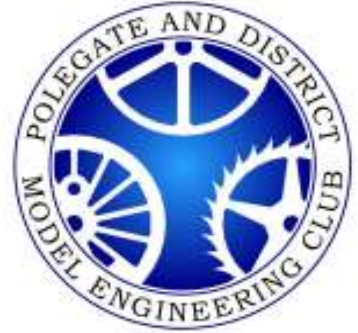


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Welcome to the spring edition of the PADMEC newsletter, sorry for it being later than intended, with my job changes, I have been delayed in getting on with newsletter once again. Hopefully the contents will be found of interest. Already as a club this year, we have had our stand on display at Brighton Model World for 3 days, been out with the portable track at Stone Cross Nurseries for 2 days and completed the first batch of boiler tests at the club track. Our next events over the first bank holiday weekend, Saturday 2nd May, Magnificent Motors, on Sunday 3rd May, Magnificent Motors and First run of the season at the Club Track and on 4th May a portable track event at Alfriston. Any members able to attend any of the above will be welcome. Many thanks to the Thursday Gang for their efforts in getting the club track and site ready for the new running season. **We look forward to support from all members with or without locomotives at your track this year. Please come down to your track at Polegate and enjoy yourself, running days are 1st & 3rd Sunday each month, May to October from 2pm Weather Permitting, see you there.** GE 04/09

Boiler Tests for 2009 running season start at club track

Boiler tests started 2nd weekend in April, there has been a change to the test regulations with a requirement for the pressure testing of the locomotive pressure gauge before steaming. Dave Newman has made various adaptors to enable the loco pressure gauge to be tested in the club test rig, we have also produced a suitable club certificate to be issued along with the steam test certificate to show to other clubs the test results. GE 04/09



George Dandy prepares Steve Danby's Sweet Pea for the steam test. The Loco passed the test and Steve intends to take the loco to this year's Sweet Pea Rally being held at the Sheffield track. GE 04/09



Dave Newman driving Harry Parry's 3.5 gauge Mona and testing the axle pump operation. Harry's Mona is also fitted with an injector which worked perfectly. Harry hopes to be attending the Romney Marsh MES open weekend with Mona. GE 04/09

New Club Secretary for PADMEC

We are pleased to advise that we now have a new club secretary, she is club member (Mrs) **Lin Ridley**. Derek Wait has been working with Lin to set up the changes and they are now all in place. We thank Lin for stepping in at short notice and trust that she will enjoy the role. If anyone needs to contact Lin, this can be done via the club web site:

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By phone: **01273 516423**

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Polegate & District MEC Christmas Dinner 2008

My apologies to Clare White for not including "Our Thanks" for her efforts in arranging the club Christmas dinner at the Lavender Line near Uckfield. The evening included a ride behind the line's diesel shunter with passengers in the guards van with a healthy fire in the stove, or if mad on the veranda, there were four brass monkeys among the club members. The Christmas dinner was up to the usual high standard with plenty of food and Roy and Hillary organised a very good raffle with excellent prizes. I think all who attended the evening very much enjoyed themselves and look forward to this years Christmas dinner. GE 04/09

Portable Track at Stone Cross Nurseries "Spring into Summer"

The club took part in the two day event at Stone Cross Nurseries 28 / 29 March, where we set up an extended portable track. The weather was cold and some showers on the Saturday and senior members who attended remarked that it reminded them of the early days of the club when at Pevensey when "the cold winds did blow" members were pleased to shelter out of the wind behind the fence at the station end. There was a great improvement on Sunday and we increased the number of rides given, with over 100 rides across the two days.

The club Simplex was in use both days and gave a faultless performance, those who attended were amazed at for the first time in many years the injector worked perfectly for the two days, we are not sure why, it may have been the water valve adjustments carried by Dave Newman over the winter or that the water in the tanks remained cold due to the cold weather.

