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A newsletter for the model railway clubs in Auckland.

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Editor's Desk

Many of you will likely have read about the destruction of four layouts owned by the Market Deeping MRC in Stamford, Lincolnshire. If you have not, the Market Deeping MRC had set up layouts in a high school hall on Saturday May 18 in preparation for a train show the next day. Four of the layouts were destroyed in the early hours of the Sunday morning, allegedly by three fifteen year-olds and one sixteen year-old who have been charged with burglary and criminal damage. One item destroyed was a locomotive worth £8,500.

The club will undoubtedly recovery, such is the spirit of this dedicated group of modellers, but nothing can undo the lost time. One modeller had spent 25

years making their layout and does not have enough time left to re-build.

The recovery will be helped greatly by the support shown by other modellers. The Market Deeping MRC set up a funding page for £500. Within 10 hours, £29,000 pounds had been raised. One week later, the fund stood at over £100,000. This includes a £10,000 donation from Sir Rod Stewart. Support included 'from as far away as New Zealand'.

I know all the Auckland MR clubs I am associated with that host train shows or have clubrooms are concerned about security. The question for me is whether these clubs should have more security. For example, should shows have members on-site all night, and should items of high value at a clubroom be stored in a safe.

Calendar of Events

May 31 – June 3. The AMRA convention in Tauranga. There is still time to register.

July 13 – 14. The Whangaparaoa Train Show. The show is hosted by the Auckland Märklin Club.

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). Adults \$6, children free. The fair is run by the Auckland Central MRC.

November 9 – 10. The Out West Model Expo, Te Atatu Peninsula Community Centre, 595 Te Atatu Rd, Te Atatu Peninsula, Auckland. Hosted by the Auckland Märklin Club.

January 9 – 13, 2020. The 2020 Steam N' Steel, an international model engineering convention, in Hamilton. Hosted by the Hamilton Model Engineers Inc. See the flyer at the end of this issue.

April 10 – 13, 2020. The NZAMRC National Model Railway Convention, St Andrews College, 347 Papanui road, Christchurch.

Auckland Garden Railway Society Inc

This month the AGRSI did not hold its normal running meet. Instead, the AGRSI visited the Glenbrook Vintage Railway.

The members gathered at the GVR by 10:30am and took the 11am train to Waiuku. On the return trip, the group alighted the train at Pukeoware to tour the workshops. They were given special access to view the carriage and storage sheds. These are not normally open to the public. Once back at Glenbrook, there was an opportunity to visit the Glenbrook Model Railway, a large American HO layout. The photograph below, taken by Robert Graham, shows the inside of the parlour car.



Auckland Märklin Club

April meeting. This meeting was held at the home of Barry McCullough, president of the AMC. Barry has a large and expanding layout, and club members got to see the additions to the layout since the club's Christmas function at Barry's. Members bought second-hand railway items from Reg Tyson who is downsizing his layout.

May meeting. The May meeting was held at the home of Reg Tyson. The big news at the meeting was an announcement by club president Barry McCullough.

For the last two years, the AMC has been renting rooms in Silverdale as clubrooms. The rooms are adequate for short-term use but not for long-term use. Not surprisingly, the AMC has been looking around for better clubrooms. Barry, who became the AMC president February this year, made getting good clubrooms his number one priority as club president. Over the last three months, Barry and several other club members have been actively seeking good clubrooms.

Barry announced at the May meeting that the club could possibly get to rent large council-owned facilities. These facilities would enable the club to have a large permanent layout, and to run open days and workshops for the public.

One week after the May meeting, several members of the AMC made a presentation to a council board. Barry acknowledged afterwards that the club will face stiff competition for the facilities from other organisations. Nevertheless, Barry remains upbeat.

Whangaparaoa Train Show. As the saying goes, preparations are well in hand for the train show being hosted by the AMC July 13 and 14 in the Whangaparaoa Hall. The AMC expects between 900 and 1100 visitors, making the show a good opportunity for clubs to promote themselves.

