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GENERAL MEETING SATURDAY 6<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2010

The next General Meeting will be held in our Roker Park Clubhouse on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2010, commencing at 1 30pm. BITS and PIECES is the subject, Members are requested to bring along a model, part of a model, any piece workshop equipment, or any BIT or PIECE that could be of interest to other members. Bring any problems you are having, someone may have the solution. But most import attend in person.

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2010 are now due.

£17 full members    £12 members over 65    £6 junior members

Morri Bergson, our Treasurer, is unfortunately in a Nursing Home and will not be able to attend any meetings. Subscriptions can be paid to our Chairman or Secretary at the clubhouse or posted to them.

If you bring your subs to the clubhouse could you please have the correct change or a cheque, thank you.

Due to bad weather conditions, too much snow and ice, the annual New Years run on out Loco Tracks did not take place. I watched the snow falling all New Years Day in the comfort of our lounge. When I first footed at mid night my driveway was like an Ice Rink, no snow then but plenty of snow at 7am. But Jack Frost paid us a visit to our clubhouse and managed to force a connection under the water heater. The result was a fountain of water spraying over the counters and soaking the Attendance Register and soaking the fitted tiles in the Kitchen Area and the Drawers holding the Tea Towels and Cutlery and also the Curtains. WE were very fortunate because these tiles have dried out with no damage and Tea Towels and Curtains were taken home and laundered and Ironed by Sheila Hough. Thanks Sheila.

The plastic connection and valve on the water heater have been replaced with a brass one, thanks to Bryan Tuddenham and John Barnes. The Attendance Register was beyond salvaging which meant the cost of the damage was negligible. The Risk Assessment File was also water logged and has been replaced with an updated version.

We decided that our heaters needed to be up graded, so we now have 2 new halogen heaters each with 3 different heat settings. Strange how the red glow of these heaters makes it appear to be warmer, or does this only apply to those of us who were brought up with open coal fires and have fond memories of sitting by the fire snug and warm on cold winter nights listening to the radio.

GARAGE/WORKSHOP

The Walls and Ceiling have been insulated and panelled out with 8x4ft plywood sheets. The shelves and their brackets being first removed and replaced once these plywood sheets were fitted. The joints between the sheets on the ceiling have been covered with a 1 inch strip of wood. The worst job was removing all the shelves contents and finding a place to store them whilst the panels were being fitted, the Portable Track Trailer had to be repeatedly moved to give access to the walls and ceiling. When you look at the completed job one can appreciate the amount of hard work that Bryan Tuddenham,

John Barnes and Bryan Bellamy have had to do. Their workmanship is of the highest standard, its more like a palace than a garage cum workshop. The Walls and Ceiling still need painting and the 2 Work Benches have yet to be constructed and fitted. When these are in place the Lathe can be wired up and the Drill and Milling Machine can be fitted onto a Bench along with a Vice.

The Band Saw is to be moved into this area and possibly the Bending Rolls, depending on the space left when the Portable Track Trailer and the Small Track's Driving/Passenger Bogies are set in their storage space. The Gazebo will be stored on the shelf just inside the doorway.

The Tables used in the Gazebos have been stood, resting on a low brick ledge, against the Clubhouse Wall and retained by a swivelling arm.

Some long lengths of Square and Round Steel Bars will have to be sawn into more manageable lengths for easy storage and future handling,

Can I remind members that the door to this facility is operated by electricity and the controlling switch is outside the building, so please do not get locked inside or lock anybody inside, check that the building is empty of members before closing the door.

### 17<sup>th</sup> HARROGATE M.E. EXHIBITION 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> MAY inclusive 2010

Members Models are requested for our club stand at this exhibition, Joan and myself will be stewarding the stand for the 3 days of the show. The stand will be set up on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May, commencing at 10am and we would like all models to be delivered before 2pm. This gives us time to set up the stand, security wire all models and complete the booking in procedure for the stand. Every model must be booked into the Exhibition Hall by its owner on arrival, at the reception desk, and the Exhibit Cards obtained must be handed to Albert Stephenson at our club stand.

A list will be placed in the clubhouse for members to enter details of the models they intend to display on our club stand, along with their names and also the value they place on each individual model, this is for insurance purposes. The closing date for entering models on this list is Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2010. Members can enter models on the competition stands, I have some individual entry forms and these must be returned to the exhibition organisers by 1<sup>st</sup> April.

Models can be collected after the exhibition after 5pm on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2010.

Model Road Vehicles can also be entered in this exhibition and facilities are available to 'Steam' them outside the exhibition hall. One of the major attractions of this show is the model and some times full size road vehicles in steam and lined up outside the hall or travelling about the show ground roads.

Our Members Models on display at this show are judged, by our Committee Members, so that our Societies Cups and Trophies can be awarded to the best members models at the exhibition.

The winners will be presented with their Cups or Trophies at our first open day in June.

### GOOD HOUSE KEEPING

The Tarmac area on the Small Loco Track is covered in moss. A Pressure Washer has been purchased to facilitate ease of cleaning such conditions. We need to unpack this washer and examine the water connections. We may have hoses and connections on site, if not, we will know what type to purchase. When the weather improves, this moss must be removed and the track area cleaned up to a presentable condition. This moss must be removed not only to make it look nice but also to make the area safe to walk in.

This pressure washer can be used to clean all station and steaming bay area as well as road vehicle steaming areas. **KEEP OUR AREAS CLEAN AND TIDY IS OUR WATCHWORD**