

The Matarawa Halt

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Meeting dates

Meetings held at Matarawa Hall.

2 February 2006
16 February 2006

Hall open from 7:30pm.

Committee Meeting
26 February 2006

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Activities

Visit by Hutt Model Railway Club

Members of the Hutt Valley Model Railway Club have asked us to host a layout tour on Sunday 19 February 2006.

The committee have suggested that the Hutt members meet at the Matarawa Hall at 10.00am for a 'cuppa' before visiting layouts. A picnic lunch in Carrington Park, or back at the Matarawa Hall if the weather is inclement, would give a suitable midday break before moving on to further layouts and finishing at Ian Galbraith's for a BBQ.

Club members are invited to join our visitors on the day. We will be providing the tea, coffee and milk for the 'cuppa'. Please bring your lunch and food for the BBQ.

We will finalise, on Thursday 2 February 2006, the layouts that will be visited.

WORKING BEE

Weather permitting we will have a working bee on Saturday 11 February 2006 To water blast the roof of the Matarawa Hall ready for painting.

A second working bee will be held on Sunday 12 February 2006 to paint the roof. We have the necessary materials but ask you to bring along brushes.

Details will be explained on Thursday night.

Wairarapa Railway Modellers Inc Twenty-fifth Anniversary

The Wairarapa Railway Modellers group was formed in 1981. The Committee are looking at ways in which this milestone may be celebrated. Bring your ideas along to the next meeting.

Deadline for articles, notes, For sale etc for inclusion in the March 2006 issue of The Matarawa Halt is 23 February 2006.

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What's on the workbench?

*On the
workbench.*

*A monthly
feature.*

*Tell us 'What's
on your
workbench'.*

Wayne Haste: Well the big decision has been made. After 38 years of NZR modelling and now failing eyesight it is time for the change, so I am selling all my NZR and will concentrate on my new love Miss LGB.

In my last article I mentioned that I had bought two flat wagons from the States. I have remodelled one as a fire wood wagon. The kit comes with 4 stanchions so all I had to do was to make up two boarded ends from styrene.

My plan for the new layout is to base it around a saw mill. The mill will be modelled in low relief and based on the sawmill at Ormondville. My saw mill will be named LG&B (Lehmann Gross-Bahn) Timber Company. The mill will be fed with a bush tramway metre gauge running stock stencilled LG&B and the sawn timber will be railed out on metre gauge DR (Deutsche Reichsbahn) "Vee Hav Veys" to make our models!!! So to date I've been concentrating on collecting some wagons and making up appropriate timber loads.

My decision was influenced by a visit to 'The Great Steaming One' Bob Stott over a whisky or two and the viewing of an Austrian book on narrow gauge timber tramways. To my surprise there is nothing new when it comes to the way timber is carted and the type of wagons and loco's that was used in Austria, Germany and in NZ.

Athol Hamilton: Greetings from the Garden City, now that the hurdle, or was it the "water jump" was overcome last November, life is gradually returning to

some semblance of order in our change of residence. Have constructed a new 9m² deck & just finalising a revised 1½ sized garage/workshop, & with a number of other small jobs the "cook" requires we are quietly getting ourselves in order.

Negotiations with the Kaitangata Railway Board Chairman (Mrs H) over the past month by the General Manager, has seen an expression of agreement to the availability of trackage rights inside. There is a proviso however for temporary accommodation to be provided for an emergency "trainspotting backpacker" (or other guest) should the need arise, but a happy outcome has been achieved by all parties.

The new environment has meant a revision of some trackage modules to suit, & once a proposed new garage/workshop is erected, the winter months may see builders & track gangs fully engaged on a more "permanent way" inside, & some serious running can commence in 2006. That is the Company's goal & further progress will be reported.



Athol's new home in Christchurch

Coming Events

11 February 2006	Working Bee Waterblast Roof	at Matarawa Hall
12 February 2006	Working Bee Paint Roof	at Matarawa Hall
19 February 2006	Visit by Hutt Valley Model Railway Club	
4 March 2006	“TAWA” BBQ	21 William Donald Dr, Masterton
25-26 March 2006	Nelson MRC Show	Nelson
8-9 April 2006	Wairarapa Toy Fair 2006 Masterton Town Hall (Information available at clubrooms)	Masterton
14-17 April 2006	NZAMRC Convention Manfeild Centre	Feilding
Registration Forms are available at the Clubrooms		
20-21 May 2006	Hasting MRC 50th Anniversary Celebrations	Havelock North
3-5 June 2005	Tauranga Model Expo	Bethlehem College Events Centre
3-5 June 2006	Model X Show	West Wave Recreation Centre Henderson
30 Sept-1 Oct 2006	Wellington Rail-Ex	LH Town Hall & Horticultural Hall

