold. Here they are starting out up grade over the new extension from Borrodale.*



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*Later in the afternoon, James had a second run with Katie, this time with the engine reversed. Here the ensemble is crossing Auchtertyre Viaduct*



*James running Katie onto the new connecting link from Craigenarden to Gleann Viaduct*



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*In between James's two runs, John S brought out Linda for a spin. Here she is rounding the South West loop in a sprightly manner.*



*And swathed in steam crossing Dubh Eas Viaduct*





*Next we undertook some posing with a gauge one display of John H's Midland 4-4-0 on Borrodale Viaduct.  
Good to see an engine in scale with the railway!*



*And again, this time on Gleann Viaduct with the man himself.*



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*This was followed by a Festiniog moment thanks to Linda and DLG!*



*And in echelon in the north yard*



## THE GARDEN WHISTLE



*As a finale, DLG was steamed and once again performed admirably.*



*On the connecting baseboard outside the workshop*



## THE GARDEN WHISTLE



*Yours truly with DLG. Contentment is control of a live steam engine at the end of a successful day when I can finally relax!*

To finish, I want to repeat a thought I provided in my newsletter that went out immediately after the meet: I want to single out a big thank you to Priscilla who gave up a lot of time to help organise this meet and provided a lot of social support whilst it took place. We modellers owe a big debt to our life partners who indulge and encourage us in our hobby. We need to ensure that they are properly appreciated for this. So thank you one and all. Your support and presence adds colour and class to these events which would be all the poorer without you.

Given the success of this meet, Priscilla and I have agreed we will do it again later in the year. More on this in my future newsletters.

