

HAMILTON MODEL ENGINEERS INC. PRESENTS

STEAM N' STEEL 2025

NEWSLETTER

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Update

As we all know, this time of year seems to fly by in the lead up to Christmas and so to does the lead up to our convention. We have now added day passes to our online registration form for those who can only attend for a day etc, they will be \$25 per day/ per person and for those who want to add any uniform items to there registration are able to do so before the following cutoff dates.

Uniform Cutoff date - 15th December

Convention Dinner cutoff date - 27th December

We are looking forward to having everyone attend and we cant wait to see you all.

Kind regards,

Bianca Betts

Co Convention Secretary


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Registrations

Registrations are live for our 2025 convention and we have two ways you can register:

Online (Google forms):

- Follow this link 
- Find the link on our Steam N' Steel 2025 Facebook page or our Hamilton Model Engineers Website



Paper Copy:

- Print a copy from our website and email it back to us at 2025@hme.co.nz
- Print and send via post to
Bianca Betts
PO Box 5090
Frankton

Fuel



We will have the following fuel on hand at the convention. If there is anything else you require, please let us know ASAP via email 2025@hme.co.nz

- Welsh nuts and beans
- Petrol
- Kindling etc
- Steam oil

Accommodation

We have managed to gain a deal with the Distinction Hotel which is located just over the hill from our train club or about a 10min walk around Minogue road.

The distinction is where we will be having the formal dinner on the Saturday night so it will be nice and close.

The deal is

- \$200 per room per night (room only)
- \$230 B&B 1 person per night
- \$260 B&B 2 people per night

In order to get this deal you will need to call the distinction hotel directly and quote **Ref: #176417 / Train event**

Online orders will not be able to use the code and gain the discount.

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Uniforms

We have now finalised our uniform options that we will have and the registration forms have now been updated. We will have the following options:



Polo Shirt - \$70



Dress Shirt - \$70



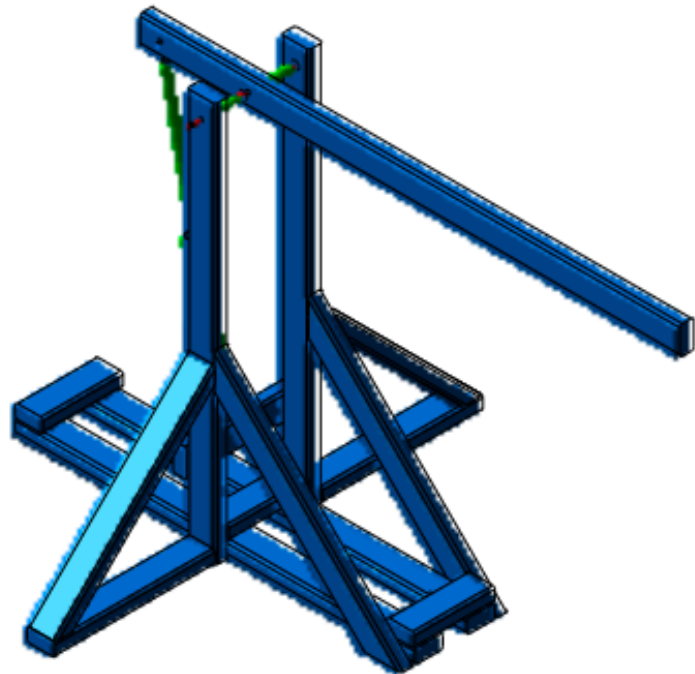
Bucket Hat - \$20



Cap - \$26

Les Moore Challenge

We know that we don't have much time left until our convention but we are hoping to have as many clubs as possible participate in this fun challenge. This year we propose to have a model of a Romain Trebuchet with an addition of an air cylinder to power it 350 long 40mm ID. They are going to throw tennis balls over our lake approximately 27m and hit a target. The challenge of this will be the loading, holding and targeting the tennis balls, which is up to your own interpretation. The pressure of the air cylinder will be limited to 50 PSI. Below is a mock up to help you along.

