

Good morning all,

The NAME Narrow Gauge Locomotive Efficiency Competition was held yesterday at the track of Sale Area Model Engineering Society in Walton Park Sale.

Despite a very short lead-in period, the SAMES team successfully ran a very good competition with eight entries between 3½in and 5in gauge narrow gauge locomotives. The locomotive efficiency was extremely accurately measured using the latest electronic technology attached to the dynamometer car loaned by the Nottingham Society. Unfortunately the date of the Doncaster Show just a week before meant that some of the competitors from the south of the country couldn't brave the journey north on two separate weekends.

The winner was Trefor Milns from the Derby Society with Marcus Peel from Southport coming in second. Marcus is a regular winner in this competition and this year his second place was despite the train being derailed by a flying football (not kicked by any of the other competitors!), and then losing all his train apart from the dynamometer car and observer. Richard Prideaux, a member of Leyland SME, won the cup for the best performing 3½in entry and Richard Guthrie the Northern Association Treasurer presented the trophies and the winners' cheques.

Walton Park is an idyllic location and the sun shone and the Club's Secretary produced a range of excellent food together with tea and coffee for all who attended.

Richard Guthrie



The winner receiving his trophy



The runner-up receiving his cheque



The cup for the 3½" winner



The winner preparing for his run.

Sale Area Model Engineering Society

Name	Club	Locomotive	E %	Position
V. CHADWICK	URMSTON	3.5" EVANS CONWAY	0.132	8
R. PRIDEUX	LEYLAND	3.5" BAYER PEACOCK K1	0.662	4
D. ROBERTS (B STOCK DRIVER)	URMSTON	5" BAYER PEACOCK 0-6-2	0.418	6
S. MILNS	OSWESTRY	5" HUNSLET	0.466	5
A. REID	FYLDE	5" SWEET PEA	0.672	3
T. MILNS	DERBY	5" SAR NG 6 4-4-0	1.321	1
N. THOMPSON	EREWASH	3.5" CONWAY	0.303	7
M. TEEL	SOUTHPORT	5" POLLY 3	0.757	2