## What's on the Workbench

Werner Grundmann, Vancouver Island, BC, Canada

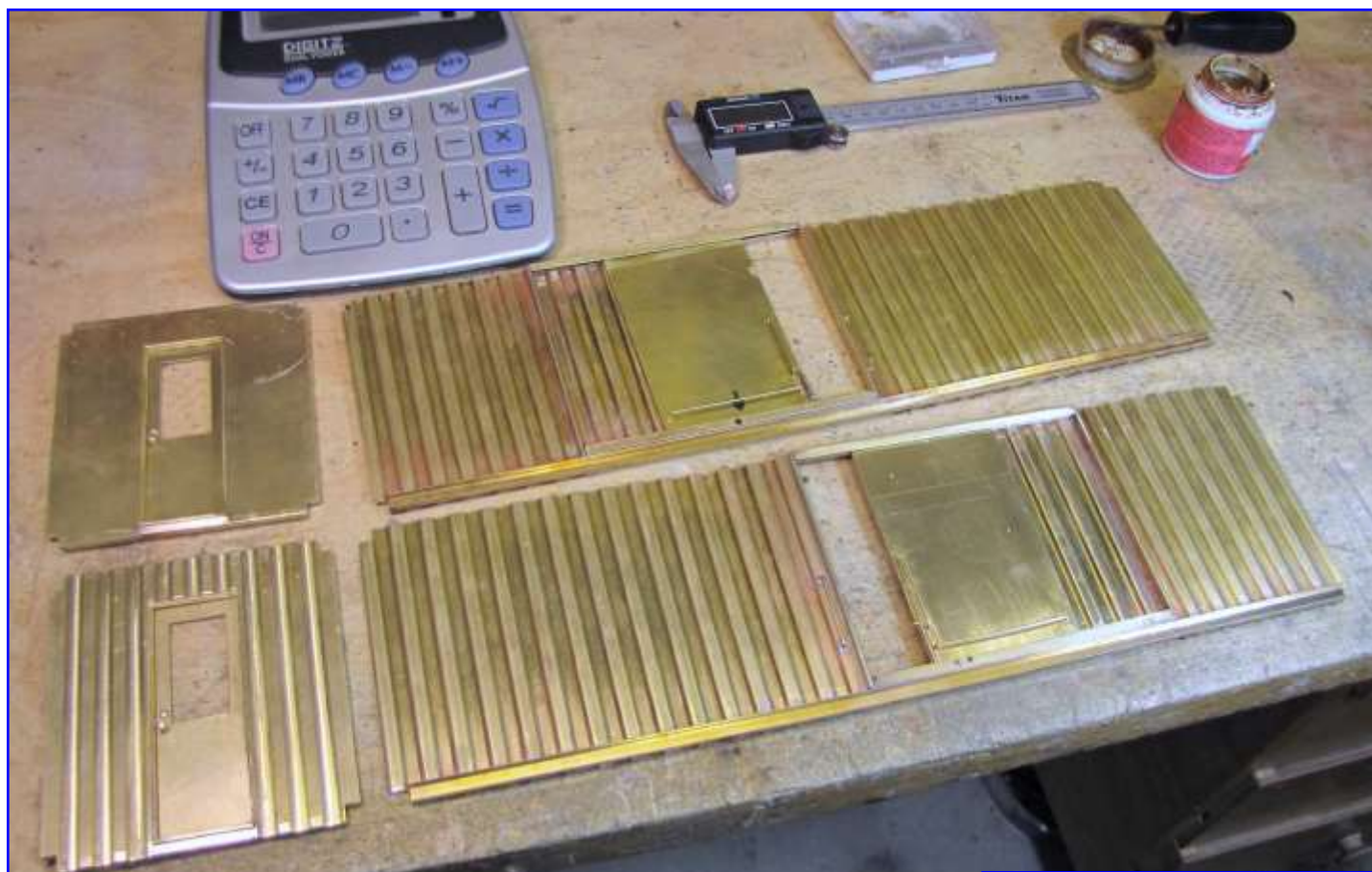


The Prototype



## THE GARDEN WHISTLE

I am sending you this message to show that we are not sitting idle up here. As for myself, you may have heard that I have built a container for my Skagway - Carcross train. Ever since they decided at the WP&YR to eliminate the warm lunch stop at Bennett Lake, they are now (that was in 2019) carrying the food stuff in a converted container outfitted with preparation tables, freezers and stoves. Heated and ready to serve, the lunch is carried by the staff to the passengers at their seats. To that purpose the cars are outfitted with tables. If I wanted to assemble a train like this, I have no trouble assembling an appropriate consist, but I needed that



specialized container.

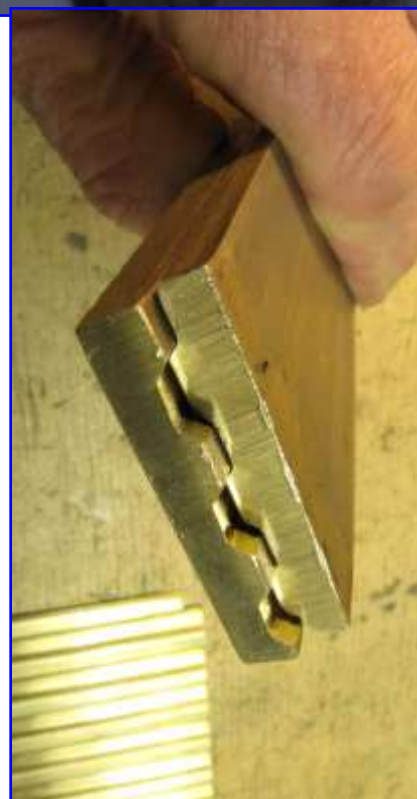
On my last trip up to Skagway I took some pictures of the real thing and set out to build my own. The corrugated side walls were a challenge. I built my own forming tool and used 10 mil brass sheet to sequentially press it into shape using the vice. The various pieces of wall sections were soldered together, I added the sliding loading-doors on each side and doors in the end walls, just like they are found on the prototype. The roof was fitted and soldered on, as well as the grab handles and the little locating blocks on each of the eight corners.

A few days ago I finally painted the container and was faced with the problem of lettering it. In my collection of wet transfers I found some suitable WP logos, but to create the "Gateway to the Yukon" I had to pick up a very fine brush, some yellow Acrylic paint and went to it, creating the verbiage free-hand following the picture I had. It turned out half decent, don't you think.

The flat car, the container sits on, is too short. It should have a platform with railings at each end, therefore it is not the one I will be using.

