

Paterson Points

NEWSLETTER OF THE RAIL MOTOR SOCIETY INCORPORATED



SEPTEMBER 2010

Patron ~ Rear Admiral Peter Sinclair AC

ARHS 621/721 Tour West, North West and New England



*Sprinting in open country 621/721 makes a fine sight as it passes through Plains Creek on its way to Elong Elong and the eventual day two destination of Narrabri.
Photo: Dave Oliver*

Unlike the usual long weekend tour by the Rail Motor Society, the CPH's were unavailable so set 621/721 were substituted. These proved most successful in negotiating the itinerary and were more comfortable, the catering by the Society's volunteer staff was greatly appreciated over the four days of travel in covering the distance of 1209 kilometres. There were three overnight stops scheduled at Dubbo, Narrabri and Armidale where the accommodation and catering varied.

An early start from Paterson at 7.30am on Friday June 11 in chilly conditions with eerie, misty views as we traveled towards Muswellbrook passing amazing open cut coal mining operations as well as huge power stations across adjoining dams. Huge freight trains were commonplace transporting coal to the port at Newcastle, sadly the signal box at Muswellbrook station showing signs of deterioration.

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Office of Rail Heritage Volunteer Awards

The Society is pleased to announce that member Grahame Heggie received the 2010 Encouragement Award at the recent NSW Office of Rail Heritage Volunteer Awards. This prestigious award was presented to Grahame by the Minister for Transport, John Robertson MLC, and RailCorp CEO, Rob Mason at the Awards Ceremony held on 26 July 2010. Grahame volunteers with the Mechanical Maintenance Team on Wednesdays and his award was for his exceptional efforts in repairing NPF 621's exhaust system in a very short period of time before the Happy Travellers' trip to Kiama in May.

The Rail Heritage Volunteer Awards ceremony is held annually at the Powerhouse Museum and The Rail Motor Society has been well represented amongst the past recipients during the four year history of the awards. Other Society recipients have been Robert "Jerry" Jerome (Encouragement 2007), the Society's Mechanical Maintenance Team (Lifetime Achievement 2008), the Society's Infrastructure Team (Encouragement 2008), John and Bev Redman (Encouragement 2009) and Bruce Agland (Lifetime Achievement 2009). Sydney member Graham Ball was also honoured with a 2009 Lifetime Achievement award for his work with the NSW Rail Transport Museum and with railway apprentices. (Photos below supplied by RailCorp)



Grahame Heggie receiving his Award from RailCorp CEO Rob Mason (left) and (right) John Robertson MLC, Minister for Transport and Minister for Central Coast.



ARHS (NSW Div) representatives (L to R) George Gettens (President), Ross Verdich (General Manager), Grahame Thurling (Secretary and ORH Award winner), Spencer Ross (Tours Director) and Society representatives Arthur Burgess (President), Grahame Heggie (Award winner) and Bruce Agland (Operations Manager) after the presentation ceremony.



2010 Award winners with Office of Rail Heritage Director Marianne Hammerton (second row second from left), John Robertson MLC, Minister for Transport and Minister for Central Coast (second row third from left) and RailCorp CEO Rob Mason (second row third from right).

Society News

New Members

The following new full members are welcomed to the Society: Bill and Gail Harrison, Glenbrook; A, I and J Ruhl, Forresters Beach; R Donaghy, Woodberry; David Thomas, Dungog and Ivan Ploskonka, Concord West.

Associations Incorporation Act, 2009

The Society has been advised by the Minister for Fair Trading, Virginia Judge MP, that the new Associations Incorporation Act, 2009 and Associations Incorporation Regulation 2010 came into force on 1 July 2010. The changes modernise and streamline processes, support the financial stability of associations and improve their accountability and have been designed to make the transition from the superseded Act as smooth as possible.

The Society was first registered under the Associations Incorporation Act, 1984 on May 26 1986 and will continue to function under its current rules and procedures until such time as the Management Committee has had the opportunity to assess the changes that will be required to be made to comply with the new Act.

Members will be advised of progress with these important changes but, due to the scope of the alterations required, it is not envisaged that it will be possible to formally adopt a new Constitution to replace the current set of Rules before the next scheduled Annual General Meeting.

POSITION VACANT

Engineering Manager (Infrastructure)

Expressions of interest are invited from members who would like to take on this important Line Manager's position. Responsibilities include: the planning, costing and purchase of supplies; implementation of approved works associated with the maintenance of the Society's depot at Paterson; liaison with the Management Committee; control of expenditure on approved projects and supervision of volunteer members and contractors as required.

