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***Editorial***

Accuracy is a prime objective of mine when writing articles. The reason is that when mistakes are made they tend to get perpetuated. A good example of this arose from Alan Baker's and Allen Civil's book on Bagnall locos ("Bagnalls of Stafford"). In the first edition 'Charles Whytock' was referred to as 'Charles Wytock'. When Graeme Walton Binns bought the loco without its plates he had replacements made and understandably used the wrong spelling. So now the new owner, John Heys, has acquired a loco with the name misspelt and it will be costly to correct the mistake by having new plates made. Meanwhile I note from recent UK publications that 'Wytock' has stuck.....

In last month's article and based on the assertion in Catchpole's book, it was stated that Nuttall, the contractor, had gone bankrupt. Keith Vingoe, the Marketing Director of the L&B states that this is incorrect. Nuttalls were still on site in 1899 in terms of the contract to maintain the line for a year after construction. Furthermore the company is still in business and

undertook the rebuilding of bridge 67 for the L&B in 2005. So sadly my objective of historical accuracy was not achieved in the last edition.

Apologies. I have corrected this error and a couple of other small ones and an amended draft has been loaded on the NSC website.

This month, while a deviation from my master plan of 'Training in Retirement' and following Mike McCaul's death in December, I felt it would be appropriate to feature one of the finest model railway collections accumulated over 50 years and housed in a room above his garage. The photographs below (usual excuses for poor quality thereof!) were taken in September 2001. They are worth studying to identify the gems (not all model railway orientated) and not immediately observed at a cursory glance.

***View from the entrance to the 'train room' above the garage.***



***View from the opposite end of the room***



***View of the room 'extension'***



## *Hornby Dublo 1*



## *Hornby Dublo 2*



*Mainly Wrenn*



*Hornby O gauge 1*



**Hornby O gauge 2**



**Hornby O gauge 3 (note SAR wagons)**



**Hornby O gauge 4 (note SAR wagons)**



**Bassett Lowke O gauge**



**Mainly SAR - DJH kits? Lima? (note 'S' gauge in amongst the HO)**



**Rivarossi, Marklin? Fleischman?**



***Aladdin's cave?***



***British, American and Continental O and gauge 1***



**Mainly American and Continental O and 1 gauge including one of the stars of the collection – Aster live steam Australian Garratt**



**The star of the collection ? – Aster gauge 1 Union Pacific “Big Boy”**



**Hornby 3½" gauge live steam "Rocket"**



**Coaches (and tender!) for "Rocket"**



**5" live steam "Britannia" sadly no longer part of the collection**



**Mike and Beryl**

