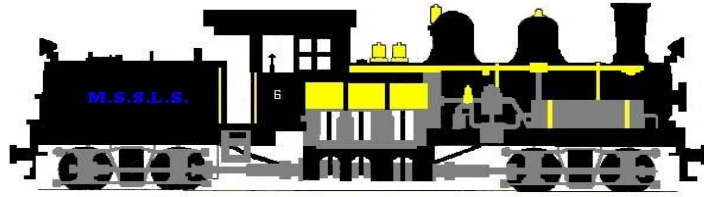


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Small Scale Live Steamers

MSSLS Canterbury Village Run Report 2010 by Bob Winkel and Jim Bowers

MSSLS club members had already set up and leveled Paul Kiss' track and assembled the club track, both on Friday. The process of leveling the club track was accomplished by 10am Saturday and trains began to run just as the first Canterbury shoppers began to arrive.

John Wessel got his Shay on line with a revenue load of logs. Don Reilly steamed his English 2-6-2 and seemed to be enjoying himself. Tom Toth was running one of his British engines (sorry didn't get the model) and it was so detailed that it even had operating cylinder cocks.

Bob Weltyk brought #464, which is always an impressive sight. He ran his Thomas the Tank engine, with music accompaniment, and got applause from the audience! Jim Bowers ran his #6 Forney & Sandy River Rangeley Lakes coaches and his LLSLSRR observation car on the end.

Your reporter ran his Accucraft mogul and a consist of 20ft flat cars, with a load of farm equipment and a portable steam engine. Dan Samuels fired up his recently acquired Accucraft Forney and it seemed to be running well.

Tom Meyers ran his Flying Scotsman engine and passenger train, plus several other locomotives as well. The tent had two walls taken down but the breezes died in the afternoon, so it was definitely a warm day for the engineers.

On Sunday members took down a third tent wall to open the tracks to any breezes that might come our way - but it was still *hot*. Bob Weltyk ran his Daylight Special to the delight of engineers and viewers alike. Alex Azary and Ted Ramsey came for the Sunday run. Alex had his B&O grasshopper with three coach cars. Ted ran his Gordon Watson Shay and his alcohol fired Aster B1.

We were happy to see that Bill and Carol Kay stopped by for a visit, Sunday. Fred Gandolfi and his wife came down from Houghton Lake for the afternoon. Fred was running his 4-6-4 J1.c NYC with an eleven car hopper train in tow. Your reporter ran his SPC American with a short string of 1:20.3 scale freight cars.

Our motto this weekend was "Five Tracks - No Waiting" so members got a fair amount of run time. We saw Dan Samuels run his Ruby with a string of coal cars. Tom Toth ran his 0-6-0 with a nice looking freight train.

Paul Kiss and his wife also came Sunday and, although Paul is not quite up to his normal speed, he was clearly enjoying the activities. Club members thanked Jim Bower and Bob Weltyk for transporting the tracks this weekend.

Between 2:30 and 3:30 we got several rain showers but it was not enough to stop our railfans from stopping by. Don Reilly ran his British steamer again today. Both he and John Wessels were retelling aircraft engine failure stories and seemed happy to be on the ground Sunday.

Meyers was running a "sparkie" Sunday - the good kind. His coal fired John Shaw conversion "Jack" was putting on quite a "light show". He also ran his LMS 6233 Duchess of Sutherland with 11 coaches.

Thanks to all who came and helped out with the run!