

*FUN*TRAK Times!

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FREE

WIZARD OF OZ



Brian recently returned from the "land down under", Melbourne, Australia, where he had the pleasure of visiting with *FUNTRAK*'s southernmost member, Mark Bean. The above picture shows one of Melbourne's premiere attractions, a giant Ferris wheel located in the heart of the city. As in most large cities, you can find nearly any kind of attraction if you search hard enough. Brian went searching for model railroaders and found many of them. The results of his search will be presented over the next few issues in the newsletter. Stay tuned!

From The desk:

Welcome to Noel Purdey's West Coast Mining Railroad. Please read and enjoy the levity of the following introduction from the Purdey management.

INFORMATION FOR PERSONS ENTERING PRIVATE MINING LEASE & ROADS

The WCM road and access points that generally follow the railway from Mine 1 & 2 to Port Ronsard, are on a private mining lease. The purpose of the road and access points is to allow persons and vehicles to carry out maintenance work and general viewing of this great railway. It is an area that can be hazardous to the uninitiated and enthralling to the converted. The road is not designed or authorised for general public use.

The following warning sign has been erected at the entrance to the mining lease and road so that all are warned about implications of entering the property:-

"STRESS MANAGEMENT ROOM"

**SIGNED BY THE MANAGEMENT
WEST COAST MINING**

PERSONS USING THE ACCESS ROADS SHOULD BE AWARE OF THE FOLLOWING:-

The road is part of a mining lease and no alcohol may be taken on the lease. Drivers and observers should be prepared to meet railway maintenance vehicles and/or operators at all times in limited access areas. Sections of the road and railway have steep grades and sharp curves. Meandering is requested at all times to view and take in the spectacles of heavy mining and railroading. In heavy rain, washouts and flash flooding can occur. We recommend that you stay on the mining lease until the rain stops, then leave. Otherwise, you may get wet.

**WCM SECURITY STAFF PATROL THE LEASE & THEIR INSTRUCTIONS SHOULD BE
OBEYED. THEY ARE OPEN TO BRIBES & CORRUPTION; THEREFORE PLEASE
CONSULT WITH THEM BEFORE BRIBING & CORRUPTING
A FEW HINTS TO BE REMEMBERED BY USERS OF THESE FACILITIES:-**

Always ensure that you enjoy yourself and ask questions to satisfy your curiosity.

Always ensure you are well fed, as you may be surprised how long it is before you leave the lease.

Avoid being on the lease when tired, grumpy, or an expert on everything (unless you know about the subject professionally, then WCM management will listen to everything you have to say with interest).

NO LIABILITY IS ACCEPTED FOR NOT HAVING A GOOD TIME

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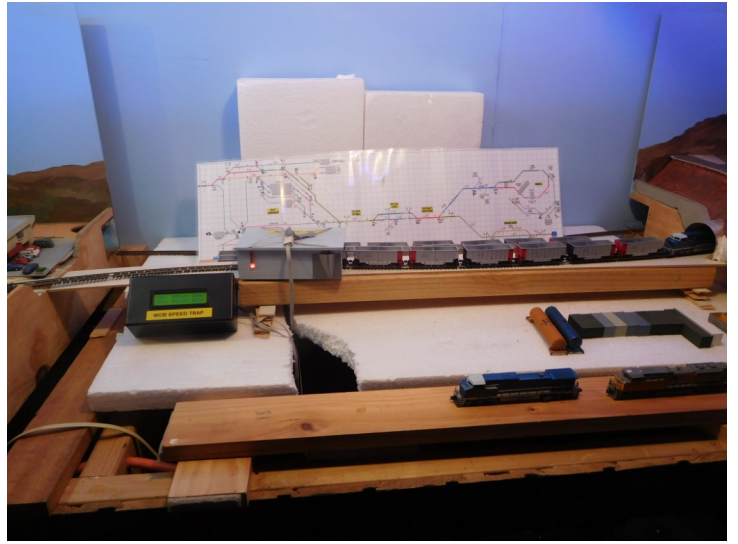
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Mining Operations: Pilbara Region, Northwest, Western Australia, Australia.

**A WHOLLY OWNED 'FICTICIOUS' COMPANY OF THE PURDEY FAMILY AN AUSTRALIAN
ENTERPRISE AT IT'S BEST**

Brian

WEST COAST MINING



EVENTS

Big 2024 Railroad Hobby Show

Sponsored by

The Amherst Railway Society

Located at The Eastern States Exposition

1305 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield, MA 01089

Saturday, January 27, 2024 9am – 5pm

Sunday, January 28, 2024 10am – 5pm

ADMISSION: Adults - \$15.00 Under 15 – FREE

PARKING - \$5.00

43rd Annual Utica Show

Union Station, Main Street

Utica, New York 13502

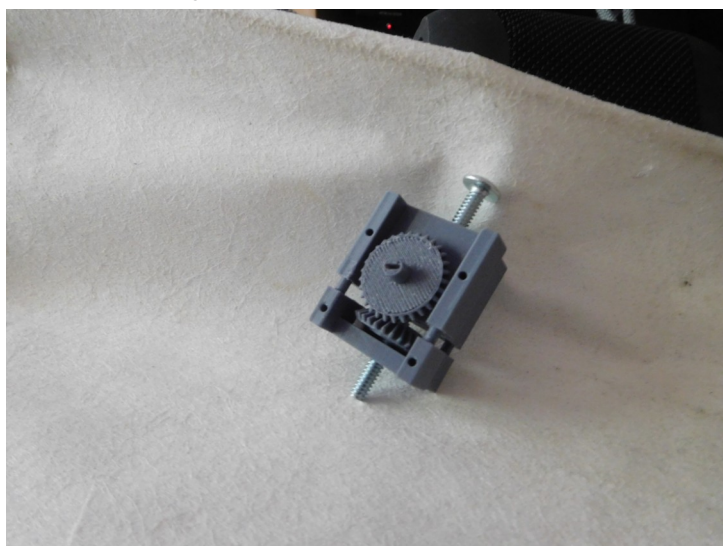
Sunday, January 21, 2024 9:30am to 3:00pm

Admission: Adults \$5 Children 5-12 \$2 Under 5-FREE

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Adjustable Corner Blocks



Schedules

January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
UNION STATION	22	23	24	25	26	BIG E
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February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28			

NEXT MONTH



MONTHLY QUIZ

What was the name of the first Central Pacific locomotive on the railroad?

At the ceremony celebrating the completion of the transcontinental railroad, Central Pacific Railroad president Leland Stanford arrived aboard a steam-powered locomotive called Jupiter. This made Jupiter the first passenger train to travel from west to east on the transcontinental railroad. It was met in Promontory by Union Pacific locomotive No. 119. After the ceremony, Jupiter operated for a few decades before it was decommissioned.

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