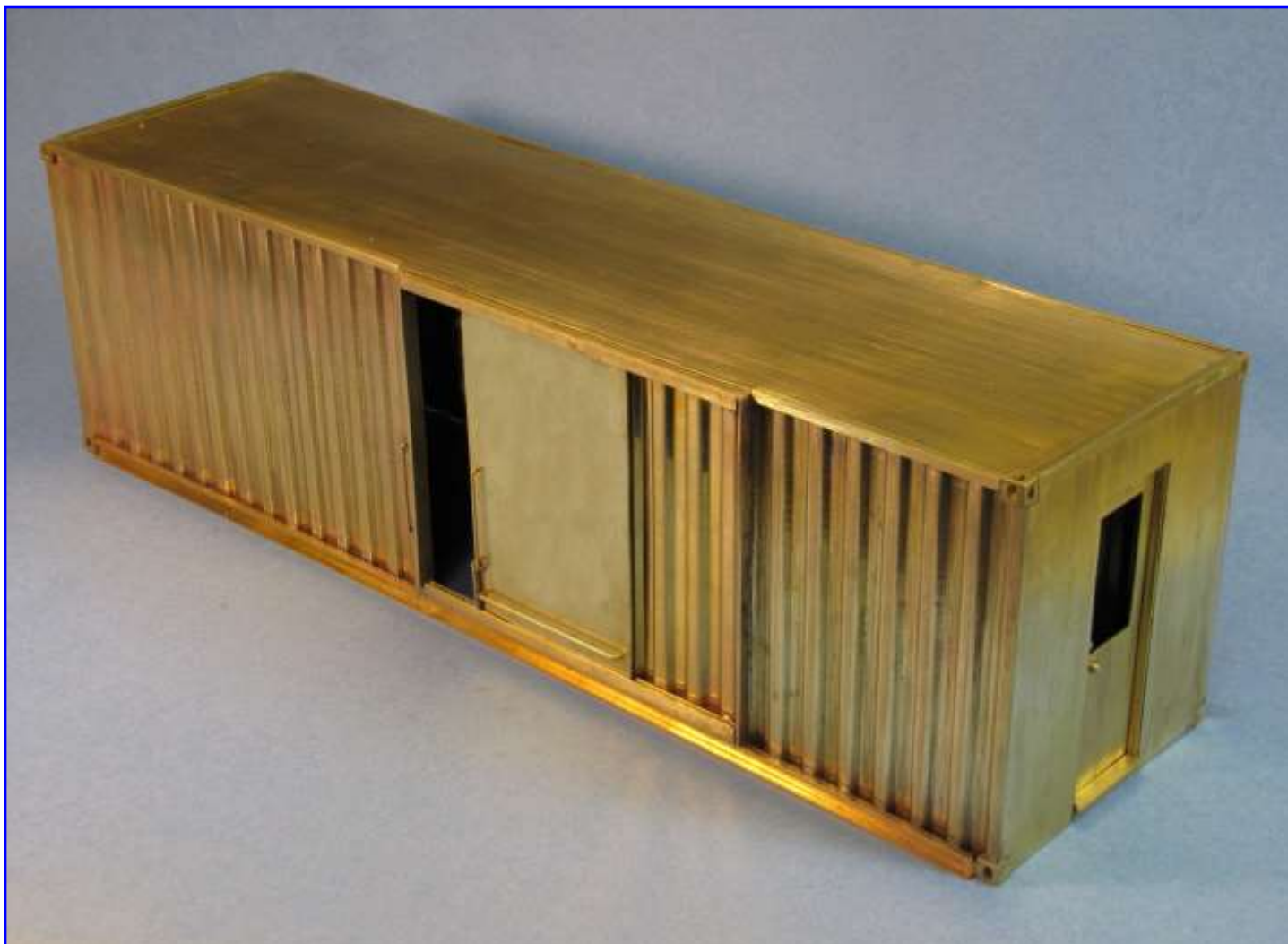
Greetings from the great and chilly North

Werner Grundmann





## THE GARDEN WHISTLE



The model, painted: White Pass, wet decals. Gateway to the Yukon, hand lettered



**A fantastic weekend for all ages – come and see how steam was king!**

# STEAM EXTRAVAGANZA

## 10 & 11 April 2021

**New Zealand's biggest steam event**



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**The bush rail steam express & miniature trains will be giving rides  
PLUS some traction  
engines will offer rides  
A ton of fun wet or fine!**

Photos: Nigel Gamble



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May 15-16 2021	WaiRail X, Carterton Event Centre
May 30- June 5 2021	36 <sup>th</sup> Garden Railway Convention, Nashville, TN, USA
April 15-18 2022	NZAMRC Convention, Christchurch
2022	37 <sup>th</sup> Garden Railway Convention, Denver, CO, USA
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## Club Events and Contacts

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**Saturday 10 April 2021:** Twilight meeting at the Waitakere Light Railway 14 Milwaukee Place, Glendene. The meeting will be from 4.30 onwards so you can run your trains at night. We will stop the trains at 7pm and people can get dinner from the local pizza store.

**Sunday 18 April 2021:** We will drive to Morrinsville to visit the Hamilton Model Railroaders train show in the morning after which we will visit Grant Alexander's Squirrel Valley Railway at 1213 Tauwhare Road, Tauwhare 3287. Group members are encouraged to carpool.

Club Contact: Auckland Garden Railway Society Inc Email: gardenrailauckland@gmail.com  
Philip Sharp, Ph: 09 600 2157

### Waikato:

**Running Days/Meetings cancelled until further notice**

Club Contact: GROW: Garden Railway Operators of Waikato. Email: sandnlipsey@gmail.com  
Stefan Lipsey, P O Box 612, Waikato Mail Centre, Hamilton, 3240, Ph: 07 859 3650

### Wairarapa:

**April 2021:** TBA,

Club Contact: Wairarapa Garden Railway Group. Email: Lloyd.dickens@wise.net.nz  
C/- Lloyd Dickens, 55 Titoki Street, Masterton. Ph 06 370 3790.

### Wellington:

**April 2021:** Bruce, 197 Paekakariki Hill Road, Pauatahanui, Battery and Live Steam Only 1pm start

Club Contact: Wellington Garden Railway Group. Email: bilthompson @xtra.co.nz  
Coordinator: Brent Thompson, 6 Bodmin Terrace, Camborne, Ph 022 619 4006

### Christchurch:

**Monday 26 April 2021:** 1:00pm Bill Stanley, 23 Grangewood Drive Lincoln. Battery & live steam only  
**Monday 26 April 2021: 2:30pm AGM**

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