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Y Classes on the Sunshine MRC layout



Climax locomotive hauling narrow gauge stock

## Melton Model Railway Club's First Newsletter!

Welcome to the Melton Model Railway Club Inc's first ever Newsletter! Bare with me as I stumble through this first newsletter and hope to convey *some* information on the goings-on of the MMRC.

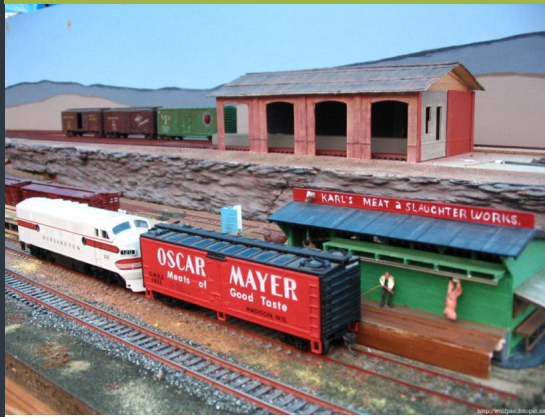
The MMRC Inc is a new and up-and-coming club, with a loyal membership base, with the majority of members based in the Melton Township, and surrounding towns around the Shire of Melton. Our President, Craig Kirkman is the main force behind the new club, first floating the idea of starting a new club on the Railpage™ internet forum. Members on the forum based in Melton and surrounds were quick to put their hands up to join the club.

Plans were quickly set in place to have a meeting setup to meet and greet the original, and ultimately, founding members of the MMRC.

From there, the MMRC has grown quickly, and we're now meeting every second Saturday at Noon. We're also very fortunate to have the use of the facilities of Ruby's Pizza Restaurant, in Melton South. Members meet here in comfortable surrounds, within earshot of the Melton railway line and Melton station. Come down and visit us and say hello!



R761 passing Melton Station



US FA loco posing at the meat packing plant

Members of the Melton Model Railway Club were invited to attend a “shake-down” running session on fellow MMRC member’s exhibition layout, tentatively called “Red River”. This layout is primarily a US outline layout, with US outline stock usually run on the layout.

There were a number of members in attendance on the day, with most pretty keen to have a go running the trains on the layout. As the layout is “dual wired” with DCC and DC, the US outline stock with DCC chips was running first.

Y and H posing for a photo opportunity



Later on, the layout was changed over to enable DC running with Adam’s Australian outline, DC locomotives. The session then ran with 2 Y classes (Y131 VR and Y137 V/Line), T357 (VR), H2 (VR)

Trains were shunted around, with the US rollingstock used in the shunting manoeuvres.

Much to the surprise of Adam, his poor little Y classes got quite a workout under the control of a certain member of the club! “I’ve never seen a Y class shunt so fast before!”...

Certainly standard low speed shunting practises went out the window!

## MMRC’s First Running Day – “Red River” Layout

A running session organised for the Melton Model Railway Club on the tentatively named “Red River” exhibition layout.

In all, it was a good day, and plenty of fun had, and a lot of running around, up down, left and right was done! The bi-level layout was certainly a new feature, and put a new spin on the shunting of cars around a layout.

“I’ve never seen a Y class shunt so fast before!”

A big thanks to Tony for allowing the MMRC access to the layout.

And a bigger thanks for the feast that was provided on the day!

Adam, Secretary, MMRC

0-8-0 switcher heads to the upper yard





**Above:** C Class power double heading a "Super Jet" on the SMRC layout



## Sunshine Model Railway Club Visit – 24-5-08

The Melton Model Railway Club was invited to attend a combined Working Bee / BBQ / Running Session day held at the Sunshine Model Railway Club's clubrooms.

Quite a number of MMRC members attended the day, as well as a number of SMRC members, to lend a hand to firstly tidy up the area surrounding joint St John's Ambulance and SMRC compound.

After the SMRC members were happy with the job done by all, the BBQ was wheeled out for Craig to cook up a storm with the sausages and burgers provided by the Melton South Butchers.

After a great meal, we moved on to have a semi-formal meeting, to discuss a few quick issues, such as: presentation of the new name badges complete with the MMRC's new logo, Treasurer's and President's Reports,

Finally, after the meeting was completed, and the BBQ cleaned up and put away, members moved into the SMRC's headquarters and layout room and set out to have a running session on the huge 70ft by 6 ft "dog bone" layout.

Motive power was provided in the form of 2 C Classes, 2 Y classes, a T and H, a British Rail 4F, a 0-6-0 tank loco and the Hogwarts Express.

The Hogwarts "Castle/Hall Class" loco was seen hauling huge trainloads up the incline on the southern end of the layout, while the 4F and 0-6-0 needed a little attention to get them up and going.

A very fun day, and a huge thanks goes to the SMRC, Trevor for organising the trip and the members of the MMRC for a job very well done!

### Harry Potter nearly misses the platform!

J.K. Rowling discovered after the books were published that she had confused the layout of King's Cross with that of Euston station, and that platforms 9 and 10 at King's Cross were not the ones she had meant for her magical platform to be placed between.

There is no platform between tracks 9 and 10 at King's Cross. To solve this, the film makers re-numbered platforms 4 and 5 for the duration of filming.

In reality, at both King's Cross and Euston, platforms 9 and 10 are separated by train tracks.

(Source: Wikipedia)



**Above Left:** C classes posing with the Hogwarts loco  
**Above Right:** Double heading Y Classes passing through the mountain range  
**Below Left:** The Hogwarts Express  
**Below Right:** A Double headed "Super Jet" rockets up the incline to the main line





## Upcoming Events:

- **Melton Model Railway Club Meeting:**

The next MMRC meeting will be held on **7 June 2008**

- **Casting/Airbrushing/BBQ Day - MMRC.**

MMRC Casting/Airbrushing/BBQ day, details, day and location to be confirmed. Watch this space for an announcement!

- **Model Railway Show:**

BRAYBROOK – VIC. August 9-10, 2008 held at Braybrook College Sport Stadium, Burke St, Braybrook. Open: 9.30am-5.30pm (Sat) & 9.30am-4pm (Sun). Admission: \$5/\$2/\$12. Enquiries: Ted (03) 9311 8389 or Joe (03) 3960 4125. Presented by Sunshine Model Railway Club Inc.

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