

NZR modellers in all scales getting together to share their common interest in our own railways. Regular meetings the **last Sunday** of every month from 10am at rear of **Colin Barry's garage, 7 Hadlow Place, Burnside**. 03 358 3681, colin.barry48@gmail.com



Peveril's newly installed fireman keeps an eye on the track ahead from the cab of Bryan Lawrence's beautifully turned out 1:64 scale model.

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2020 got off to a flying start with a big turnout on a balmy Sunday morning.

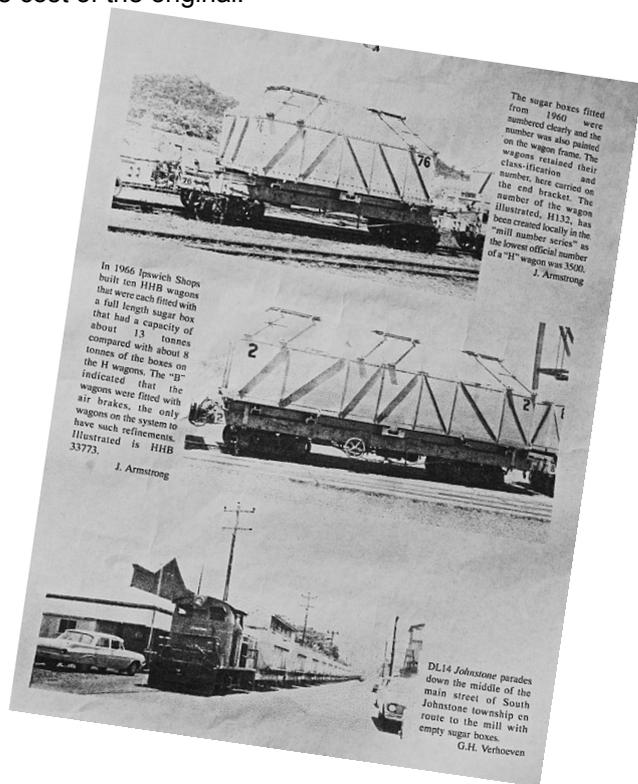
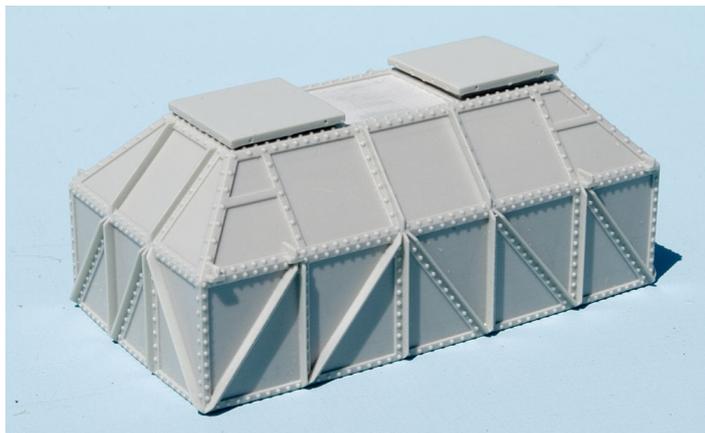
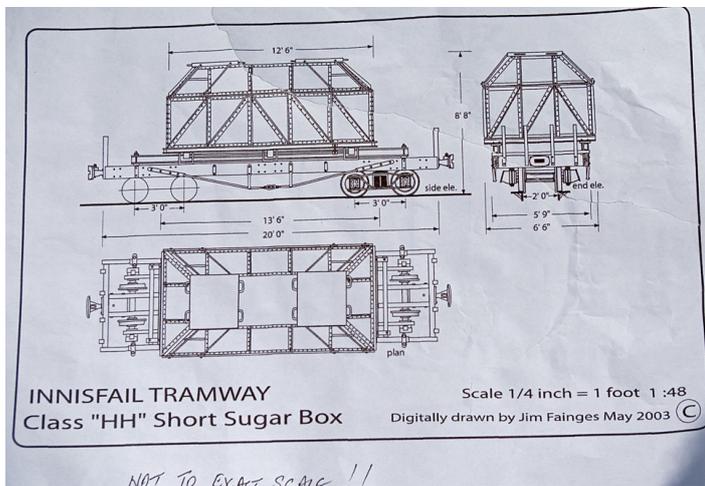
Story of the day had to be the combined efforts of **Jason Horne, Trevor Corrin** and **Kevin Leigh**.

