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FRONZ CONFERENCE 2017

We are getting close to finalising and opening bookings at the beginning of April for the 2017 FRONZ Conference in Dunedin from Friday 2 to Monday 5 June.

Scenic Hotel Southern Cross is our venue for the conference and accommodation. The hotel has offered a very good room rate which includes breakfast for FRONZ delegates. The hotel is about 600metres walk from the Dunedin Railway Station. The Dunedin Casino is also located at the hotel.

Conference plans

Friday 2 June. Taieri Gorge Limited train to Pukerangi and return. Registration and get-together in the evening.

Saturday 3 June is our main business day.

Sunday 4 June. FRONZ AGM in morning. In the afternoon visits to the Dunedin Gasworks Museum, Ocean Beach Railway, and Toitu Otago Settler's Museum. The FRONZ Annual Awards Dinner will be held on Sunday evening at the Scenic Hotel Southern Cross.

Monday 5 June. Dunedin Railways Silver Fern railcar from Dunedin to Oamaru and return. We will visit and ride on the Oamaru Steam and Rail train during our two hour stopover there.

RUSSELL GLENDINNING

This issue of Journal contains a number of features about the late Russell Glendinning, surely one of New Zealand Railways greatest servants. Russell passed away on 20 February. A number of stories about Russell have been sent to Journal, covering just some of the work he did with our member groups, and out of the enormous respect we feel for him they are reproduced here. If any other readers have stories of how Russell has helped their rail operations we would be happy to print them.

NETWORKING MESSAGES ON SAFETY ISSUES.

On Saturday 18 February your FRONZ Executive met for a meeting. Along with Conference preparation matters we discussed progress on current issues.

One matter that was agreed to pass on was encouraging members to report for general information any problems that arise that may affect other members. This is how the aviation industry works by sharing issues to ensure all operators of similar aircraft maintain a safe operation.

Recent examples of issues that have been shared in our rail heritage industry are the Dry-Pipe failure at Glenbrook Vintage Railway and the asbestos found in Dj locomotives at Dunedin Railways. Heritage Rail Operators should see this as a positive way to network in the interests of safety.

Issues raised in this way will be sent out to FRONZ members by "general broadcast" e-mail and also published in Journal.

**JOURNAL IS FOR ALL OF YOUR MEMBERS. PLEASE
FORWARD IT TO ALL ON YOUR E-MAIL LISTS**

RUSSELL GLENDINNING

February 20, 2017
Russell Glendinning, MBE

A giant of the New Zealand rail industry has been lost.

Russell Glendinning, the man who made the Kingston Flyer a world-renowned attraction, died today, aged 80.

Mr Glendinning lost his battle with cancer, and with him, New Zealand lost an icon.

His 49-year career with railways had the unceremonious beginning as a toilet-scrubber and general dogsbody at the age of 14, but he worked his way up the ladder.

Mr Glendinning was in the permanent railway system and running the Balclutha depot by the time he was 16.

Mr Glendinning passed his driver's ticket at the age of 22 launching him into a career that would be forged in Otago and Southland.

"I always liked the small towns. You got to know folk and they were unfailingly kind," he once said.

The Kingston Flyer became Mr Glendinning's baby in 1971 when it became a tourist attraction, and in 1975 he was awarded an MBE for services to tourism and railways.

With him at the helm, the Flyer brought 39,000 passengers to the district each year in the early 1990s. KiwiRail's predecessor, Tranz Rail, said Mr Glendinning owned a public profile so rare he was above reprimand.

Before the days of the stranglehold of health and safety, Mr Glendinning would do trackwork in the morning, before driving the train in the afternoon. While it was never common practice in railway days, or even now, it was not unusual for Mr Glendinning to drive and fire the engine along the line – doing the jobs of two people in the cab, on top of the many more it took to look after the line.

"I loved my time with the Flyer here. What made it so special was the people I met, the staff I was privileged to work with and I suppose a certain satisfaction in being involved with an icon like the Flyer," he recalled.

