



A newsletter for the model railway clubs in Auckland, February, 2019

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Editor's Desk



The publication of *The Limited* is the joint efforts of James Kelso and Philip Sharp. Our individual roles have evolved to the point where James acts

as the managing editor and Philip as the reporter and person doing the word processing. If you have general comments to make about *The Limited*, they should be emailed to James. If you have a specific comment or information it should be emailed to Philip. Our email addresses are on the last page.

In the previous issue, we listed the abbreviations we use for clubs with a presence in Auckland (some clubs do not have good abbreviations). Chris Cameron pointed out that another possibility is NZHRCA. This stands for New Zealand Hornby Rail

Collectors Association; there are 31 members in Auckland. We have added this to the list.

The main role of *The Limited* is to promote the activities of clubs. One way to do this is to provide contact details for clubs. By contact details we mean email addresses, URLs for websites, and the names of Facebook pages. We prefer not to publish telephone numbers. If your club would like us to publish the club's contact information, please email Philip the information.

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The Britomart Express

The 2019 Britomart Express was a one-day NZAMRC Auckland area event held at the NSMRC on February 9. The attendees included two from Tauranga.

Most attendees arrived well before the start of the event and discussed many topics among themselves. They also enjoyed a well catered morning tea.

Much of the formal part of the morning was taken up with three clinics.

First was Wayne Brindle on NZR modelling. He gave a pictorial representation of the locomotive and wagons he has scratchbuilt or kitbashed. He also described the references he used. These led to a discussion about the availability of NZR plans and plan books.

Paul Hobbs then spoke about American modelling. Paul based his clinic on a general framework for

modelling. Paul made the points that there is considerable diversity among American prototypes, and that it is acceptable to model a small part of a prototype such as a yard or short segment of a branchline.

The third clinic was given by Gary Snow and Mike Hill. They described the work that is being done at the WDMRC to convert the club's DC systems to a DCC system that uses DCC++ and Arduino chips. They used a test track for demonstrations and passed around Arduino chips for inspection. This clinic, like the previous two, generated plenty of discussion.

The morning session ended with the announcement of the competition winners. There were four entries. After some interpretation of the competition rules by the two judges, Wayne Brindle and Frank Fordham were declared joint winners.

The afternoon session was a layout tour of the WDMRC layouts, a private garden railway layout known as the Waitakere Light Railway, and the WCMRC layouts. I was surprised by the large number of questions asked of the layout owners by the tourists.

The first photograph below shows two young members of the WDMRC helping with one of the WDMRC layouts on the tour. The second photograph is of a live steam locomotive on the Waitakere Light Railway. The locomotive models the 0-6-2T "Superior". The prototype was used on the Bowaters Paper Mill Railway and is now runs on the Great Whipsnade Railway, a narrow-gauge heritage railway in Bedfordshire, England.



The last photograph shows Bob Cartwright, president of the ACMRC, adjusting a wagon on the Sheffield layout at the ACMRC.



Update on Rails from the Rubble

As many readers will know, the next NZAMRC convention, called "Rails from the Rubble", will be held Friday 10th – Monday 13th April, 2020, at St Andrews College, 347 Papanui Road, Christchurch.

The LOC recently made a significant update to the convention website, the URL for which is <http://www.modelrailcon.co.nz/>

There is now photographs of the venue and of models made by the guest speaker Kathy Millat, MMR. There is also photographs of proposed layouts at the venue and on the tours. These layouts include NZR layouts of scales 1:24, 1:34 and 1:64,



1:120, a Freemo layout, German and US layouts, an N scale layout, a 16.5mm gauge freelance layout, and a steampunk layout.

If you want to get regular email updates on the convention, you can join the email list for the convention by completing a simple form on the website.

Update on AMRA 2019

The registration form for AMRA 2019 became available early February. You can obtain a copy of the form by emailing Bryan Fitzpatrick at bryan.bayhob@xtra.co.nz or Wayne Ruegg at waycar@kinect.co.nz

The full convention registration is \$90. This becomes \$100 after April 25. The partner and under 15 registrations are \$50 (\$60) and \$40 (\$50) respectively. The Saturday evening meal is \$35 and the Sunday banquet \$50.

Once you have decided to attend the convention, I encourage you to register and pay the registration fee as soon as you are able to. I know from experience that convention organisers are helped by having registrations well before the convention. This reduces the uncertainty over the budget for the convention, and will likely mean final bookings can be made before any penalty clause is applied.

Upcoming AGMs

The NZMRG will have its 2019 AGM on Sunday March 24 at the Birkenhead Scout Hall, Recreation Drive, Birkenhead. The scout hall is next to the NSMRC. The AGM will be combined with an Auckland Modelling Day.

The AMRC will have its AGM on April 6, starting at 2pm. This AGM is especially important for the AMRC because the passing of Chris Greenhill, see below, means the club has just two officers – Malcolm Ross as secretary and Wayne Brindle as treasurer.

The NZAMRC will hold its 2019 AGM on April 14 in the upstairs lounge of the ACMRC, 174 Penrose Road, Mt Wellington. Each club is entitled to have two delegates at the AGM but only one of these delegates can vote. Attending the AGM will give you an opportunity to see the large ACMRC club.

