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Frank Crossley's 4-6-6-4 on Paradigm at Victor Harbor

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Next Committee meeting 7:30pm Monday 2nd November 2009

AGM

The AGM will be held on Saturday 7th November 2.30 pm in the clubrooms.

These positions will be declared vacant:

PRESIDENT

TREASURER

TWO COMMITTEE MEMBERS

This is your chance to have a say in the running of the club. Nomination forms are available at the clubrooms. Please return them to the Secretary one week before the AGM (October 31st). Nominees must have been financial club members for at least six months. Only financial members may nominate others for positions and only financial members may vote.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Phillip Steer
Nicholas Bigg

Victor Harbor 3rd-5th October

Many thanks to all those who took part in the exhibition at the Victor Harbor railway station. This was a new endeavour which was received with much interest and many enquiries about the layout. We were a bit short of volunteers on Saturday but made up for this on Sunday and Monday. There were plenty of visitors and it was interesting to mix with the volunteers who run Steam Ranger. We may have the opportunity to participate in further exhibitions in the future.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Hub Tavern
Saturday 12th
December

Book now as
Tickets are limited

Thanks

On behalf of the club members the Committee would like to give sincere thanks for the support given by **End of Line Hobbies** who have not only supported various activities during the year but also donated prizes for a number of events.

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

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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, \$15 if paid in
advance.

Bookings events@noarail.com

Public entry at 10:00 am \$2

Reynella Fair

Sunday 29th November

**We will be there with our usual sausage
sizzle so all hands on deck**

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

**We need volunteers to help with
Saturday morning Sausage Sizzle
at Morphett Vale**

**Speak to any committee member
and they will point you down the
right track**

In Review: SAR CF Cattle Wagon Kit by Model Etch.

My samples purchased direct from the manufacturer <http://www.modeletch.com/> \$88.00.

A total of 100 of these little wagons was built in 1953 and 1954 by the SAR (compare this to the 200 C bogie cattle wagons built in 1928 and 1929). They were to be found across the broad gauge system, from Eastern Victoria to Pt Pirie, until wholesale withdrawal in late 1985, anywhere from the smallest unattended siding to major yards, often in company with their larger brothers, the C wagons, and the S and SF sheep wagons. (The S and SF wagons are already available as kits from Model Etch, and the C wagon is next on the production line.) The CF wagons could be found as isolated wagons in any ordinary broad gauge goods train in South Australia and, less often, in Victoria; in rakes that included C wagons in ordinary broad gauge goods trains in SA; in rakes of mostly VR M vans in Victoria; or in “extra” livestock trains in either state. As four wheeled wagons, they were not to be found in “fast” goods trains. In later years, more often than not, they were not loaded, being required at stock sales as a bargaining chip to be used to drive down the asking price from road transport operators...

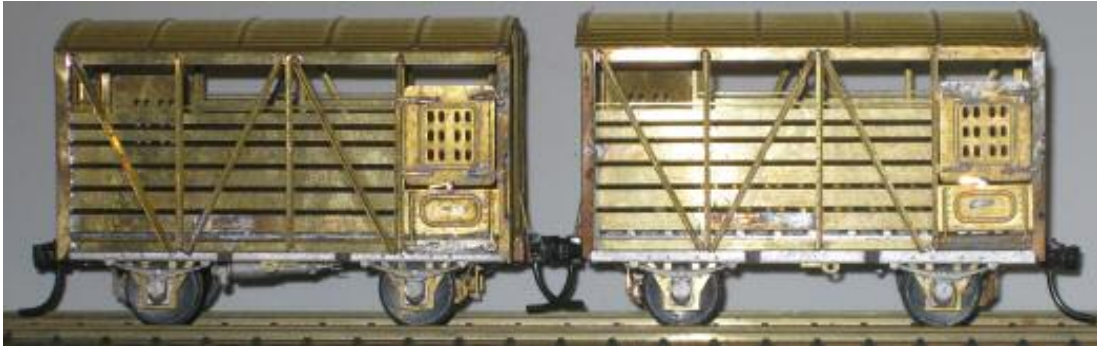
While designated “cattle wagons”, they could be loaded with other livestock of similar size, which really means horses, but it is possible that a few found use in circus trains too. As built, the CF wagons were painted in grey, probably the very dark grey (Humbrol M67) with black underframes, then repainted into the blue/grey (Humbrol M27) overall scheme, sometimes black below the underframe, that was applied until mid-1963, then into SAR light grey (Humbrol M64 plus a dash of white) until 1978, some received the ANR dull red paint, and some received AN green and gold from 1982: plenty of variety there! As is so often the case, there are few photographs to be found to confirm the colours, so regard the colour précis above as provisional. At least one example has been preserved; CF26 is at Port Dock, in faded blue-grey paint with black W-irons, springs and journal boxes.



CF26, preserved at the National Railway Museum, Port Dock Station.

In Review: SAR CF Cattle Wagon Kit by Model Etch.

Similar vehicles were to be found on standard and narrow gauge rails. The 14 SCZ standard gauge wagons are an obscure group, built new in the late 1960s, with roller bearings mounted in pedestals like the SGBZ and SLZ wagons. The SAR narrow gauge wagon fleet included 30 CFN cattle cars, built in 1944 and 1945: half of these were on the isolated Pt Lincoln division in the 1960s.



The kit is comprised of brass etchings, white metal castings, brass castings and some styrene strip. Wheelsets and decals are included, but not couplings. All is packed into a plastic bag: of note on the header card is the line “This kit requires minimal soldering experience and is a suitable entry level brass kit”. We’ll see...

OK, I’ve seen. I’m not a total mug with a soldering iron, and I’ve been a metal worker for thirty years. And I’ve assembled my first CF wagon. And I’ve learned a bit along the way. My second CF wagon was much better, *because* I’ve learned a bit along the way.

The instructions are good, but not good enough for an entry-level modeller, and the fit of parts is superb. I superglued all of the white metal components, as the alloy is very low melting point: don’t even think about touching them with a hot iron! Though I tried to assemble the first wagon with resin cored solder alone, it quickly became apparent that a better flux was required – so Baker’s it was. Just make sure that each sub-assembly is thoroughly washed as it is completed. In all, building these wagons was a satisfying experience, and I recommend it to others.

Alan Lees

Wanted

Articles from English, European, and Nth American modellers

Have you recently acquired a model, completed a kit, or have come across some interesting items? Put pen to paper, or fingers to the keyboard, and share the experience and joy of your modelling

See John Kelly, the editor for any help

Long Weekend at Victor Harbor



The Ghan gets a birdseye view of a centenary car consist

The admiring crowd 3 deep



Step from the SteamRanger straight to our display