

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



In March, Helen Barry celebrated her 70th birthday and it seems fitting in recalling that to acknowledge another year's worth of her delightful morning teas. Helen is pictured in Melbourne on that wonderful occasion with Colin and their sons Andrew (left) and Stephen (right).

# Newsletter January 2020

## Happy New Year everyone

*With normal service resuming on Sunday I thought it might be enlightening to look once again at some highlights of the past year and remind ourselves just how much we have achieved. May 2020 be even better!*

*—Peter*



Jessy Blunsdon is a regular attender and a very valuable member of the group. In February his recently repainted and nicely weathered North Yard A graced the test track.

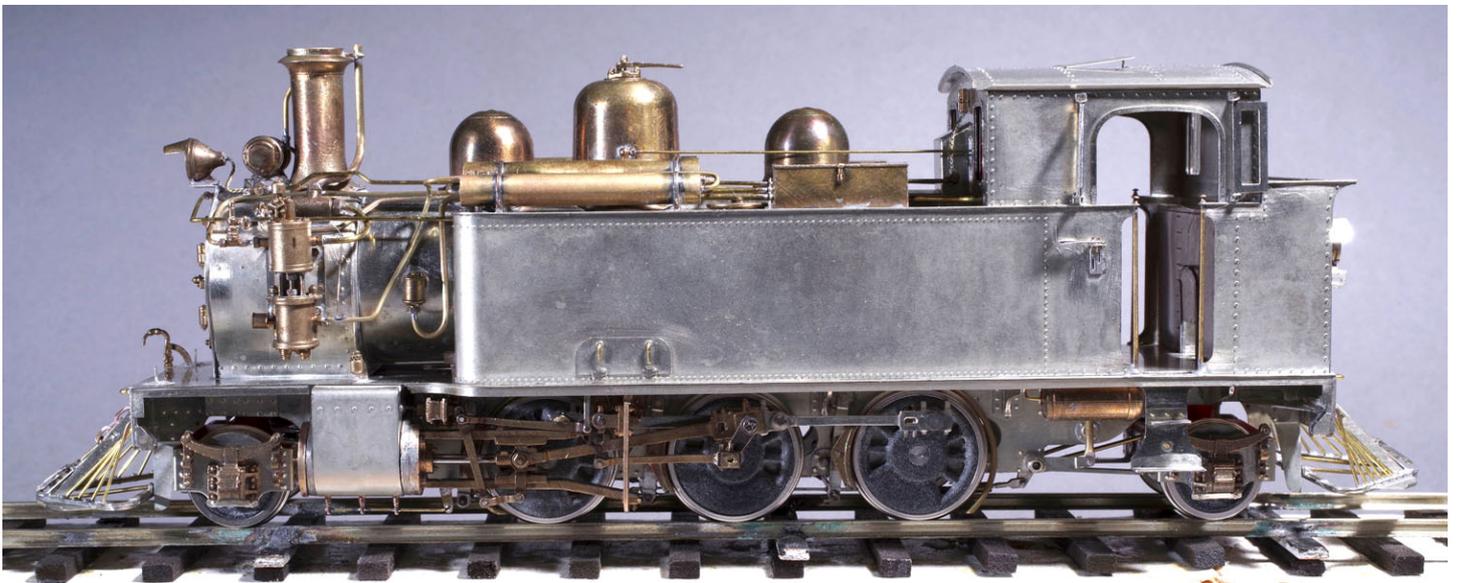


In February, John Atkinson introduced himself to the group and unveiled his progress so far with a JG Wa kit. John is mostly overseas but reports his modelling progress in a blog from which more than one newsletter drew material. The Wa is reported to have made further progress.

**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**



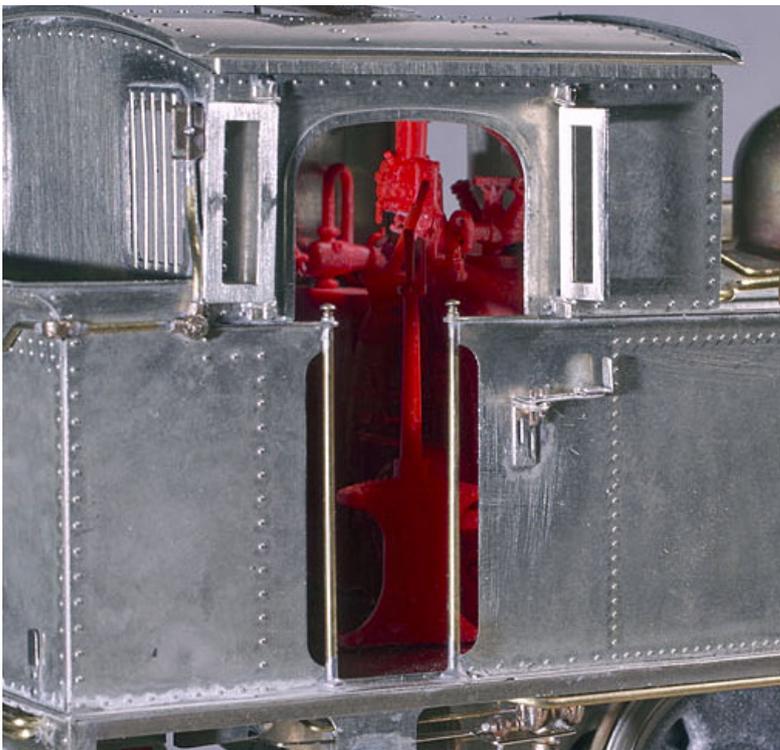
In April there was not a lot to photograph, then just as I was packing up I noticed something hidden in plain view — Colin Barry's layout. We don't hear a lot about it and how it's progressing but that day as I paused in the doorway it struck me once again how good it looks. Colin has since been scenicking and making other improvements in the Rewanui station and yard area around to the left of this picture.