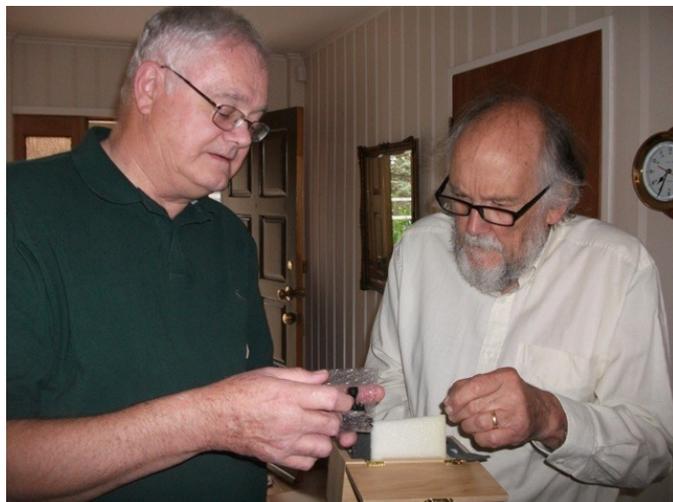
Roll Call

Chris Greenhill passed way early February after an illness of a few months. Chris was the president of the AMRC and had been for at least two terms.

He had been a member of the North Shore Model Railway Club. While there he helped with extensions to the clubrooms. He left the club when it changed from DC to DCC.

Chris modelled the Great Western and had acquired many locomotives and pieces of rolling stock in different scales.

The photograph below shows Chris (left) talking to Graeme Jones about how to fix a piece of rolling stock.



AMC News

The AMC held its 2019 AGM on February 11 in Central Auckland. I attended the meeting.

Philip Wrigley had announced he was stepping down as president after a long time in the position. Barry McCullough was elected president by acclamation. Barry said afterwards that he has big shoes to fill. The rest of the club officers and committee remained pretty much as they were in the previous year. One notable difference was the introduction of the role of Asset Manager. The main task of the Asset Manager is to ensure the club's layouts and modules are well maintained. Andrew Dowd was appointed to this role.

The AGM approved the introduction of two annual awards. One is for the best module completed during the previous 12 months. As well as

recognizing good modelling, the award is intended to encourage more club members to build modules.

The other award is for the person recognized by the committee as having gone above and beyond in supporting and promoting the club. The meeting voted unanimously to give Philip Wrigley this award for 2019 for the sterling work he did as president.

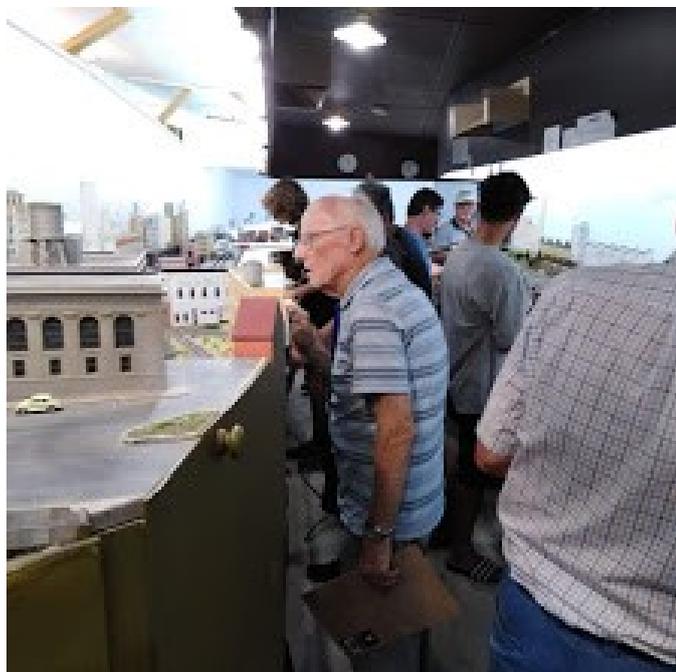
NSMRC News

The Indian Hill project has been progressing with buildings added recently.

The club held a switchlist session on January 29. Among the operators were two guest operators, Kevin Porter and Tim Roberts, from the WCMRC. Nine trains were scheduled for the session but only six ran because some throttles were not working reliably. Despite this, the session went well. The club has since bought three new throttles.

On February 14 the club held scheduled running. This was well attended with seven trains running.

The photograph below shows eight operators in the aisle between Indian Hill, Santel and Mounts Siding.



The 3mm Society

A few days after we published the previous issue of *The Limited*, Bob Lack emailed James. Bob is the New Zealand Area Organiser for the 3mm Society. Bob described the society as being strong with lots of support available for old fashioned Tri-ang TT, modern 3mm fine scale, and anything in between.

If there is anyone in the Auckland area who is interested in 3mm, Bob would be delighted if they contacted him. His email is bob@lack.gen.nz

Auckland Modelling Day

The first Auckland Modelling Day for 2019 was held last weekend at the Birkenhead Scout Hall. When I arrived a little after 1pm, over a dozen people had already signed in.

There are two points I would like to make about the Auckland Modellings Day. Although they are organized by NZR modellers the days are open to modellers of all prototypes, and you do not have to work on a model when you attend the day. This second point is illustrated by the photograph below. Here we see Alan Curtis running a locomotive on one incomplete module of his modular layout.



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