His dedication to the Flyer was unending.

"As time went on and the popularity of the train grew, it did in a way take over my life."

Mr Glendinning retired from the Flyer on April 29, 2002, an event celebrated with a special run of the train. Some 300 invited guests, many colleagues from Mr Glendinning's half-century involvement with railways saw him off. The run to Fairlight was marked by the constant whistling of both engines and a hold-up by masked locals, who whisked Mr Glendinning off the train and placed him in stocks.

His work with the Queenstown St John ambulance saw him helping people in need at every hour of the day or night.

When he wasn't doing that, he would be helping a new generation of railway men and women learn the ropes to get their steam tickets, just like he had many decades before.

The New Zealand rail industry has lost a true friend today. Those of us who knew Russell will never forget him; a man who saw the good in everybody, and who was respected by all who had the privilege of working with him.

Russell dedicated his life to being kind, and to helping people.

We have all lost a friend today.

Grant Craig,
President,
Federation of Rail Organisations of New Zealand.



A RAILWAYMAN TO THE END

PLEASANT POINT RAILWAY. Bryan Blanchard has sent these pictures of Russell taken recently at Pleasant Point Railway, one of the many FRONZ member's he assisted.

On Easter Sunday, 2016, he came up from Lumsden to drive & fire D16.

Bryan says of Russell: "I got to know him over many years & was a real nice friendly, helpful guy".

On 6 February, earlier this month, he was again at Pleasant Point giving two of our members, Daniel Smith & Josh Granger, their drivers certificates.



PLAINS RAILWAY. Many here at The Plains, over the years, have gained their Fireman or Drivers Tickets from Russell - whose enthusiasm and passion for Steam was enormous, shining through when he visited our Site.

Our condolences go to his friends and family.

R.I.P Russell

Below: Russell looks back along a long line of insulated containers while shunting at Bluff.

Right: Russell conversing with Nigel Hogg, while crewing the Canterbury Railway Society Vulcan railcar, Rm 56 at Middlemarch. October 2009. Photo: D. J. Maciulaitis



TRACKSAFE CHILDREN GUIDELINES

New rail safety guidelines for children launched

Rail safety charitable trust TrackSAFE NZ has launched new safety guidelines for primary school children as schools reopen around the country.

Foundation Manager Megan Drayton says the “Let’s Keep TrackSAFE” materials are aimed at reminding students that following the simple safety drill of “Stop, Look, Wait and Walk,” will help keep them safe around railway tracks.

The publications were developed after consultation with school principals, teachers, local government road safety coordinators and students themselves. They are available to download from the TrackSAFE NZ website or schools can contact TrackSAFE directly for printed copies.

Ms Drayton says last year there were several incidents involving school students crossing railway tracks while lights and bells were operating.

“We want to reduce these incidents, so we’re encouraging young people to stay focused and alert at level crossings and to put their devices in their pockets at any time they are around the rail or road network,” Ms Drayton says.

“Mobile technology is distracting, and if they are wearing headphones they will also be unlikely to hear the bells operating at a crossing.”

Young people in busy urban areas should also be aware that there will often be more than one train passing in succession. “If a train has passed and alarms are still operating, there is a high chance another train will be coming. It is only safe to cross once the alarms have stopped.”

TrackSAFE NZ recommends schools who are close to the rail corridor consider including rail safety in their yearly planning. Comprehensive curriculum-based rail safety resources are available to download from:

- [NZ Transport Agency’s website](#) or
- [TrackSAFE’s website](#).



RAILPLANZ WEBSITE

RailPlaNZ

A FRONZ Initiative

Is your group aware of the RailPlaNZ website? **www.RailPlaNZ.org.nz** is the home of the project to record each and every plan, drawing and diagram held by the member groups of the Federation of Rail Organisations of New Zealand (FRONZ) in a single FRONZ maintained database. It's core function is to provide FRONZ Member groups with information on which other groups may hold the plan they need. As such the database is capable of recording all information about a plan, right down to its condition and - most importantly we feel - it is capable of hosting digital copies of the plans that your group has scanned.

