



NMRA DIVISION 1 (QUEENSLAND)

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Informal Gathering

* **12 April 2003** *

Bray Park

Awards.

It gives me great pleasure to announce the award of Master Builder – Cars to Grahame Davis. This is the third award Grahame has received in the Achievement Program, with the paperwork for his fourth application (Master Builder – Scenery) submitted by the time you read this. Well done Grahame.

It will be a toss-up between Grahame and Garth who will be the first Master Modeller in Division 1, and I am looking forward to the “race” with interest.

Meeting Notes

7th December: The Division 1 Christmas picnic was held at the park adjacent to the railway crossing at Landsborough, and was attended by fifteen members and partners, with Bob and Margaret Deakin from the Caloundra MRC as visitors. As Ken promised, there was plenty of train action (considering it was Saturday), and with adequate warning provided by the crossing signals, every one had time to get in their preferred photo or viewing position. It was an excellent venue for a picnic lunch, however if our ladies had known the church jumble sale across the street was closing so soon after our arrival, pressure would have been applied to gather earlier. All in all, a good day.

8 February

The February meeting was hosted by yours truly. The meeting was attended by 10 members, with apologies from Nick and Denis. It was good catch up with Graham Emery who we hadn't seen for nearly 12 months. For the formal part of the agenda, Glenn aired a proposal for a sectional display layout that had been the

subject of discussion between four or five members late last year. He passed around copies of “Points for Discussion” and invited interested members to the inaugural meeting of interested parties on 20th February, to discuss the possibility of constructing and exhibiting a HO Scale layout depicting the North American prototype, with the emphasis on a high standard of modelling.

As is now normal, the quality of “show & tell” was very high. Models on show ranged from Garth's scratch built, O Scale Rolling Mill, through a highly detailed Roundhouse 2-8-0 presented by Ian Venables to Bob's Brown's selection of highly detailed Santa Fe F-7's and E-8's.

All members had a most enjoyable time as we do when we get together to talk trains, with a good afternoon had by all.

Railway Notes

It was sad to hear in the news that the Steam Railway at Swanbank, and the Woodford Cane Railway Museum are being forced to shut down because of a nearly 900% increase in Public Liability Insurance, particularly so when it is not caused by any claims on previous policy's.

Early on the morning of February 17, 2003 the structure of the 1884 Baldwin Roundhouse at the B&O Railroad Museum collapsed under the weight of snow. No one was in the museum at the time, and Museum staff worked with the Baltimore City Fire Department and structural engineers to stabilize the building. The Museum will be closed until further notice while the damage is assessed and work progresses to extricate the pieces of the collection contained in the Roundhouse.

Meetings

There will be an informal social gathering at Bob's owing to apologies from a number of members. Start time 1.00 to 1.30

Glenn Stevens, March 2003