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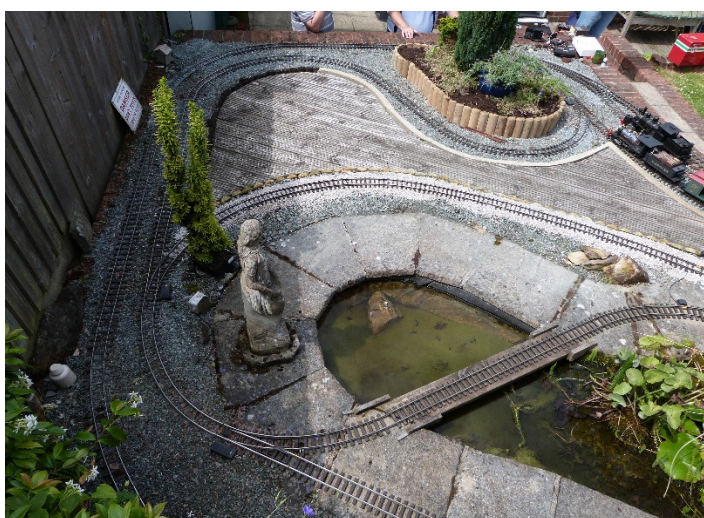
Report on the LnER open day on Sunday 1st July Martin Piper

Reports on Garden open days this year following the first new letter No 1 – The 1st July LnER US Independence Day at Eynsford, Kent with Martin Piper's American themed Garden Railway where members ran both Analogue & DCC. All attending including G Scale Chairman Stephen Watts had a good day running trains and looking at what Martin has designed in his garden both track-wise and also on the technical front with his polarity changing electronics circuitry to run trains in all directions without the trains stopping on any section of his garden layout. Also many thanks to Martin's wife Julie for the tea and refreshments.



Two large American steam trains entering the loop section

Martin's garden railway is a great example to anyone with limited space to use that you can fit a lot into a small area. The loops running round a pond giving him a large amount of track and with the design of the polarity reversing circuitry making it easy to run trains in any directions without any problem concerning short circuits to the system.



Martin's loops around the pond gaining track length in the process



Wooden Tarsal Bridge with right-hand loop



Two trains using the Left hand loop and the lower track running off to the left to the Wooden tarsal bridge constructed by Martin and work shop plus office with the right-hand loop running trains back to complete the route.

THIS IS HOW TO RUN AN OPEN DAY

Carol again this year has made the garden open day a day to remember she has organised the day around a charity and has made the effort to invite people to attend and ensured that all attending had drinks and food with assistance from her son (Great food and drink). Richard's garden railway again this year was ready for members to run trains and enjoy the company of others interested in this hobby.

Report on the Lichfield Halt open day on Sunday 9th July by Kent members Carol & Richards

This open Day held at the home of Richard and Carol was in support of the Autistic Trust and also to support the Kent G Scale groups open days. Again a well organised day with refreshments and lots of supporters and friends attending and going by the previous open days Carol and Richard have organised with great success. Richard and Carol's garden layout has not changed but speaking to them plans are in the pipe line to make some changes but again as many members Richard and Carol have made great use of the garden space with easy access for preparing trains ready to run, some pictures below demonstrates this again well prepared garden railway.



Carol and Richard conducting the charity raffle and ensuring that all attending had a great day



What do mean the train cannot go yet? And you're in control



A great layout with lots of track and siding and a raised section to prepare your trains this layout has some nice quirky sections running around the garden and by the way the food and drink is great as you can see from the photo, Richard and Carol go to great efforts to make the day enjoyable a must go to day.



Come on one more will not hurt and yes we have raised over £500 for our charity



Get those trains ready - all set up in the sidings at Lichfield Halt

Sunday 23rd July Hayes Valley Railroad

American Railroad with Till Dusk illuminations

Bromley, Kent 2pm onwards

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USA is the game and Jason has a large number of attractions such as telephones that you can operate and a Doctor Who police box. Jason at these open days does a great amount of work for charity so bring some money along

Report

A great day that saw Jason raising money for his hospice charity which again was well attended by friends and local people. Jason's days are well worth a visit.

Saturday 19th August Pinewood Railway

Sevenoaks

1pm until 6pm Martin Cook

01732 452706



A great track to run trains long straights from the top to the bottom of the garden with lots of sidings to park up your trains and raised section to get your trains ready to run. Unfortunately a poor showing from Kent G Scale members with only 3 attending. Our members should make some effort to attend as in most cases it takes a lot of planning and time for the organisers. In this case Martin has a large number of family and friends that make his and Elizabeth's open days a great day out. Model-making below by Elizabeth





Martin has been renewing some sections of his railway with a new pond above and a new stabling road and area to prepare trains and rolling stock



In this photo you can see Elizabeth's buildings and Martins new sidings with rodding and small ground operated levers to control the points in this area.

Wednesday 30th August Maplecross Railway in remembrance of Paul Newman

Skivers Day - For those who can skive-off work or those who do not need to!!! Chatham, Kent

MTS, Battery or Live Steam

1pm until 6pm Jeff Fray 01634 819521

Report on the day RAIN STOPPED PLAY

RAIN so all persons attending had a chat with tea and scones, too wet to run trains

Saturday 2nd September Hayes Valley Railroad

American Railroad with Till Dusk illuminations

Bromley, Kent 2pm onwards [jjwayle\(at\)googlemail.co.uk](mailto:jjwayle(at)googlemail.co.uk)

The last outdoor event of the season was held on Saturday 2 September in Jason Workman's garden. This was Jason's third event of the year and as usual there was a good and varied turnout of visitors. The afternoon was in support of St Christopher's Hospice. Again disappointingly only 3 Kent members attended.

The garden is a colourful mix of railways and telephone equipment and on the railway front Jason and Ruby have added a fire train along with a building that catches fire to be put out from the train. This is achieved by an LGB tank, mounted on a bogie flat, which provides the water supply and this has a hose connection to a box van with roof mounted jets. Both vehicles are painted a suitable red. The jets on the box van are remote controlled by the train operator and fortunately the day was sufficiently warm for visitors not to mind being sprayed instead of the building!





KENT G SCALE Autumn Meeting – Sunday 8th October – Pratts Bottom Village Hall

To all present and past members we are holding a winter meeting at Pratts Bottom village hall address below and we are looking for help from members. Please reply on this email so I can inform Martin Cook

If not just come along with some locos and rolling stock and run them on the groups GER track. Chalk Garden Rail will be at the meeting with new and secondhand items. Refreshments available.

Pratts Bottom Orpington Kent BR6 7PB (3 minutes from junctions 4 M25).

Member's ideas

Richard and Carol members based in Canterbury

1) Richard idea

For those of you that have electric points in the garden and like most of us remove them during the winter having to get down disconnect the wiring and small fixing screws.

Richard has covered the top of all his electric Points with water proof tape covering both the motor and electrical contacts.

2) Roy from Herne Bay

Members with MTS with problems concerning Ariel's

For those who have to put the Ariel receiver unit outside, Roy has placed his unit inside the shed and has drilled a small hole and placed the Ariel through the hole leaving the electrical unit inside out of the weather. A great idea Roy

SO PLEASE, PLEASE ,PLEASE, if you haven't managed to attend an event this year come to Pratts Bottom and look out for next year's open afternoon dates. They are great but need your support.