The database, as of mid February, is home to some 5283 records, of which 9 are available online as a digital copy - a number we want to see grow. We're aware, however, that time and resources at almost every member organisation is limited and sitting down entering all your plans and getting them all scanned - something that you should look into to ensure your plans survive well into the future - is not a priority project.

As such, over the Christmas break, we made some changes to the database; it's now open for anybody to register to and enter their plans into - as we know there are a lot of private plan collections out there and a lot of those private collections have been scanned into digital formats. In order to make this change the database has had strict moderation controls, including the ability to report copyrighted/non-NZR materials and have them removed from the database, the ability for moderators to ban accounts for repeated abuses etc added.

So if your group has a cabinet full of plans and a member keen to enter them all into the database, or you know a member within your group that has a stash of former railways plans, direct them to the RailPlaNZ website - **www.RailPlaNZ.org.nz** -- and get them adding plans to the collection.

Article supplied by Stefan van Vliet

WORK TO START ON PEKATAHI BRIDGE, SH2

Following from the previous "Journal" article on the Taramakau road-rail bridge replacement (and yes it has been pointed out that there are still two operating road-rail bridges on the Taieri Gorge Railway!), this month we have another road rail bridge marking the end of its rail life. I have a particular fondness for this bridge as when I was a child our family often drove from Auckland to Gisborne for family holidays. One time we were driving down overnight and as we approached the bridge we saw, what we thought, was a headlight of an oncoming train. We duly stopped clear of the tracks, and this young railfan excitedly awaited the train. After a few minutes nothing happened so we very gingerly moved onto the bridge and safely negotiated it, only to find the approaching train headlight was in fact a street light at the distant intersection on the road between Whakatane and Taneatua. A disappointment I am still dealing with many decades later! Editor.

From Bay of Plenty Times

A detour will be in place on State Highway 2 between Awakeri and Taneatua in the Bay next week as work on Pekatahi Bridge begins.

The detour would be via SH30 and Whakatane and would be in place for at least three months.

The bridge's deteriorating timber deck would be replaced and the existing railway tracks would be removed.

The detour via SH30, Hinemoa St and Arawa Rd in Whakatane and Taneatua Rd would add about 20 minutes to a journey with longer delays possible during peak periods, the New Zealand Transport Agency said.

Road users would have to use this route from Tuesday, February 7.

As the detour passes through the Whakatane urban area the transport agency has asked road users to take extra care

when travelling through town.



NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

These items are obtained from numerous e-newsletters that our member groups publish. Members are welcome to submit these or any other information they would like to share with the wider rail and tramway heritage community by e-mailing to scottosmond@xtra.co.nz

GLENBROOK VINTAGE RAILWAY

From Auckland Mayor, Phil Goff's Facebook page.

The Glenbrook Vintage Railway invited me to launch their new rail turntable. I went along with my dad who did his time as an apprentice fitter and turner in the railway workshops. I got to shovel coal into the boiler of JA 1250 and take the ride down to Waiuku. Steam locomotives are a living breathing thing, dirtier and smellier than our trains today, but a great experience and significant part of our history. Congratulations to the 150 volunteers that make the Glenbrook experience what it is.



MAINLINE STEAM HERITAGE TRUST

We are pleased to report that we had a very successful run with the first of our rebuilt carriages on 29 January 2017. The cars rode well and there were no problems. We now look forward to their final sign off and getting them into service. Thank you to all the Mainline Steam people who have worked hard to push these through and to Ian Welch for the foresight to obtain them. Great work everyone.

From MLS Facebook page. Photo not credited.

FRONZ Executive Officer Trevor Burling rode the train (in his role as chair of the Heritage Technical Committee) to observe the performance of the crew carrying out their duties and recording results of checks etc.



