

Train Enthusiast's Video Diary

Adnoorak

Video Diary For 1995 (Date Order)



Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 1995-02-10

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sPd-hR4KKG4>

From 10/02/1995 to 12/02/1995 inclusive - a weekend excursion from Adelaide (South Australia) to Melbourne (Victoria) and return via the broad-gauge train, "The Overland".

At this time "The Overland" operated seven nights a week in both directions with a train departing from Adelaide and Melbourne each evening and each arriving at its destination the following morning.

The trip includes local, commuter trains and trams, and a ride on "Puffing Billy" from Belgrave (Victoria) to Lakeside (Victoria) and return.

This video clip starts and concludes at the Adelaide Terminal (South Australia).



Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 1995-07-16

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gU3nY91joZA>

This video clip, taken on 16/07/1995, shows Zig Zag Railway Co-op Ltd's ex-Queensland Government Railways, narrow gauge, steam locomotive 1072 "City of Lithgow" 4-6-2 BB18¾, hauling the day's tourist train on the zig zag railway line near Lithgow, New South Wales (NSW), Australia.

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.

This video clip captures snippets of the tourist trains journey from the Clarence Depot (Summit) down the zig zag to the locomotive depot and return.



Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 1995-07-19

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=86NTUoKela0>

On 19/07/1995, we visited Sydney via a commuter train from Chatswood Railway Station and spent some time watching and videoing commuter trains.

This video clip includes snippets of commuter trains at Chatswood, Milsons Point, Harbour Bridge, Circular Quay, and the city subway, and includes some video of the Mono Rail.



Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 1995-07-29

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xBvrQp1MQFk>

On 29/07/1995, we joined Queensland's Kuranda Scenic Railway tourist train trip from Cairns Railway Station to Kuranda Railway Station and return.

The narrow-gauge tourist train was hauled by Queensland Railways diesel locomotive 1770D "James Cook".

This video clip captured snippets of the tourist train's journey from Cairns Railway Station and concludes at the Kuranda Railway Station.

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Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 1995-07-30

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u99zpLMrFtA>

On 30/07/1995, we joined the "Millstream Express", Queensland's tourist train trip from Ravenshoe Railway Station to Tumoulin Railway Station (Queensland's highest railway station at 960m or 3160ft) and return.

The narrow-gauge tourist train was hauled by ex-Queensland Railways steam locomotive D17 No. 268 "Capella".

The video clip captures snippets of the tourist train's journey from Ravenshoe to Tumoulin and return.



Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 1995-07-30A

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QSzFpSZnIS0>

On 30/07/1995, before joining a train trip on the "Millstream Express" from Ravenshoe Railway Station (Queensland) to Tumoulin Railway Station (Queensland), we went for a ride on a section car ran by RailCo Qld (Queensland). RailCo Qld is now known as the Ravenshoe and Atherton Insteam Locomotion Company.

The video clip captures snippets of RailCo's rolling stock and the short section car ride.



Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 1995-07-31

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y8ez8lQRK9U>

On 31/07/1995, we joined the Queensland Railways' "Savannahlander" tour from Mt Surprise to Forsayth with a lunch stop on the way at Einasleigh.

The consist was a narrow-gauge, 2000 class "PD" (Passenger/Driving), streamlined, diesel powered, railmotor car 2028 "Mt Surprise" and a 2051 class "PLDT" (Passenger & Luggage/Driving/Trailing) rail motor car 2053 "Einasleigh".

The video clip captures snippets of the tourist train's journey from the Mt Surprise Depot to the Forsayth Terminal.



Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 1995-08-02

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HZBKO1G6VyE>

On 03/08/1995, we joined fellow tourists to travel from Croydon (Queensland) to Normanton (Queensland) on Queensland Railways diesel powered, narrow gauge, tourist railcar. Our vehicle followed, mounted on a flatcar and hauled by a diesel powered, shunting locomotive.

On 02/08/1995, we drove out about 10 kms from Croydon to meet the "Gulflander" and take some off-train video. Hence, this short video commences with that footage and includes the next day's tour to Normanton.



Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 1995-08-10

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3bS7P_VRynw

On 10/08/1995, while on our way home to Adelaide (South Australia) from Normanton (Queensland) we stopped at Longreach (Queensland) and videoed the Q-Link (Queensland Railways) train, "Spirit of the Outback". The video captured snippets of the train at the Longreach Railway Station and as it departed for Brisbane (Queensland).

The next day, 11/08/1995, we stopped at Charleville (Queensland) and while there videoed the Q-Link train, the "Westlander" as it approached the outskirts of the town and at the Railway Station.

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Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 1995-09-03

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EKmLFdORiU4>

On 03/09/1995, SteamRanger Tours ran a steam train tour from Adelaide Railway Station (South Australia) to Blackwood Railway Station (South Australia) and return.

On this occasion, SteamRanger used its ex-South Australian Railways, broad-gauge, tank steam locomotive, F251.

NOTE: Loco F251 was restricted to broad-gauge lines managed by the State Transport Authority, because the Australian National main line route between Adelaide (South Australia) and Melbourne (Victoria) had been converted to standard-gauge.

This short video clip captured snippets of the tour commencing and concluding at the Adelaide Railway Station.



Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 1995-11-25

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lul0DbQiOlo>

On 25/11/1995, SteamRanger Tours ran a steam train tour from the Adelaide Terminal (Keswick, South Australia) to Angaston Railway Station (South Australia) and return.

On this occasion, SteamRanger used its ex-South Australian Railways, broad-gauge, tank steam locomotive, F251.

NOTE: In Adelaide and its suburbs (South Australia) Loco F251 was restricted to broad-gauge lines managed by the State Transport Authority, because the Australian National lines associated with the main line route between Adelaide (South Australia) and Melbourne (Victoria) had been converted to standard-gauge.

This short video clip captured snippets of the tour commencing at the Adelaide Terminal and concluding at the Angaston Railway Station.