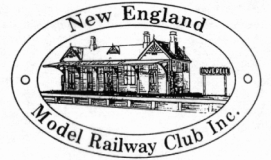


2010 New England Convention.
Armidale Bowling Club Armidale
6-7th November 2010



Dear Fellow Modeller,

This is an invitation to all railway modellers to attend the New England Convention. The convention will provide an opportunity to exchange and learn modelling ideas and techniques, plus catch up with some old friends and make some new ones.

The convention will be held at the Armidale Bowling Club, Dumaresq Street Armidale NSW. This convention is held outside of large city areas, and is aimed at providing a convention for those who cannot make the trek to places such as Sydney or Brisbane.

The convention will be held over 2 days, commencing on Friday evening for registration, introduction and a get-to-know-you session, finishing on Sunday after lunch to see you on your way.

The weekend is structured to provide a range of different activities, with attendees free to choose how they spend their time.

Presentations

There will be several different clinic lectures to choose from covering various aspects of railway modelling. These include layout scenery, structures, weathering and control systems.

Clinics

There will also be a number of "hands on" demonstrations on constructing turnouts, weathering, making poplar trees and scratchbuilding structures etc.

Accommodation

Accommodation is available at several excellent locations within Armidale and there are 3 or 4 motels within walking distance of the venue. A list of suitable accommodation is included.

Tours

As part of the convention there will be the opportunity to visit the home layouts of New England Model Railway Club members and there is also a Heritage tour of Armidale.

Trade Stands

There will also be a small group of commercial traders represented. Some specialised and hard to get items will be available, and maybe some new products will be released or on display. Some of those who may attend are: Gwydir Valley Models, Peter Boorman's Workshop & Casula Hobbies.

Model Display

All attendees are encouraged to contribute to a model display. Models can be anything railway related. Partially completed models are also encouraged. Models can be kit built, scratchbuilt, detailed ready to run models of Locos, rollingstock, structures, dioramas or modules.

Layouts

There will be two layouts on display for participants to view. The last layout constructed by the late Rodney James, Exeter Bank, and Bowen Creek, a new layout on the exhibition scene constructed in the Proto 87 format.

Cost

The cost for the two days which includes convention registration, morning teas and lunches, will be \$70.00 per attendee and there will be a discount for those who register early (see registration form)

Please complete the attached registration form and send it with your payment to arrive no later than **Friday 29th October 2010.**

You can't afford to miss this great event.

Register Now! Application form enclosed.

If you need any additional information do not hesitate to contact me on Phone No. (02) 6732 5711.

I look forward to meeting you at Armidale in November at what should be a truly successful New England Convention.

Yours in Modelling

Warren Herbert
Convention Registrar.

The Presentations

Scratchbuilding in Styrene by John Brown

This master of scratch building will explain the simplicity of building structures using styrene and other modelling materials that we all think is so difficult.

DCC control and Decoder Pro by Gerry Hopkins

This Master Model Railroader (MMR) will discuss the various aspects of Digital Command Control. He will eliminate some of the myths of DCC by showing us all how easy it is, along with some hands on demonstrations.

Modelling Oil Depots by Peter Street

A presentation by Peter Street describing the components that make an oil depot and how to model them. Including Tanks, pumping and delivery mechanisms, the case store, security fencing etc. This knowledgeable guru of Oil depot's may also discuss the oil companies and rail tank cars.

Weathering with a Heavy Hand by Dean Bradley

Dean Bradley who is a master at the art of heavy weathering will discuss his methods of heavy weathering to make rollingstock look very secondhand.

DCC Friendly Locos, Turnouts and Accessory Decoders by Gerry Hopkins

Gerry Hopkins will discuss the ways of making locos and turnouts friendly when used with DCC, and how to use accessory decoders.

Lights and Sound & Action by Laurie McLean

Laurie will demonstrate the art of fitting tiny leds to loco's and rollingstock for headlights and marker lamps. Laurie also has a very good demonstration of sound from a variety of speakers when fitting sound decoders.

Fettler's Transportation by Stephen Ottaway

Stephen will give us the run down on the history behind fettler's transport and the type of vehicles they used.

Layout Planning Forum Think Tank by Gary Ible & Warren Herbert

An open forum where all participants can have input to a think tank on how the ideal layout plan should look like. If you are interested in this discussion you are encouraged to bring along any track plans or ideas to add to the tank. Also don't forget to bring along pen and paper to take notes as there should be some ideas that you can take home.

The Clinics or Sideshow Alley

Ian Millard & Andrew Campbell

Ian and Andrew will present a new exhibition layout "Bowen Creek" and explain the finer points of constructing this Proto 87 layout.

Weathering with a Heavy Hand

Following his presentation Dean Bradley will be available to show some of his hints and tips at making rollingstock look very secondhand.

John Brown

Following on from his presentation, John will be available to show you some hands on structure building.

Turnouts the Fast Tracks Way

Len Durkin will be on hand to demonstrate the simple method of building your own turnouts using Fast Tracks assembly jigs. Len will have samples of turnouts in various sizes including 3 Way and double Slips.

Poplar Trees by the Roadside

Jim Pullen will demonstrate the art of making rows of the iconic poplar trees for any Australian layout. You will be able to see rows of these trees on Jim's layout during the layout tours.

Soldering

Peter Boorman, in conjunction with his trade stand will demonstrate some soldering techniques for assembly of brass and white metal kits.

NEW ENGLAND CONVENTION 2010

Registrar: Warren Herbert P.O. Box 740 Glen Innes NSW 2370

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Email: steam@northnet.com.au

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Preferred First name for Name Tag _____

Postal Address _____

State _____ Postcode _____

Phone(AH) _____ (BH) _____ Mobile _____

Full Registration	\$70.00	
Spouses (if attending presentations)	\$15.00	
Early Bird Discount before 30th September 2010	(\$5.00)	
Convention Dinner Sat Night per person	\$30.00	
Armidale Heritage Tour	\$5.00	
	TOTAL	

All cheques and money orders should be made payable to:

New England Model Railway Club Inc.

Do **NOT** send cash through the mail.

Please indicate if you are interested in attending the following tours:

- Armidale Heritage Tour commencing at 10am or 2pm
- Layout tours of 3 New England Club members home layouts (includes afternoon tea)

Smoking is not permitted in any part of the centre.

Registration forms must be completed and returned with full payment, to arrive at P.O. Box 740 GLEN INNES NSW 2370 no later than Friday 29th October 2010.

NO REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE.

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