

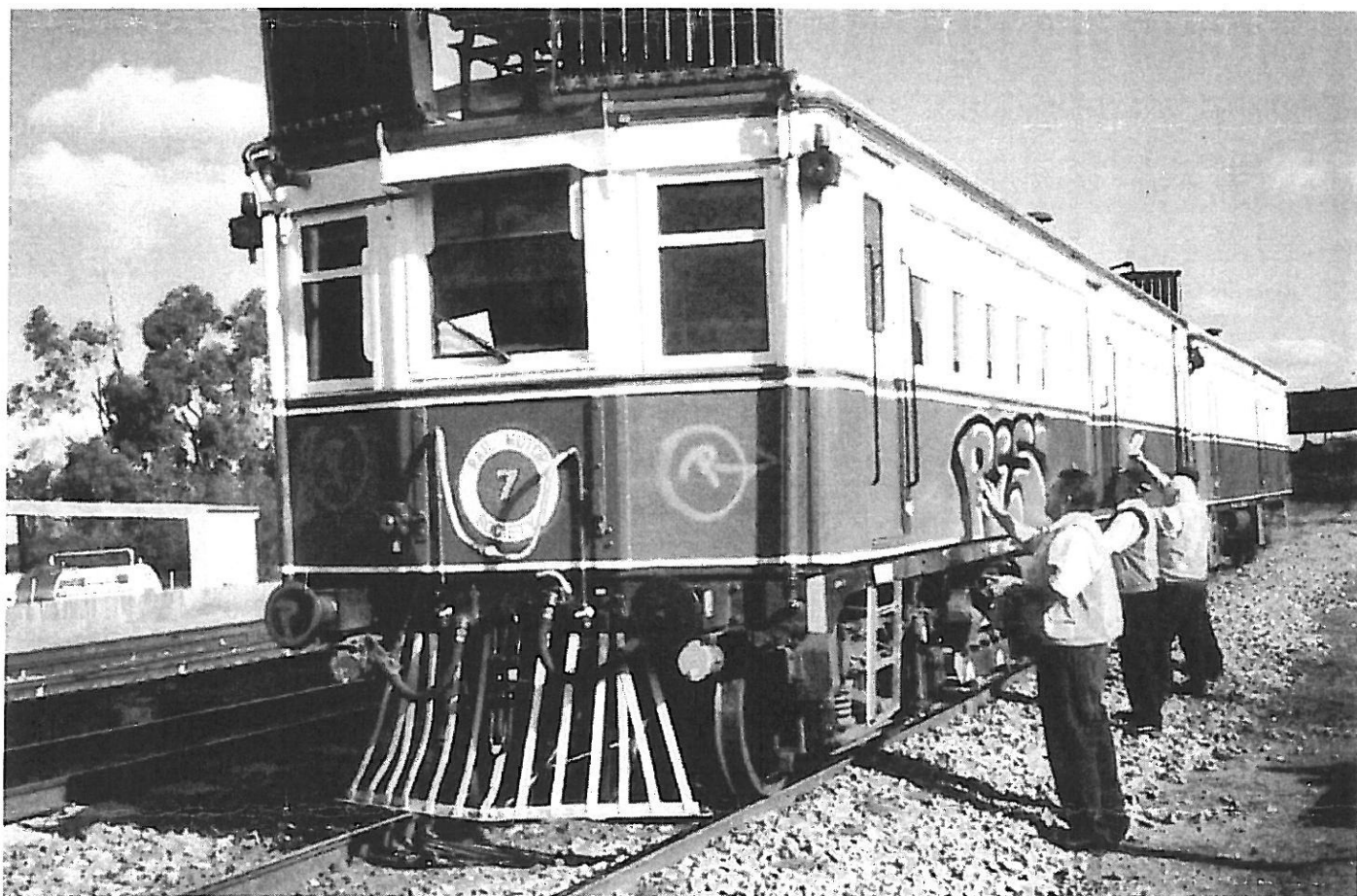
Paterson Points

NEWSLETTER OF THE RAIL MOTOR SOCIETY INCORPORATED

JULY 2008

Patron ~ Rear Admiral Peter Sinclair AC

HERITAGE ROLLING STOCK GRAFFITIED



On the morning of the 23rd May 2008, on arrival at the stabling point of the TRM railmotors in Thirroul yard and to the utter dismay of the train crew, the stabled motors were found to have been "vandalised" during the night by persons unknown. A concerted effort by the train crew to start the tedious process to clean the exterior paintwork was made prior to their departure from Thirroul for the 10 day South West tour by the T.R.I.P.S (Thirroul Railway Institute Preservation Society Inc.) group. The motors were progressively cleaned when time permitted as the tour headed south and was complete by the time the train arrived at Griffith on Sunday 25th May. The train crew are to be commended for the sterling effort put in to remove the offending graffiti from the motors. More photos of this "attack" are featured in this edition of the newsletter.