The AMC had hoped to have a modular layout from the North Shore MRC but that club was unable to find enough volunteers for that particular weekend. The layout may be replaced by a large modular HO layout owned by a member of the Western Districts MRC.

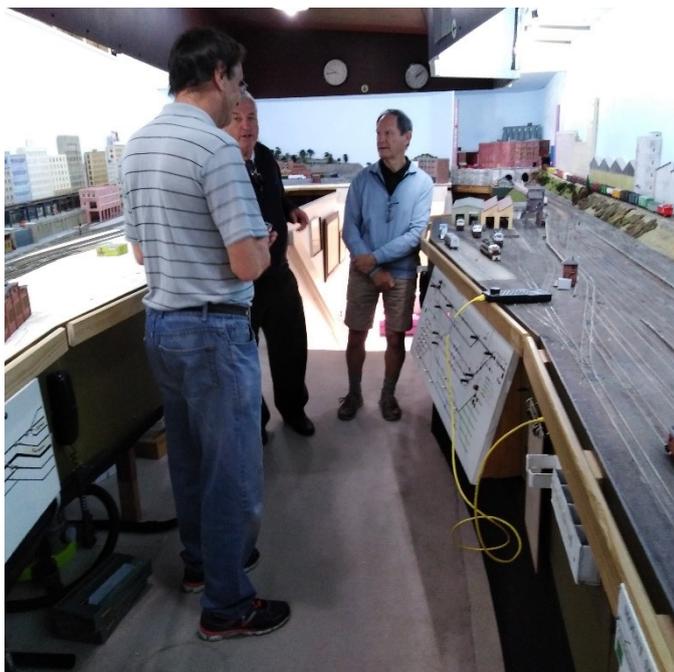
Auckland MRC

The AMRC members were guests of the North Shore MRC on Saturday May 11. The host was Wayne Brindle who is a member of both clubs.

Several members of the AMRC told me they were very impressed with the standard of the modelling on the Waitemata & Chelsea RR, the North Shore MRC's main layout. Wayne ran trains on the layout and worked up to controlling four trains simultaneously without incident.

The meeting was also an opportunity for AMRC members to buy some of the remaining items in Chris Greenhill's estate.

The photograph below shows the AMRC officers standing in the American section of the Waitemata & Chelsea RR. Left to right: Wayne Brindle (tres), Roger Woolmer (pres), and Ray Flint (sec).



Western Districts MRC

MLS. In what was a good example of an inter-club activity, the WDMRC held a joint meeting with the Manukau Live Steamers at Manukau Live Steamers on ANZAC Day.

The MLS railway was closed to the public and members of both clubs got to ride on trains and drive locomotives. The photograph below shows Michael Hill from the WDMRC driving a diesel.

Open Day. The WDMRC held an open day on May 5 from 10am to approximately 3pm, the club's first

open day for the year. Members of the public were invited to view the layout, ask questions, and try their hand at running trains.



There were not many visitors, around 25. This meant there were quiet periods during the day. These periods were not wasted by the club members who had volunteered to crew the open day. The photograph below shows Gary Snow using his professional knowledge to find the fault in a recently installed piece of circuitry.



Auckland Central MRC

The ACMRC has several layouts including the large Sheffield layout downstairs and a large HO layout upstairs. Except for an extension into a side room, the Sheffield layout is largely complete.

