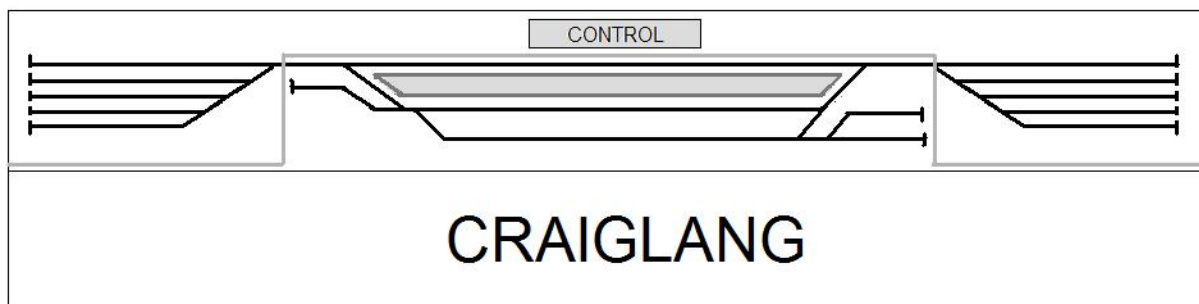




CRAIGLANG

Glasgow suburbs circa 1970-

Craiglang is an end to end layout, fictitiously placed on the south side of Glasgow on a secondary route to Ayrshire. Somewhere between Shields junction and Paisley. This position and route give an opportunity to run a variety of types of traction and stock. You could be watching a class 126 DMU arriving on a service to Ayr passing a class 20 on fuel tanks from Prestwick Airport or a nuclear flask from Hunterston.



The basic track plan consists of a two platform island station with platform 1 towards the rear of the layout (for west bound services) and platform 2 for Glasgow bound services. Right at the front is the passing freight loop where you may see a freight being looped to allow a passenger service to pass. To the Glasgow end of the loop is a single siding feeding a coal yard and at the west end are two sidings where engineers trains can layover between shifts.

The station building is atop the road bridge in a similar style to the old Kelvinside station or Crow road station. Towards the rear of the layout will be an impression of some Glasgow tenements, above the station on a retaining wall. This is to create the feel of the whole layout being partly below ground level and buried between tunnels on a low level suburban line.

The name "Craiglang" comes from the TV series "Still Game" and who knows if you look closely you may even see Jack and Victor heading to Navid's or the Clansman for a couple of Pints.

Craiglang was first exhibited at the Kilmarnock MRC Exhibition 2009 at the Volunteer Rooms in Irvine and ran very well with the exception of one bad solder joint and an electrical "quirk" that means you can't put anything in the avoiding loop without energising platform 2. Easy once you remember that! Oops.

(Photographs to follow)

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