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Hi Folks,

Wishing members and their families all the best for 2016, compliments of the season, and a happy, healthy and safe New Year to all.

Our November meeting was well attended, with members of the public attending too. See article and pics on Page 2, 3 and 4 of this newsletter for the Rod Guérin Annual Diorama competition.

Our thanks to Noreen Perryman from AutoDealer, for the interest shown, and for the recent article and pics of entrants and their models entered for the Rod Guérin Annual Diorama competition. See Autodealer article on P 2 & 3.

At the November 2015 Meeting, Noel Kelly brought us the news that sadly, Jewell Guérin had passed away the day before our meeting, and we held a moments silence in her memory. As members will remember, Jewell presented our annual prizes for many years and we send our sympathy and condolences to the Guérin family.

Once again our sincere thanks to the VCC committee who have again kindly agreed to our use of their facilities for 2016. Last year, the VCC rental was R1000.00 pa and the VCC Committee have now decided to standardise their rental fees across all clubs using their facilities. So this year's VCC rental is at an increased cost of R2100.00 pa, and this has led to an increase in our subs which will be R150.00 for the year. viz: the annual subscriptions for NDMC membership in 2016 will be R150-00, and are due now.

Subs for Country members will be R80.00 pa and the visitor's fee is R35.00.

Most members I've spoken to are happy with our venue and facilities at the VCC, but if members wish, we can discuss alternatives to this VCC fee increase at our meeting.

viz Possibly an alternate venue, reduce the number of meetings etc. Thanks to Chris Brown for his continued liaison with the VCC committee.

The dates for our 2016 meetings are as follows:

25 th January	Tuesday 29 th March (Easter Monday on 28 th)	30 th May
25 th July	26 th September	28 th November

Richard Hebbon says a Flea Market will be held on Saturday 13th February 2016 from 07h30 to 12h30 at the same venue used previously, Moth Hall, Ridley Park Road, Malvern. Members can display and / or sell models as well.

Richard also plans to hold another Annual Hobbies Fair during 2016. His contact Nos are at the end of this newsletter, and once arrangements are confirmed and finalised, he will try and keep the costs the same as previously - i.e. tables are free if you display, and R100.00 for sellers.

A model railway exhibition will be held by The Model Railway Society on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th May 2016 at the Westville Civic Centre. Ian Sutherland will give us more detail and information when available. (Note: The 91st edition of the world's biggest and oldest ultra-marathon is all set to be run on Sunday, 29th May 2016 and is a downhill run from PMB to Durban. The M13 route through parts of Hillcrest, Gilletts, Kloof, and Westville and into Durban is normally closed in that direction, and used by the runners for much of the day)

There will be Dinky, Matchbox and Corgi models for sale by Closed Auction at our January meeting. Ian Sutherland will also have car and model books for sale by open auction. Note: Only paid up members can take part.

See you at the next meeting,

Keep collecting

Philip

NDMC Rod Guérin Annual Diorama Competition

The theme for this year's Diorama competition was "A Movie Scene" – but there was with only one entrant – Neville Geddes. (Normally, this theme gives all the entrants a wide opportunity to express themselves, and the theme is normally interpreted differently and uniquely by each entrant.)

Neville's entry was once again of a very high standard, but this time, no judges were needed to evaluate the scores.

Neville was awarded the Floating Trophy for First place - and also the prize for Diorama of the meeting - for his Diorama "The Italian Job". One of our regular and often Diorama winner entrants - Kevin Taylor - was away on holiday, and he expressed his disappointed at missing the competition - but he says he will be back in 2016.

Richard Hebborn was also awarded the Geoff Sear Annual Enthusiast of the Year Floating Trophy - this trophy is voted for by NDMC members only.

Vasigie Govender (Tony's wife) presented the prizes and floating trophies to the winners.

My 2015 Diorama "The Italian Job"

by Neville Geddes.

I have chosen a scene from the first movie of "The Italian Job".

