

NARROW GAUGE EFFICIENCY COMPETITION 2012

This year's competition was held over the weekend of 9-10 June at Southport Model Engineering Club's track in Southport in the sunny north west of England. Well, it was sunny on the second day of the two day event, but the first day was more reminiscent of the last time the club hosted the event 2006, wet and windy. On that occasion your website editor rose at five thirty in order to get to the track and steam up in time for the first run of the weekend at 8am in pouring rain! This time the event proceeded at a more leisurely pace with 17 entrants leaving time for a couple of reruns. Some of the regulars were missing this year, perhaps daunted by the distance, but it was good to see a decent turnout of NAME officers including chairman Frank Cooper, treasurer Richard Guthrie, and boiler registrar Alan Reid, a regular runner at the event, It was good to see former secretary Nigel Thompson there too along with his locomotive Betty and his good lady of the same name. Your editor did not compete this year, and attended only on the Sunday, and we are indebted to Derrick Baguley of the host club for most of the photographs. The Birmingham dynamometer car was used on this occasion and performed faultlessly, as ever.

The first slot was scheduled for a much more civilised 10am, occupied by local member and serial winner Marcus Peel who entered his "Edward Thomas" designed by Ross Harrison and serialised in EIM commencing in the September 1982 issue. Once again he was overall winner with 1.378% efficiency and our picture shows him receiving the slate wagon trophy from Northern Association Chairman Frank Cooper. We have some pictures also of Billy Stock of Urmston, runner up to Model Engineer of the Year 2011. Billy drove Jim Moyle's powerful Beyer Peacock 0-6-2 engine to finish in sixth place on a re-run after a first run marred by the usual stability problems with long trains of loose coupled slate trucks.

Run Number	Time window		Owner's Name	Driver's Name	Club	Loco	Gauge	Observer
	Start	End						
1	10--00	10--45	Marcus Peel	Marcus Peel	Southport	0-4-2 ST Edward Thomas	5	
2	10--45	11--30	Dave Dick	Dave Dick	Urmston	Sweet Pea "Mildose"	5	
3	11--30	12--15	Trefor Milns	Jonathan Milns	Shrewsbury/Rugeley	0-4-0 "Pretoria"	5	
4	12--15	13--00	SMEC	Bruce Davis	Southport	Metre Maid "Southport"	5	
5	13--00	13--45	Trefor Milns	Trefor Milns	Shrewsbury/Rugeley	4-4-0 "Joan"	5	
6	13--45	14--30	John Tavener	Ben Pavier	Southport	Metre Maid "John P Tavener"	5	
7	14--30	15--15	Nigel Thompson	Nigel Thompson	Erewash Valley	0-4-0 Hunslet type "Betty"	3.5	
8	15--15	16--00	Steve Milns	Steve Milns	Shrewsbury/Wrexham	Hunslet "Charles"	5	
9	16--00	16--45	Marcus Peel	John Williams	Southport	0-6-0 Polly 3 "Gwendoline"	5	
NGLEC 2012 - Run Schedule - Sunday								
Run Number	Time window		Owner's Name	Driver's Name	Club	Loco	Gauge	Observer
	Start	End						
10	10--00	10--45	Tim Jenkins	Tim Jenkins	Southport	0-6-0 Polly 3	5	
11	10--45	11--30	Alan Reid	Alan Reid	Fylde SME	Sweet Pea	5	
12	11--30	12--15	FAJ Collin	FAJ Collin	Rochdale	Alva 0-4-0 T	5	
13	12--15	13--00	Roy Holt	Roy Holt	Rochdale	Sweet Pea "Wasp"	5	
14	13--00	13--45	Keith Tilbury	Keith Tilbury	Urmston	Polly 3/4	5	
15	13--45	14--30	John Hartup	John Hartup	Lancaster and Morecombe	Beyer Garratt K1	3.5	
16	14--30	15--15	Jim Moyle	Billy Stock	Urmston	Beyer Peacock 0-6-2 T	5	
17	15--15	16--00	R Painter	M Barnett	North Staffs	2-4-2 Uniflow "Jess"	5	
18	16--00	16--15	Presentations					

NGLEC 2012 Run Schedule



Ben Pavier stokes John Hartup's magnificent K1 ready for the run



Trefor Milns of Shrewsbury & Rugeley on 4-4-0 Joan



Roy Holt of Rochdale drives his WASP -- Was a Sweet Pea!



The clubhouse and steaming bays, well protected against inclement weather



Nigel Thompson of Erewash Valley with his 3½ inch Hunslet Betty



Mike Barnet drives Jess towards the turning loop and eventually to second place



Keith Tilbury drives his Polly through the ingenious track transfer system



Billy Stock of Urmston on Beyer Peacock 0-6-2T



RUN 1	MARCUS PEEL (S/BAT)	1.328%
RUN 17	M. BARNETT (NORTH SHIFFS)	1.103%
RUN 6	IAN SMITH (S/BAT)	0.875%
RUN 16	KEITH TILBURY (VERNON)	0.867%
RUN 11	ALAN REID (RYLE)	0.680%
RUN 10	PAUL STEEN (VERNON)	0.636%
RUN 3	JONATHAN MILLS (SHROPSHIRE/RUGBY)	0.572%
RUN 10	PAZ COLLIN (FERRIS)	0.541%
RUN 16	TIM JENKINS (S/PORT)	0.511%
RUN 7	NIGEL THOMPSON (NORTH SHIFFS)	0.467%
RUN 8	STEVE MILES (SHROPSHIRE/RUGBY)	0.423%
RUN 13	ROY HART (RICHMOND)	0.410%
RUN 4	DAVE DAVIS (S/PORT)	0.375%
RUN 2	DAVE BICK (VERNON)	0.355%

The leaderboard shows the final placings



Marcus Peel receiving 1st prize



Billy Stock receiving special prize as youngest driver

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