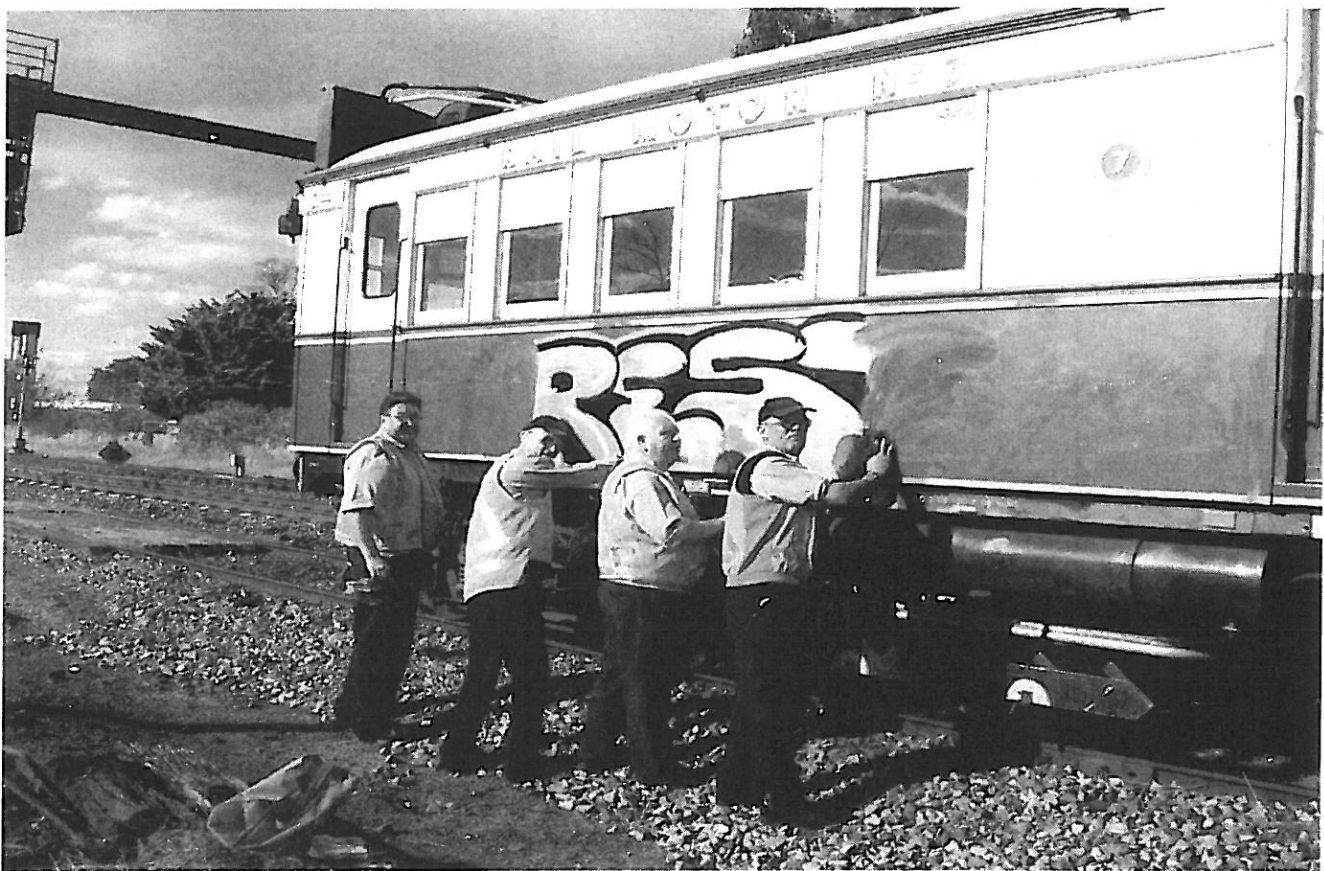
Photo courtesy Bev Redman



More photos of graffiti attack at Thirroul!



*Photos this page courtesy Bev Redman
23 rd May 2008*



*Photos this page courtesy Margaret Pantlin
23 rd May 2008*

INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT MAY/JUNE 2008

The Culvert on the walkway down to the depot shed has been replaced by a bridge thanks to the Infrastructure group and to the donation of one of our workers of the checker plate for the decking. The Infrastructure group is gradually restoring the track work that was damaged by the recent downpour (25 ml in 1½ hours) and the lifting and levelling of the arrival road. A thank you must go to some outside help given by some non members in achieving these tasks. (Infrastructure Manager)

With this recent wet weather, the depot has had very little damage. During the past few weeks work has steadily been done to restore the depot in regards to filling the exposed drain at the Dungog end. The three 300mm pipes that were removed from the walkway were used in the drain on the Dungog end. This work has been slow but we are gradually getting on top of it, with fill to cover these pipes being donated by our neighbour wanting to get rid of an unwanted driveway. This has saved us from obtaining fill from outside sources.

