

GROW 2011 Garden Railway Convention

Update # 4

Here we are again, update number four, and just two months to go till the best little Garden Railway Convention for 2011 which will be hosted by GROW (Garden Railway Operators of Waikato) . We have ordered the weather, planned the weekend and even built in some contingency clauses, all we need now is to see everyone here in March.

One of our more prolific modellers, Geoff, has been busy with CAD work and having coach sides and all sorts of other things laser cut from plywood. Better still, he is planning to run a clinic or two covering some of his superb modelling skills, tricks and methods including lining, and even maybe a session on his Hebel skills. These are all things that we could all do with learning more about (speaking for myself anyway) so again, really worthwhile making the effort to attend.

This months GROW meeting was at Squirrel Valley Railway, and as this is one of the layouts on view at the 2011 Convention I thought I would include a couple of pictures to keep every one up to date and to encourage you to come visit us next March. The first picture shows one of our more radical member's attempts in scratch building combined with whimsy. It is built as a "Rat Rod" but is air powered. Well fan powered is probably more accurate, and boy does it move. He has used a "hot" buggy motor along with other R/C buggy control gear to power the "fan" and it is more that successful. The next picture's are visiting stock here at the Valley, showing we are not just narrow gauge as that loco on the bridge is a 2-8-8-2. Yup, we run everything here, so, come see us in March 2011, bring a train or two and have some fun!

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