



## Capital Model Railway Club

### The Station News.

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### Coming meetings

Aug 10-(Train-running)  
Aug 17-(Layout Tasks)  
Sept 14-(Train-running)  
Sept 21- **AGM**  
Oct 12-(Train-running)  
Oct 19-(Layout Tasks)  
Nov 9-(Train-running)  
Nov 16-(Layout Tasks)  
Nov 23-(Layout Tasks)

### Your Exec

Ian O'Conner - President  
Murray Crawford - Vice-president/Editor  
Peter McGregor - Secretary  
Ron Dewsnap - Treasurer  
Ron McKinnon - Librarian

The Subs for this year were set as  
Senior Member \$60  
Junior Member \$30

There will most likely be members still meeting most Monday nights, but if your are not sure if anyone will be out there, give one of us a call before hand.

## Modelling Tips

### Expanding your Scenes with Mirrors

If you have a small town that is next to a wall or backdrop you can install a mirror at the end of the street to make it look longer. Make sure all the edges of the mirror are obscured. The top can be covered by an overpass or overhanging trees. Place the mirror at an angle to the edge of the layout so visitors can't look directly into them and a small mirror will work better. The larger the mirror, the more unwanted reflections you'll have.

**2009**

**NZAMRC MODELLERS DIARY**

October 23-25      Hamilton Model Railroaders Exhibition, Hamilton Gardens Pavilion, Cobham Dr, Hamilton

Oct 31 / 1 Nov      Rail-Ex Lower Hutt Town Hall Lower Hutt

**2010**

March              Garden Railway Convention, Christchurch

Easter April 2-4      NZAMRC Biennial Convention, Christchurch

**2011**

June 4-6            AMRA Hawkes Bay

**2012**

Easter              NZAMRC Convention, Masterton

**News**

The Railway Club had a Train running day on the Railway Club President's Layout (THE IRON RANGE RAILROAD) on Saturday 6 of June with some of the club members attending. This maybe one of the last time club members can run trains on Ian's old layout. The layout is based on the Vermillion Range iron ore industries with the Great Northern / Burlington Northern Merger happening around the same time (1970). Also serving the same area is the Duluth Missabe And Iron Range Railroad. These two railroad companies use the same lines for the purpose of moving the ore around from Missabe and Hibbing down to Duluth. The use of other railroad power is also allowed to help with the other industries on the same line. Club members turn up with their own Trains and Locomotives to run as well as running Ian's trains. The signalling on the layout is interlocked with the setting of points. The route for trains can be set by computer, using the JMRI software, and there are some manual/push button panels that are for local shunting movements. The layout is being rebuilt for new technology and a better bench setup. It takes Ian 2 or 3 days to clean the layout for operation and some of the bench work makes it too hard for cleaning. Ian's old layout was built in the days of dc power (analog) and was rewired for dcc (Digitrax) with stationary decoders on most of the turnouts, pm42 for power management and a computer. The layout has been reworked and improved a number of times. The layout running session usually runs for 5 or 6 hours. The new layout will incorporate some industries from the original layout. The hope is to also add more scenery as well. Due to a couple of vertical challenges of the height of the layout it will be positioned lower down on the walls. Much fun was had when a train stalled coming out of Duluth yard to head up the hill, a few bankers were added to push this train up the hill. There was at least 4 trains crossing each other most of the time. A great day was had !!!!!

