

Central Otago Model News

Newsletter of IPMS Central Otago Model Society Inc

March 2018

President's Report

February was a good month for the COMS with some interesting developments.

At our Community House meeting on 11 Feb we had another good turnout of plastic modellers coming up with innovative results - a fun one being Jude's prototypical colour-schemed 'pink plane' (my technical description) and which is now in the foyer display cabinet. Young Quinn supported the model train efforts by bringing along a friend's layout which had lived in a box for many years. This meant that quite a few of the older members spent time with Quinn cleaning tracks, fixing joints and buffing wheels. The end result was a neat wee loop with an amazingly quiet running HO loco.

We had a planned 'where to for the next five years' discussion group in front of a whiteboard, which basically confirmed business as usual. There was interest in a second weekend workshop during the year, and in having mini field trips on non-club days to places of interest, such as to members model caves. Steve later rang me with a suggestion that may be expanded on in this or a later newsletter.

Bob Allen and I slid away from our second club meeting of the month to 'dabble our toes' in some 1:1 scale modelling over at Kingston. We had heard that a fun day was planned with the Kingston Flyer. Considering the lack of any positive news on that front since 2013, we wanted to be a part of this day. Luckily Bob was saved from spending time in the 'Bouncy Castle' because to our delight there was not just steam coming out of the Flyer, but it was doing short runs. With 24 hours notice they had received permission to do train runs along the Kingston foreshore past the station building. A good turnout of people and dogs cheered (barked) as

the loco went through its paces, rumbling, clanking, hissing and toot-tooting along the track. It was great to see and be a part of. There is still no indication of future plans for the Flyer(s), but at least one loco is in serviceable order. The day was also featured as being in memory of Russell Glendining who had died a year ago and had had a major role in the life of the Flyer.

On the home front my next exciting modelling task is to take my Z Gauge layout up to Nelson and display it at the Nelson Model Train Show on 24 and 25 March. I have plans to try and outdo any 'Thomas' layouts by grabbing passing kids, thrusting a smartphone controller into their hands and having them deliver highly improbable (invented on the spot) loads of cargo around the layout. Last time I tried this young Ethan had ears, emus and elephants to deal with, while Paula kept all her puppies, pussycats and pandas because she didn't want to give them to anyone else. You may see a trend here.

Rex Johnson
COMS President

Community House Workshop

Sunday 11th March 1-4

Committee Meeting 4-5

and

Scout Hall Workshop

Sunday 18th March 1-5

Upcoming Diary Dates

Mar 11 w/shop - com house
Mar 18 w/shop - scout hall
Mar 24-25 Nelson train show
Mar 30-31 Warbirds over Wanaka
Apr 1 Warbirds over Wanaka
Apr 8 w/shop - com house
Apr 14-15 weekend workshop - scout hall
May 12-13 Dunedin train show
May 13 w/shop - com house
May 20 w/shop - scout hall
Jun 10 w/shop - com house
Jun 16-17 Model expo Brisbane
Jun 17 w/shop - scout hall
Jul 7-8 Ashburton train show
Jul 8 w/shop - com house
Jul 15 w/shop - scout hall
Jul 20-22 IPMS Southland champs
Aug 12 w/shop - com house
Aug 18-19 weekend workshop - scout hall
and Southern Club Competition—scout hall
Aug 25-26 QHME Brisbane
Sep 9 w/shop - com house
Sep 16 w/shop - scout hall
Sep 22-23 Blossom festival
Oct 6-7 Christchurch train show
Oct 14 w/shop - com house
Oct 21 w/shop - scout hall
Oct 20-22 Invercargill train show
Nov 10-11 IPMS National champs Cambridge
Nov 18 W/shop - scout hall
Dec 8-9 Santa land Cromwell
Dec 9 w/shop - com house
Dec 16 w/shop - scout hall
Dec 25 receive more models and trains

Simon's Thoughts

The Club will be attending the Dunedin Model Train Show.

It will again be at the Mosgiel Bowling Club
Held over 12-13 May.

If members want to help set up or run the layout
talk to Simon or Rex.

Steve's Report

Please note - we will have to have all our models removed from the display cabinet in the community house by the end of March as the porcelain painters wish to display their items during the month of April - I will be in touch with those who have models on display to arrange their removal at a later date - thanks Steve

Lester is having a birthday sale this month with some great discounts on kits and accessories so please give him a ring 03-2184564 to see what he has got. He is hoping to come up to the scout workshop and bring a selection of goodies up with him and who knows there may even be some items from his secret stash.

At our last committee meeting we decided to hold 2 weekend workshops this year so that we can get some more progress on the club layout and our own projects with the southern competition in July and the nationals in Cambridge in November.

Our first workshop will be 14-15 April and will follow our usual format of starting Friday night and having lots of fun.

The second will be our normal winter workshop where we will be starting on Friday night and having our photo competition on the Saturday - the rules for this competition are very simple, take a photo of one of your models or railway layout (preferable on digital format so we can look at on a big screen) in such a way that it will be hard to tell that's its not the real thing.

On the Sunday we will be holding the southern inter club competition so there will be lots of activity over the weekend. Those from Dunedin and Invercargill are welcome to come for the whole weekend if they wish and can sleep in the hall - BYO bed (and it gets a bit cold in the hall) - this will be another fun filled weekend so book them out now.

At our last workshop I spent the entire time doing the rigging on the Lusitania and when I thought I was finished Bob suggested that the lifeboats would look much better if they had

their ropes attached from the davits to the boats so the next hour was spent installing these ropes (yes I agree it does look better) and we are on the home run with only the painting of the hull to be completed and the aerial made and fitted. This may still take some time seeing this project has been on the go for the last 30 plus years. I also took along my liberty ship and we all agreed that the weathering didn't look right so out came a cloth with some nail polish remover on it and 30 seconds later all paint is removed from the model ready to start again - such is our hobby that if its not right you can just start over.

In our last newsletter I mentioned about Jude starting a spitfire model and guess what - the next workshop it's all complete with its PR colour scheme. While I thing this was an exercise in trying to make a suitable pink colour its not entirely the correct version to be a photo recon plane so here is a little quiz for you - What is something Jude needed to do to this plane to make it a more realistic PR version? - If nobody tells me the answer you will have to wait till next month to find out. (The model is in the cabinet at the community house if you need to look)



Jude has finished his Polikapov I-16 and tried out some new weathering tricks, I think that his plane looks pretty good as does the recently completed Wildcat.



Bobs submarine was starting to look good as was Ron's Scharnhorst and Simons dump truck has the chassis almost done and Jude had to scratch build a small part of the cockpit of his Avenger due to very unclear instructions resulted in the original part being fitted in the wrong place.