One of **Kevin's** Australian clients had paid an eye-watering sum for a very disappointing 1:48 scale 'short sugar box' as used by the Innisfail Tramway in Queensland. Could **Kevin** do better?

Armed with fairly minimal information — a diagram and poorly photocopied page of text and photos — **Kevin**

talked to **Jason Horne**. Could he convert these into the design for a 3D print? **Jason** agreed and after much detective work deciphering some details and applying his engineering knowledge to deduce others, a CAD file was soon forthcoming. **Trevor Corrin** took over from there and after a couple of goes produced a superb 3D print.

The print went to **Kevin Leigh** who made a silicone rubber mould and proceeded to cast the first of what will no doubt be many boxes. Far better and at a fraction of the cost of the original!



A slightly better than nothing, not quite to scale diagram (above right) and some poorly photocopied photos (above) were all the trio had to go by — other than the shoddy original from Oz.

Right: The finished product. The perfectly fitting square hatches are of course removable.

Thanks as always to **Colin and Helen Barry** for hosting us

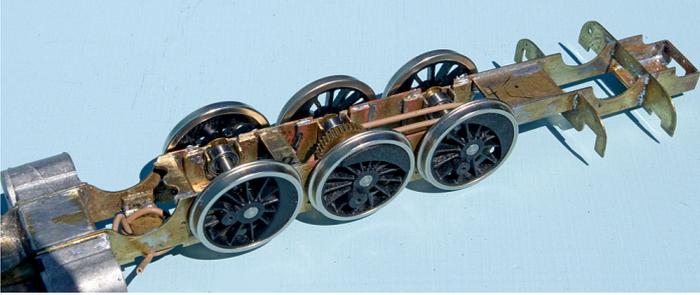
Remember : Come if you can this Sunday : Leave a gold coin before you go



Colin Barry was missing for most of the morning attending to a safety audit at Steam Scene, McLeans Island, but did return in time to be able to outline the help he wanted from **Trevor Corrin** with ballasting the Rewanui yard track. **Colin** has an injured shoulder that makes it too painful to reach over very far.

It was good to have **John Atkinson** with us again, if only for this one visit. **John** had a nearly-completed hand-built chassis for a North Yard A with him. Equipped with roller bearings, and with fully compensated driving axles, this should be quite a step up from the standard diecast chassis.

John is spending the next few months in Canada but hopes to back in June. It would be nice think we'll see the finished A when he does.



John Atkinson's scratchbuilt chassis for North Yard A.

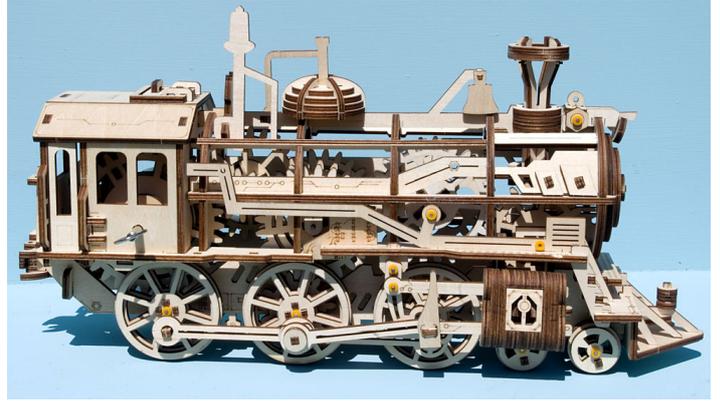
Jessy Blunsdon had a friend, **William Ruttgers** with him. **William**, who is currently based in Napier is training to drive remote controlled shunting locos up there. Meanwhile **Jessy** had also been short listed for a KiwiRail job — hopefully not away from Christchurch.



Jessy Blunsdon and friend William Ruttgers having a relaxed chat in Colin's hobby room.

Always a master of surprise, **Paul Christensen** brought along a 'visible works' steam locomotive he had built from a laser cut plywood kit. It's an interesting concept with the

usual cylinders and rods, etc, on the outside but with a clockwork drive inside the 'boiler'. Belt and braces in case the fire goes out?



Paul Christensen's novelty steam locomotive.

