

MEMBERS' DIARY

Date	Details	Venue
Thur 7 Apr 1994	David Wilson-Subject to be confirmed	Conference Room, S'lee
Tue 12 Apr 1994	SITA Subject/Speaker to be confirmed	City Halls ^{doorP} Albion St ^{Glasgow}
30 Apr, 1&2 Spring Fling featuring clowns, puppet-May 10am-5pm shows, magicians, etc... Summerlee		
Thur 5 May 1994	Members' Video 7.30 Night 1994	Conference Room, S'lee
Tue 10 May 1994	SITA Subject/Speaker to be confirmed	City Halls ^{doorP} Albion St ^{Glasgow}
Sun 15 May 1994	Wolseley Car Rally - including driving tests displays & autojumble	S'lee
Sun 19 June 1994	Farming's Golden Years - old & new 10am - 5pm farming machinery & livestock	S'lee
Sun 26 June 1994	Historic Vehicle Festival - over 150 vehicles + kids entertainment	S'lee
Sat 2 July 1994	Strathclyde's Buses 1994 Depot Open Day	Knightwood Depot, Glasgow
2 - 10 July 1994	Summerlee Circus Week - learn circus skills - for kids of all ages!	S'lee
Sun 17 July 1994	Tram Sunday	Fleetwood
20/21 Aug 1994	Grand Steam Fair - lots of steaming exhibits + kids entertainment	S'lee

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SUPPLYING A STEADY CURRENT OF NEWS FROM SUMMERLEE'S LIVE WIRE

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Trolley No. 10

Any news, articles, additions, corrections, letters, sales items etc for "Trolley" No. 10 must be with the editor

the Members Mail Box) no later than the end of March.

The cover photograph shows Glasgow cars 22 followed by 1282 at the National tramway Museum, Crich. The futures of such classics in tramcar restoration are discussed by Jim Wilson in 'Tramways The Next Generation' on page 7

EDITOR'S NOTE

Welcome to *Trolley* No 9. I trust all readers had a happy Christmas and wish you all a prosperous 1994.

NEWS

OPERATIONS

The service throughout the winter has been provided by both 225 and 9062, 9062 being the warmer car favoured by the motormen, but not always being available for service, and 225 being the car operated by the Park's "guides".

TRAMCARS

Lanarkshire 53 The second destination box has been fitted to this car and only a few cosmetic finishing touches are outstanding, including application of appropriate lettering, final varnish coats, brass fittings on bulkhead windows and fare boxes. Also, some adjustments are required to the electric braking system. It is expected that 53 will at long last be in service later this year.

Readers should watch out for 53 in the forthcoming BBC Scotland TV series "The Vital Spark" as mentioned in *Trolley* No 8.

Graz 225 was adorned with its usual Christmas 'decorations' over the festive period.

Glasgow 1017 is progressing at a tremendous rate. The concave panels are now completed and the paintwork is beginning on these. The platforms are also progressing well and dash windows should be in place in the near future.

Bruxelles 9062 has seen limited service during the winter months due to problems with the doors' electric

system. This has now been virtually rectified but there are now some problems with braking system of this car which is being repaired - the workshop staff have been kept very busy!

TRAMRAIL

Readers may be aware the recent purchase of approx 50 tonnes of second-hand tramrail from Barrhead Main Street. Once it is established what rail is usable is expected that we will have over 1000 yards of complete track. This was only uncovered when Barrhead Main Street was being re-tarred and was just saved from going to the scrap merchant by a lot of delicate negotiations. It is now stacked between the depot fan and the railway track and will be used for the eventual extension of the tramway to the bottom of Heritage Way at West Canal Street.

TRUCKS & ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT

We are purchasing one set of running gear suitable for 1017 from Lisbon. With this being a narrow gauge system an agreement has been reached to swap certain parts for standard gauge ones with another museum. It is expected that the Truck will be in the country sometime in March. SITA is also purchasing a similar truck for 1016 with similar changes. This order is part of a bulk purchase by various Tramway and Heritage Museums in the UK which is being handled by the Tramway Museum Society in Crich.

SITE CONSTRUCTION

There are no major projects being undertaken at the present moment as we near the end of the financial year and await fresh funding for further projects in April.

RAILWAY

The small diesel engine is continuing to have its engine overhauled.

NEW EXHIBITS

The coal mine should be now open to the general public and is certainly worth a visit. Groups are taken down six at a time by visitor services staff and given a very interesting and informative talk on the mine which lasts approximately 10-15 minutes - certainly worth a visit.

The Ironworks Gallery will have its usual variety of visiting displays during 1994 and further details can be obtained direct from Summerlee.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership renewal forms for the year 1994 have been issued and members are asked to renew as soon as possible.