BAY OF ISLANDS VINTAGE RAILWAY



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TRAMWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

President Graeme Belworthy reports in Tram Tracts: It is with regret the Society has had to accept Murray Sanders' resignation from the many positions he has held over a long period. As an indication of the amount of work Murray had undertaken over the years is that we will need three or four people to cover all this work. If anyone out there feels they can help cover some of this work please don't hesitate to contact us. One specialist job we need to cover is that of a qualified electrician. I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank Murray for the work he has done over many years. We're not losing him entirely as we will see him on Saturdays and the odd week day. A project Murray has led over the last few weeks is the complete replacement of the main switch board in Tram Barn 1. The switch board was very generously donated

A project Murray has led over the last few weeks is the complete replacement of the main switch board in Tram Barn 1. The switch board was very generously donated by Bremca following our Captains of Industry evening held last year.

ORMONDVILLE RAIL PRESERVATION GROUP PAHIATUA RAILCAR SOCIETY

The 'Five Viaducts Tour' is to be held on Saturday, March 4th, 2017, with the Pahiatua Railcar Society's RM31 operating in association with Ormondville Rail Preservation Group Inc. This is one of those rail occasions when people can check out the various spectacular local viaducts from the top down - and also get an idea of how your various rail preservation folk manage to recall and portray thing...s as they once were - in 3D! Check out the poster.

Other rather important info:

The railcar is limited to 52 seats per trip. Charges: Adults \$20, children \$15 (3 to a seat), preschoolers free if on adults knee

As well as on the day itself (where cash sales will necessary), tickets can also be pre-purchased over the phone with a credit card or visa debit, from the Tararua i-SITE. Tickets and wristbands will then be posted out

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STEAMRAIL WANGANUI INC

From Wanganui's Mixed Traffic & Railscene

Four members travelled to Waverley on 5 November to fix the roof on our XP wagon which we are still waiting to be brought down from Waverley. While there we also jacked up the jigger shed onto a hire trailer and brought that back to Wanganui.



Top: Working on the XP wagon and jigger shed at Waverley. Bottom: The SRW team at Wanganui Vintage Weekend Jigger Rides. Photos taken by Blair Jordan, Ewan Pound and Charley Masters



FEILDING AND DISTRICTS STEAM RAIL SOCIETY

Although FSR have had a spell off the tracks it has been all go at FSR depot. Our various teams are keeping themselves very busy maintaining the locomotives and rolling stock, refurbishing carriages, progressing on the Buffet Car project etc.

With thanks to a very generous and anonymous donor FSR now have an ex NZR heavy duty forklift. It is certainly being put to good use. It still has the original NZR logo painted on it.

This will be a very important year for Feilding Steam Rail. It has to be the year when we completely clear our past debt, when we complete refurbishment of the roofs of our passenger carriages, when we get our buffet car on to the main line and in service. How do we achieve these things.....by having an exciting excursion programme that will be very well received by the public, supported by all our members and it should return us the funds we need to complete the above plan.

Through the generous bequest of a guy who loved trains and models, Feilding Steam Rail will be proceeding with the works at our depot that this very generous man wanted to see finished. They will principally be The new service pit in the back shed and the finishing of the shed. The turntable bowl and repair and re-decking of the turntable. The repair of our workhorse DSA Locomotive and the overhaul to airline operation of DA 1401.

It was with profound sadness that early in January we lost our Treasurer John Cannon suddenly from illness. To say that we were all shocked is putting it mildly. John was a relatively young man and at 62 years of age had just retired when he was struck down.

John was the only person who had ever held the position of Treasurer in Feilding Steam Rail, a position he carried out with utmost competence and diligence over the last twenty years.

John and his wife Pene (our secretary) worked tirelessly for Feilding Steam on both local excursion and some of our longer trips. John Cannon will always be remembered as a founding member who contributed so much to Feilding Steam Rails' progress in the last twenty years.

