

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



Evan Gardner brought along this 1:64 brass Ww, the origins of which are so far a mystery. It's mainly etched brass with a turned brass boiler and lost wax brass castings.

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It was a lovely clear sunny late summer morning, cool at first but soon warm.

Who would have thought that with 18 of us along this would be our last get-together for who knows how long?

Evan Gardner provided the mystery of the day with a brass 1:64-scale Ww locomotive. Almost complete but apparently never run, **Evan** plans to restore it and in the process make improvements. It has an etched brass cab, tanks and chassis but a turned brass boiler. The chassis is fitted with an open frame motor driving direct onto the axle gear without any gearbox. It has North Yard wheels and crankpins, which dates it as after about 1980, and lost wax cast domes and funnel, etc. It doesn't appear to have quite been completed and was never painted. With the cab roof soldered very securely it would be difficult to paint or do anything else inside the cab, which does have a quite nicely detailed boiler backhead. As a first step, **Evan** had purchased an MMW nickel silver etch with new chassis and rods.

Evan also had two bags of Kensey sleepers for sale. He is now more interested in hand laying track and has been downloading NZR plans from the Archway website.

Paul Christensen had an interesting tip for those of us with old rusty clogged up files (who hasn't?). **Paul** brought along three files that had been in this condition before soaking overnight in white vinegar. This not only removed the rust and material caught in the teeth but even sharpened these!

Jessy Blunson has an OnLine Ab that needs a new 20 x 28 can motor. If anyone knows of one, 'dg772 at hotmail.com'.

Looking for 6mm EVA foam to use as noise-deadening track underlay? **Tim Webster** has some for sale, 'trwebster at gmail.com'.

—Peter



New files for old. Paul Christensen took some old rusty files and after soaking overnight in white vinegar they are now clean AND sharp.



Above right: Ian Murie chatting in the sun with Daryl Roe.
Lower right: Celyn and Peter Bennet listen intently to a Jason Horne explanation.

Thanks as always to Colin and Helen Barry for hosting us
Remember : **Don't come this Sunday, await further notice**



It seems fitting that our last gathering for a while should have been a large one. Clockwise from left: Glen Anthony (back to camera), Michael Leefe, Celyn Bennet and Jason Horne (both obscured), Daryl Roe, Reuben Romany (back to camera), Tim Webster (part obscured), Evan Gardner and Ian Murie.



In this rapidly changing world, John Atkinson, who was going to be living and working in Canada until later in the year is (hopefully) back in NZ. He was looking forward to catching up this Sunday ...

John sent this pic of the North Yard A he is building to show the brake pump piping and in particular the lagged live steam pipe.

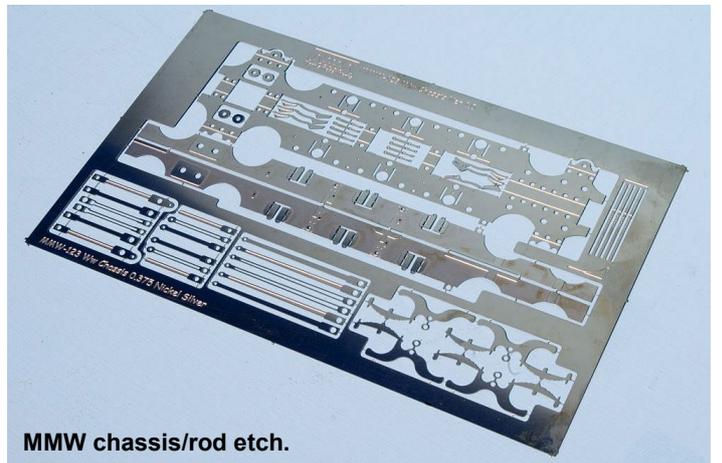
The brass firebox area is where John has shortened the over-length boiler casting.



February roll call:

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| Glen Anthony | Evan Gardner | Ian Murie |
| Colin Barry | Jason Horne | Brent O'Callahan |
| Celyn Bennet | Michael Leefe | Daryl Roe |
| Peter Bennet | Kevin Leigh | Reuben Romany |
| Jessy Blunsdon | Tom Lynch | Peter Ross |
| Paul Christensen | David Maciulaitis | Tim Webster |

Evan's mystery W^w



MMW chassis/rod etch.

Enquiries further afield have failed to reveal who built this brass Ww in 1:64 scale some time in the early 1980s. Terry Bradley had this to say: 'It could be the work of a Chch guy who was quite prolific back in the day. He built a WE for John Agnew, which he received partially completed and I ended up finishing ...'



- Sadly for all concerned the NZAMRC national model railway convention that was to be held in Christchurch over Easter has had to be postponed.
- It has not so far been possible to make any decisions about a new date.
- All who had registered will receive full refunds.
- This has not happened yet because the Association has not so far been able to arrange online banking.
- As soon as this has been resolved we will be contacting everyone, either with their refunds or with an indication of when that will be.

On behalf of Craig Galilee and the rest of the convention committee (Allan Guy, Clive Anderson, John Dudson, Trevor Corrin, Phil Cossar, Stan Agar, Colin and Jan Fortune, and yours truly) I just want to say thank you again for your support. In addition to the committee there were well over 100 others who had agreed to conduct clinics, host layout visits, bring layouts to the venue, give workshops, operate trade stands, arrange a partner programme, and so on, all things that a convention would not be a convention without.

A special mention for our guest, Kathy Millatt, who was only days away from embarking on a futile voyage across the world. She had done a tremendous amount of preparation that will now largely be wasted. The good news is that she and her mother have tentatively been able to rebook to visit NZ in November. Whether that will work out is anybody's guess but if not let's hope they can rebook the rebooking.

All that's left to say now is keep safe and make the most of our enforced modelling leave.