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Photographer: Mike Crean

President's Report

Our October run was as always Father's day and with some of our key members away, and Elisabeth having some pre boiler renewal certificate work going on, we knew we would be very busy. Fortunately with all the club diesel outline locos in good working order and those members that were there on the Sunday things turned out to be a busy, but what looked to me, enjoyable time.

The first 2 hours as usual was the most hectic, but as we had 4 trains ready to go 20 minutes before our advertised start time, and with the queue already forming, things got underway. I think from what I observed from the drivers seat of Phoenix (the only steamer) on the day members went about their duties and as the day progressed took turns to be drivers, guards, ticket clippers, signal operators and general helpers. This, I think, is what made the day's hard work rewarding with everyone doing their bit and in many cases much more. The canteen, although busy, sold less hot dogs and pies than usual, but I think this was due to the large numbers of the public bringing picnics for the afternoon, rather than just having a couple of rides and then leaving.

The picnic ground was full, as was the area in the convention loop and the triangle behind the club house, with people playing cricket, footy and also some with golf clubs. It really does go to show what a very good afternoon's enjoyment our railway still provides in a very different age from when it started 45 years ago.

Those of you who have been to the railway since Saturday 30th August will know that the old car hoist loco unloader has been removed with the generous help from R & L Hyabb Services who allowed Paul Meedwell to use one of their fleet of Hyabb trucks to remove the ram from its cylinder in the ground. The club would also like to thank Fiora Machinery for their donation of the fabrication of the new unloader, and all those club members who have been involved in the project.

I'm looking forward to seeing many members and visitors to the Club's 45th Birthday celebrations on Saturday October 4th and then the next day for our monthly public run day.

Roger Matthews
President CMR



FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Following are some of the items that have been discussed at Committee meetings and they are listed here in an endeavour to keep members informed of the current goings on. If any members have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact a Committee member. Contact details for all members of the committee are published elsewhere in the magazine.

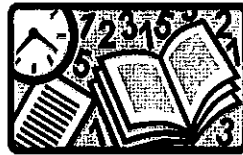
From the Committee meetings held:

- ⇒ Convention sub committee progressing towards 2009 AALS Convention at CMR – relevant information now posted on the CMR web site - registration forms finalized and are in the club rooms or on the web page – if you are unable to access a registration, please contact the Secretary to arrange for one to be posted to you.
- ⇒ Roster forms for the Convention weekend have been distributed to members
- ⇒ October 4 / 5th – this weekend will see the 45th Anniversary of the club – other clubs to be invited to join in for a relaxing day on the Saturday, some visiting locos may like to join with us for the public run on Sunday – Information is now on the Web site
- ⇒ The new load / unload facility is now on site ready for final work to complete both the structure and installation process - thanks to the generosity of a couple of members. Will be operational for the October birthday weekend. Apologies for delays

- ⇒ Conductive Education is now CMR's charity group, your assistance in running their fun day is always accepted
- ⇒ New CMR hats are now available and will be sold to members from the canteen \$10.00 each

Members are reminded:

There is still some cause for concern at the speed which some members are arriving and / or departing the grounds. Please remember to slow down when entering the railway premises – in particular when driving your vehicle over the level crossings.



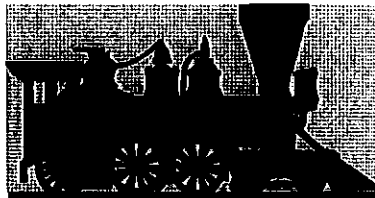
DATES FOR THE DIARY:

Friday	19 th September – Friday night work night
Sunday	21 st September- Public running from Wilson Park
Wednesday	24 th September workday
Wednesday	1 st October workday
Saturday	4 th October Preparation for public run day general meeting 45 th birthday celebrations
Sunday	5 th October Public run day
Wednesday	8 th October Work day
Friday	10 th October Committee meeting
Saturday	11 th October Track workday
Sunday	12 th October Display at Rail Historical Museum Bassendean / Members fun day
Wednesday	15 th October Work day
Friday	17 th October Work night
Sunday	19 th October Public running from Wilson Park
Sunday	26 th October Private booking 11am to 2pm approx 100 people
Wednesday	29 th October Work day

Advanced notice: as usual – any assistance on the day is appreciated

Saturday / Sunday	October 4 th & 5 th – CMR 45 th Birthday – further news as it comes to hand
Sunday	October 26 th – Private Booking – approx. 100 people
Sunday	November 23 rd – Private Booking – Conductive Education
Saturday	November 29 th – Member's Christmas Function
Saturday	December 6 th – Private Booking – 12noon to 4pm

The next publicity opportunity for the club will be the annual **RAILFEST**, which is held at the Rail Heritage WA Museum on Railway Parade in Bassendean. This is planned for the 12th October this year. If you are interested in assisting with a display, please let Ken or Craig Belcher know.



