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*Adelaide Greyhound Park Exhibition*  
*All young eyes are drawn to Thomas and friends*  
*Isn't it a delight to see the wonderment in the face of this young man*

## Management Committee

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**Next Committee meeting 7:30pm Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2009**

### **Reminder to members :**

**Please put the DCC hand controls away after use rather than just resting them on a convenient stool, this will help to prevent them being broken by kissing the big flat rock under the layout.**

## SWAPMEET

**Friday 24th July 2009  
7:30 pm - 9:00 pm  
NMRI Clubrooms**

**24<sup>th</sup> July Swapmeet tables selling well -  
only a few left so be quick.**

**Numbers will be limited by available space. \$10 per 900 mm x  
750 mm table (supplied) or take advantage of the early bird  
discount, \$5 if paid in advance. Bookings [events@noarail.com](mailto:events@noarail.com)  
Strictly one person entry per table.**

### **Working Bee**

**15<sup>th</sup> August – clean old BBQ, tie-downs for open day swapmeet marquees, + other items  
TBA**

# End Of The Line Hobbies

## Your One Stop Hobby Shop

End Of The Line Hobbies is offering club members a 5% discount off all purchases. To be eligible you must be a current financial member and mention your club membership at the time of purchase. The club will receive the same amount as a voucher for use as we see fit. So you can help yourself and the club at the same time.

Delivery can be arranged anywhere in the world and orders may be placed in person at the shop, via e-mail, snail mail, phone or fax. There is a stock hold option and payments can be made by Visa Card, Master Card, EFTPOS and good old fashioned cash!

**Wednesday – Sunday 10:00 am – 4:30 pm**

**End Of The Line Hobbies**

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**Email [shop@endofthelinehobbies.com.au](mailto:shop@endofthelinehobbies.com.au)**

## Victor Harbor Display

**October Long Weekend**

**The Victor Harbor display over the October long weekend is a go ahead.**

**Full details as they become available.**

**Refreshment hall on the platform  
This looks like a good one, be there**

### **Open Day and Swapmeet**

**Sunday 8th November 2009**

**10:00 am – 1:00 pm**

**NMRI Clubrooms**

**Please notice that this is a Sunday event**

**Numbers will be limited by available space. \$20 per 1800 mm x 750 mm table (supplied) or take advantage of the early bird discount, \$10 if paid in advance. Bookings**

**[events@noarail.com](mailto:events@noarail.com)**

**Public entry at 10:00 am \$2**

## Review AN ALFY Wagon Kit BK504 by BGB Models.

My sample purchased on-line from the manufacturer, at [www.Oztion.com.au](http://www.Oztion.com.au), \$25.00, plus \$7.50 postage.

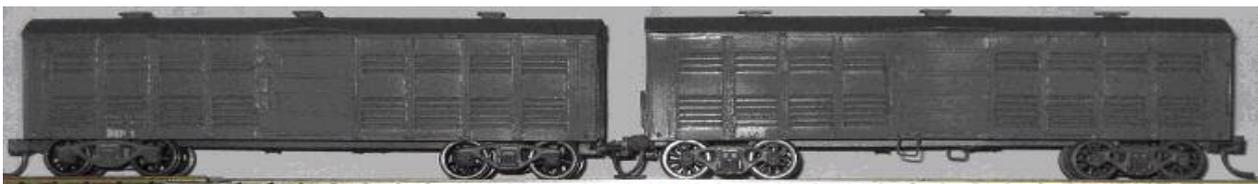
The AN ALFY wagons began their lives as SAR DRP vans in the late 1950s. There were just 25 of these vans in total. With the SAR these were strictly broad gauge wagons, but AN moved a few to standard gauge. They were small (36') vans but relatively new when displaced by containers and larger vans, in the late 1980s, and many were seconded to departmental service as tool vans, or were grounded. Most of these were recoded to AZLF, though other codes were used. A nice range of photos may be found at <http://norm333.photoblog.org.uk/c1160255.html>, with a few more at <http://www.noarail.com/members2/v/Allan/Prototype+photographs/Old+photos/ANR/AN+Goods/van/>.



