

Train Enthusiast's Video Diary

Adnoorak

Video Diary For 1985 (Date Order)



Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 1985-03-11

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CGcgrzMeLWE>

On Monday 11/03/1985, we visited two railway sites of interest in New South Wales:

- (1) The roundhouse at Junee
- (2) The Cootamundra Spiral.

This video clip captured points of interest at both locations: the turntable and accident crane at Junee; and both a down and up train at the spiral site. The spiral video was taken with the tripod stood at the one location for all shots.



Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 1985-03-17

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qX_bBxCxDbA

On Sunday 17/03/1985, we visited five railway sites of interest in New South Wales:

- (1) The Thirlmere New South Wales Rail Transport Museum
- (2) Picton Viaduct over Stone Quarry Creek
- (3) The Scenic Cable Railway at Katoomba (the steepest incline railway in the world)
- (4) The Sky Train at Katoomba
- (5) Farmers Creek Viaduct at Lithgow.

This video clip captured points of interest at each location.



Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 1985-03-22

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WpW3RW19es>

On 22/03/1985, we visited the Zig Zag Railway Co-op Ltd's train museum adjacent to the Zig Zag Railway Siding on the main line between Lithgow, New South Wales and Sydney. After the museum tour, we spent some time watching the train traffic at the siding. Later, we returned to Lithgow and watched the train activities in the railway yards.

This video clip captured points of interest at both locations including: museum exhibits; 85 Class electric locomotive 8510 as the up-front helper engine, assisting coal and grain trains up the steep incline heading east out of Lithgow; and the passage of Australian National Railways Indian Pacific Passenger Train on its journey from Perth to Sydney.



Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 1985-03-23

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8q2_EYmSF2g

On 23/03/1985, we visited the Zig Zag Railway (run by the Zig Zag Railway Co-op Ltd.) near Lithgow, New South Wales, to spend the day riding on the train and videoing it in action.

On this occasion, two ex-South Australian Railways passenger cars were hauled by an ex-Queensland Government Railways, narrow gauge, BB18 (1/4) class steam locomotive 1072 along bottom and middle roads of the zig zag system.

This video clip captured snippets of the day's activities both on-train and off-train.

The zig zag railway line was built in the 1860s to transport people and produce from the western plains of NSW over the Blue Mountains to Sydney.

The "zig zag" method of overcoming extreme gradients using minimal engineering and cost required trains to ascend steep gradients by climbing in a forward direction for the first leg, reversing up the second leg, forward again on the third leg, and so on until the climb is completed. At Lithgow, this method had its problems and the single track eventually became a "bottleneck" to increasing traffic.

The use of the zig zag railway was made redundant by the construction of a ten tunnel deviation through the escarpment, completed in 1910. Soon after the track on the formation was removed and the land reverted to bush.

In 1972 a group of railway enthusiasts formed a Co-operative, rebuilt the track and bought suitable rolling stock. The Zig Zag Railway Co-op Ltd. still owns and operates the railway and is located at Clarence.

Train Enthusiast's Video Diary

Adnoorak

Video Diary For 1985 (Date Order)



Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 1985-03-24

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gTAzhgs6sbk>

On Sunday 24/03/1985, we visited the Lachlan Valley Railway Society's Roundhouse at Cowra, New South Wales. The roundhouse and adjacent lines were being used to store a variety of ex-New South Wales Government Railways steam and diesel locomotives, some rolling stock and several diesel rail motor units (20/24/25). Snippets of these are shown in the video clip which includes rail motor 24 being driven on and off the roundhouse turntable.

Later in the day, we proceeded to the Lachlan Vintage Village at Forbes to see the Beyer-Garratt Steam Locomotive 6042 and other preserved steam locomotives at the site. Snippets of these are included in the video.



Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 1985-03-25

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jhy6z5U6050>

On 25/03/1985, while touring in Dubbo, New South Wales, we visited the local railway station/yard to video some local train activity, which happened to include the NSWGR standard-gauge, diesel powered, Inter City XPT rail car set "City of Taree" departing for Sydney.



Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 1985-03-27

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TvA2IO40FBc>

On 27/03/1985, we visited the Sulphide Street Railway & Historical Museum, Broken Hill, New South Wales.

On 30/07/1985, we visited the Steamtown, Peterborough Railway Preservation Society Inc., Railway Round House at Peterborough, South Australia.

This video clip captured points of interest at both locations including: museum exhibits; locomotives in various stages of restoration; and the passage of Australian National Railways Indian Pacific Passenger Train on its journey from Perth to Sydney.



Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 1985-03-31

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jUkavTET_DQ

On 31/03/1985, we visited the Booleroo Steam and Traction Engine Rally held at Booleroo Centre, South Australia.

The rally is an annual event run by The Booleroo Steam & Traction Preservation Society.

This video clip captured snippets of an extensive array of working stationary engines, including a very large, working, 125hp Blackstone oil engine, live steam traction engines and preserved vehicles.



Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 1985-04-06

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GsdCAf94o_0

On 06/04/1985, we followed the morning Pichi Richi Railways steam locomotive hauled train excursion from Quorn Railway Station (South Australia) to the Woolshed Flat Siding (South Australia) and return. In the afternoon, we joined fellow tourist on the train for the repeated trip from Quorn to Woolshed Flat and return.

The train on both occasions was hauled by ex-WAGR (West Australian Government Railways) narrow-gauge, steam locomotive W934.

The following day (07/04/1985), we joined a conducted tour of the Pichi Richi Depot and Workshop which is located adjacent to the western perimeter of the Quorn township.

This video clip captured snippets of the off-train and on-train activities, scenes around the Quorn Railway Yards and the Pichi Richi Depot/Workshop.

Train Enthusiast's Video Diary

Adnoorak

Video Diary For 1985 (Date Order)



Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 1985-04-08

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CjnlowWB1RI>

Over the Easter long weekend in 1985, the Australian Railway Historical Society (New South Wales Division) ran an enthusiast's excursion on the "Silver City Comet" to Adelaide, South Australia, and return.

At the time, the standard-gauge, "Silver City Comet" was painted in New South Wales Government Railways "candy" colours, and was a consist made up of 4 passenger cars hauled by diesel power car DP 101.

This off-train video clip was taken on 08/04/1985 at the Adelaide Terminal (Keswick, South Australia) as the excursion train is readied for its return to New South Wales via Broken Hill (the "Silver City").

The standard-gauge "Comet" was temporarily sandwiched between two, "bluebird" railcar sets as they were scheduled to depart before the "Comet" and before the arrival of the broad-gauge, "The Overland" train from Melbourne, Victoria. The south bound "bluebird" railcar set departed first, heading for Mount Gambier, South Australia, which was then followed by the north bound "bluebird" railcar set (102 "Plover" driving trailer and 251 "Lowan" power-car) heading for Peterborough, South Australia.

The comet then departed north bound for Broken Hills, but stopped temporarily at the northern end of the terminal to allow its train enthusiast passengers to photograph the arrival of "The Overland" from the south.



Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 1985-06-22

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Pq5wBWp1AI>

On 22/06/1985, SteamRanger (South Australia) provided enthusiasts and other passengers with a train excursion from Keswick (South Australia) to Karoonda (South Australia) and return.

SteamRanger's, ex-SAR (South Australian Railways), broad-gauge, steam locomotive 520, "Sir Malcolm Barclay-Harvey" hauled the ten car consist into the Karoonda railway yard (extra cars were added at Murray Bridge).

520 was turned on the triangle at the rear of the station with noticeable "crunching groans" coming from the wheels as they slowly rolled on the curved rails.

"Fire-burgers" were cooked on the fireman's shovel in 520's fire-box and served to the eager and hungry passengers.

This video clip starts just after the train leaves the Sleeps Hill Tunnel, leading into the Adelaide hills, and concludes at the Karoonda Railway Station.



Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 1985-07-06

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dSRiGh-elCk>

On 06/07/1985, SteamRanger ran a tourist train from Adelaide Terminal (Keswick, South Australia) to Riverton (South Australia) and return.

On this occasion, SteamRanger used its broad-gauge, steam locomotive 520, "Sir Malcolm Barclay-Harvey", to haul the 16 car consist.

This brief, off-train, video clip captured snippets of the rail journey commencing just north of Salisbury (South Australia) and concluded at the Riverton Railway Station.



Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 1985-07-20

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GP3oweTzTU4>

20/07/1985, SteamRanger ran a seven car tourist train from Adelaide Terminal (Keswick, South Australia) to Victor Harbor (South Australia) and return.

On this occasion, SteamRanger used its broad-gauge, steam locomotive 520, "Sir Malcolm Barclay-Harvey", to haul the train.

This very brief, off-train, video clip captured snippets of the rail journey starting and concluding at the Adelaide Terminal.

Train Enthusiast's Video Diary

Adnoorak

Video Diary For 1985 (Date Order)



Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 1985-10-12

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=432jggYYgqE>

On 12/10/1985, we went for a drive from Donnybrook, Western Australia, toward Northcliffe looking for logging train activity. On the Pemberton to Northcliffe line we came across a Suzuki Inspection Car (converted to run on narrow-gauge lines). On the advice of the inspector we were able to follow a timber train through to Bridgetown. At Bridgetown, this train crossed a south bound train heading for Manjimup with a consist of "dog box" carriages to be used for "The Karri Tourist Train" tour from Manjimup to Northcliffe and return the next day (13/10/1985). We went on the tour.

This video clip captured snippets of the train activities listed above (the tour was recorded on another video clip, dated 13/10/1985).



Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 1985-10-13

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Knrzk0LguDA>

On 13/10/1985, we joined "The Karri Tourist Train" tour from Manjimup, West Australia to Northcliffe, West Australia and return.

The tour ran through Karri, Marri and Jarrah forests and over a number of trestle bridges.

On this occasion the consist of old narrow-gauge, "dog box" carriages (no corridor and individual swing out doors for each compartment) was hauled by West Rail's diesel locomotive G51.

This video clip captured snippets of the journey from Manjimup to Northcliffe.

(It appears that the tour is now reduced to running between Pemberton and Northcliffe and is managed from Pemberton Railway Station by the Pemberton Tramway Company.)



Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 1985-10-14

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JEn-eos8wnE>

On Monday, 14/10/1985, while passing through Collie in West Australia, we stopped to video some stored ex-WAGR (West Australia Government Railways), narrow-gauge steam locomotives in near proximity to the Collie railway yard.

The locomotives included FS452, W943 and V1215.

While there we videoed WAGR diesel locomotive XA 1402 hauling a timber train.



Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 1985-10-15

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1n0c0ZCZqn4>

On Tuesday 15/10/1985, we spent some time at the Perth and Maddington Railway Stations in West Australia to watch some of the passing passenger trains (mainly suburban commuter trains).

This video clip captured snippets of this activity.

Train Enthusiast's Video Diary

Adnoorak

Video Diary For 1985 (Date Order)



Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 1985-10-26

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rJNwB7Zj8qU>

On 26/10/1985, Hotham Valley Tourist Railway (Western Australia) ran two tourist trains from Pinjara (Western Australia) to Dwellingup (Western Australia) and return on the same day.

Both trains were hauled double-headed by ex-WAGR (West Australia Government Railways), narrow-gauge, 4-8-2, steam locomotives, requiring one locomotive from the first train to back track from Dwellingup to assist the second train.

The first train was hauled by W920 "Pinjara" and W903 "Marrimup", and the second train by W920 "Pinjara" and W945 "Banksiadale".

This video clip was started at Hotham Valley Tourist Railway's Pinjara depot and concludes on the outskirts of Dwellingup.



Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 1985-10-27

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iVEBtYNYb1c>

On 27/10/1985, we visited two more West Australian locations of railway interest:

(1) "Forest Park Railway" - South West Model Engineer's Association (W.A.) Inc., Bunbury, Western Australia.

(2) "Boyanup Museum" - rail and transport museum, Boyanup, West Australia. This museum, at the time, was the home for the narrow-gauge, steam locomotive, G 233 "Leschenault Lady". The "Leschenault Lady" is the oldest Australian built steam locomotive still in serviceable condition. It was built in 1898 by James Martin & Company, Gawler, South Australia.

This brief video clip captured snippets of live steam model train activity and some shots of the "Leschenault Lady" at home in the museum.



Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 1985-10-28A

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p5eM2261JLA>

On 28/10/1985, Hotham Valley Railway (Western Australia) ran two narrow-gauge, steam locomotive hauled, tourist trains on a ring-route of Perth and Fremantle (Western Australia).

The Pinjara (Western Australia) based ex-WAGR (West Australian Government Railways) W Class, steam locomotive W920 "Pinjara" ran the clockwise route and W903 "Marrimup" ran anti-clockwise.

Note: early in the journey the W920 hauled train passes the site of the Perth based Bassendean Rail Museum which is located on the left side of the line.

This video clip commences and concludes at the Perth Railway Station.



Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 1985-10-28B

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MpoA8Tc3mhQ>

On 28/10/1985, we visited the Railway Museum at Bassendean, Perth Western Australia.

This brief video clip captured snippets of the railway heritage display, railway artefacts, photos and train exhibits at the museum.

Train Enthusiast's Video Diary

Adnoorak

Video Diary For 1985 (Date Order)



Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 1985-10-29

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qDb6i0VByOg>

On 29/10/1985, we visited two more West Australian locations of railway interest:

- (1) Merredin Railway Station Museum, Merredin, West Australia
- (2) The Loopline Tourist Railway, Boulder, West Australia.

This brief video clip captured snippets of the railway heritage display, railway artefacts, train exhibits at both museums, and mining scenes viewed from the loopline train at Boulder.



Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 1985-12-28

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H0oH_kN_Bqk

On 28/12/1985, SteamRanger (South Australia) ran a tourist train from the Adelaide Terminal (Keswick, South Australia) through the Adelaide hills to Cambrai (South Australia). At Monarto South (on the main Adelaide to Melbourne broad-gauge line) a line branched off to the north and terminated at Cambrai.

On this occasion, SteamRanger arranged for Australian National Railways (ANR) to provide the train and crew - Bluebird, diesel railcar 254 "Brolga" and baggage trailer car 824.



Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 1985-12-28 Extended

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Rtnrv0BIZs>

"Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 1985-12-28 Extended"

On 28/12/1985, SteamRanger (South Australia) ran a "Back-of-Beyond" tourist train from the Adelaide Terminal (Keswick, South Australia) through the Adelaide hills to Cambrai (South Australia). At Monarto South (on the main Adelaide to Melbourne broad-gauge line) the line branched off to the north and terminated at Sedan just beyond Cambrai.

On this occasion, SteamRanger arranged for Australian National Railways (ANR) to provide the train and crew - Bluebird, diesel railcar 254 "Brolga" and baggage trailer car 824.

This video is a re-edited, extended version of the video uploaded to YouTube, September 12th 2011.

See also, the associated video clip, "Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 2012-07-18" for a re-look at the Monarto South to Cambrai branch line 27 years later.



Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 1985-12-28 The Overland

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=78j_yeXqhzw

On 28/12/1985 (morning), while on another train excursion, I videoed "The Overland" as it passed by on its journey from Melbourne (Victoria) to Adelaide (South Australia).

Later that day (in the evening), I again videoed "The Overland" as it was departing from the Adelaide Terminal (Keswick, South Australia) for its overnight, return journey to Melbourne.

This video clip also captured railcars stored at the Terminal.