



## NMRA DIVISION 1 (QUEENSLAND)

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**Next Meeting**  
\* **13 September 2003** \*  
**Host - Denis Lane**

### Meeting Notes:

On July 12<sup>th</sup>, sixteen members and three visitors ventured to the wilds of Landsborough to the home of Ken and Renée Leitch, and to inspect progress on the Shasta Pacific Railroad since the previous visit, two years ago. Ken is a Life Member of the NMRA, and well known around SE Queensland as one of the owners of the "Colorado Crossing" display layout.

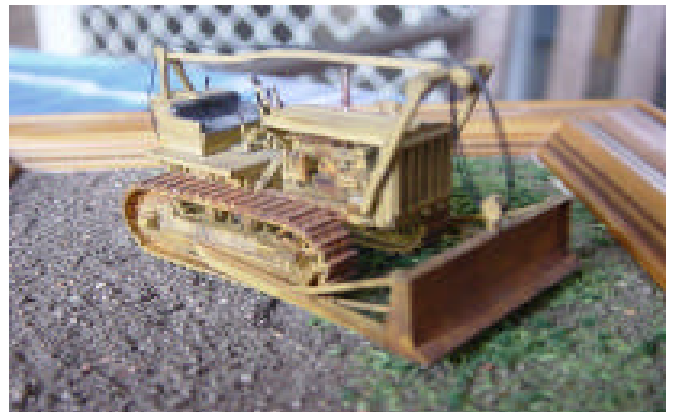


**SP 9800**  
**Dunsmuir, CA, 03/95**

The Shasta Pacific is a SP oriented system which, thanks to modelling licence, stretches from Portland to El Paso via Tehachapi and covers an era 1940 to 1996. Basically, the layout goes from a reverse loop to a main yard then on to a temporary reverse loop via Tehachapi Loop. The temporary track will remain until the top level reverse loop is built (Stage 3). Although wired for 2 cab block control, the layout is powered by NCE DCC systems. Ken started with a Lenz DCC system about 8 years ago and never wants to go back to straight DC again.

Ken advised that progress has been slow since last visit due to having to move one third of the existing track work 55mm away from a western tin wall so that a plastic Walthers truss bridge would not buckle in the hot Queensland summer. Track work completed since last visit is a 4 track hidden staging yard, a Pacific Electric point to point trolley (tram) line as well as the installation of DCC controlled Tortoise or Switchmaster switch machines on all mainline turnouts.

Ken's track work started out using Code 100 but he changed to Code 83 when that became available. Automatic signaling for the layout has reached the testing stage, however with the recent release of NCE's DCC signaling system, Ken wants to check that out before installing his own system.



**Model by Tony Reidpath**

The afternoon finished off with the usual business segment plus show & tell over afternoon tea. Great to see Tony Reidpath back from Vietnam for a short home visit and his montage was up to his usual high standards.

### Division 1 Library

During July, I received from David Latham, the Region Video Librarian, a box of 10 videos, 5 CD's and 1 DVD to be held by Division 1 as an adjunct to the Regions Video Library. The titles are:

**Videos.**

- Painting Backdrops with Dirty Brush.
- Perfect Decals.
- Modelling Tips & Tricks.
- Freight Car Loads.
- Styrene Construction & Casting
- Planning Realistic Operations.
- Detailing Passenger Car Interiors.
- Kansas City Convention Layout Tours.
- San Jose Convention Layout Tours.
- St Louis Convention Layout Tours.

**CD's.**

- AR Layout Tours III
- AR Layout Tours IV
- AR Layout Tours V
- Return to Gembrook 1998
- Narrow Guage Convention 2003

**DVD's.**

- AR Layout Tour I



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For members who reside in the SE of the state, I will have the videos with me at each meeting for distribution, or I can be contacted at home for arranging a loan.

For members elsewhere within QLD, I can mail at NMRA expense but I still haven't confirmed how we work the return at no cost to members, realising that Division 1 does not have any funds of our own. I will keep you informed.

**NMRA Name Tags.**

I have investigated the manufacture of an NMRA nametag to replace the current paper one we use in Brisbane, and the proposed design was presented at the

Division 1 meeting in July. It was decided the NMRA logo was better than the Division 1 logo as it was clearer, and with NMRA initials standing out as they do, we didn't need NMRA in the badge text.



The cost is \$6.60 plus postage to wherever, with orders taken by me or Sandra.

**Upcoming meetings**

- 8 November                      Graeme Prideaux
- 7 December                      venue TBA



***Glenn Stevens***

Division 1 Superintendent