For Sale



NZGR Sn3½ 2-8-0 Tender Locomotive, O99.
Make an offer to Wayne Haste, Ph 04 232 5224 or di.wayne@xnet.co.nz



NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION OF MODEL RAILWAY CLUBS INC

CONVENTION 2006

**Manfeild Park, Feilding
Easter Weekend, 14-17 April**

NEWSLETTER UPDATE NUMBER 2

Well folks, it is just about two months to go until Convention 2006 at Easter. We have had a slow but steady response with confirmed registrations. Surprisingly, we had a large number of requests for registration forms which were e-mailed out so this helped reduce the costs. We have also had some interest from Australia.

Accommodation in Feilding itself isn't that great so we suggest you ring to book as soon as possible if you are coming. But if the Feilding motels are full, there is a good selection of motels in the Hospital area of Palmerston North. They are on Ruahine Street and there is one on Milson Line. It is only 18 kilometres between the city and Feilding so it isn't really the problem that exists in other cities with accommodation spread out. The road is open and in good condition. We will be running a bus between Palmerston North and Feilding in the mornings and return at the evenings.

There are power points available at the Park (pictured at right) if you wish to bring your caravan or motor home.

Unfortunately there is only a limited number so please contact the Convention Secretary if you want one. There is no charge.

On Sunday, which is the open day, we have arranged a tour at the Palmerston North Electric Depot for those wishing to pay a visit. Please note that you will not be allowed to wander around. If you have a Hi-Viz jacket please bring it. In the afternoon there is a visit to the Feilding Steam Depot where you will be able to inspect the site. The WAB will still be in steam from its run on the Overlander service on Saturday. Both of these are at no charge. But please remember, at both these sites you must follow instructions.



If anyone out there wants to present a clinic, please contact me.

Barry Norman from Great Britain will be in attendance. He is a master of scenery and anyone who has read his book will see what I mean. Barry is excited at the prospect of coming to New Zealand and experiencing the New Zealand modelling scene. I think he will be impressed by what he sees here.

I must apologise that in the first newsletter I said that Ian Hammond the supremo on all things Tri-ang was going to attend. Well I got the Surname right, but the Christian name wrong. Pat Hammond, a well known model railway collector, author and editor in the UK with a number of books and magazine articles to his credit will be attending the Convention. His volumes on Hornby, Rovex and Tri-ang are particularly notable, being some of the most well researched and detailed books on the subject ever written. A recent article in "British Railway Modelling" magazine about Hornby Minitrix by Pat was also illustrated by him.

The Convention Dinner will be at the Novotel in Palmerston North. This is located on Cuba Street in the CBD. It was just opened last year. If anyone is interested, they have accommodation available. We will be running a bus from Feilding to the dinner for those that are staying there if there is enough interest shown.

An Invitation form was posted to all Club secretaries to see if clubs are willing to display their layout at the convention. The invitation is still open.

Well, there is not much to add, we are looking forward to meeting you all at Easter.

Wally Wallbuton, Convention 2006 Secretary

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CONVENTION 2006

Special Guest Barry Norman

The 2006 Feilding Convention's guest presenter will be Barry Norman, a British modeller of some note who has built portable layouts in many scales from N (1:160) to O (1:43), including S (1:64), and written two books on the subject. The first of these, "*Landscape Modelling*" although written 20 years ago is still an outstanding guide on conceiving, building and scenicking a portable layout.

Barry sums up his approach in the Introduction, "... There's more to modelling a railway than just the railway itself. I try to see it in a far fuller and deeper sense—the complete picture of a railway as part of its surrounding landscape".

His second book, "*Designing a Layout*", leads us through choosing a prototype and developing a track plan that will work visually. Continuing the same theme, Barry authored a long series of layout designs in the English *Model Railway Journal* where his ability to visualise and sketch ideas clearly and attractively was to the fore along with his ideas for researching former railways.

Although Barry is best known among modellers following finescale standards, his ideas are equally valid for mainstream modellers. He has valuable tips for modelling landforms and grassy, weedy and treed landscapes as the realistic setting for the railway and its associated buildings.

