Scandinavian Draisine Build One

The easiest machine to propel by far is a "Draisine", but not as easy to build as the track bike. We could email you the AutoCAD code for the wheels and the building jig, to get them laser cut by a firm local to you, it is free.





Finished Machine

Tube cutting in the Lathe **Square tube is much simpler.**

Skills Needed

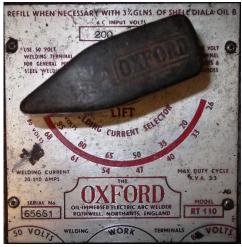
Wheels Welding, Stick or MIG for the spokes

Frame; Brazing or MIG welding for the ERW steel tube. (ERW –Electro Resistance Welded)

Lathe Turning; for bearing holders and round tube cutting

Equipment needed – MIG is far simpler if you have one (you will not need the Gas Equipment.)









Small stick welder, it is old fashioned, but so am I.

Mark Egerton's MIG welder



Gas equipment for brazing



A band saw saves time



Raglan Lathe

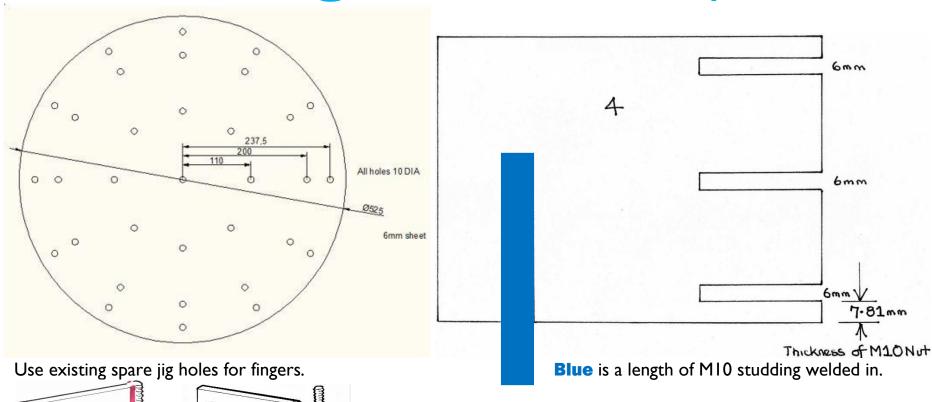


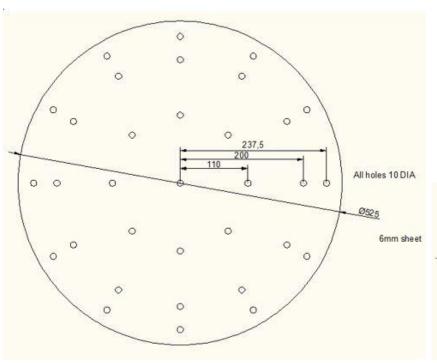
Magnetic Right Angles

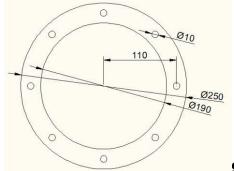
Draisine Wheel Welding Jig. The "Fingers" help keep alignment true and avoid eccentric wheels.

AutoCAD code (*It is free*) for the wheels and Jig plate **TO DO** and "Fingers". You get them **laser cut** by a laser cutting company local to you.

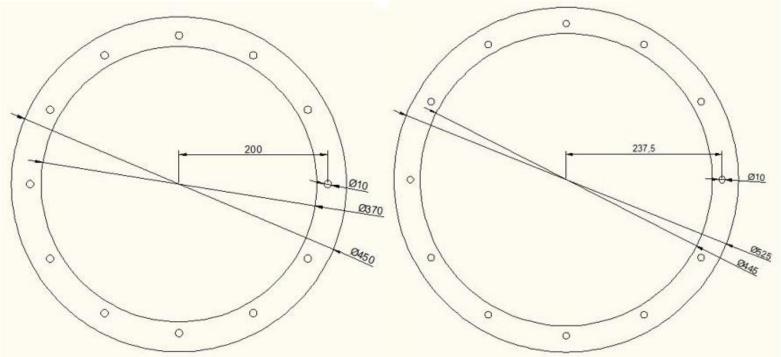
Redesign in Winter 2021/2 "FINGERS"