We have acquired sufficient sleepers so work can start on re sleeping the shunting neck in the near future and this will finish the perway work required at the Dungog end. In the near future work will be done on the culvert increasing the pipe size to 900mm and extending the pipe work towards the shed from an a 1200 x 1200 pit. On completion of this, it will allow us to commence 4 road points, (these points have been obtained and are awaiting installation).

For the next few weeks I will be away but the Infrastructure group will still work to achieve the success and achievements that has been done in the last 2 years with new work going on all the time.

Keith Angel
Infrastructure Manager.



Following two torrential downpours in the Paterson area in the last twelve months, a decision was made to replace the existing earth topped piped walkway with a stronger steel and clear waterway underneath. Materials for this walkway reconstruction was kindly donated by a TRMS member.

Photo by Peter Kitcher

ENGINEERING REPORT MAY/JUNE 2008

1: HPC 402—A new communications system has been installed, fitted and tested to this rail motor on loan for the up and coming jobs that the society has acquired. Also all the necessary communications for the Epping-Chatswood tunnel link test has been carried out by the contractor. The toilet in one end has been removed with the sink and basin being retained.

2: CPH 1 & 7 serviced and ready for the upcoming tours.

3: CPH 3 transmission has been sent to Maitland Diesel Service for warranty repairs. Painting inside continues with the 2nd coat being applied.

4: A 3rd steel bin has arrived and this will be filled with surplus scrap material of no use to the society.

5: Before the running of the annual Maitland Steamfest, a trial run for the CPH rail motors to Dungog and return was carried out with no problems arising after major bogie overhauls.

6: I would like to report our "first" failure in 20 years I have been with the Society. ie. HPC402 would not start on the night when it was to leave for the Epping-Chatswood radio test train # batteries were found dead and 4 new batteries were purchased at a cost of \$1000.00. The Rail Motor is ready again for work. The workshop fitters will be fitting Trickle chargers to the rail motor for connection to shed supply when in depot.

7: Our CPH Rail Motors have travelled a huge amount of Kilometres over the past fortnight on 2 separate trips, South & North West, performed once again, as good as ever.

8: CPH3 is progressing quite well with the Dungog end of the Rail Motor painting inside now complete, the other end will start soon.

Stafford Payne
Engineering Manager



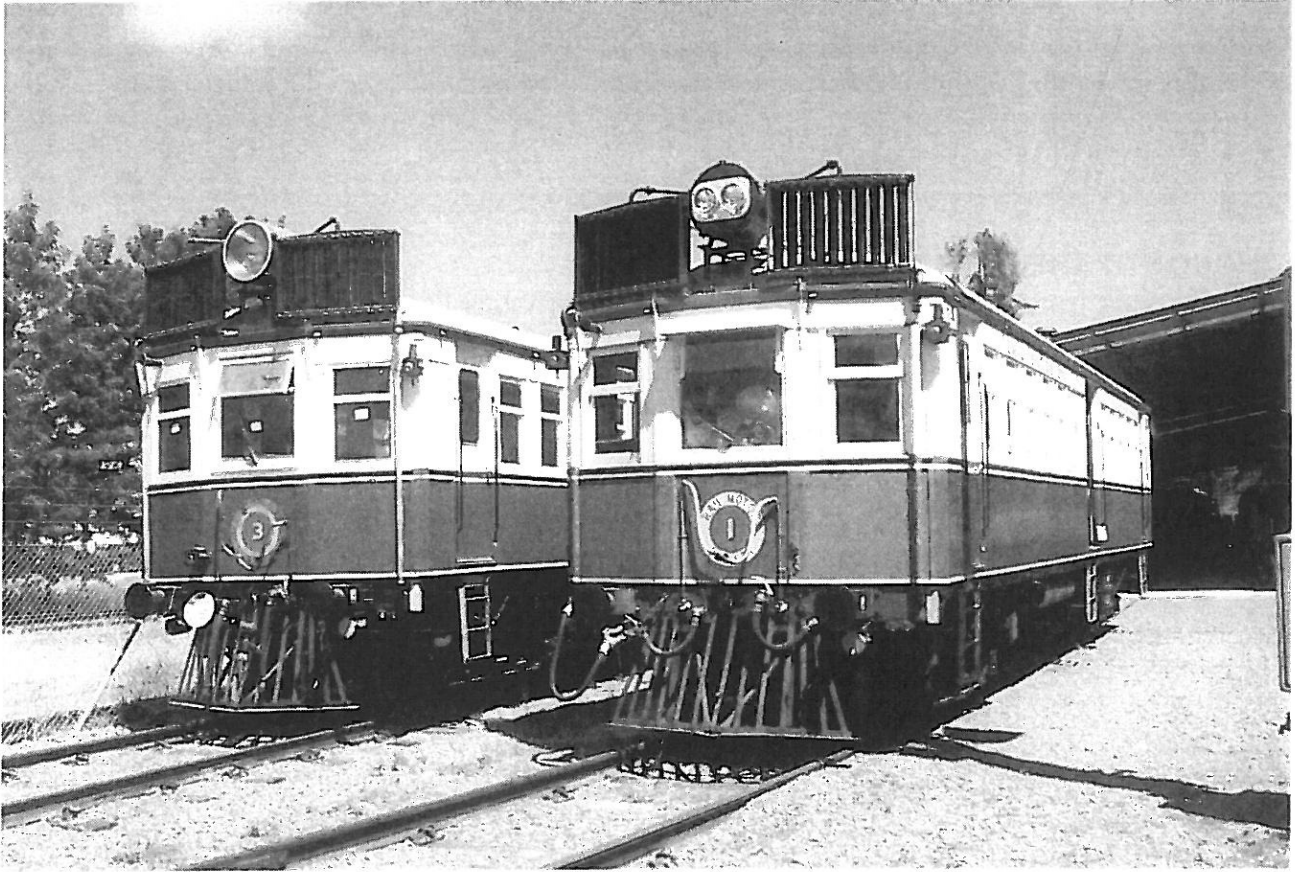
Heated lead being poured into the axle boxes on the 27.02.08.