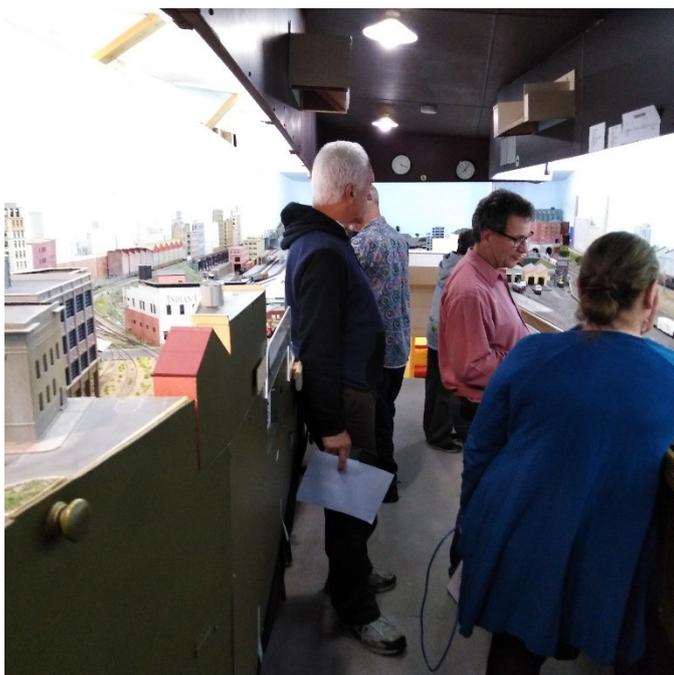
The HO layout is very much work in progress. I first saw this layout mid-2018 and have been following the development of it since. Of particular interest to me is the elongated helix. The building of the helix is being supervised by a club member who is a retired builder.

The photograph below was supplied by Bob Cartwright, president of the ACMRC, and shows the present state of the helix. Part of a large roundhouse can be seen on the right side of the photograph.



North Shore MRC

Operating Sessions. The club continues to run two operating sessions each month, a session of scheduled running early in the month, and a switchlist session late in the month. The photograph below shows several members of the club during the April switchlist session.



Open Day. The NSMRC held an open day one week before that of the WDMRC. The aim of the open day was similar to that of the WDMRC: invite people to view the club's facilities, ask questions, and run trains. The parallels with the WDMRC's open day did not stop there – the number of visitors for each of the two days were similar.

The open day was also an opportunity for the junior members of the club to have an extended train running session.

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HO scale. Wanted. Lima British and Australian outline 4 wheeled box vans, 4 wheeled open wooden plank and 4 wheeled open steel mineral wagons. They must have steel buffers modelled on the under frames, NOT square blocks. Send details & price required to Frank ffordham@hotmail.co.uk

OO scale. For Sale. A4 locomotives - all with DCC decoders: 60021 Wild Swan Brunswick Green (Bachmann), 60007 Sir Nigel Gresley Blue (Bachmann), 60027 Merlin 'Experimental Purple' (Hornby), 60031 Golden Plover (renamed) Brunswick Green/Diagonal cab stripe (Hornby), 60028 Sea Eagle (renamed Brunswick Green (Hornby), Graeme Leary for photos & details, graeme.leary@xtra.co.nz

Tools. Wanted to buy. Secondhand parallel pliers. Philip Sharp, pwsharp101@gmail.com

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Steam N' Steel 2020

International Model Engineering Convention

Thursday 9th – Monday 13th January 2020

Hamilton Model Engineers Inc., the oldest model engineering club in New Zealand, invite you all to the 2020 International Convention at their track in **Minogue Park, Hamilton.**

With two separate tracks we have over 1.6km of track winding through regenerating native bush, over 6 bridges and through 3 tunnels. The tracks all have a variety of travel choices and variety of grades —

- The 'Outside' track is dual gauge 5" and 7¼"
- The 'Inside' track is 3½", 5" and 7¼" gauges.
- 11 steaming bays with 12 volt power & water
- Unloading hoist is roughly 2 metres long and can reach 1.5 metres from the ground.
- Welsh coal, petrol and various steam oils will be available.

Registrations are now live and can be completed online or by a paper copy. Payment is accepted via online banking or cheque. Registration forms are on our website. Overseas attendees fill out the registration form as normal, but note payment must be made on the day of the convention to avoid overseas banking fees.

See the HME website for more details and to get information about accommodation, transport and any other queries you may have. We look forward to seeing you in January.

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