In October 2016 FSR celebrated 20 years since its formation in 1996. There was a good turnout for the event at the Feilding Golf Club. Historic FSR videos were shown along with heaps of photographs showing FSR's progress over the years. Many a great story was told during the social get together, a very nice meal was enjoyed by all and a Great cake was especially made for the celebration. Our Chairman Rod Bertram addressed the attendees outlaying our Society's history, where we are at present and projected future. Seven of our founder members were in attendance.



Left: Founder members left to right: Mike Barnes, Barbara Sears, Rochelle Moore, Grace Barnes, Merv Hodgson, John Cannon (deceased) -- Rod Bertram (Chairman).

Below: Merv Hodgson and Mark Walker receiving their steam certificates from the examiner on the day - Phil (Teapot) Wagener at FSR recently.



SILVER STREAM RAILWAY



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For those readers curious about the characters in our mystery picture from January Journal, they are:

From Left: John L Stichbury, Paul Heighton, Reid McNaught, Bill Prebble and Andy Seymour (Dunedin).

MYSTERY PICTURE NAMES

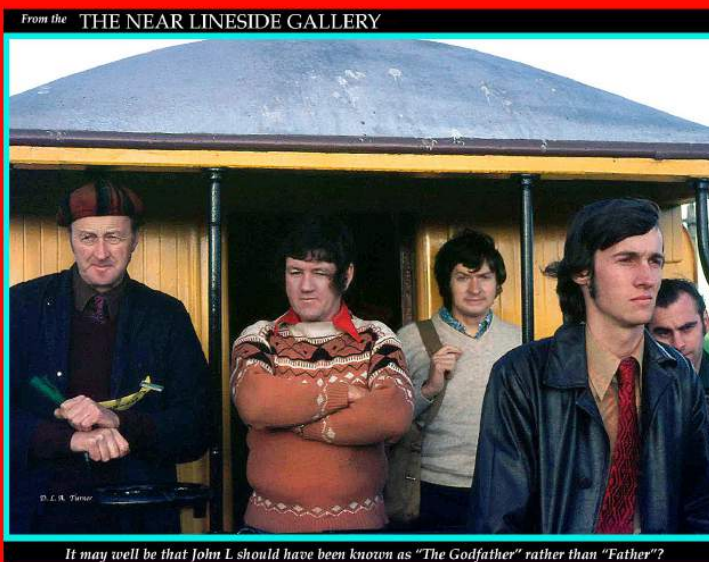


PHOTO ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This photo of the Dunedin Railways Silver Fern was printed in the last issue without acknowledgement. Subsequently David Oakley has let us know it is his photo which Dunedin Railways are using for publicity. Taken at Rangitata Island on 12 September 2015.

Nice work David



CLASSIFIEDS**FEILDING STEAM RAIL ROOF VENTS**

Feilding Steam Rail are in need of some roof vents as pictured for the refurbishment of their "Heritage" carriages please contact Rod Bertram rodbnz@gmail.com or ph/txt 0274 430220 if you are able to assist.

**WHOLESALE OFFER TO ALL FRONZ MEMBERS**

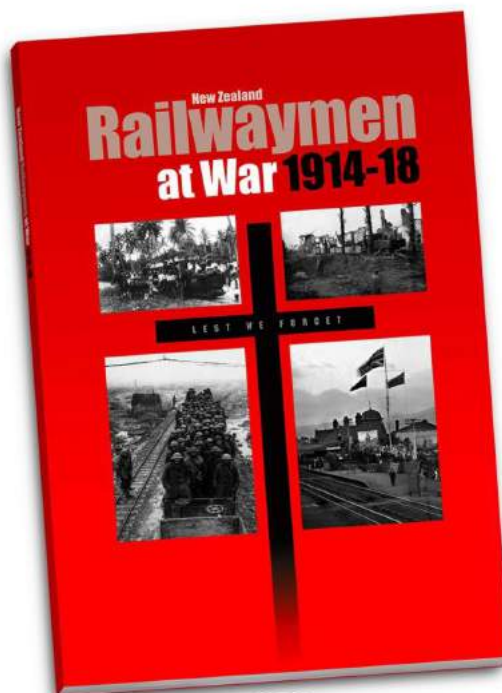
New Zealand Railwaymen at War 1914-18

By 1918 more than 7,500 of New Zealand Railway's permanent and casual employees had enlisted for military service, equivalent to almost 40% of its total 1914 workforce. They served throughout the New Zealand Expeditionary Force, some putting their skills to work by manning specialist rail-operating units in Samoa and Belgium.

