



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

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Editor's Desk

There is no editorial this month. I have much to report upon and I like to keep each issue of *The Limited* to four pages, excluding forms and posters. Any longer than that and *The Limited* is not living up to its name.



Calendar of Events

April 6. The 2019 AGM of the AMRC.

April 14. The 2019 AGM of the NZAMRC in the upstairs lounge of the ACMRC, 174 Penrose Road, Mt Wellington. The AGM starts at 1:30pm.

April 27th and 28th. A model railway exhibition at the Te Awamutu Events Centre, The Rose Gardens at the corner of Mahoe St and Selwyn Ln, 10am to 4pm both days. Admission: adults \$6, child \$3, family

\$15. EFTPOS at the door. The exhibition is hosted by the Hamilton Model Railroaders.

May 5. The WDMRC is having an open day at its clubrooms from 10am to at least 2pm. The open day will introduce people to what the club does. There will be trains running. The clubrooms are at 103 Glen Road, Ranui.

May 31 – June 3. The AMRA convention in Tauranga.

July 13 – 14. The Whangaparaoa Train Show. The show is hosted by the AMC.

July 13 – 14. The Taupo Model Expo.

July 18 – 29. The Model Train Show, Whitianga Baptist Church, 112 Cook Drive, Whitianga, 10am – 2pm all three days. Gold coin entry. The show is hosted by the Mercury Bay Model Railway Club.

July 21. The Collectors Model Fair at Mt Eden War Memorial Hall, 487 Dominion Road Auckland, from 10am to 1pm (just three hours). Admission: adults \$6, children are free. The fair is run by the ACMRC.

AGRSI

The meet scheduled for Sunday, February 24 at the Howick Valley Railway was postponed to the following Sunday because rain was forecast. The weather was fine on the 3rd and the meet went ahead.

The first hour of the meet was for battery-powered locomotives and the second hour for live steam locomotives. Live steam locomotives are run last because they drip oil on to the track. If they were run first, the battery-powered locomotives that followed would have less traction because of the oil.

The AGRSI experimented with new train running instructions (TRIs) at this meet. TRIs are intended to

ensure there are no collisions and that each member who wants to run a train has a fair opportunity to do so. The AGRSI has a generic set of TRIs that apply to most of its running meets. These were augmented for this meet by TRIs that were specific to the Howick Valley Railway (HVR). This second set of TRIs was written by the HVR owner Ray Williams. Having two sets of TRIs worked well and did not make the running of trains noticeably more complex than having just one set.

The photograph below shows three trains stopped at Ohakune Station on the HVR. The top right of the photograph shows just how good the weather was.



Two weeks later the AGRSI held its second running meet for the month. This was in Remuera. The owner of the layout does not have a permanent layout. He lays out the track on his back lawn each time there is a meet. This time the track plan consisted of a long dogbone mainline, a long passing siding at one end, and a small three-track storage yard near the other end. The track was set up for track power, battery power, and live steam. Though temporary, the layout worked very well except for one turnout which sometimes caused rolling stock to bobble.

The photograph below shows most of the layout. The train of empty coal wagons in the foreground is being pulled by Michael Hilliar's turtle. The train in the right foreground was pulled by Robert Graham's Mamod Boulton. The Mamod is off the track because the wheels are not insulated. This caused a short that affected the yellow and red track-powered locomotive in the background. The person looking on is the owner John Stephenson.

The AGRSI running meets are usually social events and the March meets were no exceptions, the fine weather no doubt helping. There was plenty of conversation and good afternoon tea.

ACMRC

The following item is based on information supplied by Bob Cartwright, president of the ACMRC.

The club has made good progress on three of its layouts. Graham and Tony have added stone walls to the bridges on the branch line of the OO Sheffield layout. Jim has been working on the N scale layout for which Bob has donated carriages and wagons. Upstairs, several members led by Ross have been working on the elongated helix on the HO layout.

The club will be running a collectors model fair on July 21. [Ed. See the Calendar of Events for details.]

AMC

The AMC's March meeting was in its clubrooms. Unlike the ACMRC, NSMRC and WDMRC, the AMC does not have permanent clubrooms. Instead, the AMC rents rooms in Silverdale. There is not a lot of space, especially since some of it is used to store the club's portable layout. The cozy configuration does not dampen the enthusiasm of the club members for their hobby.

The meeting began with socializing and the selling of some magazines and booklets that had been donated to the club over the years. The club's AGM the previous month had decided to free up space in the Silverdale rooms by selling the club's little-read magazines and booklets. The price was \$3 for 20 (I

bought 13 booklets). I believe other clubs could free up space by selling their little-read magazines to members for greatly reduced prices.

After the sale, the president Barry McCullough led discussions on several topics. These included the search for more suitable club rooms, and what activities would be conducted at the next few meetings.

The club has started publishing its newsletter "AC Eurailer" again, with Kevin Hayne as editor. The newsletter is freely available to the public on the AMC website, look under the Reference tab.

AMRC

Members of the AMRC has been busy since early February helping the family of the late Chris Greenhill find good homes for Chris's many model railway items. First there was a session in which members of the AMRC could have sets of magazines for free. Then there was a sale session where club members could buy items at very good prices.

The AMRC usually holds its monthly meetings on a Saturday. The March meeting was at an OO layout in Clevedon. A drive of 50 kilometres each way for me but well worth the effort.

