



The *Eureka* Times

11th Edition

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Welcome to the **Eleventh** edition of **The *Eureka* Times**.

It has been a bit too long since the last edition of this newsletter but things have been pretty busy here at the Eureka offices. The arrival of the sound equipped 620/720s in March was followed by eight weeks of intense activity to get them out and, as a result many of the normal day to day activities suffered including the writing and distribution of this newsletter. John Eassie of Austrains once told me that I had no idea of the effort involved in distributing a model and he was certainly right.

Still, we have been pushing on with our other projects and this issue contains details of our next project, the NSWGR CPH/CTH rail motors.

We won't be saying much this issue but the 12th edition which should be out in late July will contain a major announcement about our future rolling-stock program which we have been working on for some time. The usual updates on our current projects and a couple of other items which we hope will prove interesting round out this edition. With a number of complete pilot models of the AD60 now available sightings of Eureka's first two models together in service are becoming more frequent as the accompanying photo shows.



Photo: Ray Pilgrim

THE AD60: Production of the AD60 is now more than half way through the ten weeks production process. Allowing for shipping we should receive the production run in early August. (I took this project to China in December, 2004 so it has only taken two and a half years.) The locomotive will come with pad printed numbers on the front, rear and cab sides and we will be supplying a set of etched brass numbers with each model. These can be glued to the cab sides by anyone wanting to emulate the cast numbers of the prototype. We have samples of the brass etchings and they are very nice. QSI has advised that the sound chip that is being installed in the AD60 is their latest version designated Q1a. We have received the manual for the new version and it contains some very interesting enhancements. These include upgradeability through eeprom replacement and a major enhancement of sound control under DC.

Numbers: The locomotive numbers that will be produced has been finalized and are as follows:

6038 light, that is the locomotive number will be the numerals 6038 only.

6040 heavy, that is the locomotive number will have the double crosses after the number.

6026, 6028, 6030, 6035, 6037, 6039, 6041, 6042 heavy and with dual control, that is the letters DC will precede the locomotive number and the double crosses will follow the number.

A small number of un-numbered locomotives will be available in un-weathered black and 10 numbers will be available in black or with weathering.

Distribution: Some of the lessons that were learned in the distribution of the 620/720s will be applied with the AD60 distribution. We will be posting them in the order that the original orders were received provided we have full details (especially required locomotive number) and postage (**\$10-**), if required, has been paid. Pick-up will be available. We will also contact each person before an order is posted and distribution will be by registered post as with the 620/720s.

To achieve the pre-order price of **\$795-** any balances outstanding should be paid now together with postage if required. If you have not yet advised us of your preferred number from the above numbers being offered please do so now.

The 620/720s: Distribution of the 620/720s is complete apart from a handful of units. If you have not received your model yet, please contact us as there is some reason why you have not been sent your model. We did order what we thought would be enough to keep stocks available for a reasonable time but demand has been such that stocks of some colour schemes have been exhausted. The non-sound equipped, early tuscan red scheme is finished, weathered units in both non-sound and sound-equipped units are just about gone and some numbers in various schemes in both non-sound and sound equipped units are either gone or getting low.

The 900 class DEB set: We consider this to be an extension of the 620/720 project as essentially the same tooling is used. Work has commenced on this project and at this stage it is our intention to produce 2 four-car sets, the standard four and three car versions which when amalgamated made up the seven car set as used, for example, on the Northern Tablelands Express. As part of this project however, we propose to produce the TP parcels trailer which will make up the fourth car in the second set. Whilst the TPs were built to provide parcels service as part of a DEB set they were able to be used on locomotive hauled trains. More details as the project progresses.



Photo: G Ball

The NSWGR CPH/CTH Rail Motors: The next in the series of NSWGR rail motors to be released by Eureka Models will be the CPH/CTH rail motors. Available only as a pair, the CPH/CTH will be produced in both original match-board with crown lights and as rebuilt plain sided versions. All colour schemes will be produced and of course QSI sound will be available. Order forms will be available on our web site or from Eureka Models shortly.

The proposed colour schemes for the CPH/CTHs are as follows:

Silver and blue
 Khaki
 Cream and green
 Tuscan and russet
 Indian red

There is a possibility of producing a varnished timber scheme too.

The 38 Class: Tooling is under-way and the factory has promised us delivery in late 2006. In the next issue of this newsletter there will be a full outline of proposed liveries and locomotive numbers for the 38s. At this stage we intend producing numbers **3801** (green and black), **3805** (green), **3803** (black), **3813** (green with black smoke-box), **3820**, **3827**, and **3830**. There will also be three other non-stream-lined locomotive numbers which have yet to be determined. (We have held this item over until a later issue as we are preparing art-work for the 38s now and will display them in a future edition as soon as they are ready.)

The "R" Class: Drawings for the standard version are complete. We are still working on the West Coast Railway version with the twin funnels and other modifications made when R 711 and R 766 were put into service by WCR. Once these variations are complete tooling on this project will commence. On the subject of numbers, the Victorian Railways used cast

iron number boards and we intend re-producing etched number boards to attach to each locomotive. We will probably produce ten models with the numbers attached and it would be a simple matter to etch a full set of numbers and supply them with un-numbered models so that a purchaser can apply what ever number they wish to their own model. We are looking at adopting a similar approach with name boards and the like whereby we supply a full set of etched boards with the model which can then be individualised by the modeller. We will discuss which name boards, etc, that we might do in a future newsletter to generate some feedback.

Feedback: We are getting plenty of feedback and comments mostly by email which we appreciate very much. I try to answer all correspondence and emails as quickly as possible but inevitable some replies are delayed. My apologies for this but there are only so many hours in each day, so hang on and you will get an answer.

Number of yet to be answered emails as at 1/06/06.....577
as at 17/06/06.....293

Please Note: Due to the popularity of our web site we have had to migrate to a larger server. This required us to establish a domain name which is www.eurekamodels.com.au For the time being the old address will divert you to the new site, but in a couple of months or so access will only be gained by the new address.

Next Issue due out around the end of July might contain some or all of the following:

The Eureka Models rolling-stock program
Artwork for the 38
Delivery of the AD60
The CPH/CTH
R class colour schemes
and more.....

Email Addresses

If you receive a paper copy of this issue but would prefer to receive an email copy or just read it on the web site please email Ron at: eureka.m@bigpond.net.au so that we can put you on our email notification system. You'll get the latest *Eureka Times* faster and we can use the money saved on printing and paper to produce more models!

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