



**Update 7 “AMRA 2015 – Auckland”:**  
9 Recreation Drive, Birkenhead, Auckland, New Zealand



It's almost time for AMRA 2015. Welcome to the seventh update for AMRA 2015 to be held in Birkenhead, Auckland over Queens Birthday of 2015. (Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May to Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June)

Surprisingly, the Sunday Gala dinner which is the main dinner event is filling up fast with attendee's partners, families and friends. Dinner bookings are on a first in first served basis so make sure you book in if you wish to attend. If you require dinners and have not registered or did not request dinners when registering, we will be able to take dinner bookings up to 15<sup>th</sup> May. The caterer will only be able to make minor changes after this date.

### **Competition update**

Since the last update we are pleased to announce that we have an additional prize up for grabs. The locomotive and freight car sections will have an additional prize awarded of \$100 according to best weathered locomotive and best weathered freight car.

### **Model Competition:**

Voting will be by popular vote. The four categories are Locomotives and rolling stock, Weathered locomotives, Weathered freight cars and diorama. If you would like to enter a loco or freight car that may not win the best weathered category, enter it in the Locomotives and rolling stock category. You may enter as many models as you like, but each entry may only be in one category. A competition entry form is available to put your name and category entered for each entry. You may provide a description to try and influence voters Displays and competition entries will be hosted in the NSMRC workshop area. There are no restrictions on diorama size.

### **Silent Auction and Buy Sell Swap**

Newcomers may ask, why would you have a Buy/sell/swap and a silent auction? The Buy/sell/swap provides you with a trading table, but you must be there to sell your items and collect the money. The silent auction allows you to place things on sale and leave them there. We sell the items on your behalf, collect the money and give it to you. You may set any reserve price you wish.

### **AMRA Facebook page**

<https://www.facebook.com/NZAMRA>

The New Zealand AMRA facebook page has been running for several years now. This is a great source to find out what is happening in the USA modeling scene in NZ.

### **Clinic update**

Improving Locomotive Performance by Wayne Brindle

You thought Prototype Research Might Be Fun by Paul Hobbs

Tips and Techniques on Creating a Scene: Building the Narrows for Coyote Ridge by Craig Galilee

A Look at Free-Mo, modular model railroading, and, Weathering: A look at the real thing and how to model it by Stan Agar

Practical Track Warrant Control for your Model Railroad by Rob Webb

Modelling Small Layouts, & Car Card Manufacture by Robert Douglas

DCC Programming by James Kelso

Soldering Techniques, Tips and Tricks by Neil Denby

3-D Printing by David Parsons

American Passenger Operations by Jed Felgate

Graham Dredge from Westimation.

Happy modeling,

Regards  
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AMRA 2015 venue location: <http://www.nsmrc.org.nz/amra2015venue>

AMRA 2015 Partner tour: <http://www.nsmrc.org.nz/documents/amrapartners.pdf>

Online registration form: <http://www.nsmrc.org.nz/documents/amreregform.pdf>.