



NMRA DIVISION 1 (QUEENSLAND)

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on the Quentin River Railway. It is an OO Scale freelance layout displayed by Ron Everingham and Barry Turner.

Next Meetings

* 12 September 2004 *
Host - Bert Toogood
1 Bon Villa Ave, Innisfail

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* 18 September 2004 *
Host - Denis Lane, Springwood



Glenn with Ron & Barry
at Toowoomba Show

Please note the meeting changes for September, with the Brisbane meeting moved from 11th September to the 18th and an additional meeting in Innisfail on the 12th.

Meeting Notes: What's this you say, a meeting in Far North Queensland (FNQ). Well it just so happens that the weekend in question is the 10th anniversary of the FNQ Model Railway Club, and also the 11th anniversary of Bert's Cape York Lines. It will be a gathering like there hasn't been forever (or so Bert says), and yours truly has been invited to be guest speaker at the celebrations. NMRA members who will be in the Cairns area on the day are welcome to attend. The function is in the form of a catered lunch, so please contact Bert to let him know you will be attending.

NMRA AWARD BEST MODELLER'S LAYOUT 2004 TOOWOOMBA MODEL TRAIN EXHIBITION

For the past five years, Division 1 has been presenting an NMRA sponsored Award at the annual Toowoomba Model Train Exhibition conducted by the Darling Downs Model Railway Club (DDMRC). The award is for the best layout on display as judged by a panel of modellers from both DDMRC and Division 1, with the history of the award recorded on a perpetual shield on display in DDMRC clubrooms.

All of the recipients of the Award have been layouts of a very high calibre, with the final decision putting pressure on the judges every year, the winner invariably being chosen on count back. This year was no exception, with four different judges (maybe we should have used three) narrowing the choice down to two layouts, with a fifth judge making the final decision.

The winner of the NMRA Award for the Best Modellers Layout for 2004 is "Beauraba Siding",

The layout depicts a scene somewhere in Queensland, with the Quentin River Railway (QRR) having interchange rights with Queensland Rail. The layout was designed for operation of trains and incorporates 2 hidden sector plates as fiddle yards. All buildings and structures on the layout are scratch built by Ron, with loco's and rolling stock modified commercial units.

The runner up for the 2004 award was "Quart Pot Creek", an On30 layout displayed by Geoff McMahon, that depicts narrow gauge saw milling and mining operations in SE Queensland in the early 1950's. All the buildings are scratch built, and track is hand laid. Geoff uses ready to run Bachmann loco's, and Chivers Kits for his rolling stock.

Both layouts will be on display in Brisbane in November at the 2004 UPMRC Show.

Previous winners of the Award have been:

2000 – "Caintode Flats" – a QR layout Hon3 layout.
2001 – "Ravenstor", a BR N layout in N Scale.
2002 – "Forest Hill", a QR HON3 layout.
2003 – "Moelfryn", a 009 mm layout depicting a Welsh tramway.

Division 1 Modular Layout

Following discussions with the Regional Chairman regarding access to NMRA sponsored liability insurance, the Division 1 modular group is now formally known as the Division 1 HO Display Layout Special Interest Group (SIG), with inaugural members of the group being Bob Brown, Ken Leitch, Ian Venables, Paul Skehan, Dennis Lane, Ross Evans, Mike Dutton, and myself as co-ordinator.

After much discussion, planning & budgeting, the layout is now under construction, with working bees held on 15th and 29th of May, and 10th of June in Bob's big carport. The decision to have the framework pre-cut by Trains & Track paid off with the main frame assembled in one day by Bob and I and Denis. The layout now has all leg pockets attached and legs assembled for three of the yard modules. For all who are interested, the next working bee is scheduled for 21 August, starting at 0900.

Scenery wise, the layout is based on the mid west USA so that we can realistically run anything from Santa Fe to the B&O. The article on the BNSF's former Chicago & Iowa line in the June 2003 Railfan & Railroad is providing guidance on scenery.

At a meeting of the SIG held on 9th May, the layout was formally named "Carolina Pacific Lines", and it was agreed that the group would approach the Sandgate PCYC regarding the possibility of displaying in their March 2005 Exhibition.

New members of the SIG are welcome at any time, however there are two conditions.

- (a) Because of the liability insurance cover, prospective SIG members must be paid up members of the NMRA. There is however, three months complimentary membership in the NMRA available to people interested in joining the SIG.
- (b) Because the layout is privately owned, there is a cost involved in becoming a part owner of the layout.

Of course, it goes without saying that all members of Division 1 are welcome to come along and help SIG members run the layout come exhibition time.

Division 1 Library.

Courtesy of Lynn Zelmer in Rockhampton, we have two new additions to Div 1 Library.

1. August 2004 Convention Notes – Modelling the Railways of Queensland.
2. Golden Rail Video – Steam Power Sawmill of the Hull-Oakes Lumber Co.

Name Tags.

Our locally produced name tags are now being worn by Division 6 members in S.A.

They are available any time, and are only \$6.60 plus postage to wherever. Orders taken by Sandra or myself.

Regards to all,
Glenn

Glenn Stevens
Division 1 Superintendent
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