The cost was high. At least 450 railwaymen lost their lives, the greatest loss suffered by a single New Zealand employer and one that would be commemorated via a range of distinctive First World War memorials.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

FLORIDA EAST COAST ENGINE TO STEAM AGAIN

One-time owner vows to return locomotive 'to its former glory'.

MIAMI — Sweet redemption is coming soon for unpainted, disassembled, 97-year-old, Florida East Coast 4-6-2 No. 148 thanks to one-time owner U.S. Sugar Corp. The company bought the engine and will return it to operating condition in Florida after a decades-long retirement.

"Number 148 is a piece of our history, and we wanted to bring it home," says Judy Sanchez, senior director of corporate communications and public affairs for U.S. Sugar. "We intend to restore number 148 to its former glory."

Sanchez says that the restoration will take at least a year. The project will be done at U.S. Sugar's Clewiston, Fla., locomotive shop using the company's own skilled workforce as well as contractors.

Asked about the company's plans for operations, Sanchez responded, "We will look at a number of opportunities including those open to the public."

U.S. Sugar and its South Central Florida Express common carrier railroad operate a total of 236 route miles, some leased from Florida East Coast. That relationship makes it possible that a genuine FEC passenger steam locomotive will once again run on home rails.

ALCO Richmond built the Pacific-type locomotive in 1920. After it spent more than three decades on Florida East Coast, the engine was purchased by the sugar company in 1952. It then worked largely in obscurity, hauling cars loaded with sugar cane from the fields to a mill at Clewiston.

It was an excursion locomotive in the 1970s and saw service in New Jersey before moving on to successive owners in Connecticut, Michigan, and Colorado.

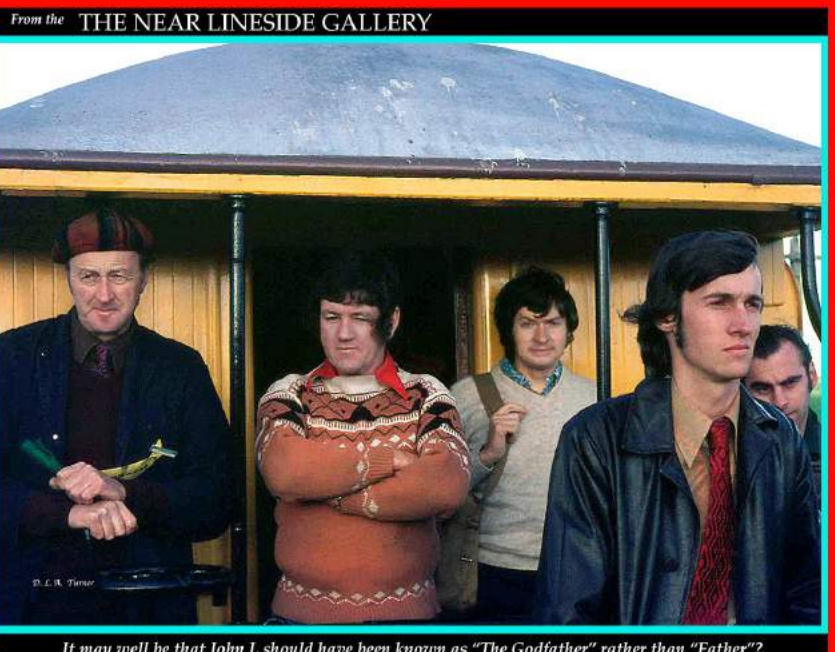
From Trains.com. Interesting how a short line railroad company in the USA is able to fund the restoration of a steam locomotive – Editor



Florida East Coast No. 148 heads east on a Union Pacific train near Commerce City, Colo., on Oct. 18. Chip Sherman

For those readers curious about the characters in our mystery picture from January Journal, they are:

From Left: John L Stichbury, Paul Heighton, Reid McNaught, Bill Prebble and Andy Seymour (Dunedin).



