

# Central Otago Model News

Newsletter of IPMS Central Otago Model Society Inc

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## President's Report

N Central's latest outing was its inaugural visit to Invercargill's Great Little Train Show on Labour Day weekend. While COMS club members have previously displayed there, this was a first for us because we have previously had a conflicting display date with the Christchurch model train show. As this was a Christchurch 'gap year' for us, it allowed our attendance at Invercargill. And what a stunner of a weekend they turned on! Beautiful balmy weather had the crowds out enjoying themselves, so the Southland Society of Model Engineers will have been very pleased with the public attendance at their event.

We chose to erect N Central as a wiggly 6-module layout and decided to tempt fate by having no barriers in place. However, we did put up our three viewing stands for the wee folk and they loved that extra height - while we loved the stand's front bars the kids held onto instead of clinging onto our modules. We had one wee wiring issue to resolve because of a failed solder joint, then it was painless operation for the weekend.

Dave Wardell did a wonderful job arranging club and personal items onto the buy and sell tables and we all took advantage of things to buy off those tables. Andrew, Lochland and Ryan Snodgrass also had layouts on display and we sometimes had to elbow them aside to get good opportunities for buy-sell table purchases. Dave and Simon took the brunt of the layout operations while I spent much of my time fixing technical woes for others and cleaning locos. The SSME hosted a BBQ on Saturday evening for presenters (more balmy weather) so it was an excellent opportunity to have some quality time with both the locals and other travellers. Thanks SSME for being great hosts, we would love to join you again at a future show.

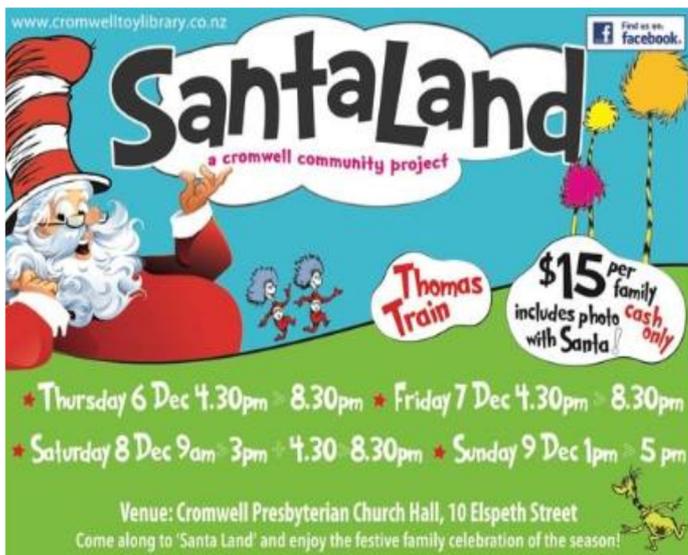
We had modellers participating in the South Island IPMS Champs in Dunedin on 13-14 October. Coming up the COMS is supporting the Mens Camp in Alexandra on Saturday 3 Nov by providing some modelling opportunities for the guys. There will be attendance by some keen modellers at the IPMS Nationals in Cambridge on 10-11 Nov, and we will be at SantaLand in Cromwell over 6, 7, 8 and 9 Dec with some small layouts.

Lots going on for us and hopefully for all our readers as we get closer to Christmas. Best wishes.

*Rex*



The Cromwell Bulletin advises that due to the increasing popularity of SantaLand the organisers have decided to increase their opening hours spread over 4 days. Theme is Dr Sues, so our top hats might be appropriate. Setup availability is on Sunday 2 December.



on attending the camp so it was easy for me to be there and help. I hope the other members enjoyed their time as well. I personally think it was a great event for the Model Club to be involved with and have already said we will help again next year.

*Simon*



## BKR Camp Report

Brass Knocker Road Camp is an event that Scott has attended 5-6 times and me twice. Its a mans camp were basically things are shoot and machinery used, with meat being the main item on any menu. This event takes place over the first weekend in November. As I have mentioned at the last couple of committee meetings I thought adding model making to their event was an interesting proposition. Saturday morning saw Ronald and Steve arrived on site to help me run a model workshop for those that were interested.

The morning started very quietly with the camp participants choosing to spend their time doing other activities, however as a few rain showers came the number of people sitting around the modeling tables increased. Lunch saw a large increase as people came and checked out what we were doing while waiting for the food to be ready. Actually we were rushed off our feet, using just about anything we could to cut parts to make our models. A few people were even turned away and asked to come back later in the day.

Another busy time was late afternoon when the boys who had been out motorbike riding returned to camp tired. It was my highlight sitting with a few 17-18 year olds talking and helping them make their first model.

We used 37 kit sets, probably 50 people took part in our activity due to some choosing to build a model between two. As I was already planning

## Upcoming Diary Dates

Nov 10-11 IPMS National Champs Cambridge  
 Nov 18 W/shop and AGM - 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

**NO**  
**Community House Workshop**  
 but  
**Scout Hall Workshop**  
**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November 1-3**  
**Followed by the AGM**  
**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November 3-5**

## Steve's Report

NO WORKSHOP AT THE COMMUNITY HOUSE THIS MONTH. Next workshop will be at the scout hall on the 18th November and the AGM will be held then.

