



Nictun Borrud also features as part of “*The Meon Valley Railway*”. This is achieved by replacing the 1’ wide fiddle yard board with a 2’ wide cameo board known as Admiralty Siding; this board serves as a link from one of the wing boards of the West Meon Viaduct to the layout. The Pub and Church Corners and the rear fiddle yard are also used so allow the layout to continue to operate should any of the “fancy” bits fail or the operators suffer a nervous breakdown during the exhibition.



Nictun Borrud is set somewhere in the rolling chalk downland of the Hampshire Downs. It represents the terminus of a small branch line with some freight facility and is set in the late steam/early diesel period. The layout is built to finescale OO standards and features Southern Region 3rd Rail Electric units.

Dimensions	16 feet by 2 feet + Operator Space behind or 17 feet by 7 feet circular
Power Supply	1 off 13 amp socket, we provide own splitter & RCD breaker
Operators	Typically 2
Time to erect and strike	Typically less than 30 minutes.
Expenses	By negotiation, usually return petrol costs for a people mover or car + trailer at 40 mpg.
Insurance Value	£2000, no single items over £400

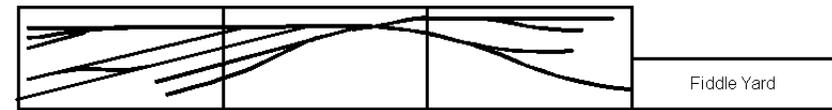
Nictun Borrud was born when a member went into the storage shed one night and came out carrying a sheet of un-braced chipboard with some OO Gauge finescale track stuck to it. This sheet had been rescued from the loft of deceased member whose house was being cleared ahead of being sold. A small crew set to work to and have turned this sheet of chipboard into a very fine layout.

The layout seems to us a fairly close representation of what might have existed at Southwick if the U.S Army Transportation Corps had had their way and built a branch line to allow the Allied Heads of Government and Defence Chiefs meeting to take place at the SHAPE Headquarters in HMS Dryad. In the event, the meeting actually took place aboard the LMS Royal Train which was parked in the goods yard at Droxford for the duration. It is likely that this line would have left the Meon Valley line just south of Soberton and run through Newtown terminating just north of Southwick village. But if it represents Southwick, why is it called Nictun Borrud ? Well, as the original board was scavenged the crew decided to continue this way of working and almost everything on the layout has been either 'nicked' or 'borrowed' from other projects or member's bit boxes; hence the name Nictun Borrud.



Unfortunately for the club, Nictun Borrud did not stop there. Phase 2 development saw the straight 4 foot fiddle yard replaced by Nictun Halt on two curved boards and a rear fiddle yard built on old Soberton fiddle yard boards; phase 3 saw the layout evolve into a complete circle with the addition of the Church and Pub corners, which together form Nictun Cutting.

The layout can be exhibited in either the 16' by 2' straight configuration (Nictun Borrud)



Nictun Borrud		
16' x 2'	16/06/06	Straight Format

or in the circular 17' by 7' configuration (Nictun Borrud and Nictun Halt and Nictun Cutting) In a limited space it is possible to exhibit only Nictun Borrud and Nictun Halt making an overall length of 15'.

