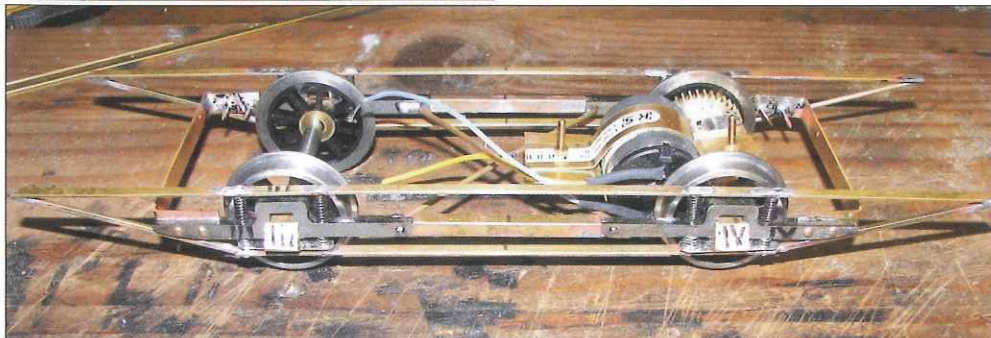


9. Above, left: Bodywork painted and controllers ready for fitting.
 10. Above: More detail bits for completion of the body; bumpers, resistance boxes, handbrakes and headlights.
 11. Left: Now to the truck. The sideframes are laser cut from mild steel which I have made to a 7ft. wheelbase. (they can be cut in the middle and lengthened/shortened to suit a particular model). All other parts are fabricated from brass, the wheels are from "Slaters" and gear wheels are specially cut for me, ratio of 1 to 5 for 33in. and 1 to 4 for smaller sizes.
 12. Below: Truck assembled and motor fitted. The "can" motors are recycled from old video and DVD players!
 13. Bottom: Body attached to the truck (as yet unpainted) and just needs a trolley pole and other final details.



110th Anniversary of Hong Kong Tramways

A number of commemorative events took place during 2014 to mark and celebrate this remarkable milestone for one of the world's most iconic tramway systems - Joseph Tse reports and provides the pictures



Left:
 Three celebrities (left to right in the tram), Ms. Cecilia Yip (葉童), Mr. Anthony Wong (黃秋生) and Mr. Teddy Robin (泰迪羅賓) encircled by the media on 18th February 2014, sharing stories of 'Ding Ding' on tram 110.

Below:
 On 21st June 2014 Hong Kong Tramways and Alliance Française de Hong Kong jointly launched "Music on the Tram" on open-top tram 128 celebrating World Music Day and the 110th anniversary of HKT. Local bands performed on the tram and there were free rides for the public.

Entering its 110th year Hong Kong Tramways (HKT) held a couple of celebratory events. Tram 110 masqueraded as a 'mobile film library' and featuring a special 110 logo. On 18th February 2014 three celebrities were invited to share their stories of 'Ding Ding' (nickname for the Hong Kong tramway). With the compliments of the HKT management, two senior staff members were especially awarded for their long service - a senior inspector has been working for HKT for nearly half century, and the motorwoman had been the driver of tram 128 during the visit of Margaret Thatcher in May 1993. Free film



screenings and the first open day of the tram depot followed. The "Photo & Story Competition" and free tram tours were organized for the public to join in.

A celebration cocktail event was held on 18th



The guests (the man on the left is Emmanuel Vivant, Managing Director of HKT) were excited by notching up original Dick Kerr controllers for the opening of the cocktail ceremony on 18th July 2014.

Right:

At Whitty Street depot on the open day 30th July 2014, visitors are enjoying a free ride on Millennium tram 169, also specially decorated for the 110th anniversary.



July 2014, started by the officials and the French management switching on old Dick Kerr controllers, a remarkable symbol. Awards were presented to the winners of the "Photo & Story Competition" and the long-service staff. The tram depot open days, held on 30th and 31st July, fascinated the public.

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More Exciting 3D Trams in O-scale

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Hong Kong's Third Tramway

Martin Eady updates us on the tramway that few ordinary tourists get to see, or even know about. But Martin is no ordinary tourist.....



Visitors to Hong Kong can't miss the famous Hong Kong trams. With over 160 four-wheel double-deck 3'6" gauge cars running 13km (8 miles) along the North shore of Hong Kong Island, there's a car every

minute or two. The cable-operated Peak Tramway (Hong Kong's first tramway of 1888) is also well patronised by tourists who hope for spectacular city and harbour views from Victoria Peak - if there's no fog.

But Hong Kong's third tramway is less often visited and rarely reported on. A 45-minute ride



Title Picture: LRVs in original livery at Yuen Long terminus in November 1988 shortly after the system opened. L-R: 1010, 1039 [on the route to On Ting] and 1064 [on route 611 to Ferry Pier, Tuen Mun]. This location is unrecognisable today as the Sun Yuen Long Centre has been built above it. Also, Yuen Long West Rail Line station (opened in 2003 with fast connections to West Kowloon) is immediately adjacent to the north.

Photo: Bob Appleton
Left: Phase II Kawasaki-built car 1080 of 1992 seen at Tuen Mun on route 505 in March 2014. Note the similarity to Phase I cars.

Martin Eady