KATANNING MINIATURE RAILWAY will be celebrating their 20th Anniversary over the long weekend in September this year. Information has been posted on the notice board so why not consider joining in for the weekend

ANNUAL SANDGROPER WEEKEND is on again and will be hosted by the South West Model Engineers in Bunbury. This will be over the 2nd weekend of November being the 8th & 9th. Further details will be made available as it comes to hand.

Registration forms for the Sandgroper weekend will be placed on the notice board when they come to hand.

If you plan to attend either or both of these special runs, please consider your accommodation requirements and book in early.

Looking for a way to dispose of those old bits and pieces of scrap steel? Then help yourself and your club at the same time:

CMR is currently collecting scrap metal, if you have any of this please consider bringing it to the club and placing it on the pile which is located at the end of hardware rack along side the track in Canning. Bulk items such as fridges, washing machines and freezers are not accepted, thank you.

NAME BADGES:

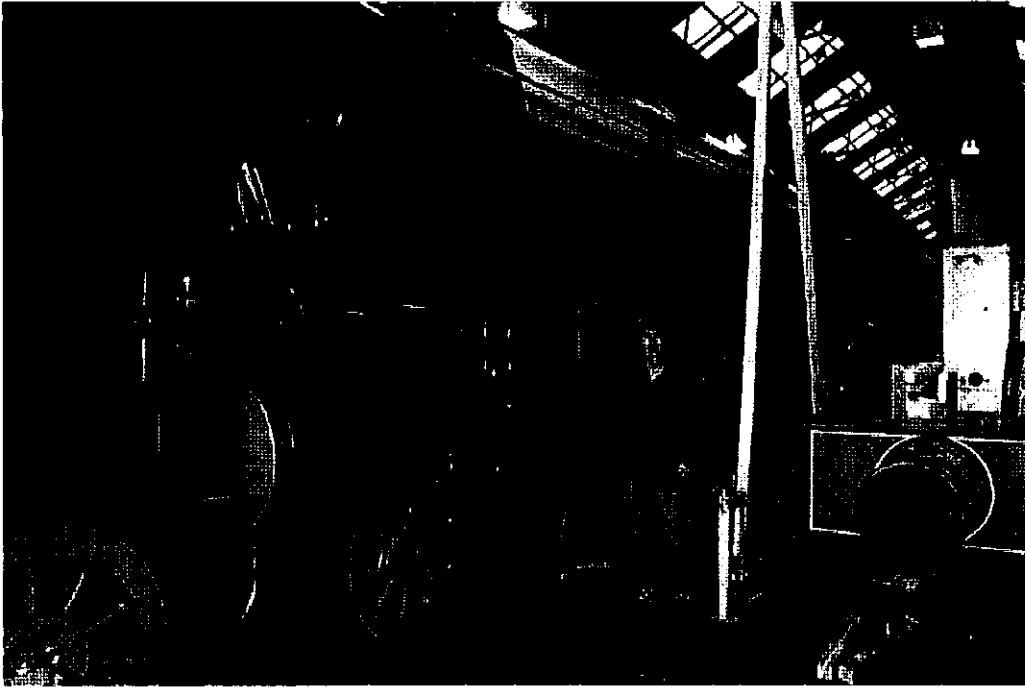
If you are a relatively new member or you may have misplaced your name badge and require a new one – if either of these cases apply to you, please contact the Secretary either by e-mail or phone to confirm your request for a badge – an order will be placed at the end of September so please advise as soon as possible.

**LAST OF THE OLD, FIRST OF THE NEW
By Trish & Richard Stuart**

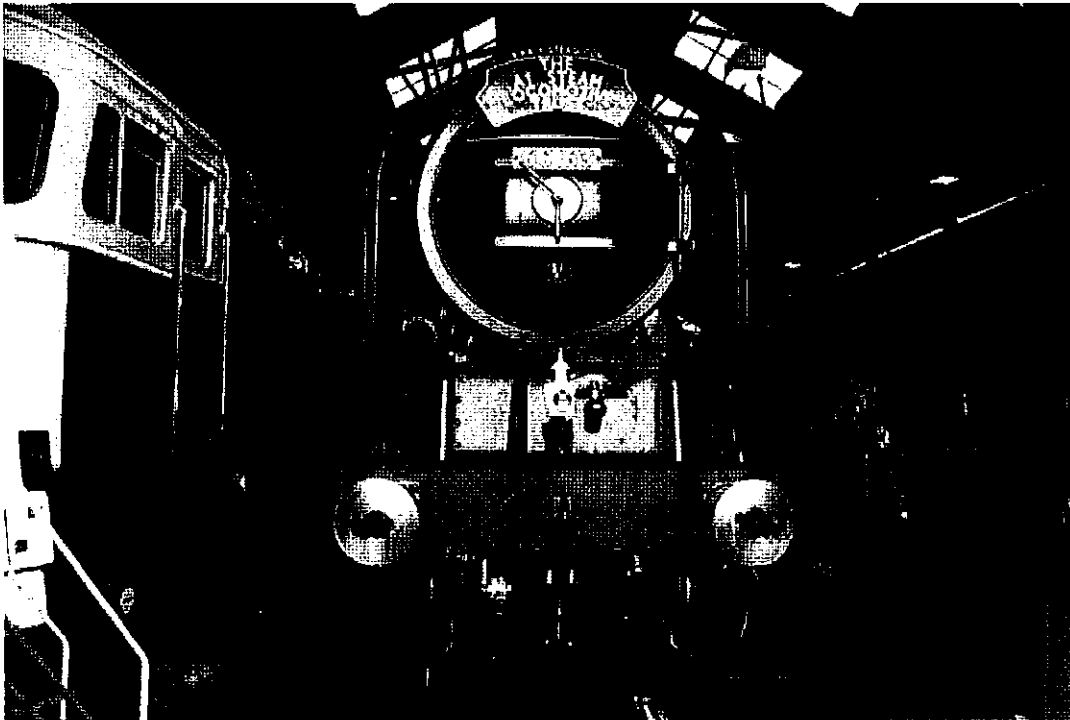
The London & North Eastern Railway (LNER) Class A1 Pacific appeared destined to come last. It was designed by Arthur Peppercorn, the last Chief Mechanical Engineer of the LNER. It was the last of a famous line of LNER Pacifics that included Sir Nigel Gresley's famous Class A3 ("Flying Scotsman") and A4 ("Mallard"). The 49 members of the A1 Class served dutifully through the last days of steam on British Railways, and the last one was unceremoniously scrapped in 1966. That appeared to be the last chapter of the A1 story.

