

009 Dutch news



Newsletter no. 14 of the Dutch 009 Group – January 2022

It has been too long since we published a newsletter. To some extent that was due to the lack of mutual contact between our members. Nearly all exhibitions were either cancelled or only allowed under the strictest measures, which undoubtedly had an impact on many of us. One of the victims was the exhibition we enthusiastically planned in the Katwijk (Valkenburg) narrow gauge museum. This was cancelled due to confusion over the conditions under which it would have been allowed. In response I arranged a meeting at my home, which was attended by several people and received very well.



photo - Ted Polet



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Left: September 2021 meeting. Right: regional meeting of November 2021.

After our Health Minister suddenly decided to impose new restrictions on society in November, we arranged the first of what I hope will be a regular series of regional meetings, once again in my home. This was attended by three members and proved another success. Let us hope that soon society will return to some measure of normalcy and the lockdowns will be a thing of the past.

Finally, another announcement – for the moment I have taken over the newsletter from Lucien, who for personal reasons had to withdraw for some time, I hope temporarily. For the moment I'm planning a quarterly newsletter. The newsletters tended to become too long in the past, so I decided to just write an introduction here to each project article published in parallel in the project pages.

Finally, Ruud Wittekoek sent a link about interesting industrial narrow gauge in Germany.

<https://www.buntbahn.de/viewtopic.php?t=8451>

Ted Polet

News of the 009 Society (and the Dutch Group)

Stuart Taylor, our esteemed 009 News Editor, has sent out word that he urgently needs more articles written by our members. I broadcast this to our members, three of whom sent in contributions, Hugo Baart, Rob Reinders and Daan Biessels. Meanwhile these were translated or tidied up, and sent in to Stuart, who asked me to thank you for your response.

A good piece of news is that we once more are planning a modest exhibition at the Katwijk Leiden Steam Railway's museum (Valkenburg). Once again, especially after last year's fiasco, we are treading carefully. One of our learning points is not to plan anything in September, to prevent the authorities once again intervening. Peter Soonius has the initiative and will in due course communicate our plans.

Members' news

Ondanks de lichte verlamming in het verenigingsleven is er toch druk gebouwd aan modellen en modelbanen. Ik geef hier een korte 'preview' van de projecten die onlangs door enkelen van ons zijn afgerond, of nog gaande zijn. Voor het complete verhaal: kijk in de projectpagina's, die zijn bijgewerkt met extra bijdragen.

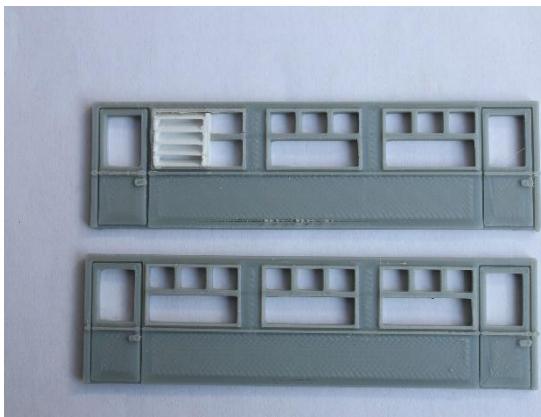
Building a Budget Model Railways kit

Hugo Baart

It was on a hunch that I purchased the railbus shown below from Budget Model Railways.



As I wanted to build a motor vehicle with a trailer, I decided to order two right away. For £ 10.00 a piece you can risk it, at least that was what I thought. I knew it would not be a ready-made printed model but four walls, a roof and a base plate. When I received the printed parts I frankly was shocked to see the state they were in. In a budget model you can't expect miracles but the finish of the prints wasn't too good. But no worries, I thought – let's just do something about it.



Side walls



side wall detail

First of all, I cleaned up the window apertures with Swiss files as well as possible. Ultimately, this proved no success, so I gave up. The printed buffers were then cut off and replaced by something more realistic...

[Read the entire tale in Hugo's project pages.](#)

... Conclusion: on the BMR website rather positive reviews can be found. However, I'm not sure what quality the authors are used to, but I would say think twice before you start one of these. It is definitely not a beginner's kit. It can be done, but assembling and finishing the model takes a great deal of effort and ingenuity. Anyway, it was another interesting challenge! It proved to be quite a job that afterwards gave me satisfaction of success – here is another unique train running over my layout.