MIDWEEK MOTORMAN DUTIES

If any qualified Motorman (or any trainee authorised to control the cars on his own) has any spare time during the week, whether regularly or not, their help is greatly needed to operate the midweek service (especially on school holidays). Please check the Staffing Diary in the Operations Filing Cabinet in the depot to see if there are any day(s) that would suit you. Please see an instructor for more details and a refresher course (if required).

APPEAL FOR LOANS

With the heavy expenditure of the recent purchase of approx 50 tonnes of tramrail and the impending purchase of trucks and equipment from Portugal and the associated transportation costs the Group's funds have been severely depleted. The Group would welcome any loans that any member is able to give. Any amount, no

matter how small, would be greatly appreciated. For further information please contact The Treasurer, Mr R N Sutherland.

Members should note that there is now a donations section on the membership renewal form and any donation would be gratefully received.

MOTORSCHOOL

There are plans to hold a motorschool for the Trusts' Visitor Services 'guides' to enable as many as possible to be able to operate the cars. A number have already been trained.

MEMBERS' LIBRARY

Is being installed in a suitable location in the depot and further details of the library and what it has to offer will be given once the library is up and running.

MEETINGS 1994

There are two meetings remaining for the 1993/4 season. The first, in April, is the return of the popular Lancashire lad David Wilson with one of his usual interesting and informative shows (subject to be confirmed). The second, in May, is the ever popular Members Video Night where members have a chance to show off their latest purchases and home made transport videos. Showing time for each video will be limited depending on the number of videos brought to be shown. Dates of meetings are given, in the members diary, on the back cover.

Members are also welcome to attend meetings of *The Scottish International Tramway Association* which are held in the City Halls, Candleriggs, Glasgow (enter by door F in Albion St.). Their meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month and dates and details of all the meetings are given, as usual, on the back cover.

SPECIAL EVENTS 1994

Both the Tram and Stalls are expected to be very busy during the various special events during 1994. Help is needed on the Trams, and at the sales stalls in the depot and in the main hall. Further details and notices will be posted later. Group members also helped man the first SITA stall at the ever popular Model Rail Show which was obtained only at very short notice.



The picture above shows the well stocked sales stand that the group has in association with SITA. It attends most events at Summerlee during the year and at various outdoor events.

MUSEUM REPORT

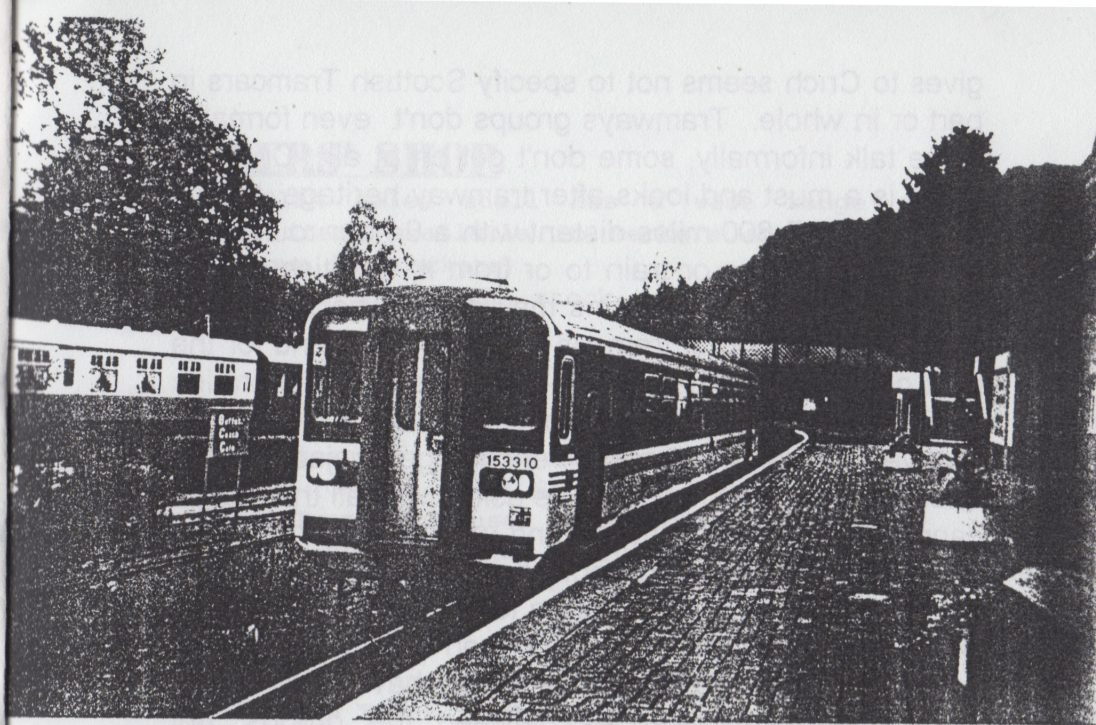
CONWY VALLEY RAILWAY MUSEUM by the Editor

