

The Limited

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A newsletter for Auckland's Model Railway Clubs and Groups

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The Editor's Desk

Welcome to the first issue of *The Limited*. This is an electronic newsletter intended for the model railway clubs in Auckland. The aims of *The Limited* are to support these clubs and to promote the hobby in the greater Auckland region. The newsletter is the effort of two Auckland modellers who are passionate about the hobby and want to see it grow.

Clubs are encouraged to give us feedback and to send *The Limited* to members and non-members alike. This includes people living out of the Auckland region.

Clubs can advertise their events in the newsletter free of charge. Our email addresses are at the end of this issue.

American Modelling News

Four Auckland members of the National Model Railroaders Associations (NMRA) are forming a 100% NMRA club. The club will be known as the City of Sails Model Railway Club. As the term 100% NMRA club

suggests, every member of the club must be a member of the NMRA. Although the club will be based in Auckland, NMRA members outside Auckland can join.

The founding members of the club are Paul Hobbs, Mark Jackson, James Kelso and Philip Sharp. Paul is a life member of the NMRA. James and Philip are the president and secretary respectively of the New Zealand Association of Model Railway Clubs (NZAMRC), and Mark is the president of the North Shore Model Railway Club.

The club will publish an electronic newsletter, visit and work on the layouts of members, hold operating sessions and help each other gain certificates in the NMRA's achievement program. Members of the club will be available to give clinics on American modelling. The club is thinking of holding conventions for American modellers.

You can join the NMRA through the Australasian region of the NMRA. The annual membership fee is AUS\$30, the cost of six flat whites. A copy of the membership application form is available at <http://nmra.org.au/membership/membership.html>

Contact James or Philip if you require further information about the City of Sails Model Railway Club or the NMRA. Our email addresses are at the end of the newsletter.

British Modelling News

As some readers will know the profile of British modelling in Auckland has declined in recent years. We see this decline as a shame because fine British modelling is done in Auckland.

We plan to do something about this. As a first step we will create an email list for British modellers in the

Auckland region. The aim of this email list is exchange information and photographs that are of interest to British modellers in Auckland.

If you are interested in being on the email list, please contact us.

European Modellers News

The Auckland Märklin Club (AMC) is hosting the inaugural Out West Model Expo on November 17 and 18 at the Te Atatu Peninsula Community Centre, 595 Te Atatu Road. The expo will be open 10:00am to 4:30pm both days. The entrance fees are adult \$8, child \$4 and family \$16.

There will be over a dozen layouts ranging from Z scale to G scale and a mix of American, European, and British prototypes. There will also be live steam demonstrations by members of the Auckland Garden Railway Society. The AMC is hosting the expo as a way to raise money and to promote their club and the hobby.

The AMC is a small club of 17 members. Philip joined the club recently and has found the members enthusiastic about the hobby. We encourage you to attend the expo. We will have a report on it in the next issue of *The Limited*.

NZR Modelling News

Approximately every six to eight weeks there is a modelling day at the Birkenhead All Saints Scout Den, 3 Recreation Drive, Birkenhead. The days are organized by the Auckland NZR modelling group and run from 10:00am to 4:30pm. The photograph to the right was taken during the modelling day on October 28.

The idea of these modelling days is that modellers turn up with their incomplete models and work on them in a relaxed atmosphere. There is usually plenty of conversation. Tables and power outlets are provided. The days are open to all modellers and not just NZR modellers. Philip was told by an organizer of the modelling days that if you are not an NZR modeller there may be attempts to convince you of the error of your ways!

The next modelling day will December 2. We will be there for part of the day.



2019 NZAMRC Auckland Convention

The inaugural NZAMRC Auckland Convention will be held February 9, 2019 at the North Shore MRC. The aim of this convention is to promote our hobby in Auckland and to encourage modellers who have never entered a model competition to enter. The convention chair is James Kelso, president of the NZAMRC.

There will be three thirty-minute clinics and a model competition in the morning. The afternoon will be devoted to a layout tour.

There will be one clinic for each of the prototypes American, British and New Zealand. Each clinic will give an overview of modelling that prototype.

The model competition will require modellers to scratchbuilt a load for a flatcar. The flatcar will not be judged. There will be two classes, one class for modellers who have never entered a competition at an NZAMRC national convention and one class for those that have. Club are encouraged to get their younger or new members to enter the competition.

Because of the space available at the NSMRC club rooms and the layout tours, the number of attendees will be limited to 45. You will need to register for the convention. There is no registration form. You register by sending an email to James Kelso (jameskelso250@gmail.com) and depositing \$15 in the bank account 02-0688-0138584-00 using internet banking or by sending a cheque for \$15 to J. Kelso, P O Box 301318, Albany, Auckland 0752. You can also pay \$15 cash on the morning of the convention. If you pay by internet banking, include your first initial, surname and 'AC19'. If you pay by cheque, make it out to the NZAMRC.

Rails from the Rubble

The organizing of the next NZAMRC national convention, known as Rails from the Rubble, started early this year. The convention will be April 10 – 13, 2020, St Andrews College, 347 Papanui Road, Christchurch. The local organizing committee (LOC) has created a convention website. This is available at <http://www.modelrailcon.co.nz/>

The LOC is asking for no-obligation expressions of interest. You can provide this by completing the form on the website, or by posting the information to 2020 Convention, P.O. Box 18823, New Brighton, Christchurch, 8641.

Spotlight

The spotlight this issue is on the Auckland Centre Model Railway Club (ACMRC).

The ACMRC formed in 1991 and did not have permanent clubrooms until 2004 when it started renting a two-storied former scout hall in Mt Wellington. The club is currently building three layouts. Downstairs there are partly completed N scale and OO scale layouts, and upstairs there is a partly completed HO layout.

The N scale layout is table top size. The first photograph to the right shows part of this layout. The OO layout models Sheffield. The second photograph to the right is of a town in a corner of the OO layout.



The HO layout covers about two-thirds of the upstairs. The photograph below shows part of the layout and members of the Auckland Garden Railway Society visiting. The person second from the left is Bob Cartwright, president of the club.



The ACMRC is keen to get more members. You can get more information about the club from their website at <http://acmrc.org.nz/>

There is a contact page for the club on the website.

Calendar of Events

Below is a calendar of model railway and related events in the greater Auckland area until the end of April 2019. If you know of other events, we would like to hear about them.

Nov 11. The Mt. Eden Collectors, Toys and Models Fair, Mt. Eden War Memorial Hall, 487 Dominion Road, Balmoral Auckland. Entry is \$6.00 and the fair runs for just three hours, from 10am to 1pm. The fair is hosted by the Auckland Central Model Railway Club and is an important fund raiser for them.

Nov 17 – 18. Out West Model Expo. Te Atatu Peninsula Community Centre, 595 Te Atatu Road, 10:00am – 4:30pm both days. Hosted by the Auckland Märklin Club.

Dec 2. Auckland NZR Modellers Day at the Birkenhead Scout Hall, from 10am to 4:30pm.

Jan 11-13. The Tauranga Model Railway Club's annual show. This will be at the Mount Maunganui College Hall. Email rob.thomson@kinect.co.nz. Spend two hours at the train show and two hours on the beach.

February 9. The NZAMRC Auckland area one-day convention described earlier. This event will be held at the North Shore Model Railway Club, 9 Recreation Dr, Birkenhead.

April 27 – 18, 2019. The Te Awamutu Train Show, Te Awamutu Events Centre, Te Awamutu. The show will be hosted by the Hamilton Model Railroaders.

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