Contact the Secretary, Bryan Hicks, for further information.

Changed your address?

Please check the address on the label of this newsletter envelope. If the details are incorrect or you have changed your address advise the Secretary as soon as possible.

Correspondence

To ensure that postal items do not go astray, members are requested to direct correspondence to the Society's Post Office Box 445 Charlestown 2290 address, NOT to individual Officer's private addresses as they may be absent on leave.

Donations

Please remember that the ATO has approved the Society issuing receipts for gifts/donations (not testamentary gifts) which will be allowable deductions for income tax purposes.

Working Bees

Dates for 2010: October 16, November 20.

Please note that the September working bee day has been cancelled due to the ITSSR workshop at Paterson.

In addition to the general monthly working bees, regular work days are usually held each Wednesday and Saturday for Mechanical/Restoration/Maintenance and Infrastructure activities, new volunteers are always welcome. If you are not a regular volunteer at the depot, contact the Secretary, Bryan Hicks (see directory) in the first instance for further information.

Congratulations Grahame!

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100 Years Young

Ruby Thomas, mother of member David Thomas celebrated her 100th birthday on Tuesday 13th July, 2010. Ruby is pictured below with Dave during the celebrations.



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Operations Report

~ Bruce Agland, Operations Manager

Operations for 2010

8 August	Morisset/Dungog/Scone (ARHS-NSW)
28 August	Gulgong (ex Denman – Ray Barry)
26 September	Bowral (Bruce Matthews)
2-4 October	Dunedoo Rail Centenary (Peter King – Fully Booked, Local Excursions, Booking Form attached)
9 October	Wingen (Paul Szczepaniak – Booking Form attached) Changed Date
24 October	Murrurundi (Loco Depot Reunion)
7 November	Hunter Valley (ex Taree) Taree Railway Modellers – Changed Date
14 November	Berry (Barry Angel)
20-21 November	621/721 Around the City Tour (ARHS-NSW Booking Form attached)
5 December	Taree Mystery Tour (Ted McKellar)
6 December	Maitland Markets (ex Wauchope) Ted McKellar

Engineering Rolling Stock Report

~ Stafford Payne, Engineering Manager

CPH 7

Service of the drive bogie has been completed and the trailing bogie is now receiving attention. Painting of the green body panels has been completed by Peter McFarlane and Stephen Davies, some repairs will be carried out on the roof before receiving a fresh coat of Emerclad.

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Installation of additional alternators and associated wiring is underway for the provision of water heaters in each car.

HPC 402

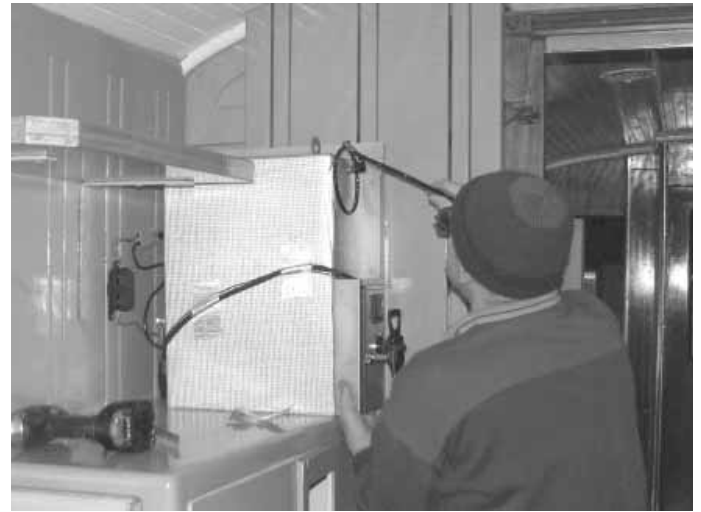
Service of the second transmission is nearing completion and it should be received by the end of August.

A new A.C. diesel transfer pump has been installed for refuelling, it records the volume of fuel dispensed and the amount remaining in the storage tank.

A licensed electrician has been contracted to install additional lighting and power points in the shed and also the FZ amenities car.



CPHs 3 and 7 on No.2 road during shunting to rearrange vehicles in the shed on July 7. Photo: Stephen Davies.



Alwyn Williams making new seat covers for CPH 1. Photo: Stephen Davies

Bryan Hicks installing the hot water urn in CPH 3. Photo: Stephen Davies

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ARHS (New South Wales Division) West, North West and New England Circle Rail Tour, 11 – 14 June 2010

by Boris Sokoloff



621/721 are stabled on the loop at Armidale station and catch the last rays of the setting sun after the days run from Narrabri. Photo: Joanna Harrison

Cover story continued...

