



CONVENTION UPDATE

Wellington Convention 2012
Amora Hotel, Wakefield St, Wellington
6 - 9 April 2012

Convention 2012, P. O Box 57294, Mana, Porirua 5247



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Hi Everybody,

Welcome to the latest update from the Convention organising team.

Venue

A little more on the venue; the Amora Hotel is in the Central Business District of Wellington City, just a few steps from the harbour edge and the major shopping areas of Wellington City. There is a multi story parking building conveniently situated immediately behind the hotel.



The Convention will be held in the Amora Chambers which is on the 6th floor of the hotel. Fully carpeted and air conditioned, it also provides six major rooms situated around a central meeting area. You can view the venue at <http://www.wellington.amorahotels.com/amora-chambers.html>

The Convention Awards Dinner will be held in the hotel Banquet Room which is situated beside the Chambers.

Clinics

The following clinics have been confirmed and will include: presentations on: DCC – Basics and Advanced, Working with Plastics, Bush Tramways, Garden Railways, CAD Design, Assembling Brass Etches, Operation in Layout Design, Small Layout Design, Scenery, Making Fir Trees, Blogging, and Laying Small Scale Track. Most will be presented twice depending on the presenter's other Convention commitments.

Several of the presenters have offered or have been cajoled into presenting a workshop demonstrating their techniques. These are planned for Friday evening



Special Interest Groups

The following SIGs are planned:

US Prototypes and models NZR: Sn3½, 9mm and NZ120, British, European, G scale, On30, Onboard Sound, Large (G) scale, Small layouts. We have space and time available for any modellers who wish to host a special interest group. A list of SIGs will be posted on the Convention notice board on Friday afternoon. So, please, if you have an idea or want to host one please contact the committee.

Registration and Catering

Full Registration for all Convention activities will be \$95. Full details of costs for other options will be outlined in the registration form to follow this update notice.

Breakfasts will be available in the hotel restaurant or there are numerous cafes within a few minutes walking distance. These are not included in the Convention fee and are individual responsibility to arrange.

Morning and Afternoon Tea will be provided in the Convention area for all attendees.

Lunch will be available on Friday, Saturday and Sunday in the Convention area. The cost will be \$15.00 per head.

Dinner Friday 6 April will be available in the hotel at a cost of \$20.00 per head.

Dinner Saturday 8 April will be a BBQ at Mainline Steam, Plimmerton at a cost of \$20.00 per head.

Dinner Sunday 8 April will be the Convention Award Dinner at a cost of \$50.00 per head

Layout Tours

A full programme of layout tours is being arranged divided up into three groups – a Kapiti tour, a Wairarapa tour and a Wellington/Hutt valley metro tour featuring layouts in all prototypes and scales.

Due to the nature of the Capital city's geography and the anticipated Easter travel headaches on State Highway One and the Rimutaka Hill, it is intended to use buses to facilitate layout tours in this area.



These will be all day tours. That to Kapiti will run twice (Saturday and Sunday, and the Wairarapa trip only on Sunday. Partners are encouraged join the Wairarapa tour as there will be a chance to visit a vineyard in this, one of the country's well known wine growing areas. (Note that the bus trips are subject to numbers and costs at this time)

Local layout tours in the Wellington, Hutt Valley and northern metro suburbs will be by the usual manner of modelers in cars and will take place on Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

Competitions

The usual range of competitions will be available to all modelers to participate in or enjoy. An entry form which describes the necessary process for entry is available for download from the NZAMRC web site at:

<http://www.nzamrc.org.nz/CompEntryForm.pdf>

You will also find there descriptions of the various competition categories. An entry form will also be included in your registration pack.

Competition entries will be received up to 12 noon on Friday. The competition room will be signposted at the venue.



Don Grenside's award winning H0 scale steel mill from 2008

Roger Cullen's prize winning Sn3½ NZGR Kb



Alternative Programme for partners.

While no formal programme has been planned for partners provision has been made for partners to take part in the Wairarapa bus trip and any other Convention activities they may have pre paid for. If there is sufficient interest a self paid harbour trip to Eastbourne and around the Wellington Harbour will be arranged for the Friday. Due to the ideal central location of the hotel many Wellington attractions, including nationally known shops and cafes, are within walking distance or at most a short city bus ride.

WE WANT YOU



To come and enjoy Convention 2012

Trade Stands

A number of traders have expressed their intention to attend. Please take advantage of their presence to support them. Traders wishing to acquire some tables still have time to do so, please let us know by 23 March.

Buy Sell and Swap:

There will be a facility for those who wish to recycle some of their unwanted models and provisions please feel free to bring along anything you wish to sell.

What Now?

Registration forms will be available later next week to those on our email list. Please pass this to anyone else you think may be interested in attending.

What can you do?

This convention is about models and modelling. Please bring a model, or models to display. Model Railway Conventions enable people to share their hobby and learn from others. If you have something to offer such as a clinic or workshop PLEASE ASK and we'll find a way to let you share it.

Model Tours
Trade Stands
Buy Sell & Swap
All Facilities on Site
Accommodation on Site
Layout & Area Tours
Competitions
Learning Clinics
Demonstrations
Presentations
Trade Stands
Close to city shops
Banquet

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Participate

Learn

Enjoy

Timetable Summary

Thursday: 6.30 to 10pm
Early Registrations and Set up

Friday: 8.30am to 10pm
Opening ceremony,
Convention programme starts
noon.

Saturday: 8.30am to 10pm
Convention programme starts
at 9.00am

Sunday: 9.00am to 5.30pm
Convention Programme starts
at 9.30am
7pm: Awards Dinner

Monday: 8.30am to 12.30pm
Convention Programme starts
at 9.00am, Wrap up, Disperse.