*AZLF 9, Pt Augusta, mid-1990s.*

There are six main components in the kit – the sides and floor are polyurethane castings, and the roof is to be formed from a piece of venetian blind slat (included). Roof ventilators are to be made from pieces of styrene sheet (included) and the handbrake handle is a separate casting. Florists' wire is supplied for handrails. The decal sheet includes markings for only AN green wagons. Neither bogies nor couplers are included.

The instruction sheets are fresh, clear and explicit, except where bogie type is defined – few of these wagons would have been on Bettendorf bogies, and those would have had roller bearing packages installed (best guess is that the second assembly step 19 was simply not edited out...). The side and end castings are clean and without holes. And accurate. The length is correct, at 126mm over endframes, while the width is a fraction oversize. The floor is, well, spartan, reminiscent of the very first BGB kits from the 1980s: it cries out for more detail. It is also well over width, and will need to be sanded to size.



Those modellers who have been around for a while may well be surprised that this has been hyped as a “new kit”. Well, yes, you are right. The decals are new, but the patterns date back many years. This reviewer has built several copies of BK93 (AZLF) as SAR DRP vans over the years, all in polyester resin, but has one, unbuilt kit (in polyurethane) for comparison: the difference is about 1.5% in size...

The new kit is described as a limited edition, which, to your reviewer, means that the kit will remain in circulation until the supply of decals runs out! While the ALFY may be an interesting anachronism for modellers of the AN era, it is an important van for modellers of the SAR era. It is not difficult to adapt other BGB Models decals so that a DRP or DS wagon can be modelled, but it appears that few of these decals are presently available.

So, how can a DRP, DS or ALFY wagon be used on a model layout? Do bear in mind that these were among the last vans to be built with a “low” roof, so posed problems for forklift drivers. They were pooled with the D vans that were built in the 1920s. My guess is that until about 1980, these wagons were in general use, on interstate and intrastate goods trains, though, when required, wagons coded with a “P” or “S” suffix could be attached to passenger trains. Louvred vans were widely used as “take-out” vans on slow goods trains, so they would be marshaled immediately behind the locomotive(s): on branch lines a DWF four-wheeler would be much more likely wagon. After 1980, the use of these wagons on interstate services diminished rapidly, due to their small size and low roof, but they were useful for the remaining intrastate goods trains, where small size and incompatibility with modern forklifts was hardly a problem. In their last days the ALFYs were effectively service stock, and this was confirmed when they were recoded as AZLF wagons. A few still exist, but they rarely go anywhere. None have been preserved, yet.



*An SAR mixed freight on a layout at the Greyhound Park exhibition*

## July AMRM exhibition at Greyhound Park

The exhibition at Greyhound Park was very successful from the NMRI perspective. The crowds were very good, and Paradigm seemed to hold their attention very well. All members who attended are to be congratulated.



*The Overland pushes its way around the up as a Denver Rio Grande winds around the Down track*

*The crowd assembled, were very interested*



*The Indian Pacific on Paradigm*

**A Challenge --- 1/700 Scale**

*A french layout...yes, 1 to 700 scale, and it all works.  
The whole layout fits on a small coffee table.*



*A 4-6-0 sitting  
on a Humbrol  
tin.*

*Now this is clever  
modelling*



*I think Grumpy  
has been here*

**NMRI**



**CLASSIFIEDS**

***Wanted***

Anyone interested in sharing a cabin and expenses at Victor Harbor, on the October long weekend, please put your name on the appropriate sheet on the notice board at the clubrooms.

***For Sale***

**FREE to a good home**  
**Philips KR786 stereo 27" TV in good working order with remote, ideal for shack etc**  
**See Tony M**

***For Sale***

**DGTEC DH-2000A HDTV set top box + remote \$70**  
**See Tony M**

***For Sale***

**Adjustable TV wall bracket + Video/DVD/set top box shelf (same as at clubrooms)**  
**\$20 see Tony**

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

**Want a good fun morning on a Saturday ?**

**One of the necessities of a club like ours, is fund raising, and one of the best for us is the Saturday morning Sausage Sizzle at Morphett Vale**

**We need volunteers to help**  
**Speak to any committee member and they will point you down the right track**