Some of the Laser cut parts



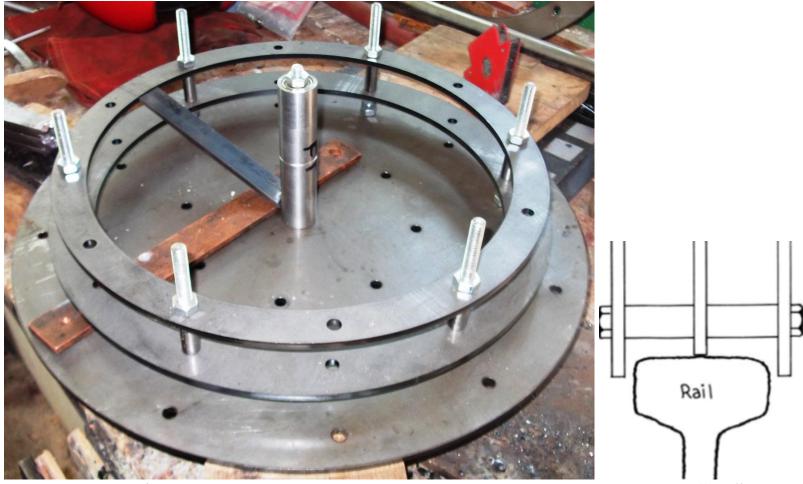
Outrigger wheel 6 split spokes 8 holes, all rings the same size.



Old Jig Design in use, without fingers

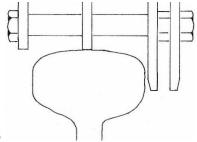
You need to weld the spokes on this design. We will try to design a spoked centre disk and do without welding as an option

Front wheel 6 split spokes 12 holes



Front wheel on jig (the wheels under the operator have outer discs larger than the inner to "grip" the rail head).

This type of wheel does not go through points in one direction, you have to get off and push the machine over them



A 4 wheel machine would have wheels like this, and would go through points

Back wheel 6 split spokes 12 holes Fingers would use the holes inside the ring.





Bearings and carriers before brazing up.



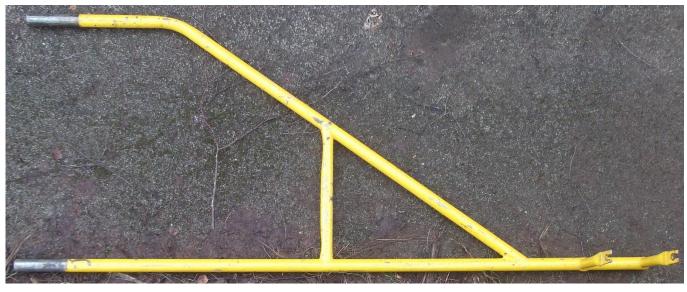
Jig in use attaching bearing carriers to frame with braze.



Pillow Blocks would be simpler















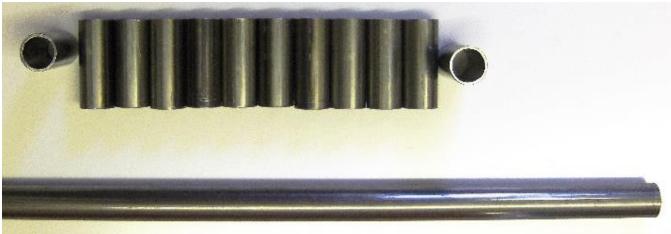


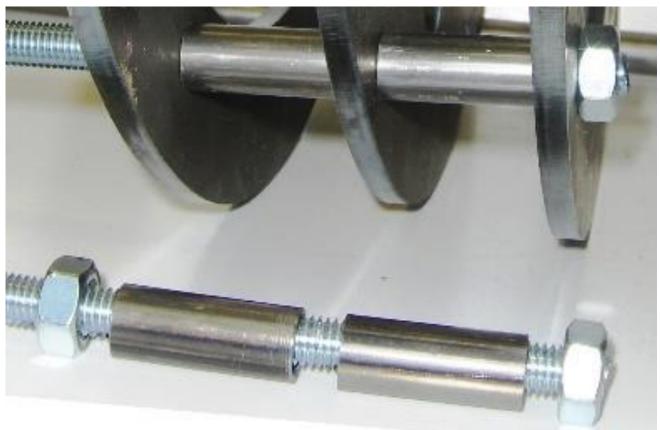




Wheel Spacers on studding







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