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The Palmerston North Model Engineering Club

Upcoming Club Events

Club Nights typically start at 7.30pm and are usually held at the
Hearing Association Hall, 435 Church Street, Palmerston North.

Thursday 23 February

Club Night
Project Progress

Come along and show us what you have been up to in your workshop or
elsewhere over the summer holiday period.

Thursday 23 March

Club Night
Fire Prevention in your Workshop.

Marriner Reserve Railway

Sunday 5 March & Sunday 19 March

Railway operations at the Marriner Reserve
Trains in operation from 1pm to 4pm
Weather permitting (Richard Lockett 06 323 0948)

Thursdays

Railway operations for club members
Subject to ongoing track maintenance and weather
Contact track manager (Richard Lockett 06 323 0948)

Club Notices

February Club Night

Remember to bring along your current project and to share your trials and tribulation's associated with the progress or lack off achieved over the summer holiday period!

We will endeavour to have a laptop and digital projector available so as to project your images onto the wall while you speak to them. I have a couple which you may find amusing!

7.30pm, Thursday 23 February, Hearing Association Hall.

Club Barbeque

A small contingent of club members enjoyed the club day held on the 22nd of January at the Marriner Reserve Railway. Being held on Wellington Anniversary Weekend probably presented club members with too many options or commitments which may explain the smallish turnout.

The opportunity to have a relaxing afternoon talking, drinking lots of tea and coffee with a couple of steam locomotives running made for a pleasant occasion for all who attended.

Thanks go to Lawrence Brooshooft for bringing along his barbeque.



Not much happening here. Owen, Chris, Lawrence and Kyle enjoying the summer afternoon.



So impressed with his trip behind the club's F7 Santa Fe, 7 year old Reid produced this drawing of the locomotive and presented it to the station staff during our last track run.

PAHIATUA RAILCAR SOCIETY

On the 3rd of December 2022 Jean and I attended an open day at the Pahiatua Railcar Society. The inclement weather did not detract the hundreds of people that travelled to Pahiatua specifically for this event. On show were examples of all the common types of railcars operated by NZR in the North Island.

The centre piece was a fully restored and working “Wairarapa Class Railcar” dating back to the days of the Remutaka Incline (photo 1). Note the cut out in the front pilot to clear the centre rail.

Operations in the yard were dominated by a “Standard Class Railcar” and Silver Fern Railcars taking passengers on rides to various destinations (photo 2).

The high level of workmanship put into these restorations was on display inside the workshops where an NZR Drewry Class Articulated Twinset Railcar is under restoration. Photo 3 shows the front half of the Drewry Twinset being rebuilt. Photo 4 shows the condition of a railcar body as delivered to the society’s yard. Any group that has the skill set to make this transformation gets my vote.

Also on display were numerous restored diesel shunters and various other railway artefacts. This place is certainly worthy of a club visit. Negotiations are currently under way.



1936 Wairarapa Class Railcar or as the locals called them a Tin Hare!

Photo David Bell



1972 Silver Fern Railcar alongside a 1938 Standard Railcar

Photo David Bell



1955 Drewry Twinset Railcar being restored in Pahiatua

Photo David Bell



A surviving body carcass of the Drewry Twinset Railcar

Photo David Bell



Seen at the Canmod 2023 convention an exquisite 7.25 inch gauge model of the 1940 Vulcan Railcar.

2023 Canmod Convention

PNMEC club members Bill and Wendy Krippner, Chris and Paulette Morton and Richard Lockett attended the 2023 Canmod Model Engineering Convention held at the Christchurch Model and Experimental Engineers Club site in Halswell, Christchurch in early January. This event postponed a year due to you know what was a relaxing few days for me as just a participant this time having no responsibilities running meetings etc. Thanks go to convenor Alex Cordell and his fellow Christchurch Club members for their hard work over the 5 days of the convention and the onerous task of putting up with us the convention attendee's!

A thanks also to Tony Winter for allowing me to hitch a lift to Christchurch from the West Coast. Here's a selection of photo's of the models that caught my eye over the course of the convention.



A fine 5 inch gauge Wellington Manawatu Railway Company No 5. A Baldwin Built Vaucrain compound 2-6-2 from 1902 with finely detailed WMR Guards Van. Built by Keith Robson of Christchurch.
Photo Editor



A very nice 7.25 inch gauge NZR LA No 206 and matching 4 wheel LA wagon rebuilt by Reece Cobb from Nelson. Note the polished dome!
Photo Editor



Tony Winter's 7.25 gauge twin NZR Dx with 5 scale Uc bogie coal wagons.

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Bill Krippner took a liking to this newly built 3.5 inch Gauge Evening Star 2-8-0 Locomotive running it in for the loco's builder Chris Kennedy.

Date and Time			Activity
Thursday	23 February	7.30pm	Club Night Project Progress
Thursday	2nd March	7.30 pm	Committee Meeting
Sunday	5th March	1pm to 4pm	Marriner Reserve Railway
Sunday	19th March	1pm to 4pm	Marriner Reserve Railway
Thursday	23rd March	7.30pm	Club Night Workshop Fire Protection
Sunday	2nd April	1pm to 3pm	Marriner Reserve Railway
Thursday	6th April	7.30pm	Committee Meeting
Sunday	16th April	1pm to 3pm	Marriner Reserve Railway
Thursday	27th April	7.30 pm	Club Night AGM plus

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