

Calder Northern Report

Terry Wynne

The Calder Northern Division AGM was held on Sunday 18 April, with 26 members attending. Terry Wynne was re-elected Chairman and Tony Hayselden as Treasurer following Mike Sheridan's decision to relinquish the position due to work commitments. A number of issues were discussed including the happenings at Crewe Heritage Centre, the HO DCC layout, Kegworth 2010, the Western Roads Themed Meet in October 2011 and more.

Anyone wanting to see a copy of the minutes can contact Les Herriot (secretary) on his e-mail address (see the Region Directory).

Prior to the AGM Paul Brickles of ABC Modelsport of Crewe gave an excellent presentation and 90-minute clinic on weathering of freight cars. Paul is a keen military modeller and, whilst not too conversant with North American trains, presented a full programme of weathering models using chalks, powders and paints, with a demonstration on using an airbrush. Some members not used to handling this method tried their hand with the airbrush. Paul explained each process in detail and was able to show the various products that he had used for the "here's one I prepared earlier" models he had on display. In addition he demonstrated

each of the methods on models, including how to distress paintwork and how to build up a rust effect – all very effective!

Members all agreed it had been a very useful clinic, and Paul said he would like to come along again to show how each of the methods could be used on buildings and other railway equipment. We are pleased he and Kathryn have agreed to be at Kegworth for the convention with a sales stand and showing some weathering techniques alongside.

Finally at the end of the afternoon an auction was held of items gifted to Calder Northern by a number of sources for us to raise monies for club funds. Frantic auctioneering expertise was provided by John Hey and in his usual fashion John persuaded guys to part with their cash for locos, freight cars and books. As there were so many items for sale, a number were sold for only small amounts of cash. However, we were pleased to raise almost £250, which will be used for items on the DCC layout under construction.

A very useful and enjoyable day where we managed to achieve a lot in a relatively short time.



Mary Hey photo of the freight car weathering Clinic given at the Calder Northern AGM Meet. See Terry Wynne's report elsewhere in this issue