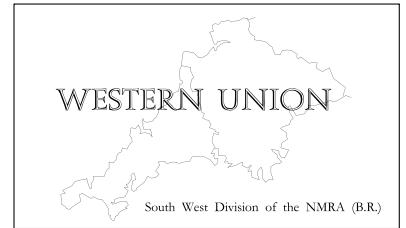


# NMRA Western Union Newsletter No9



During the November meeting we tried out Peter's waybill and card system, which worked well. This gives cars actual destinations, which means they don't just get pushed in and out of sidings, but have a place or train to go to. We will probably continue to refine this method of operation as it gives us proper

British module" or go to single track modules, as per Fremo, or our own double-sided idea.

At the moment we appear to be split on the way to go, further discussions will decide our direction. In the mean time we will be taking a longer version of Anson, about 44' to the 2007 Plymouth



## **A helper awaits the next pushing job at Anson Yard helper spur. A local freight waits in the yard behind**

operation on the layout, keeping two or more crews occupied. On the current layout this allows two places for switching to take place, with the expansion of Anson and possibly moving 11th Avenue to the other side or on a branch we may increase this and so be able to support more crews. As operations start to conflict with continuous running we will have to have a dispatcher to coordinate operation of the layout, this should also make the layout more interesting to run.

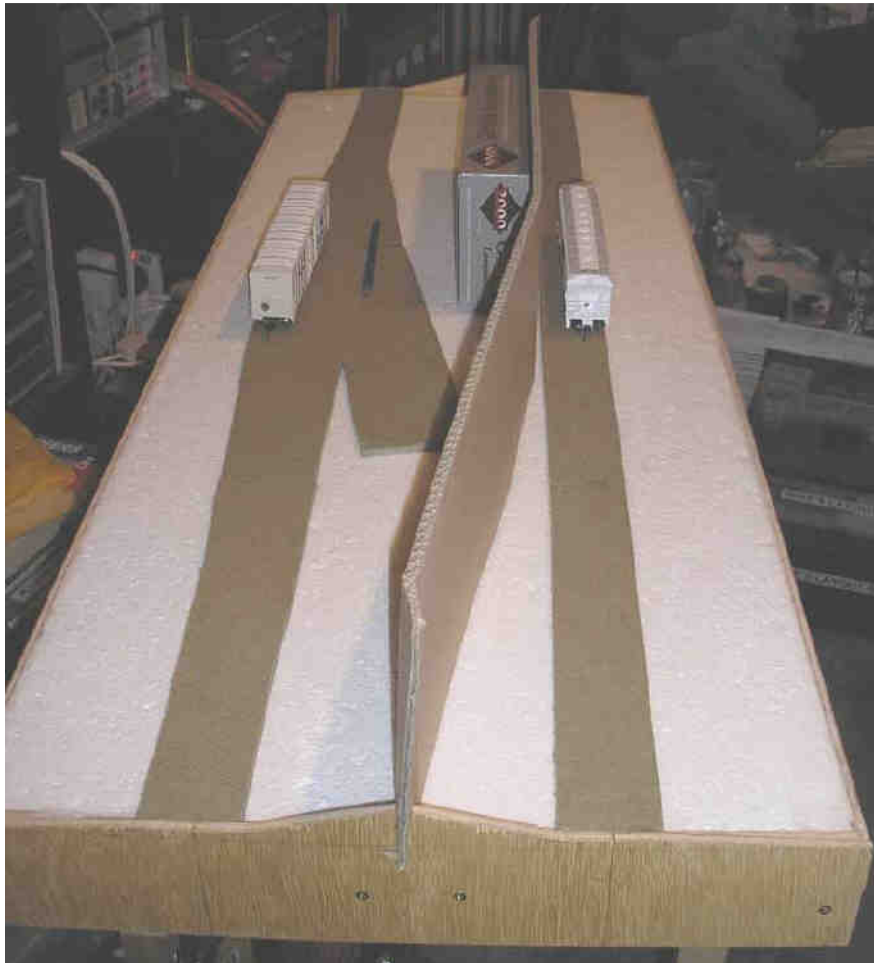
There have been discussions on the future of our layout and whether to change it in the future. the main options are to continue with the current "standard

Exhibition in August. So the three new boards need to be finished. The extension will allow us to run up to half mile long trains and far more switching operations.

The 2007 meeting dates have now been booked so check the end of the newsletter for them. For now we are staying at Hilltop, this years rent rise is, I've been told, going to be much lower than last years large rise.

If we get large enough we may consider moving to larger premises in the future. This would cost us more, so we would need the attendance to be able to afford it.

I hope you all have a happy Christmas and New Year, with a chance at getting some modelling in.



**A prototype double sided board**

**Meetings Dates for 2007 are:**

January 13th  
February 10th  
March 10th  
April 14th  
May 12th  
June 9th  
July 14th  
August 11th  
September 8th  
October 13st  
November 17th  
December 15th

**Plymouth Exhibition 18th/  
19th August**

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

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 leftside of the road. We use the large room immediately left after entering the building.

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