Photo courtesy Stephen Davis

CPH 3 MAKES A BRIEF VISIT OUTSIDE THE SHED



Photos by Peter Kitcher 15th March 2008



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NEW MEMBER

The Paterson Points has the pleasure of welcoming the following new members to the Society.

V.Doyle Kilaben Bay
R.Kildey Bollwarra

OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU

Condolences from the Members and friends of Gamarna Clewett whose father passed away recently our thoughts are with you sincere condolences to Gamarna and Dave Clewett.

SICK LIST

Barrie Kingsford is making slow progress after his recent operation. We wish you a quick recovery so that you can tend to the Paterson gardens, so as to release Col to other duties in the garden area. Also, Kathryn Kitcher is recovering very well following surgery and she would like to thank the Society's members for the get well wishes.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Practical help and financial donations towards restoration projects and depot infrastructure replacement are appreciated.

The Rail Motor Society is looking for more volunteers to bolster its core working membership. If you can help in any way, skilled or not, Please contact the secretary, 4954 4904

APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY/ TRESURER

Congratulations to Stewart Ellway on being appointed as the Society's Assistant Secretary/ Treasurer.

Remember, Donations of \$2.00 or more are Tax Deductible

GUESS WHO TURNS 80?



The society wishes one of its (young) members, Jim Lowe, a happy 80th birthday on the 3rd July.



TOURS in 2008

23rd Aug	Taree/Broad Taree Modellers	30th Aug	Gulgong Ray Barry
11th Oct	Newcastle Private	18th-19th Oct	Metro (ARHS)
22nd-23rd Nov	Mudgee Peter King	6th-7th Dec	Maitland Markets Ted McKellar

Tentative trips are awaiting confirmation and these will be notified when on hand.



*During the T.R.I.P.S tour of the south west, a BBQ was organised by the locals citizens for the travellers on the platform at Barmedman.
Photo courtesy of Margaret Pantlin*

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WORKING BEES

As this is the best time for members to meet from afar, why not try to come up to Paterson and participate in helping to maintain the Society's Depot. If you would like to assist with one of the many tasks that need to be done, then this is the time to do it. Please, when you arrive at the depot, and from an insurance point of view, it is essential for you to sign-on whenever you do any work for the Society at the museum. So if you can spare the 3rd Saturday in the month, please come up and we look forward to seeing you there.

Note: Please bring sturdy boots if assisting with clean-up or heavy duties.

WORKING BEES 2008

19th Jul

16th Aug

20th Sept

18th Oct

15th Nov

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If you are planning to move, please ensure that you advise the Secretary as soon as possible so as to receive your Paterson Points and any other information relevant to the Rail Motor Society. Also, please check that your details on the label of the envelope that you received this newsletter in, are correct.

CONTRIBUTING TO THE NEWSLETTER

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