The owner of Stone Cross Nurseries visited us throughout both days to ensure that we were OK and took a great interest in our running, thanks to all who supported the club at the event. GE 04/09



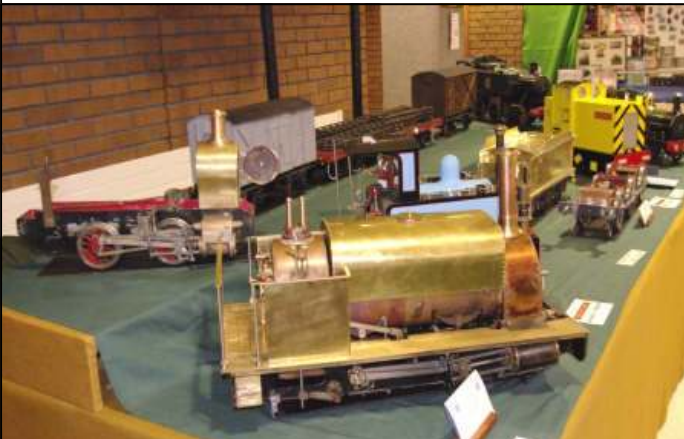
Here is me driving the club Simplex at Stone Cross on Saturday with my two grand daughters as passengers. GE 04/09



Keith Nicks pulls away from the station area, very pleased having used the injector. Keith was the driver to get caught in the showers during Saturdays running. GE 04/09

PADMEC at Brighton Model World February 2009

Padmec once again had a stand at this years Model World Show , we were well represented and our thanks go to all who supplied models for display and those who stewarded the stand over the 3 days. Below are photos of our stand and some others from the show. GE 04/09



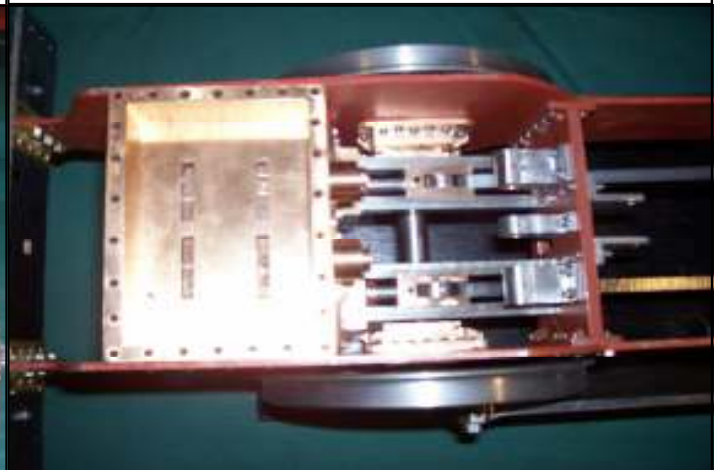
The Polegate & District MEC stand from the L/H side in the foreground is Dave Newman's 5" Narrow Gauge Hunslet "Alice Class" to the Don Young design



View from the R/H end of the stand showing the late John Masters' METRO (on loan to the club) Keith Nicks' SPEEDY and Brian Chessell's Battery Electric Loco



Another Don Young design a 5" Gauge POM POM . The photo does not do justice to the quality of the work which has been carried by Roy Gunn.



A closer view of Roy Gunn's 5" gauge POM POM showing the cylinders and motion so far, Hopefully we will get to see this loco running at our Polegate track .



Richard Brown was displaying his American N gauge layout (which was featured in our news letter some time ago when out at the Highfield School Eastbourne show). The layout was to prove to be very popular with many children watching and enjoying the action.



From the Sutton MEC stand; a fine example of a London Brighton South Coast 4-4-2 Atlantic, "North Foreland" finished in Southern Railway livery. The G1 loco is coal fired and to the Barrett Engineering design. Photos by D Newman and G Evans 04/09

