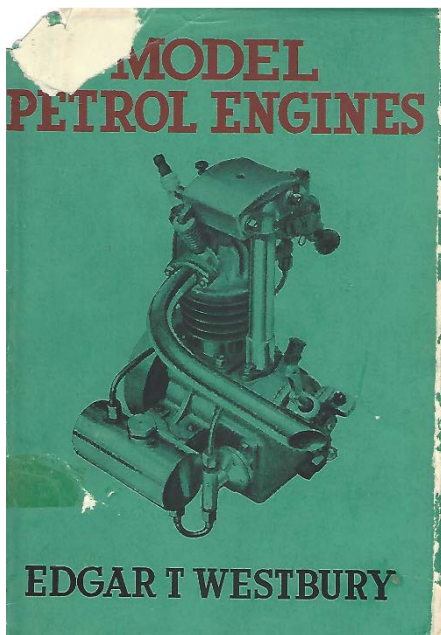


Book Review Nr 13

The two books this month demonstrate the wide range of books in our library. I am not aware of members modelling IC engines or trams, but these book might stimulate interest.



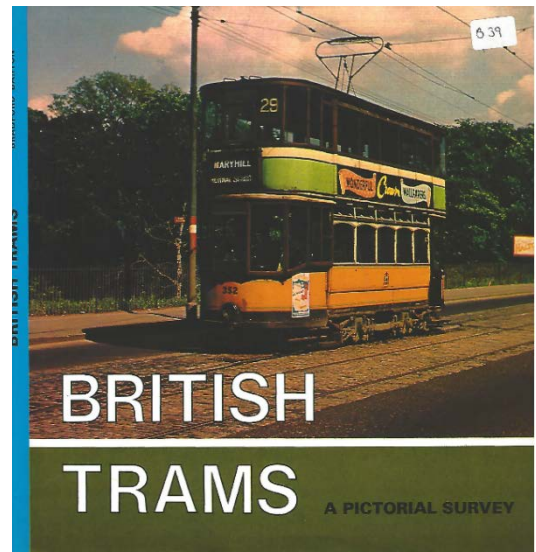
The first book is **Model Petrol Engines** by Edgar T Westbury and is in A5 format. Edgar was an associate editor of *The Model Engineer*. The intent of the book is to assist with the production of model petrol engines whether starting from first principles or constructing engines to well-trying designs which have been proved successful. It contains not only general information on the design of engines and their necessary appurtenances, but also several complete designs of widely diverse types of engines for practically every model engineering requirement. The book runs to 226 pages and close on 150 diagrams and illustrations.

The book concentrates on two and four stroke engines. Chapters cover carburation, ignition, lubrication and cooling, and running, maintenance and tuning. The sub-chapters indicate all details are covered to build a working model and provide guidance on the finer details to avoid failures. A brief scan indicates that a lot of information and advice is crammed in this small book.

It looks a must if you want to get involved in model internal combustion engines. I could not find a publication date, but our copy cost 8/ 6.

The second book is **British Trams - A Pictorial Survey** by L F Folkard. There is no publication date which reflects the historic nature of the book. It is predominately a collection of photographs of scrapped trams. It is unfortunate this book is printed in black and white.

The book is 8.5" square format and is close on 100 pages. Each photograph is accompanied by a 100 word description and history of the vehicle. The photos are categorised under the headings The Fallen Strongholds, The Survivors, Tramways for Leisure and Pleasure, Tramway Preservation and Tramways of the Future. The last category has one photo of a Tyne & Wear Metro prototype train which indicates a publication date of the late 70s and early 80s. No other recent modern trams are mentioned. The Tram Preservation section covers three museum, Carlton Colville at Lowestoft, Beamish in County Durham and Crich in Derbyshire. The society visited Crich a few years ago and it is an interesting museum with a good workshop.



This might be a book which goes back in the box never to see the light of day again.

These two books will be available to peruse at the next club night. (Sorry that I have missed the last two meetings)

If you want to borrow this, or any book in the library, please contact me.

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Remember we would welcome members' views on any books they borrow.

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