

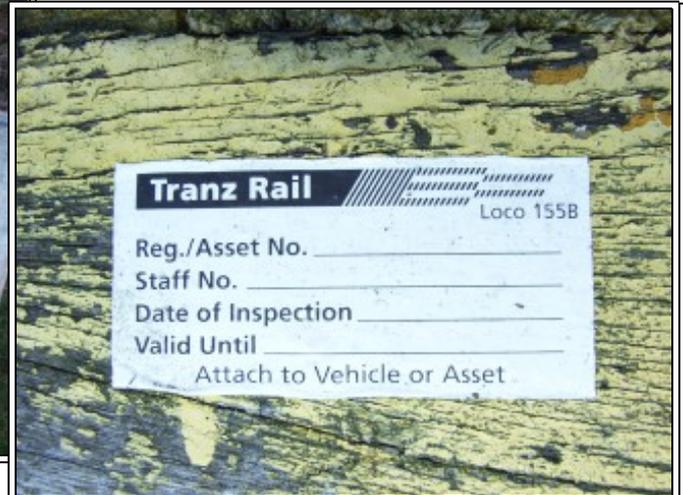
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Saturday 03rd

Noel and I stopped by Rodger John's residence to help Keith H to uplift two flat top trolleys. One is a fair state the other is a bad case of rottenest. Also a spare fixed axle. Noel has the rottenest one at his residence and will endeavour to do some thing with it.



Rodger had some galvanised material which he passed on to the Society.

I was going to do the NZTA report with Denyse's help but other things came up. I unpacked the two tool boxes and loaded one for myself.

During the morning there was some fair bit of conversation between Bill, Carl and myself with Denyse chipping in with his knowledge, about the Carvan and the chassis of a bogied wagon. This is more for-thought for the future.

Bill and I discussed more on the Dsa 414 along the lines of how things could be done. I suggested that could Carl look after the electrics, as this is sort of in his line of work.

I cut out a slot in the console where the connectors are in the D^{sa} 414.

I assisted with the shunt which cleared the loop in front of the station which left the ticket office on the line. With the vehicles that were on the loop these are now on the road for the future workshop. Noel also assisted with the shunt, while had Denyse's and my camera to record the event.

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Saturday 10th.

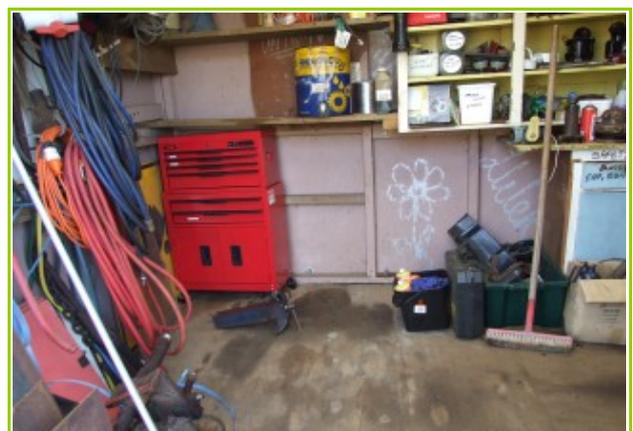
A bit of everything today.

I sort of finished loading the tool box with my gear.

Worked on the Waverley platform trolley securing one of the wheels with it's collar. Worked with Carl and Bill, with ideas of side boards etc. Suggestions of how to attach the mower to assist in pulling it around the yard. Carl worked on the side and head boards.



Above;- Bill's not off his trolley.



Repairs the big vice in Bill's shed. Bill continued with setting up "his" shed.

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Did a trolley run with Graeme Hudson and Mike Leherke.



Left;- Graeme and Mike. Reversing from Lepperton curve to Te Arie Road. Whilst there turning the trolley a car came up to the crossing stopped and the crossed the rails as about ready to move off, If the trolley did move the car would have gotten scratched or the trolley may have tipped!! As not have pen and paper and poor memory the rego was not recorded!

Bit of a conversation with Denyse and Noel.

Noel A.

Noel did some more work on the Waverley semaphore signal.



Saturday 24th

Good to have the team onboard again.

Carl was busy with the "dash board" removing the broken gauges.

Bill was working on the N°4 brake valve.

I was helping Carl a little bit.

As it is a bit of a struggle at time to get into the cab, I decided to make up two little trestles to assist with climbing the steps into the cab. These can also be used with planks to make working at the lower heights a bit easier.

There was some communication as to the direction of the tasks involved with the rewiring programme.

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Above;- Garnett with his son. The son was told that is not a steering wheel.

Saturday 31st

Helped Noel first thing with the Fringe Garden flag and things.

At last go into the D^{sa}414 again.

Between Carl, Bill and self there was much discussion had be going on of electric things.

I cut the front panels (2mm flat aluminium) for the "dash board" to carry the fuses, switches and gauges.

Asked Neville to bar the motor over as this has not been done for some time. The movement was quite easy for a start until the compression took over. Played with the decompression and Neville continued. He says that he did about a complete revolution.

Neville assisted Carl in pulling 6mm wire through for the alternator.

6mm wires for the battery connection from the "dash board" was replaced the previous weekend.

Carl is to get some pricing for the requirements in the way of switching for 30amp rating.

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One panel is cut now for the next.



Trying the fuse blocks.

Right;- What youuu lookin' @



Above;- Now have I done this right? If not Bill will do a woobly.

This is the end for this months report.