A small railway museum set in the beautiful Conwy Valley in North Wales. It has a miniature passenger carrying railway which covers the whole area of the site, which is set on an old railway goods yard next to Betws-y-Coed railway station which is served by Regional Railways, North West. There are both steam and diesel engines that are used to pull 'sit-astride' carriages - which could even hold the editor! There is an indoor museum with various displays concerning local railways in the past and some superb model railway layouts, all which work with the touch of a button. Inside some railway wagons outside is a tearoom and some larger model railway layouts (LGB etc). The main attraction, in my opinion is the 15 inch gauge Tramway which runs for half a mile into a scenic woodland. It is operated by one car, a 14 seater 8-wheel single decker. It is fitted with motors from a lawnmower and controllers from an overhead crane. It is worked by plugging into the domestic electricity supply! It is a private museum, with a well-stocked shop, run as a profit making business. There are however enthusiasts who work there. The museum is open daily from Easter to October and there is a small admission charge plus tram and train fares.

GETTING THERE:-

The museum is located off the A5 and signposted within Betws-y-coed. The village is just shortly off the A470 Llandudno to Ffestiniog road.

If you have recently visited a museum which you think may interest readers please drop a short report to the editor at the address shown inside the front cover.



Picture above shows Regional Railways Class 153 DMU Sprinter at Betws-y-coed station next to the Museum

TRAMWAYS THE NEXT GENERATION J Wilson

Generations grew up with the trams and went for hurls on them, and when they left the streets enthusiasts looked after them. "What's a tramcar Grandpa, can I go for hurls on them, and when I'm big I'll help too!", well what will he find? - well a number of Tramway groups, 3-4 actively restore trams in Scotland with 4 trams under restoration in different parts of Scotland and 4 running trams, one of which is in store. with only one operational tramway in Scotland and one planned, this leaves one group which seems to help to preserve trams in Crich, England with some help to the Glasgow Transport Museum, but don't seem to be involved in any Scottish restoration this side of the border. The money which it

gives to Crich seems not to specify Scottish Tramcars in part or in whole. Tramways groups don't even formally, some talk informally, some don't get on at all. Crich for trams is a must and looks after tramway heritage, but for Scots being 7-800 miles distant with a 8 hour round trip, with no direct bus or train to or from it, Scottish groups who are interested in Trams may as well be in another galaxy! The world of trams is almost a lost world for the next generation. The best hope for the next generation of Tramway Scots and other people who become involved in tramways must encourage projects within Scotland. the question must be asked why all the groups cannot find common ground and work together. Money divided equally between Scottish projects and Crich, and not just money, this would bring to a new generation that would not of become involved or even known about Crich without Scottish projects. There may have been in the past, historical differences between the groups, but tramway must not suffer because of this. So common ground must be found, and bridges built. we already have some common ground, our love of trams, is that not a start? One sobering thought that you might of forgotten about - they will be here long after we are not and how are we going to run and look after them in the Twenty-First century. Ask yourself one question - "Can we find common ground with them?" I for one would be more than willing to listen - are you?

COMING NEXT ISSUE

As well as all the usual news of happenings at Summerlee, Trolley No.10 will feature:

Review of the 1993/4 season of meetings
Tramway Restoration in North Wales (held off from this issue)

MEMBERS' SHOP

The STG/SITA sales stall has a wide range of transport items available to members at discount rates (shown in brackets).

Some new editions to the stock are highlighted in **BOLD**

BOOKS

Lanarkshire's Trams (A.Brotchie) £9.95 (£8.50)
Edinburgh Transport (1) (DLG Hunter) £10.50 (8.50)
Shooglies 2 (George Lane) £5.25 (£4.50)
Stirling's Trams and Buses (A.Brotchie) £6.95 (£6)
Fife's trams and Buses (A. Brotchie) £7.95 (£7)
plus a wide range of tram, bus and train books

VIDEOS

Online Glasgow Trams (Part 2) £21 (£15)
Online Glasgow Trams (Part 1) £21 (£15)
Online Edinburgh Trams £21 (£15)
Online Glasgow Underground £17.50 (£15)
Stable Glasgow Subway £10.95 (£10)

MODELS

Various Tramcar and Bus Models from Corgi, EFE etc
Tramcar Kits and Accessories also stocked.

TICKET MACHINES

Glasgow Corp TIM's £20 (£5) GCT Cash Bags £15 (£5)
Almex, Setright, Ultimate Machines, GG Ultimate
Ticket Rolls, Old Timetables (England & Scotland)
- details on request

The full range of sales items can be viewed and purchased (subject to availability) from the sales stand in the depot on most Sundays and selected items are usually available at the Thursday night meetings.

Alternatively items can be purchased by post through the Trolley editor (address shown inside front cover). **If ordering by post please include a suitable amount for postage and packaging.**