The layout is housed in a double garage. The main part of the layout models an industrial town in Yorkshire. Another part models a farming district in Yorkshire. The photograph below shows a cricket match in progress near the centre of town.



CoSMRC

The CoSMRC held its February meeting on the 27th at the Western Districts MRC. In addition to the CoSMRC members, three members of the WDMRC attended.

After the CoSMRC members looked around the HO and N scale layouts, Paul Hobbs and I gave a presentation on car cards. The presentation was intended to generate discussion; this goal was achieved. There was general agreement that the club should run car card sessions but a start date was not decided upon. The logistics of starting up a sequence of car card sessions was discussed by email the following day.

The meeting ended with a much-appreciated supper put on by the WDMRC.

The photograph below shows James Kelso (left), president of the NZAMRC, and Mark Jackson (right), vice-president of the NSMRC, standing beside the HO layout at the WDMRC.

If you want to know more about the CoSMRC, contact me by email.



NSMRC

I said in the previous issue that the work on the Indian Hill station on the club's Waitemata and Chelsea Railway (W&CR) was progressing. The photograph below is a low helicopter shot that shows part of the passenger facilities and downtown Indian Hill. The modellers working on Indian Hill have used a mix of three dimensional and 2 ½ dimensional buildings. The black lines in the



foreground indicate the possible position of new tracks. Unlike the other stations on the W&CR, Indian Hill is mostly a passenger station.

The club held an open day on February 24 from 10am to 3pm. This open day was the second in what the club hopes are regular open days held every two months. Entry is by donation. The main purpose of the open days is to let the public know the club is there and what it has. Attracting new members and raising money are seen as a bonus.

The club had two guest operators from the Auckland Märklin Club at its switchlist operating session late February. The photograph shows Philip Wrigley, immediate past president of the AMC, consulting the switchlist for Glydebourne in his role as assistant stationmaster. Behind him looking to the right is Sean Rosig. The person to the right of Philip Wrigley is NSMRC stalwart Owen Munro.



I asked Philip and Sean if they had any comments about the operating session. Philip said "It's always a privilege to visit NSMRC's layout. I love the detail

in the street scenes. The wagons are so grimy they seem real. Switching gives you a sense of running a railroad along with the whole team ...". Sean said "...all members I interacted with, which was almost everyone present that evening, were very friendly, generous and accommodating" and "I thoroughly enjoyed the evening."

Auckland 9 mil Group

I regularly attend monthly gatherings of the Auckland 9 mil group. These are held in Trevor Cheer's large layout shed.

One of the first things I do upon arrival is check what progress has been made on the layout. The current big project is the Opuā Wharf. The photograph below shows the current state of the wharf.



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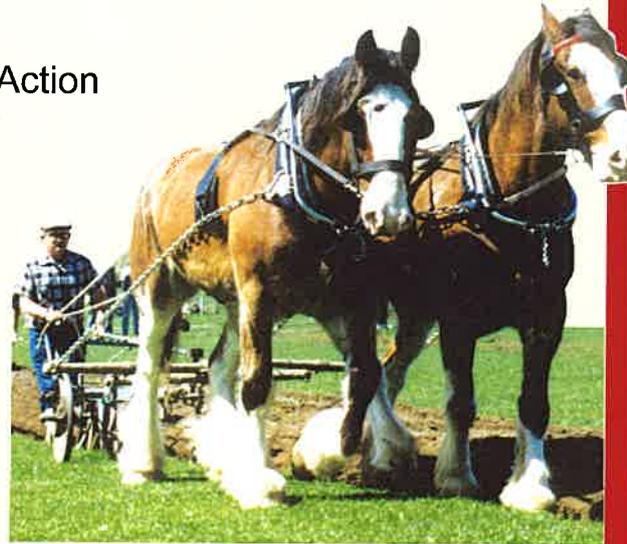
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AMRA 2019 Tauranga

Registration Form for Attending AMRA 2019

One form per person please

Name	Surname
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Costs

Registration	Early Bird	After 25 April	Cost
Full registration (note cost is \$100 from 25 April 2019)	\$90.00	\$100.00	
Partner registration (note cost is \$60 from 25 April 2019)	\$50.00	\$60.00	
Junior registration (Under 15) (cost is \$50 from 25 April 2019)	\$40.00	\$50.00	
Meals	Cost	Number of meals	
Saturday Night (open to non-registered partners)	\$35.00		
Sunday Banquet (open to non-registered partners or friends)	\$50.00		
			Total Cost

Operating

Would you like to attend a Pre-AMRA operating session	(circle)	Yes / No
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Tick preferred session (first in first served basis)

Thursday Morning Session	
Thursday Afternoon Session	
Thursday Night Session	
Friday Morning Session	
Friday Afternoon Session (Limited Layouts available)	

We will do our best to accommodate your selection but with limited sessions available, it will be on a first in, first served basis

Buy Sell & Swap

Do you require space to display items for sale or swap	(circle)	Yes / No
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Payment Details

Please complete this form (*one per person*) and either scan and email to Wayne Ruegg at waycar@kinect.co.nz or mail to: Wayne Ruegg, 36 Balmoral Terrace, Otumoetai, Tauranga 3110, New Zealand

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