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Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 2014-03-14 2D

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p7VkT1em8H0

On Friday 14th March 2014, we visited the Don River Railway Museum with our two grandchildren.

We have visited the museum previously and have participated in a number of Don River Railway's main line and private line train trips in past years, during which I recorded video on VHS tape and have since uploaded to YouTube - these uploaded videos are listed far below. Unfortunately, main line enthusiast's train trips are unavailable in Tasmania at the present time and for the foreseeable future. Nevertheless, I'm hopeful that this may change.

The Don River Railway is a volunteer run vintage, narrow gauge, railway and museum in Don, a suburb of Devonport, Tasmania. It runs a short train ride from Don to Coles Beach using part of the former Don River Line that ran between Don Junction and Paloona.

This video includes video snippets of a railcar trip to Coles Beach and return, and some photos of the museum, equipment and railway stock.

See also...

Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 1989-10-21 (Burnie to Rosebury on Emu Bay Railway lines.)

Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 1989-10-22 (Burnie to Wiltshire and return.)

Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 1991-01-20 (Devonport depot to Coles Beach and return.)

Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 1991-11-01 (Devonport to Launceston and Launceston to Hobart.)

Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 1991-11-03 (Hobart to National Park and Hobart to Launceston.)

Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 1991-11-05 (Launceston to Burnie.)

Don River Railway Museum - www.donriverrailway.com.au/



Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 2014-03-11 3D

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VYt5ygYmHg0

On Tuesday 11th March 2014, we joined fellow tourists and train enthusiasts on the West Coast Wilderness Railway, narrow gauge, Abt train from Queenstown Railway Station, Tasmania, to Dubbil Barril Railway Station, Tasmania, and return.

This video contains snippets of the journey, both on and off train.

Technical and tourist information is available via: http://www.wcwr.com.au/



Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 2014-03-11 2D

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Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 2014-03-10 3D

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

On Monday 10th March 2014, we visited The Wee Georgie Wood Steam Railway, Tullah, Tasmania, with our two grandchildren.

This preservation railway commenced operations in 1987 utilising some 1.8 kilometres of 610mm gauge track and the restored 1924 Wee Georgie Wood locomotive and rolling stock of that era from other West Coast tramways.

It is based on part of the former North Mount Farrell Tramway and operates as a heritage/ tourist attraction for the people of Tullah and surrounding areas and visitors to the West Coast.

The original tramway was the only means of transport for the mine and its people from 1902 until roads were built to the Tullah area in 1961.

This video includes snippets of the steam locomotive in action taken from the ground and from on board the front platform of the train's single carriage.

For more details: http://www.weegeorgiewood.com.au/



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Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 2014-03-08 2D Extended

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kh8Bd4OCXe0

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The Steamfest is an eventful three day weekend of entertainment and history with steam power being a central theme.

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This video is an extended version showing a cross section of exhibits and activities; all relate to the past, while some are not necessarily focused on the use of steam power. Includes: Paringa Archery, sword fighting - Order of the Dragon's Realm medieval demonstration, tractor pulling, whip cracking, vintage tractors, steam traction engines, steam train, bullock team, and grand parade on both Saturday and Sunday.

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Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 2014-03-08 2D Bullocky

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This video is restricted to snippets of a "bullocky" working his team of bullocks as a demonstration of past practices in hauling timber logs without the aid of steam power. On Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th March 2014, we visited the Redwater Creek Steam and Heritage Society's Sheffield Steamfest at Sheffield, Tasmania.

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Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 1991-01-26 (Second River Tramway Society near Launceston, Tasmania, featuring the same steam locomotive before its transfer to Sheffield, Tasmania.)



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Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 1991-11-05

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qvZq T1U2B0

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An additional special feature for some participants was the DC3 plane flight from Essendon Airport (Victoria) to Wynyard Airport (Tasmania) on Friday the 1st of November 1991 to join the steam tour and return again on the DC3 plane flight from Wynyard Airport to Essendon Airport on Tuesday the 5th of November1991.

This video clip captures snippets of events on each day of the train tour and concludes at the end of part 3 of 3 while in-flight on the DC3 plane returning to Essendon Airport.

Part 3 of 3 covers events on Tuesday the 5th of November 1991.

Features include Don River Railway's ex-Tasmanian Government Railways (TGR) narrow gauge steam locomotives MA2 [red], M4 [green], and C23 (black).

Day (5) travel was from Launceston to Burnie via the Western Junction. Of note is the wailing of the loco whistle as the two locomotives completed the bridge crossing at Deloraine. At Burnie, DC3 passengers were bussed to Wynyard Airport for their flight home.

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Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 1991-11-03

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Part 2 of 3 covers events on Sunday the 3rd of November 1991 and Monday the 4th of November 1991. Features include Don River Railway's ex-Tasmanian Government Railways (TGR) narrow gauge steam locomotives, MA2 [red] and M4 [green], Cadbury's steam locomotive H2 (purple), and Tasmanian Transport Museum's steam locomotive C22 (black).