Members Boiler Test Log Dates marked "E" tests have expired

			PADMEC BOILER TESTS		Complied by D Newman		EXPIRY DATE
NAME	MODEL	GAUGE	HYD TEST DATE	EXPIRY DATE	STM TEST DATE		
T. PETTITT	BURRELL	3inch scale	18/03/06	17/03/10	13/08/08		12/10/09
D. NEWMAN	BRITANNIA	5inch gauge	12/04/06	11/04/10	19/07/08		18/09/09
R. BROWN	SIMPLEX	5inch gauge	25/04/06	24/04/10	05/06/08		04/08/09
R. BROWN	SIMPLEX	5inch gauge	25/04/06	24/04/10	05/06/08		04/08/09
PADMEC	SIMPLEX	5inch gauge	11/08/07	10/08/11	20/04/08		19/06/09
K. NICKS	SPEEDY	5inch gauge	09/05/06	08/05/10	19/07/08		18/09/09
K. NICKS	ENTERPRISE	5inch gauge	09/05/06	08/05/10	13/08/08		12/10/09
R. GUNN	P Class	5inch gauge	18/05/06	17/05/10	10/05/08		09/05/09
D.WAIT	POLLY	5inch gauge	07/06/06	06/06/10	28/08/08		27/10/09
J LLEWELLYN	ATLANTIC	2.5inch gauge	24/08/06	23/08/10	28/08/08		27/10/09
J LLEWELLYN	GLADSTONE	3.5inch gauge	24/08/06	23/08/10	28/08/08		27/10/09
PADMEC	METRO	5inch gauge	31/08/06	30/08/10	13/08/00		12/10/09
H PARRY	MASIE	3.5inch gauge	31/08/06	30/08/10	11/04/09		10/04/10
S DANBY	SWEET PEA	5inch gauge	14/04/07	13/04/11	11/04/09		10/04/10
R ARCHER	SWEET PEA	5inch gauge	10/05/07	09/05/11	19/07/08		18/09/09
J HOAD	S15	3.5inch gauge	09/06/07	08/06/11	09/06/07		08/08/2008 E
		7.25inch					
J ROTTIER	TOM ROLT	gauge	04/01/06	03/01/10	22/06/07		22/08/2008 E
DARREL							
WAIT	GEMMA	5inch gauge	19/07/07	18/07/11	28/08/08		27/10/09
J ROTTIER	TOM ROLT	5inch gauge	11/08/07	10/08/11	11/08/07		10/10/2008 E
		7.25inch					
J ROTTIER	DART	gauge	11/08/07	10/08/11	11/08/07		10/10/2008 E
PADMEC	SWEET PEA	5inch gauge	11/08/07	10/08/11	13/08/08		12/10/09
T GOSDEN	T2 NETTA	5inch gauge	14/08/07	13/08/11			
J LLE-							
WELLYN	DYAK	2.5inch gauge	08/09/07	07/09/11	08/09/07		07/11/2008 E
J HOAD	VERT BOILER	6 inch dia	09/02/08	08/02/12	18/10/08		17/12/09
G DANBY	SUPER SIMPLEX	5inch gauge	19/10/06	18/10/10	10/05/08		09/07/09
S DANBY	B1	5inch gauge	22/04/07	21/04/11	10/05/08		09/07/09
J LLEWELLYN	FAYETTE	2.5inch gauge	19/07/08	18/07/12	19/07/08		18/09/09
G EVANS	BETTY	3.5inch gauge	19/07/08	18/07/12	19/07/08		18/09/09
G EVANS	RUBY	5inch gauge	13/08/08	12/08/12			

Lecture Programme for remaining club nights 2009

- May 8th** "Developments of modern steam locomotives" Mike Wheelwright
- June 12th** "The History of the G.W.R. Society & the Didcot Rail Centre" David Candy
- July 10th** "Express locomotives of the Big Four" Clive Groom
- August 14th** "Work on Table + Videos" It's up to members to make a success of the evening
- September 11th** "Blarney to Belfast" John Burling
- October 9th** "Black Sea discoveries": Trams and trolley buses in the Ukraine, John Bishop
- November 13th** **A.G.M.** make a note in your diary
- December 11th** "The History of Lighting" Dr Maureen Dillon

David Pratt would be pleased to receive suggestions for future speakers, please contact David on 01323 645872 or via the club Secretary (Mrs) Lin Ridley 01273 516423.