Ile St. Ivre, minimum-size H0e

Daan Biessels

Since at the time of writing we are fully locked down again in the Netherlands, I was looking for something to distract me from the eternal virus scare. A few years back I sold my 009 and H0e trains to pay for a live steam garden railway, which I still have and enjoy. But this has some drawbacks which can't be overlooked. In the first place it's outside. In rainy, cold or hot weather, it's not always funny, even though running a snowplough can be fun!

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A new indoors project in H0e was meant to make playing trains more fun in winter, including a lot of scope for shunting, and above all it had to be compact. In fact, it needed to be small enough to travel with me in the car or camper van without being an annoying obstacle.

In my new little world there exists an island near the coast of southern France not far from Corsica. This is Ile St. Ivre, the name chosen because of the horrid small size of the layout. "Il est ivre" is French slang for someone being drunk, which in Dutch anyway means that you have stupid ideas. A point-to-point railway with a harbour, a quay siding and a hilltop town with some crazy landscaping and about 6ft of track, all on a 1x2ft baseboard, could have been an idea conceived in a despicable state of intoxication, hence the name Ile St.Ivre!

Read the entire tale in Daan's project pages.



Hatzenplatz-Gutenstuben – a layout in a tool case

Rob Reinders

Hatzenplatz already featured in a photo album on this website, but here is the complete story.

Where we are isn't entirely clear, but it is a bitterly cold winter and Christmas is coming. A solitary traveller has endured a cold trip on foot as he arrives at the lonely halt of Hatzenplatz, because the village of that name is 7km away. Normally it is easy to reach on the bike, but conditions are too bad at this time of the year and the bridges are slightly unreliable these days. However, he is firmly resolved to visit his family this Christmas. After a long delay he hears the growl of a diesel engine in the distance, and eventually a red railcar emerges from the tunnel: the train that will take him to Gutenstuben.



At and around Gutenstuben station it is a busy time and Christmas is really in the air. Family and friends meet, and former President Obama and his wife meet the former Pope Benedict, and even the Austrian Emperor Franz-Josef and Empress Elisabeth are present. A band is playing music and at a stall all kinds of tasty things can be bought. In the distance we see a shepherd and his flock, and all head for a mountain trail on their way to a stall, where a child is said to have been born...



Read the entire tale in Rob's project pages.

Project Sluis

Jan van Mourik

Jan van Mourik has completed his layout project Sluis (which already featured in these pages). Recently I uploaded a number of new photos by his hand. Sluis is built in Jan's typical detailed style. Below are a few photos – for the rest of the photos and the tale of its construction, take a look at Jan's project pages.



An English steam tram

Ted Polet

At the end of the 19th Century, between Wisbech and Upwell in East Anglia a standard gauge steam tram ran under the auspices of the Great Eastern Railway. Goods traffic continued until the 1960s. The locomotives, of two classes, looked like a brake van with a boiler hidden inside. I made a narrow gauge interpretation from a zinc alloy toy engine, and a nice etched carriage kit given to me by Don Sibley. They are a mite bulky for a narrow gauge railway, but they run without trouble over my C&DR, due to the generous loading gauge. [More photos in my workbench album \(2021\)](#).



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Great Eastern Railway class G15 0-4-0T 127 - Wisbech & Upwell Tramway at Upwell station, before 1913, the year 127 was withdrawn in



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Agenda

As previously announced, we hope for more regional meetings and an exhibition, probably in August.

Known exhibitions will proceed if not frustrated by Government regulations.

Model railway show at Goes, Zeelandhallen, 19-20 February. This will feature SLUIS-KAAI 1925-1930 by Jan van Mourik & Lex Hoogsteder. **REGRETTABLY CANCELLED, possible alternative venue in June 2022, will be announced later**



Dordt in Stoom, Dordrecht, 21-22 May, featuring the new German island railway in H0e by Dick Schuurman & Marco Balk, and possibly OberUnter.

