

Central Otago Model News

Newsletter of IPMS Central Otago Model Society Inc

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President's Report

The COMS's big effort last month was holding the Cromwell Model Train Show over the Otago Anniversary weekend of 23-24 March. This was the second time we have held the show in the Cromwell Bowling Club premises, using their indoor stadium for the display area. This hall again drew positive comments from the exhibitors and public for its warmth, ample natural light and plenty of space to move around. Bowling Club members were also very supportive of the show which helped us plan our layouts and refreshment spaces. Our exhibitors came from Ashburton, Temuka, Dunedin and Invercargill plus there were some local club members layouts and a Scalextric track. We had two modelling retailers and a buy and sell table operating.

We have yet to hold our show 'wrap-up' meeting but it seems likely we will at least break even financially which was our desired outcome. Public attendance was light but steady, so considering there were many other activities happening in Cromwell that weekend we are pleased with that turnout. My thanks to all the COMS members who helped with preparations and running of the show, to our exhibitors and retailers for their support and to the Bowling Club for use of their premises.

On the home front after the show was finished I put in some time on some of my own layouts. I was particularly impressed at the show with the effort Dave put into his automated train display and I was inspired to resurrect a small automated layout of my own. My main focus is to base it on more robust track and points than the original had, so there is now some new track in the mail and a new MDF baseboard in the garage ready for fun development work.

Rex Johnson

Upcoming Diary Dates

Apr 14 w/shop - com house
Apr 20-21 Wheels over Wanaka
Apr 21 w/shop - scout hall
Apr 27-28 Mandeville trains and planes
Apr 30 Arts and Crafts AGM
May 4-5 Illawara air show - Australia
May 11-12 Dunedin train show
May 12 w/shop - com house
May 18 Have a Go day at Community House
May 19 w/shop - scout hall
Jun 8-10 Epping Model Railway Exhibition
Jun 9 w/shop - com house
Jun 16 w/shop - scout hall
Jul 13-14 Timaru train show
Jul 14 w/shop - com house
Jul 21 w/shop - scout hall
Aug 11 w/shop - com house
Aug 17-18 - weekend workshop scout hall
Sept 7-8 IPMS Nationals ChCh air force museum
Sept 8 w/shop - com house
Sept 15 w/shop - scout hall
Sept 21-22 Blossom Festival
Oct 5-6 Christchurch train show
Oct 13 w/shop - com house
Oct 20 w/shop - scout hall
Oct 26-27 Invercargill train show
Nov 17 w/shop - scout hall
Dec 8 w/shop - com house
Dec 15 w/shop - scout hall

Arts & Crafts Alex. Inc.

At a recent committee meeting a discussion took place regarding about what the "Arts & Craft Alex. Inc" was all about, decision was made to send to all user groups a brief history of how it was formed and the criteria we operate under. We hope you find this informative and welcome any questions, Jean Mowat would be the best person to liaise with this as she has been with this group since the inception.

Update from Steve

Dairy Dates ----

19 May 19 North Brisbane Model Show

24-25 August - Queensland Model and Hobby Expo - Brisbane

It has been a busy time these last few weeks with our weekend workshop and the train show both now done and dusted. Our weekend workshop was very well attended and Jacob managed to get his track down and a lot of ballast applied while David steadily made progress with his models. Nigel managed to go cross eyed putting all the brass fittings onto his ship and Steve managed to complete 2 kits.



I won't mention that each one was only 4 parts but hey the doors work on each phone box and one got some modifications to make it look like the TARDIS.



This got some use at the train show as an item for the kids to find as it kept moving during the

show. I also got the tracks fitted to the leopard and the weights installed so it won't do a nose dive when I stick a massive bridge hanging out the front. Simon got the buildings finished for the new module and even some paint got applied. Lots of other projects being built by other members made a lot of progress and above all we a truck load of fun all weekend. Loretta kept us well fed with lots of yummy things appearing at various times over the weekend. We just hope she is not looking for running partners after we put on too much weight - anyway many thanks Loretta for the goodies. We used this time to load the trailer with all the things we would need for the train show.



Tuesday night Rex, Simon, Nigel and Steve hit the Cromwell letterboxes and got out a substantial number of flyers. Loretta and the Boys got some done in Clyde and Dave did the Hawea area and Ron did a lot of Alexandra.

Friday afternoon was a busy time getting the hall ready for the train show and it was all ready for opening time on the Saturday and every thing went along smoothly and a jolly good show and time was had by all. One thing I noticed was just how much more enjoyable the show was not having the club train to run. It was just great to be able to have a little time to talk to other people and be able to relieve others on the door and help where needed. This show we just didn't have the man power to run our club layout and it made it more relaxed for those who were there. Quinn was a tremendous help in keeping my small layout going and helping people with the shunting puzzle (and moving the TARDIS around) and watching Bobs layout when he wasn't watching it. Jacob and David also assisted where needed and helped

run the slot cars so the others could have a break. Our junior members excelled themselves in how they fitted in and helped make a great show. Special thanks to Rex for guiding us and organising the Cromwell train show.



Jacob and David managed (with a little help from us) to get their photos and a good story about the club and the train show in the local newspaper so hopefully it will encourage some others to come along and see what we do and thanks guys for allowing yourselves to get in the paper.

If any members know of any train or model shows or anything that would be of interest to members please let us know so we can put it in the newsletter - I know of 2 members going to the Epping train show.

Our Arts and Crafts AGM is on the 30 Apr and I have attached a brief history of the arts and crafts so all can have a read and know a little of how and why we are involved. All are welcome to attend these meetings and we are still looking for people to step up in this group.

The only modelling done by me was at the weekend workshop. The Leopard bridge layer lower hull is completed as is the bridge (built in the extended position) just ready for final assembly. Now to think of a suitable base. Time also to get thinking of what to finish for the nationals in Christchurch. The shunting puzzle got all the track ballasted and even works with powered locos. Sadly now its time to get all the wood in the shed so after this is done maybe there will be some more modelling time.