A change of scenery as we now headed towards Gulgong over fertile fields, past vineyards which have resisted the encroachment of the miners, several tunnels were threaded through the first at Cox's gap was once used by road traffic. More freights waiting in loops, brand new mining operations closer to Ulan with conveyors, bins and loops. At Gulgong a splendid lunch was savoured at the Anglican hall, a variety of soups just perfect in the cold weather as well as sandwiches and cakes.

As we continued our journey more kangaroos were sighted, safe working operations were a feature – 'secret men's business', passengers were given an explanation of this process. At Dubbo a coach transfer to the Quality Inn was most welcome after a long day's travel, as was the delicious meal in generous proportions at the restaurant.

A good start next day for departure at 7.55am after a hot breakfast, chilly weather again so warm clothes were much appreciated. We covered undulating country, grazed by stock with scattered trees, remnant forests and silos at strategic locations, slower progress over the less maintained sections – bridges to Merrygoen then faster to Binnaway. Our lunch stop was at the Royal Hotel, Spring Ridge in a marquee beside it, we

were impressed with the catering and friendly service in contrast to Gulgong, the sunshine made it quite comfortable.

We crossed black soil plains with cotton fields and irrigation channels, a faster passage ahead of schedule through The Gap to Gunnedah and Narrabri but slower along twisting track through the ranges which were well forested, closer to Narrabri the Nandewar Range was outstanding with Mount Kaputar prominent.

Arrival in Narrabri was most welcome but the disappointing reception at the Motel Nandewar was a dampener – no staff, lack of direction. However, the venue of the RSL for dinner was unusual – impressive decoration of the dining area in colonial style artifacts and large period mural was matched by the catering, efficient service and delicious dishes.

Day three commenced with a hot buffet style breakfast and, with the usual safe working stops we retraced our route past more coal mines near Gunnedah, quick progress to Werris Creek then north to Tamworth for another lunch in a church hall with a variety of soups and bread. A slow passage up the Moonbi Range outcrops of granite rocks a feature along the twisting track. Once on the highlands quicker progress was resumed with an early arrival at 4.20pm, the transfer to the Country Comfort Motel

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in the centre of Armidale much appreciated. Some passengers were able to explore the town before dinner, a splendid range of hearty dishes with local high altitude tones.

A comfortable night's rest with a later start at 9.30am on the last day, bleak conditions as we traveled back to Werris Creek where a BBQ lunch was provided by the local Lions Club on the grand platform. Time enough to admire the museum of railway history and memorabilia as well as the monument to the workers. (Yesterday we were fortunate to witness the arrival/departure of two Endeavour trains). The return journey to Paterson after lunch was impeded by freight traffic but an earlier than scheduled arrival was most welcome.

The tour was a most enjoyable experience in the 621/721 rail motors efficiently and safely conducted by the friendly Rail Motor Society crew. We look forward to another of these June rail excursions next year – rumoured to be a five day journey to Broken Hill. The copious rail literature supplied for the tour helped in following the itinerary and providing historic background.



Whilst never employed in regular service north of Werris Creek, the 620/720 class had a long association with the metals of the Great Northern Railway and would have been more than capable of operating to its northern limits had it been required. Although not a host of 2 car sets Tamworth station was the scene of other rail motor activity for many years as CPH's, 400 class units and the unique No.38 "Creamy Kate" operated services between Tamworth and Barrabra.

On Sunday 13/06/10 set 621/721's journey to Armidale is interrupted as it stands during the lunch stop at the well presented Tamworth station on day 3 of the ARHS North West Circle Tour. Operations on the GNR is today truncated at Armidale and beyond West Tamworth is only trafficked by the daily Northern Tablelands Xplorer service and the odd inspection train. A huge contrast from the glory days of this important trunk route which was once the main link for passengers and produce to and from Queensland. (Photo above: Stephen Davies)



Passengers on 721 enjoying the journey.

Photo: Stephen Davies



Saturday's journey of the June long weekend North West Circle tour has just commenced as 621/721 passes the Troy Junction landmark and leaves Dubbo behind on its way to the north.

Photo: Dave Oliver



Pictured at Uralla station after completing safe working duties are crew members (L to R) Ray Sullivan, Bruce Matthews and Graeme Turner.