Day (3) travel is from Hobart along the Derwent Valley line to National Park terminating at Maydena then return to Hobart.

On day(4) the train leaves Hobart and back tracks to Launceston.



Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 1991-11-01

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qVejVNr9vLk

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Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 1991-01-31

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bekoe2j1Lxw

Steam and Trains in Tasmania...

On Thursday the 31st of January 1991, after visiting the West Coast Pioneers Memorial Museum (Zeehan, Tasmania) and heading for Burnie, we were fortunate to come across an Emu Bay Railways ore train hauling concentrates to Burnie from the Electrolytic Zinc Company's mine at Rosebery.

The narrow-gauge ore train was being hauled by 3 x class 11 class diesel locomotives (1101, 1103 & 1105) and 2 x class 10 diesel locomotives (1002 & 1003).

This brief video clip captured snippets of the trains journey.

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Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 1991-01-28

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

Steam and Trains Tour in Tasmania On 28/01/1991...

Part 1: Tour on Ida Bay Railway from Lune River Railway Station to Deep Hole Bay.

Part 2: Tour through Casey's Living Steam Museum, Dover, Tasmania.



Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 1991-01-27

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Yp-QtEREdw

Steam and Trains in Tasmania On 27/01/1991...

Part 1: Tour of Bush Mill Railway, Tasmania.

Bush Mill Railway - 15 inch gauge railway at Port Arthur. The locomotive is a half size replica of K-1, the world's first Garratt locomotive.

Part 2: Tour through the Tasmanian Transport Museum.

Tasmanian Transport Museum is located in the Hobart suburb of Glenorchy and its exhibits include railway locomotives, railmotors, carriages and wagons, trams, trolley buses, motor buses, stationary steam engines and many other items of historical interest.



Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 1991-01-26

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ST0T19jE8jQ

Second River Tramway Society operated a 1km long 24" gauge railway on private property near Lilydale (Tasmania). The society maintained a small collection of steam powered plant which included traction engines, a steam roller and several tank locomotives.

On 26/01/1991, we visited the society and participated in some of their activities and recorded some snippets on video.

Several years later, in 1993, the society was revamped to include other like interests and the collection moved to Sheffield (Tasmania) where there was better opportunity for sustainability and access to the public. The society is now known as Redwater Creek Steam And Heritage Society - http://www.redwater.org.au/



Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 1991-01-25

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pTSGk0sw6FY

Steam Trains of Tasmania

On 25/01/1991, we visited the Bush Mill Railway, Port Arthur, Tasmania.

On this occasion their 15 inch gauge steam locomotive "Sarah Kate" was in steam.

This video clip captured snippets of train activity both on and off train, including a view from the locomotive cab.



Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 1991-01-20

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bhlwAqu5eyo

On 20/01/1991, we visited the Don River Railway Depot and Museum near Devonport, Tasmania.

While there, we went on their tourist steam train, hauled by ex-Tasmanian Government Railways, narrow-gauge, steam locomotive CCS No.25, from the depot to Don Junction near Coles Beach and return.

This video clip captured snippets of the museum exhibits, rolling stock and tourist trip commencing and concluding at the depot.

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Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 1989-10-22

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9bVJoULvjWQ

On 22/10/1989, ARE (Association of Railway Enthusiasts [Australia]) in conjunction with Don River Railway (Tasmania) ran a tourist train from Burnie (Tasmania) to Wiltshire (Tasmania) and return.

On this occasion, Don River Railway used their ex-Tasmanian Government Railways, narrow-gauge, steam locomotives CCS25 and MA2 to double head the tourist train throughout the trip (with CCS25 leading).

This video clip captured snippets of the trip commencing and concluding at Burnie.

Of interest is the balloon loop at the Wiltshire Railway Station used to turn the locomotives for the return journey, and the railway line actually crosses over the airstrip at Wynyard.

(This joint ARE/Don River Railways trip from Burnie to Wiltshire was day two of a weekend steam train event - "Double Headed Steam on the Emu Bay Railway and from Burnie to Wiltshire".)



Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 1989-10-21

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6BFmPtN0DPg

On 21/10/1989, ARE (Association of Railway Enthusiasts [Australia]) in conjunction with Don River Railway (Tasmania) ran a tourist train, on Emu Bay Railway lines, from Burnie (Tasmania) to Roseberry (Tasmania) and return.

On this occasion, Don River Railway used their ex-Tasmanian Government Railways, narrow-gauge, steam locomotives CCS25 and MA2 to double head the tourist train throughout the trip (with CCS25 leading).

This video clip captured snippets of the trip commencing at Burnie and concluding as the returning train exits the climb out of the Pieman Valley.

Of particular interest is the crossing of the Pieman River Bridge.

(This joint ARE/Don River Railways trip, on Emu Bay Railway lines, from Burnie to Roseberry was day one of a weekend steam train event - "Double Headed Steam on the Emu Bay Railway and from Burnie to Wiltshire".)