As well as his work on the sugar boxes, **Jason Horne** had also completed the etches for his Eo locomotive build.

Bryan Lawrence had fitted crews to his and **Wayne William's** F locos, but in gluing the cab roof back on Peveril it 'sort of twisted' — so I was only allowed to photograph its 'good side'.



Daryl Roe took the opportunity to go over his clinic for the upcoming convention — and to hand over his AB to have its sound decoder programmed.

I also took the opportunity to discuss the time and day when he would do his clinic **Glen Anthony**.

That's far from everything that happened but it's all I can remember or got notes of.

—Peter



Kevin Leigh chatting to Brenda Anthony, who is often the other provider of our prized morning teas.



Trevor Corrin and Kevin Leigh trying to figure out one of the remaining sugar box mysteries.



What better than a coffee or tea with friends in the shade on warm summer's morning? Daryl Roe, Jason Horne and Bryan Lawrence seem to be enjoying it anyway.



Glen Anthony and Tom Lynch get Paul Christensen to explain how the puzzle all goes together.



With the morning winding down, Colin Barry returned and joined others, including a smiling Trevor Corrin, under the trees.



John Atkinson in conversation with Brent O'Callahan, who wouldn't want to wear that tee shirt in some quarters.



It was touch and go which loco to feature on the front, now it's Ivanhoe's turn. As well as the new crew she also sports one of the NZ Finescale jacks on the running board.



Over the teacups: Reuben Romany, Daryl Roe and Jason horn relaxing in the shade.

January roll call:

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| Glen Anthony | Trevor Corrin | Brent O'Callahan |
| John Atkinson | Jason Horne | Daryl Roe |
| Colin Barry | Bryan Lawrence | Reuben Romany |
| Jessy Blunsdon | Kevin Leigh | Peter Ross |
| Paul Christensen | Tom Lynch | William Ruttgers |

Convention newsletter #6 is out now on www.modelrailcon.co.nz

NZAMRC National Model Railway Convention



St Andrews College
347 Papanui Road Christchurch
Friday 10th April - Monday 13th April

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Getting our ducks in a row



Timetable details released

Day	Time	Activity
Friday	10:00	Registration
Friday	11:00	Timetable details released
Friday	12:00	Lunch
Friday	13:00	Workshops
Friday	14:00	Model shop visit
Friday	15:00	Competition hints
Friday	16:00	Clubs and societies
Friday	17:00	Refreshments
Friday	18:00	Evening entertainment
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More about clinics and workshops



Competition hints



•Tour layouts•

•In-house layouts•

•SIGs•

•Model shop visit•

•More ...

Words from the Chairman

Kia Ora,

Well it's only a couple of months to go before Easter is here and I'm looking forward to seeing all of you as we sit down to the opening talk of the convention from our guest, Kathy Millatt. The timetable is almost finalised and as you will discover in this newsletter there is a wide range of clinics and layouts along with other activities that should be of interest to everyone.



It's still not too late to get a model ready to bring along and enter into the competition. You will find a link to the entry forms and some helpful hints for getting your model ready in this newsletter.

For the non competing types you can still bring a model and show it off. It's always good to see what other people are doing. I always find it informative and inspiring and that's what's great about our hobby. As modellers we are willing to share techniques and ideas.

Finally, please remember that the early bird registration ends on the 29 February. The money you can save by registering now could be spent on an item for your railway.

See you all soon

Craig Galilee

Time is running out ...



Early bird fare ends February 29

There's a registration form at the end of this newsletter. The easiest way is fill that out, scan it (or phone photo) and email back to petrosnz15@gmail.com.

We do realise that not everyone likes to work this way. If you're one of those, write to us, PO Box 18823, New Brighton, Christchurch 8641 requesting a form. Fill it in and mail it to the above address.

Payment can be by cheque or internet banking. The account is BNZ 02-0688-0138584-20.

Deadline

The February 29 deadline applies to the date of payment, that is, when we see the deposit in our bank account or receive the cheque. Please allow for the slow postal service these days.

If there's anything you want to know but don't see here, please try the website: www.modelrailcon.co.nz

SkillWise weekend, March 7/8

Modellers are invited to the SkillWise Model Railway Club's 10th Free-Mo HO American modular model railroading weekend. A new decade and we are into double figures. We also hope to have some new modules.