Photo: Joanna Harrison.

From the Archives



Article by Stephen Preston

Photo by Mick Turton

This month's "From the Archives" takes a look back to the very first day of the Society's passenger operations thanks to Mick Turton's photograph of the appropriately numbered CPH 1 running trials on the 19th October 1986.

Seen refuged in Kilbride loop, Driver Dudley Archer changes ends in preparation for the last return run of the day as 6148 fruit express headed by the then common locomotive combination of 44 + 45 races through lead by reverse liveried 4428.

After many months and countless hours of volunteer efforts, CPH 1 made five faultless return trial trips to Martins Creek on this inaugural day (four were scheduled and three extended to Kilbride) and carried "near capacity loads" of delighted Society members, local residents and visiting enthusiasts. Following this success CPH 7 also entered Society service just three months later on January 18 1987 and so the stage was set for the Society's commencement of regular operations, one which no one could dispute continues to be one of the great success stories of the NSW rail heritage scene.

Nearly 24 years have elapsed since this scene was captured and today CPH 1 is the only item still in the same guise with Kilbride loop now being transformed by ARTC's loop extension project and 4428 moving on to the "great roundhouse in the sky" having been withdrawn and scrapped over 15 years ago. Perhaps the trial of newly restored CPH 3 may soon recreate this scene in part and facilitate an even greater "story" to be told by expanded society operations in future years.

25th Anniversary Limited Edition Coffee Mug

Members \$12 Non-members \$15

(Plus \$8 packaging & delivery)

*Also available from the ARHS (NSW) Bookshop,
Sydney Central Station Concourse*



GULGONG DAY TOURS

The Mudgee Miniature Railway invites you to enjoy a train trip in Gulgong, travelling on board a 1920's vintage rail motor.

Saturday 2nd October 2010

Depart from Gulgong at 4.30pm and travel to Dunedoo where you leave the train for a three course meal and a 'murder mystery show' (great entertainment) at the Dunedoo Bowling Club (bus transfer provided) before rejoining the train for an evening run back to Gulgong.

Tickets \$75 per person, includes meal and entertainment. (Optional bus from Mudgee to Gulgong and return \$15 per person.)

Sunday 3rd October 2010

Travel from Gulgong to Dunedoo and return. Spend the day in Dunedoo for the Railway Centenary. Departs Gulgong at 9.00am.

Tickets \$20 per person.

Monday 4th October 2010

Depart from Gulgong at 9.30am and enjoy a trip to Wollar and return.

Tickets \$20 per person.



Bookings

For more information and bookings contact Mudgee Miniature Railway 02 63733626 or email kingpeter@harboursat.com.au

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621/721 AROUND the CITY TOUR

Saturday & Sunday 20 & 21 November 2010

ARHSnsw Tours and The Rail Motor Society invites members and their guests to join them on a weekend travelling in the restored 621/721 two-car heritage diesel set over the Sydney suburban system and goods line network that rarely sees a passenger train.

On Saturday, 621/721 will depart Paterson at 6.00am for the run to Hornsby to commence the tour at about 9.00am. Travel to Lavender Bay via North Sydney, return to Hornsby and down to North Strathfield and on to Carlingford. Return to Clyde to reverse and travel to Richmond for lunch. On the return trip, travel via the 'Y' link to Liverpool and Campbelltown, then via Leightonfield Loop through Enfield and Cooks River to Port Botany. Return to Marrickville to reverse and travel to Central at about 4.30pm to complete the day's tour.

On Sunday, depart Central about 9.00am and run to Glenfield via Wolli Creek and East Hills. Reverse and return to Sydenham, reverse again and then via Campsie, Bankstown, Sefton Park Junction, Regents Park, Lidcombe triangle to Clyde and Sandown. Return via the Flemington Goods Junction and the goods line to Meeks Road and then onto the Illawarra line to Sutherland and travel on the recently opened duplication to Cronulla to inspect the new terminating train arrangements and have lunch. Return to Sutherland to reverse once again for a spirited run further south on the Illawarra line along the escarpment to Scarborough. Return via Meeks Road East Fork past the XPT Depot to Sydenham and on to Central to complete the day's tour at about 5.00pm. 621/721 will then depart on the return journey to Paterson.

Lunch stops on both days have been scheduled, however, this will depend on the final timetable arrangements. Where possible, photo stops at stations and terminal locations will be arranged.