The story is about a large gold theft, and the subsequent escape of the robbers. A bullion truck was robbed by a gang of about 10, and the gold was loaded into the boots of 3 Mini Coopers. There were 2 robbers per Mini, and the rest of the gang dressed as football supporters, escaped in a Kombi.

The chase with police in pursuit went along pavements, downstairs and through storm water drains. Eventually they came out onto a river bank. The police Alfa Romeo ended up in the river, and the Minis drove through the river, and up onto the road. The Minis then drove inside a converted bus, and made their escape.

The rest of the movie can be for a future diorama theme.

I first saw this movie in about 1972, and this scene has always stayed in my mind.

Materials used:

- 1) Base - Polystyrene
- 2) Hills - Polystyrene - from base of spin-drier bought recently by my daughter.
- 3) Bridge support – also from same polystyrene.
- 4) Covering - hessian which was bought.
- 5) Bridge - piece of electrical trunking found at a municipal dump.
- 6) Storm water drain - 75mm (3") plastic down pipe - also found at a municipal dump and weathered.
- 7) Stone walls - small stones picked up next to road after pothole repairs.
- 8) Road - piece of covered plastic from my collection of DIY projects.
- 9) River - piece of insulation from the house where our son is building in Johannesburg.
- 10) Mini models - from various manufacturers.
- 11) Flower at storm water drain - from my wife Anne's bead box.
- 12) Green on rocks - represents moss. Light green is moss and slime.

Article on the Diorama competition as written by Noreen Perryman and published in Autodealer on 30th December 2015

Nev wins Diorama with "The Italian Job"

The Rod Guérin Diorama floating trophy was won by Neville Geddes for his interpretation of "A Movie Scene" with his chosen movie "*The Italian Job*". His Diorama was made from various things found around his house and at the local dump to depict a movie scene.

The stars of Neville's diorama were different Mini Coopers - in the movie the gold bullion was loaded into the Minis boots and a mad car chase pursued between the robbers and the cops.

Unfortunately Neville did not have any diorama competition this year as Kevin Taylor, who has won umpteen times with his dioramas, was away on holiday.



Neville Geddes with his winning Diorama entry "The Italian Job"

The club elected Richard Hebron as the "Enthusiast of the Year" and he was presented with the Geoff Sear Floating Trophy.

The club held a minutes silence for Jewell Guérin who sadly died just a day before this year's annual diorama competition.

Jewell had regularly presented the Rod Guérin Floating Trophy, in honour of her late husband, to the annual winner and her presence was missed by all at the Natal Diecast Model Collectors (NDMC) last meeting for 2015.

NDMC will hold its first meeting in 2016 on 25 January at the VCC in Kloof. For more details contact the chairman, Philip Ellis 031 266 3138 or 072 2818921. You can also log onto www.ndmc.co.za

Note: Rowan Sear has suggested that members who are looking for additional detail and items for their Dioramas, see this website - Plastic Strut <http://www.plastruct.com/>

Description: Plastruct manufacturers over 4,000 plastic products that are directed toward model railroaders, architects, industrial designers and modelers of all types. The plastic parts can be used in scales ranging from 1:1,200 to 1:12. Of special interest to the model railroader are the Trackside Series Kits in HO, N and O Scales.

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A closer view of Neville Geddes' Diorama entry - "The Italian Job"

