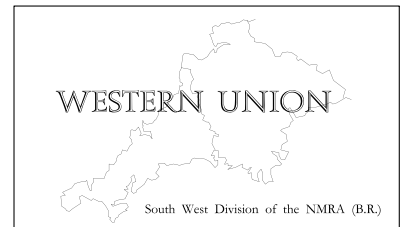


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Anson Yard at the Plymouth Model Railway Exhibition

First off, please note that the September meeting has changed from the 16th to the 23rd, due to problems getting the whole layout to the meeting on that date.

The Western Union has taken its first layout to an exhibition. We took the 32 foot long Anson Yard to the Plymouth Exhibition on the August weekend of the 12th and 13th.

Apart from a few minor glitches the layout ran well, showing off our modeling to the public. We had lots of interest, especially running 100% sound equipped locos. DCC was also a major source of interest amongst the public, especially as we were the only layout using it at the show. The new working signals, plus all the details added by Steve, Rob and Brian also made the layout look really good.

The layout ran to a schedule showing off several types of trains along with switching and pusher service.

The show allowed us to publicize our meetings, and we may have gained several members from our outing. Added to those who joined recently, this is a good trend.

We hope that we may be able to take a longer layout next year, and had interest from

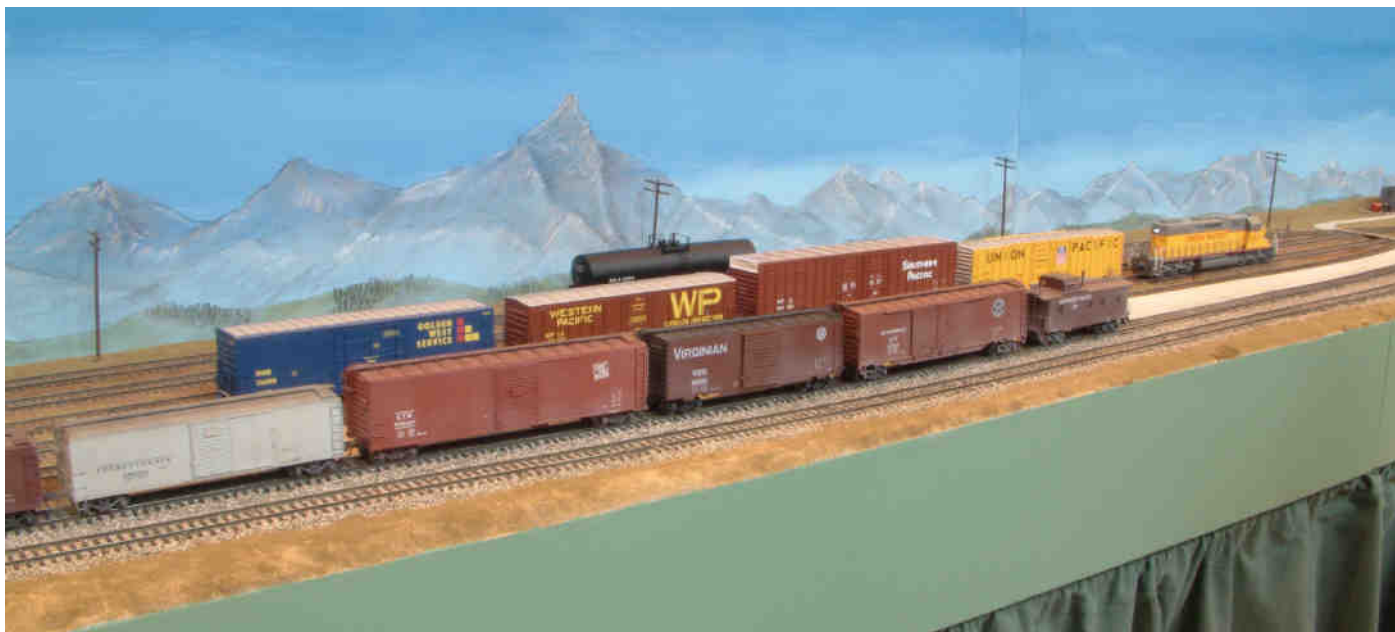
several other local exhibition managers to show the layout.

I'd like to thank those who helped out at the exhibition.

It appears that the increase in rent (and therefore costs to members) has caused several to stop attending. Hopefully the new members will stop any further increases from being necessary.



Interested viewers watch Anson at the exhibition.



Switching takes place during the exhibition, note the great looking mountains.

Meetings for 2006 are:

September 23th
(NOTE Change)

October 21st
November 18th
December 16th

Costs (Tea/coffee inc.)-
£6 per person
£3 under 16's

With more people running on the layout at our monthly meetings, and the success of using a dispatcher (with computer) at the exhibition, we are considering using a similar system to give every one a fair amount of running, and control movements to and from the yards for switching. The computer now allows very easy setting up of routes with a few mouse clicks.

We are still discussing new types of boards, an interesting suggestion

is to build a junction to replace one of the corners, and then connect it to either single track boards or the new doubled sided board idea. This would give us both continuous running and a single track branch.

A greater choice of board types will hopefully persuade more members to build boards and make the layout larger with more variety of boards.

Other layouts sometimes attend, and if you have one you would like to bring please contact me to ensure there is space.

For those who bring boards for the HO modular layout. If you cannot bring your boards can you please let me know with as much notice as possible so we can work out what others need to bring.

Directions to Hilltop:

If traveling from Tavistock take the turn off after the Crownhill flyover, go through the shops, keep in the lefthand lane over the flyover, taking the left which turns you back towards Tavistock. Keep left off the main road:-

If traveling from the A38 turn off at the junction for Tavistock and follow the Tavistock route around the roundabout. Take the left immediately after passing under the next flyover:-

Take the right lane onto the roundabout, take the second exit onto Budshead Road. At the next roundabout turn right on to Tamerton Foliot Road, follow this road down to Tamerton Foliot up into the village on Fore Street. Go straight across all the mini roundabouts, when you reach the top of the hill follow the road to the left, then turn right into Linton Close. The community centre is right in front of you on the left side of the road. We use the large room immediately left after entering the building.

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