For Hunter Region members of ARHSnsw or The RAIL MOTOR SOCIETY, you can join the train en-route to Hornsby on Saturday 20 November or on the return from Central on Sunday 21 November for no extra charge. Non-members will be charged \$20 each way. Overnight B&B accommodation in Sydney at own cost can be arranged for those who wish to participate in the weekend tour. Tour notes and complimentary morning and afternoon teas will be available on board the train on both days.

BOOKING FORM: 621/721 AROUND THE CITY TOUR on 20 & 21 November 2010

Mail to: ARHSnsw Tours or fax (02) 4956 3370 Pay at: ARHSnsw Bookshop
 PO Box 4083 Rail Heritage Centre
 EDGEWORTH, NSW, 2285 SYDNEY CENTRAL STATION

Please reserve for me.....	Seats for Saturday 20 November	@ \$99.00	\$.....	GST incl.
Please reserve for me.....	Seats for Sunday 21 November	@ \$99.00	\$.....	GST incl.
Please reserve for me.....	Seats for Saturday/Sunday 20/21 November	@ \$190.00	\$.....	GST incl.
Non-members.....	Seats for Saturday 20 November	@ \$110.00	\$.....	GST incl.
Non-members.....	Seats for Sunday 21 November	@ \$110.00	\$.....	GST incl.
Non-members.....	Seats for Saturday/Sunday 20/21 November	@ \$210.00	\$.....	GST incl.
I would like to travel on 621/721 from Paterson to Hornsby on Saturday 20 November	@ \$20.00	\$.....	\$.....	GST incl.
I would like to travel on 621/721 from Central to Paterson on Sunday 21 November	@ \$20.00	\$.....	\$.....	GST incl.
Credit Card Payments attract a 2 per cent surcharge =			\$.....	GST incl.
TOTAL			\$.....	GST incl.

Name..... Membership No.

Address..... Postcode.....

Telephone contact number (home)..... (mobile).....

Name(s) of accompanying persons.....

I require B&B accommodation in Sydney on Sat night 20 Nov..... Single supplement..... Twin share..... Double.....

PREFERRED PAYMENT BY CHEQUE/MONEY ORDER/CASH for

Or please DEBIT my VISA or MASTERCARD (add 2% surcharge to payment)

Card No. Expiry/.....

Signature Date

Tickets and Itinerary confirmation will be posted to your address 10 days before departure

ARHSnsw Tours Infoline (02) 8394 9019 or 0428 333 443

ABN 96 000 538 803.

ARHSnsw (ABN 96 000 538 803) is not responsible for last minute changes to train composition, tour route or destination(s).

Refunds: up to 30 days prior-100 per cent; less than 30 days to 7 days-90 per cent; less than 7 days-NO REFUND

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AUSTRALIAN RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NSW DIVISION

ANOTHER SUMMER'S DAY ON THE SOUTH COAST

OUR FIRST TOUR WITH THREE CPH RAIL MOTORS. Nos 1, 3 & 7

23 January 2011

Join ARHSnsw Tours and The Rail Motor Society for another summer's journey over the Illawarra Line to Nowra (Bomaderry). This will be the first run for the Society with the restored CPH No.3 in the consist.

Our tour will commence at about 8.00am from Sydney Central with a brisk run to Waterfall. Enjoy the magnificent scenic run along the line through Stanwell Park to Thirroul and Wollongong with a diversion to Port Kembla Inner Harbour loop before rejoining the main line at Unanderra and proceeding to Kiama and along the coast to Nowra.

Seating is limited to 90 passengers, so book early to ensure a good seat.

Photo stops have been requested at suitable locations throughout the tour. ARHS Newcastle and TRMS members and guests may travel from Paterson, Maitland or Broadmeadow with other pickups as arranged along the line to Sydney.

Tour cost includes morning and afternoon teas on board, a fish and chips lunch at the Bomaderry RSL Club and historic lineside notes. An alternate meal can be arranged if required.

BOOKING FORM: CPH Tour-Another Summer's Day on the South Coast on 23 January 2011

Mail to: ARHSnsw Tours or fax (02) 4956 3370 Pay at: ARHSnsw Bookshop
PO Box 4083 Rail Heritage Centre
EDGEWORTH, NSW, 2285 SYDNEY CENTRAL STATION

Members and guestsSeats @ \$90.00 \$..... GST incl.
Non-membersSeats @ \$99.00 \$..... GST incl.
TOTAL \$..... GST incl.

Name.....Membership No.

Address.....Postcode.....

Telephone contact number (home)..... (mobile).....

Name(s) of accompanying persons.....

I will join the train at.....Station

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