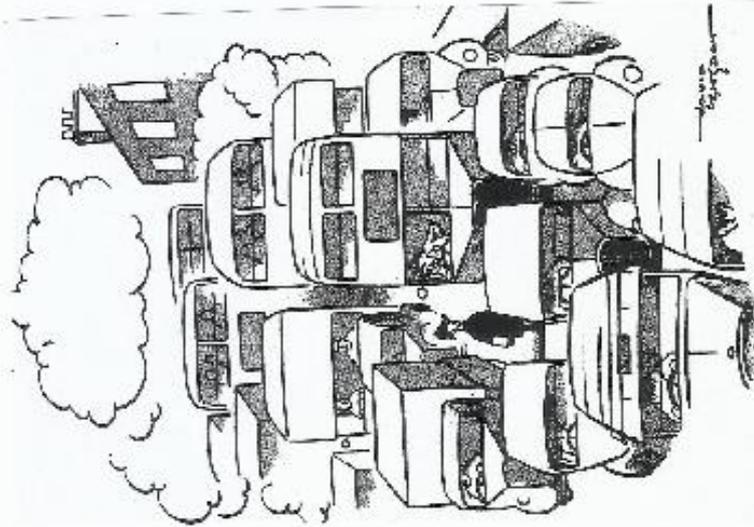
Upcoming events

Date	Event / Function	Venue	Comments
25 th January 2016	NDMC Meeting	VCC - Kloof	Time: 17:00 for 17:30 'till we end. Subs due: R150.00 / year. R80.00 Country Members R35.00 for non-members
25 th January 2016	Theme		Found under the Christmas tree / models obtained recently
13 th February 2016	Flea Market	Moth Hall	Ridley Park Road, Malvern
29 th March 2016	NDMC Meeting	VCC - Kloof	Time: 17:00 for 17:30 'till we end.
28 th / 29 th May 2016	Model Railway Society	Westville Civic Centre	Exhibition
2016	Annual Hobbies Fair	Moth Hall	Ridley Park Road, Malvern Date to be confirmed / advised

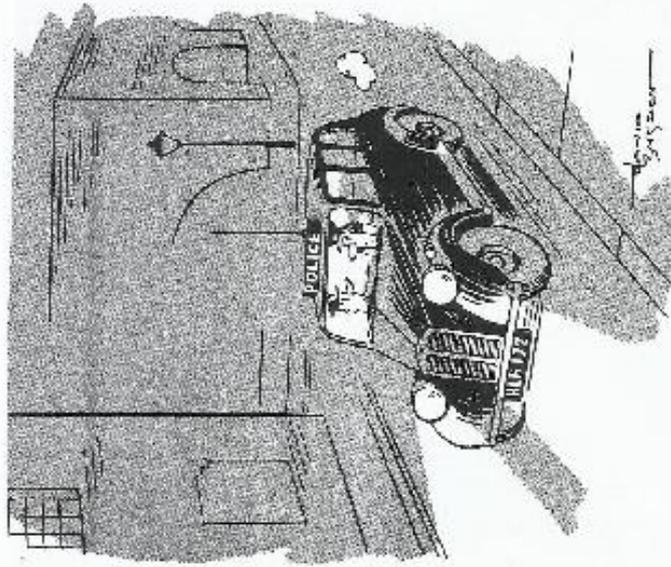
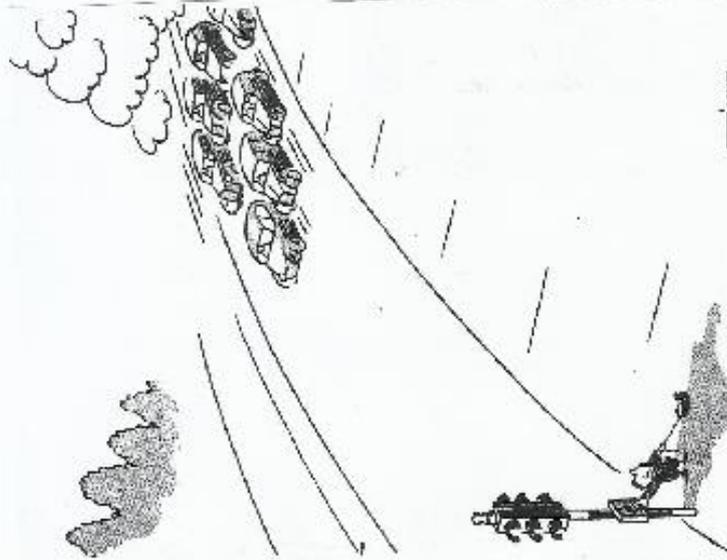
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MOTORING JOKES



"Stuck in a jam."



"Calling Car No. 17. Black saloon, index number HLB 178, reported loitering and acting suspiciously. Calling Car No. 17..."