



Newsletter #08 (May 2013)

Hello again,

Well we are almost there - **AMRA 2013** is now only mere days away!

The *ScaleRails* team has been busy getting the last details sorted and reckon they are on top of it all now. It's shaping up to be a great weekend. The team is looking forward to hosting this event for our fellow Railroad modellers.

If you are still unsure of where the venue is, the location is; Massey University Sports & Rugby Institute - off Old West Road – Turitea. That's just out of Palmerston North; out on Fitzherbert Ave (watch out for the speed camera); after crossing the river veer left up Summerhill Drive to the top and turn right into Turitea Road; then veer right onto Old West Road; turn right into Albany Drive (Massey) and onto the Massey SRI on the right. We'll have signs on Old West Road and opposite the venue. It could be a good idea to print off the wee map we've provided – just in case.

We will have the venue doors open for early registrations from 5:00pm on Friday if you wish to get that done before the crowds arrive on Saturday morning. People with trade stands and displays etc can get in there to set up from 3:00pm on Friday. We'll also have someone on site nice and early Saturday morning to get things up and running ASAP for registrations.

People that have booked on-site accommodation will need to bring their payment along to us for the weekend. Sorry we won't have EFTPOS available on site but can take cash or cheque.

We will be running clinics in the mornings; Saturday; Sunday & Monday. Luncheon is provided and is included in the registration fee. Layout tours will be Saturday and Sunday afternoons with a social "happy hour" type gathering back at the venue afterwards. The evening catered dinners at the venue will follow on from the happy hour for those that have booked a seat. Trade stands will be open throughout the weekend except during the layout tours (venue closed) and evening dinner time. **AMRA 2013** will finish up with the usual AMRA meeting with it all over by midday Monday.

The evening dinner banquet on Sunday will have a very special speaker: BRENDON DEERE – SPITFIRE PV270

Owner and operator of several classic WW2 aircraft here in the Manawatu. Brendon, who's uncle "Alan Deere" was one of New Zealand's top fighter pilots during the Second World War, has made a life- long dream come true by obtaining the same Mark of Spitfire that his uncle flew, and has had it completely restored locally.

This now flies alongside Brendon's other aircraft from his "Biggin Hill" hanger at Ohakea, which includes a Harvard and Grumman Avenger Torpedo bomber. This is a fascinating story, and will be a very entertaining presentation.



Queens Birthday Weekend Friday 31 May – Monday 3 June 2013

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