Barry is also an accomplished model photographer, and regularly photographs layouts for *MRJ*. I recall seeing one of Barry's layouts in a video from the NZAMRC library some years ago, and as well as looking good it also ran beautifully.

Barry is working up three presentations for us under the working headings:

- An English view of layout design and the British hobby
- Landscape modelling
- An English view of the hobby and model railway photography

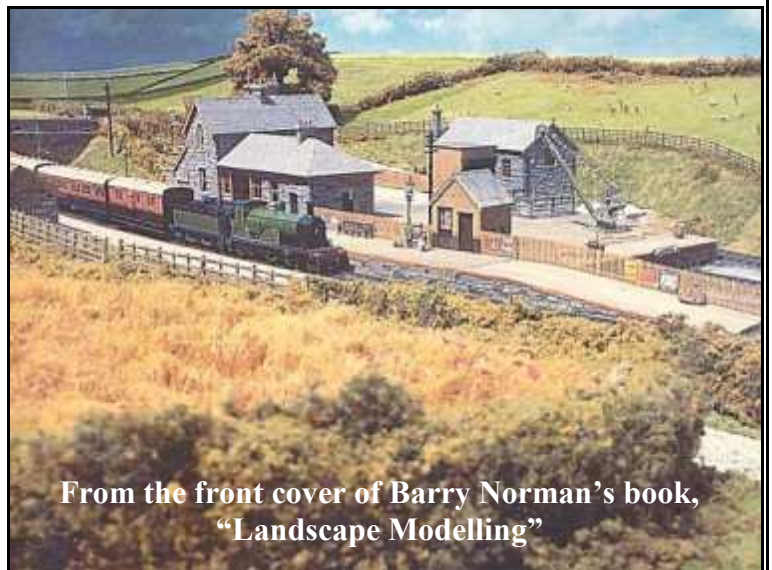
These will:

- Tell of the developing interest in the UK in more accurate detailing and weathering and the need to research the prototype, noting the growing interest in the more accurate EM and P4 gauges compared with OO. Going on to talk about layout design, illustrating with photographs of some British layouts, setting out the basic principles and noting the similarities and differences with New Zealand.
- Get down to the practicalities of modelling landscapes, and challenging modellers to look at the textures, colours and patterns in different landscapes, the different seasons and the ways we have changed our world. Some thoughts also on baseboard construction and constructing the landscape shell.
- Extending the previous topics into greater detail, commenting on how layout design, the quality of the modelling and such things as lighting may help or hinder when it comes photographing a layout.

Barry has been a schoolteacher for 30 years and has given many talks for modellers. He is sure to continue our recent good fortune in finding informative and inspirational guests to infuse the latest in what is happening overseas with what we are doing here. I think of such recent visitors as the late Bernard Weller from the UK, *Model Railroader's* Tony Koester, Jack Burgess of Yosemite Valley RR fame, and AJ and Zana Ireland of Digitrax.

For me, Barry Norman promises to be one of the highlights at this year's convention, and someone not to be missed.

Information provided by Peter Ross



From the front cover of Barry Norman's book, "*Landscape Modelling*"



From the back cover of Barry Norman's book "*Landscape Modelling*"

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Supper Roster

3 February 2006	P Murray	T Munro
16 February 2006	A Pedersen	W Bouwer

If you are unable to provide supper on your rostered night, either swap with another member or contact Ian Galbraith

There is no telephone at the clubrooms, but a cell phone, 021 2646945 is usually on hand.

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Model Supplies

Digitrax Trained & Certified
Digitrax Decoders in stock

DH123D with wiring harness	\$30.50
DH123P with 8 pin plug harness	\$35.50
Others available on request	
3mm Golden White LED's	\$2.25 ea
1000ohm resistors for above	\$0.60ea
Xuron Rail Cutters	\$22.50

Phone: 06 377 3603
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For Sale

As mentioned in "What's on the workbench", Wayne Haste is moving up to Grandpa scale and is selling his NZR Sn3½ locomotives, rolling stock, kits, track, turnouts and buildings.

The locomotives, kits, track, turnouts and buildings are in Masterton and can be viewed by contacting Ian Galbraith. A list of built up passenger rolling stock is also available. Freight rolling stock is available by contacting Wayne on 04 232 5224 or by email: di.wayne@xnet.co.nz.

The track, turnouts, kits and passenger rolling stock are priced. Wayne will accept reasonable offers on the locomotives which are all in good running order and built to a high standard.

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