In 1990, a group of enthusiasts made a supremely optimistic decision. Accompanied, no doubt, by much ridicule from experts who knew better, they resolved to build a new full size A1 Pacific. Eighteen years later, they rolled out the 50th member of the A1 Class from their workshop in Darlington, England. The last of the LNER Pacifics had become the first new mainline steam locomotive built in the UK for 50 years. For the full story of this remarkable achievement, see www.a1trust.com

The new locomotive, christened "Tornado" after the RAF aircraft of the same name, is intended for 90mph operation on the main line. It has to comply with modern certification requirements, and is fitted with now compulsory electronic train control and monitoring equipment. Before starting main line trials, she has gone to the preserved Great Central Railway for preliminary running in, where the attached photographs were taken. She hauled her first public passenger train on 22nd September 2008.



The A1 is a very big loco.



New "Tornado" and old diesel in Loughborough shed.

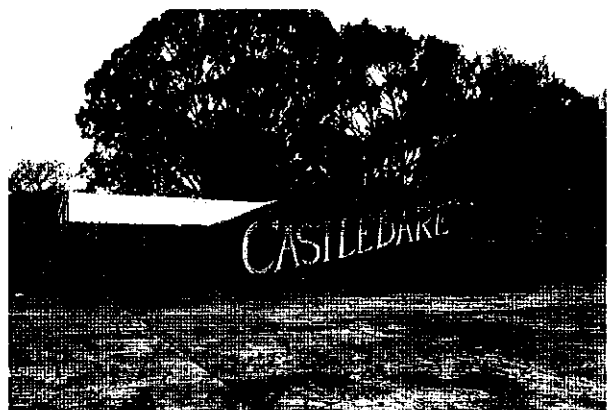


If only she was in steam!

Castledare Gallery



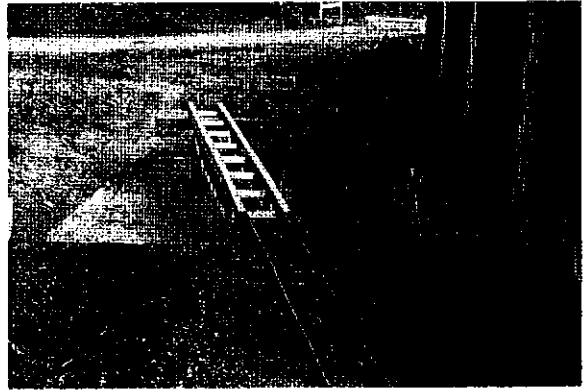
Mural in progress on the toilet block wall
(Photographer: T Stuart)



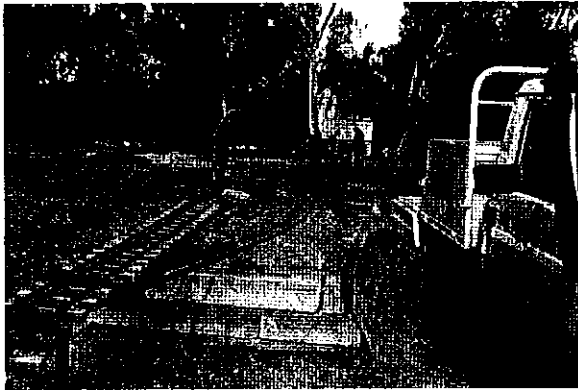
Completed mural
(Photographer: T Stuart)



Old hoist being removed
(Photographer: R Matthews)



New loading ramp works in progress
(Photographer: T Stuart)



Work on the dual gauge access ramp
(Photographer: T Stuart)



5" steaming bays taking shape
(Photographer: T Stuart)

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS

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