Above: The year was also notable for several appearances by Lawrence Boul, and in May he treated us to a preview of W238 in 1:48 scale.

Lawrence researched and designed every part, either for etching in nickel silver or casting in brass from 3D printed masters. He then, of course, built the model. Although it looked complete when these photos were taken there were still things to be added or altered.

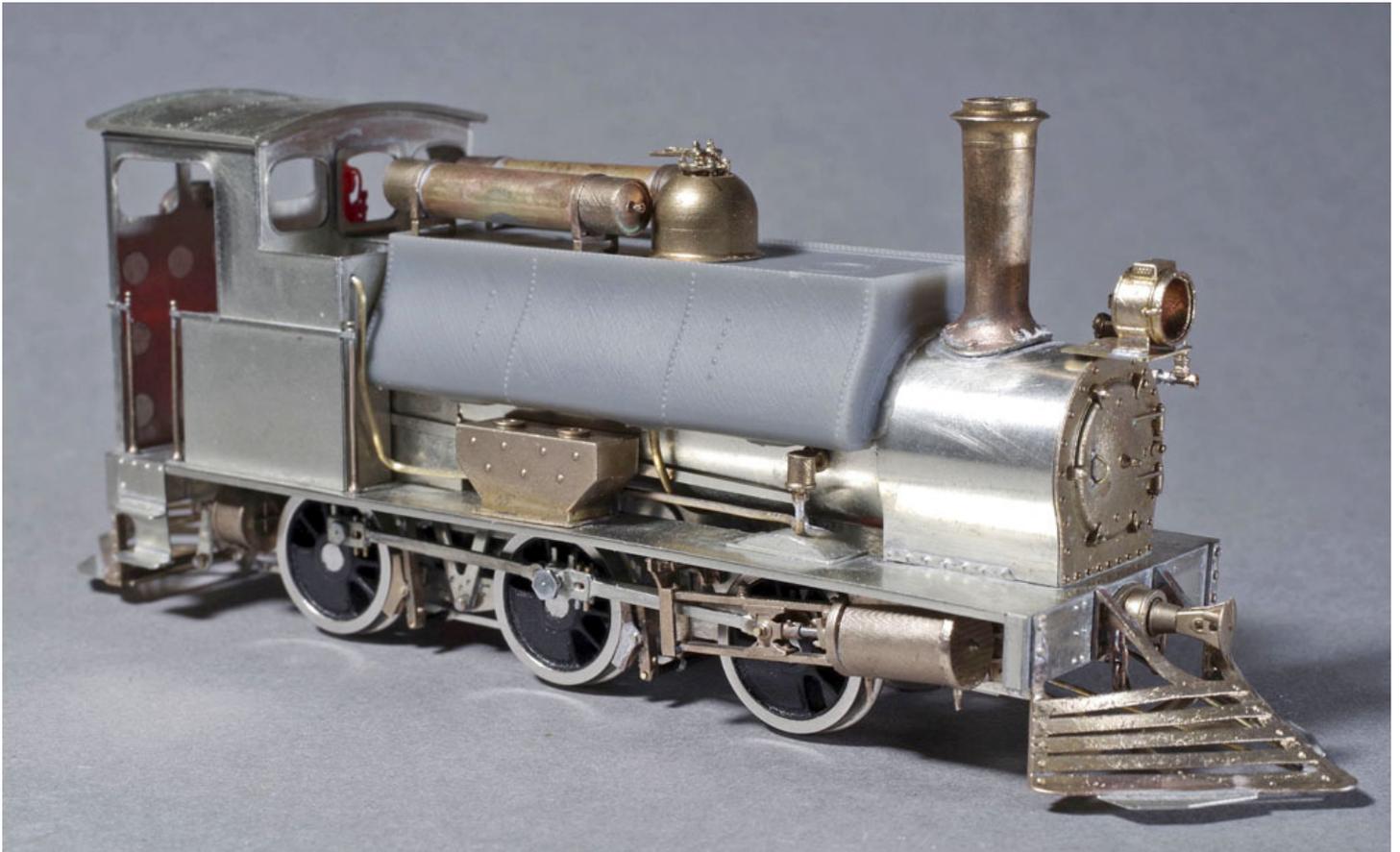
*(Lawrence Boul photo)*



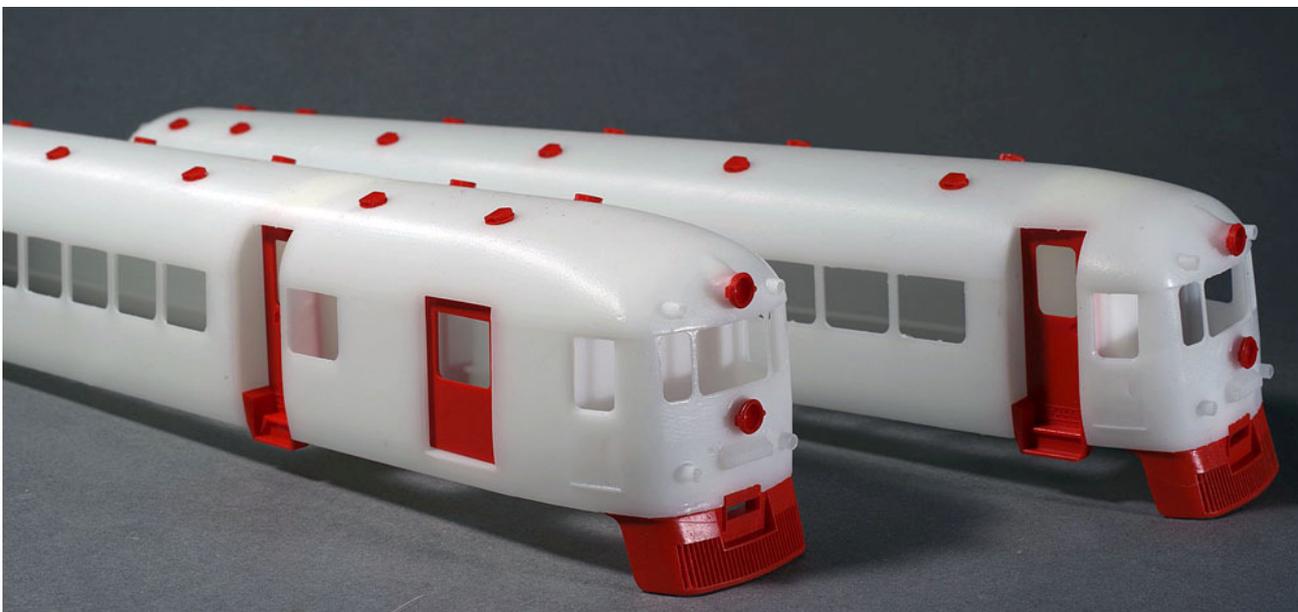
The W has an incredibly detailed 3D printed boiler backhead. *(Lawrence Boul photo)*



Another to be making great strides with 3D printing is Trevor Corrin, despite many equipment tribulations. In June we were treated to these 1:64 car bodies — a Ford V8 truck and an Austin A40 Devon — both of which demonstrate very well 3D printing's potential.



The year's piece de resistance came in July with Lawrence Boul's faithfully detailed model of Dubs-built F154 as seen on the Charming Creek Railway pre WWII (*Lawrence Boul photo*).



In August, also from Lawrence, came these test prints of the bodies for a future 88-seat railcar kit.



In September, Celyn Bennett's 1:64 L class 2-4-0T loco had its first run when the *One Track Minds* layout appeared at the Air Force Museum during the IPMS Modellers' Convention.

It had been a long and very instructive ride for Celyn who designed every part, either for etching in nickel silver or for 3D printing, and of course built the model and got it running nicely. The rather blurry photo is a clip from some video that Bryan Lawrence shot.



In October the *One Track Minds* layout again featured at the Big Model Train Show. Here we see Jayden Robinson-Toohey's model of Ww480 while paused for passengers at Jason McFadden's *Blaketown Station*.



At the October meeting we had the battle of the S Bedford trucks after Richard Poff brought along a 1:43 Corgi Classics diecast model (front) sparking a list of discrepancies, and comparisons with Colin Barry's 1:64 Vanguard model.



One of the November highlights was Jason Horne's Trs . The larger one on the left is a Drewry from a batch of etches produced by Neil Barnett of Auckland, while the other is a Hudswell Clarke from Worsley Works (UK) etches, with Jason's own parts, such as funnel, radiator and mechanism added.

## Make 2020 a year to remember by going to the NZAMRC Convention over Easter

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**NZAMRC National Model Railway Convention**  
**Friday 10th - Monday 13th April 2020**  
 St Andrews College, 347 Papanui Road, Christchurch

- For full details see the website [www.modelrailcon.co.nz](http://www.modelrailcon.co.nz).
- Registrations have opened and don't forget, the early bird rate ends on February 29.
- There's still good quality low cost accommodation available too but it is running out.
- Registration and accommodation forms are on the website.