October 13-14 - IPMS Dunedin hosted the south island champs and they put on some reasonable weather as well. I travelled down on the Friday night with a truck full of models for the competition and the display. Having two separate areas - the main room at the front of the building for the competition entries and the bar area cleared out for all the display models and other interesting things on display. What impressed me was that there were no barriers around any of the displays and while child numbers were much smaller than other shows there were no breakages from little fingers (only breakages from travelling down to the show necessitating the purchase of a bottle of glue) and I felt this made a more relaxed feel to the show. Something to think about for future shows and displays - I wonder what Cambridge will do next weekend! - watch this space. Simon, Nigel and Ron came down for a day trip and they were able to catch up with the others and make some purchases. There were no prizes for Steve this time but all feedback was taken on board and mistakes corrected and models are now ready for Cambridge. This was an excellent show and a great weekend looking at all the models and discussing build techniques not to mention just chatting to fellow modellers. Many thanks to Dunedin for putting on the show - I had a great time.



The best in show photo is of Gary's 700 scale liberty ship complete with rigging and crew figures ( approx 2.5mm high) - well done Gary.



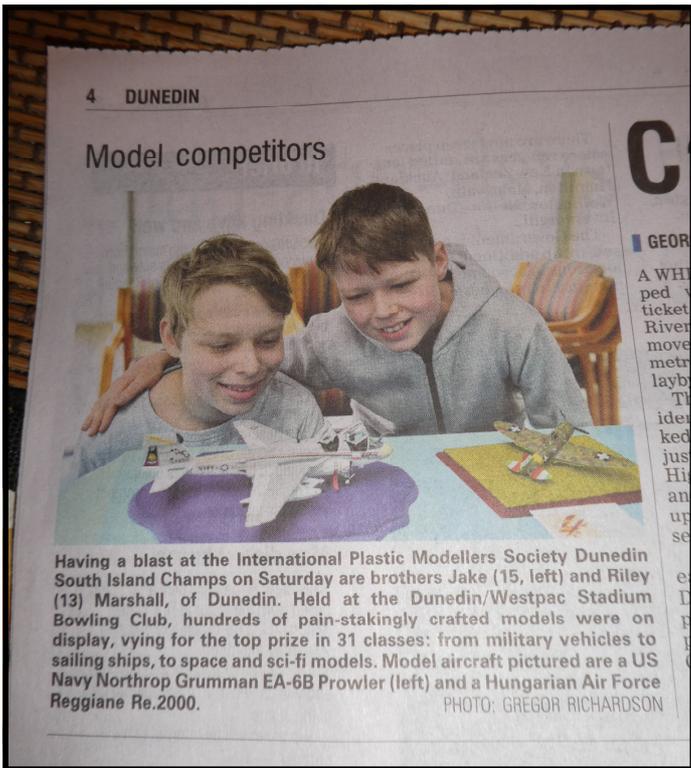
The other photo is of the best in class winners - it was a bit of a tough job picking out the best in show as all models were of a very high standard but slowly they were eliminated to only leave one winner. Lester's Storch was runner up.



The A10 Warthog and its massive gun is a favourite of mine and was great to see this one built with the gun on its service trolley showing just how big the 30mm 7 barrelled Gatling gun is. The Fairy Swordfish is another favourite (I have a soft spot for planes with floats) - there were heaps of excellent models to take photos of and there was one table of 48 scale Spitfires - must have been a model of each version produced - looked impressive.

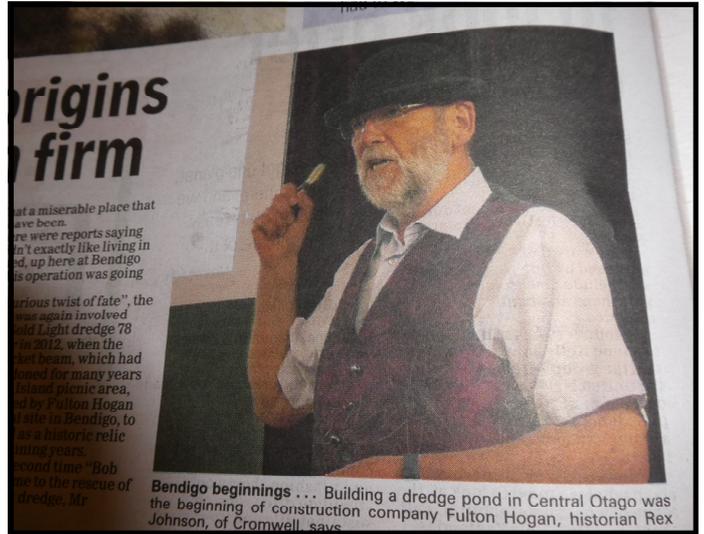


It was great to catch up with Leanne and Jake at the show and you could say it was a case of right place/wrong time or could have been wrong place /right time but it resulted in Jake and his brother getting their photo in the ODT newspaper the next day.



Speaking of newspapers I spied this photo of our president in the local rag very well dressed and discussing some local history topic. Just goes to show that even though we love our hobby sometimes it has to take 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th place so we can do some of the other things we are interested in. While our member numbers are small there is a great diversity of interest in other activities - some of us do Flying real planes -

tramping - hunting - pistol shooting - Scouting - four wheel driving - digging into local history - geocaching - motor bike touring - cycling - electronics - woodworking - painting pictures - and probably a lot more that I don't know about.



Steve and Simon will be travelling up to Cambridge for the IPMS Nationals next weekend - full report later.



Whoever let this sit out and rust over probably had a crazy reason for doing it. You know, a loco motive...