

ISSUE THREE APRIL 2017 UPDATE



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Onsite Campers

Black Water and Grey water disposal is available at Mobil Tahunanui

At this point there won't be the facility of offer powered sites.

All self-contained campervans need to display the following sticker:



Accommodation

If you are still looking to book accommodation for the Convention check out:

www.nelsonmotels.co.nz

Hopefully you should have no problem finding somewhere! 😊



Les Moore Challenge

There will be four separate Awards for this Challenge:

1. First to Steam Up
2. Fastest Over Set Distance
3. Best Finish of a Working Model
4. Best First Modelling Attempt Ever (judged by how your model fares in 1. to 3.)

Track Dimensions



One of our members kindly pointed out to me an error in formatting I made in the last newsletter so I thought it best to redo this to allay any confusion that might have arisen. My apologies for this.

Ground Level Track - 7¼"

... the Traverser is 4.2m long and out Turntable is 4.1m long. As long as your outside axles fit within these measurements they can be used as there is room for overhang.

Registration Forms

Registration Forms are now available. If you would like a copy posted out to you please let me know via email or text your address and I will get one to you asap. If you would like one emailed just send me an email and I will email a copy to you.

A reminder that I am happy to accept part-payments if this makes it easier on your budget – just make sure you put your FULL NAME on your deposit so I can pigeon-hole correctly. Your registration won't be processed until the full amount owing has been paid.

THANKS to those who have registered already! 😊

Uniform Measurements – if you have received a Registration Form on or prior to 7th March I forgot to state that measurements given are for ½ chest / bust. Apologies for any confusion this may have caused!

Help Request: Pivotal Roles

I know a number of you have already let me know that you and/or our fellow club members are happy to help and a heartfelt thanks for these offers. While I know it is up to members of our club to ask for help where required, and where possible have a list of jobs that need doing I am very conscious that on the day things can get lost in translation – especially with 101 things happening at once!! So I would like to get a list of names of people who will be willing to help out in the specific areas as listed below – if these roles are covered everything else (we hope!) should fall into place without too much drama! These roles are:

- ✚ Ticket Box - selling tickets
- ✚ 2 x Station Masters – one each at our two stations
- ✚ 2 x Loco Foremans – after the initial influx probably only need one

We are not expecting one person to take on one of the above rolls and be lumbered with it the whole Convention!! While I don't want to get into the 'formal' situation of setting up rosters it would be nice to have a list of willing helpers so we know who we can call on if we (NSM members) need a break or a hand.

SO ... if you are willing to help out for any of the above roles please let me know and I will note it accordingly.



Post-Convention Trips

At this stage I am not aware of anything being formally organised after our Convention. I have been in contact with other clubs in the South Island for their open days and will let you know these as they come in so if you want to travel further and visit other clubs you will be well informed.



Otago Model Engineering Society

January 2018 – 28th
February 2018 – 25th
Festival Week
3rd – 11th February 2018
1 John Wilson Ocean Drive
Lawyers Head, Dunedin



Marlborough Associated Modellers Society Inc.

January 2018 – 7th & 21st
February 2018 – 4th & 18th
1pm to 4pm
Post-Convention Run
9th & 10th January 2018
Nigel Wood – (03) 578 7086
Brayshaw Heritage Park,
Blenheim

Convention Awards

As well as the Awards that are always given out at the Conventions we have added a few extra! A big thank you to our usual Sponsors, our Sponsors who have kindly agreed to extend their Awards, and our new Sponsors. There are still four Awards that I need to find sponsors for, but am hopeful from informal feedback that these will be confirmed in the near future. Here's a list of the Awards so you have an idea of what we will be looking for at the Convention. A full list of Awards & Sponsors will be available once all Sponsors are confirmed. (*N.B. new Awards and in italics*)

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| ✚ Best First Effort | ✚ <i>Best Steam (non-Phant)</i> | ✚ Canterbury Award |
| ✚ Most Popular 2½/3½" | ✚ Best Traction | ✚ Shunting Competition |
| ✚ <i>Most Popular 5"</i> | ✚ Best Non-Steam | ✚ Les Moore Challenge |
| ✚ Most Popular 7¼" | ✚ Best Electric | ✚ <i>People's Choice</i> |
| ✚ <i>Most Popular Traction</i> | ✚ Best Diesel | ✚ <i>Youth Award</i> |
| ✚ Best New Phantom | ✚ Best Paint | ✚ Crunchie Awards |

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