It may well be that John L should have been known as "The Godfather" rather than "Father"?

FUTURE MAINLINE EXCURSIONS

This feature in Journal is a list of forthcoming mainline excursions by our members. Hopefully all are covered from newsletters and web sites but if any members have excursion plans please send them to Journal at scottosmond@xtra.co.nz.

Railway Enthusiasts Society

“Railcars from Whangamomona”. 25/26 March 2017.

Pahiatua Railcar Society

Art Deco. 16-20 February. Pahiatua to Napier and daily shuttles

Five Viaducts. Saturday 4 March. Pahiatua— Ormondville with local shuttles.

Steam Incorporated

26 March 2017. NIMT Scenic Daylight - Paekakariki - Auckland.

1 April 2017. Mangaweka Express - Paekakariki—Taihape return.

1 April 2017. Portland shuttles.

14 May 2017. Mothers Day Special—Paekakariki-Woodville return.

11 June 2017. Kapiiti Steam Shuttles.

Dunedin Railways

Regular Taieri Gorge and North Line services

4 May 2017 to 10 May 2017 Silver Fern Railcar Christchurch to Invercargill and return

Gisborne City Vintage Railway

Gisborne to Muriwai -

Saturday 25 February 2017

Sunday 26 March 2017

Saturday 15 April 2017

Sunday 14 May 2017

Saturday 3 June 2017

Sunday 4 June 2017

Feilding & Districts Steam Rail Society Inc

9 April 2017 - Chateau Tongariro Rail Excursion.

30 April—Woodville Wanderer WAB 794

14 May—A Day In The Bay KiwiRail Diesel

18 June—Taumarunui “On The Main Trunk Line” KiwiRail Diesel

23 July—Midwinter Christmas @ the Copthorne Masterton WAB794

13 August- Taihape Tripper WAB 794

3 Sept—Woodville Wanderer WAB 794

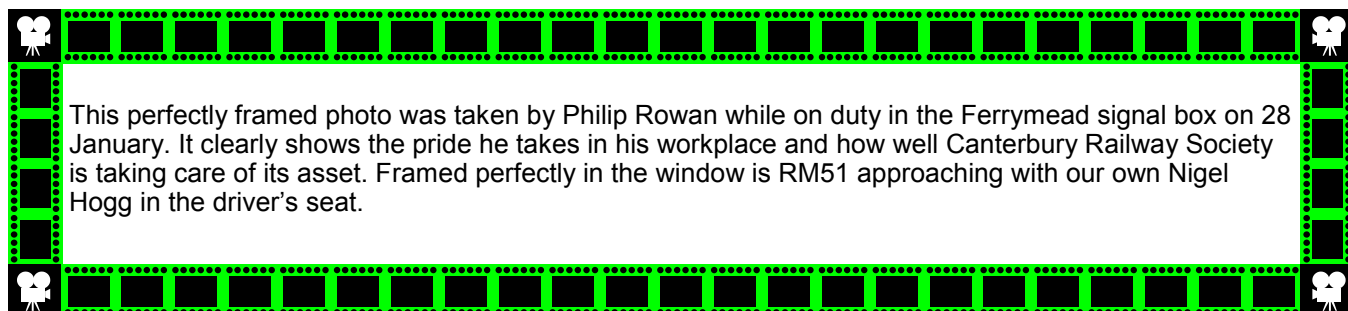
16/17/18 Sept—Private Charter Pukekohe Travel New Plymouth KiwiRail Diesel

24 Sept—Wanganui (Side Trip Whangaehu) WAB 794

No Mainline Excursions presently advertised for:

Mainline Steam

PICTURE OF THE MONTH



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