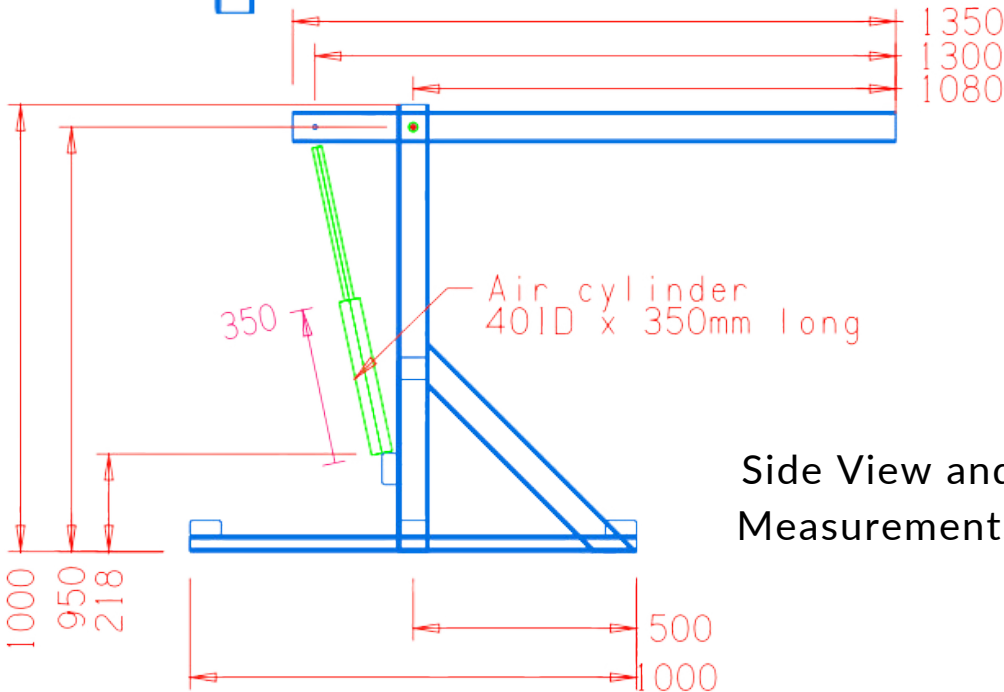
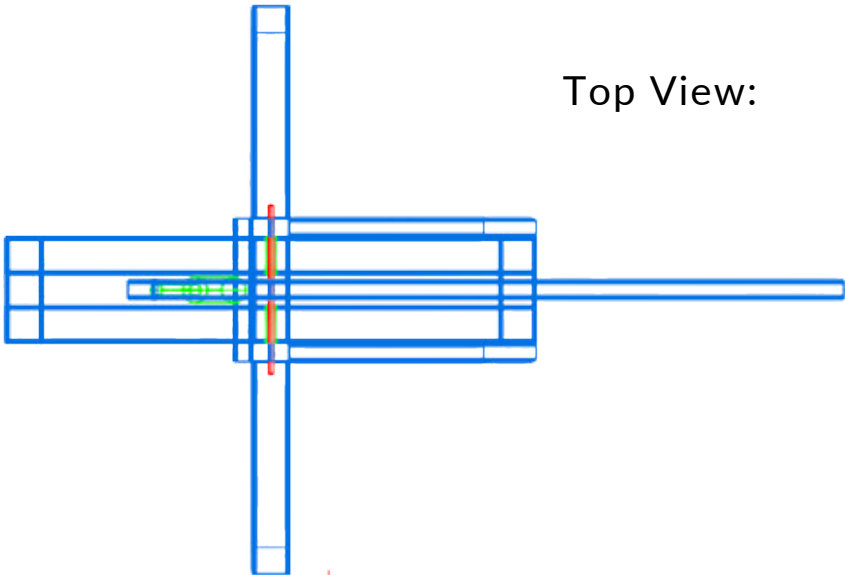


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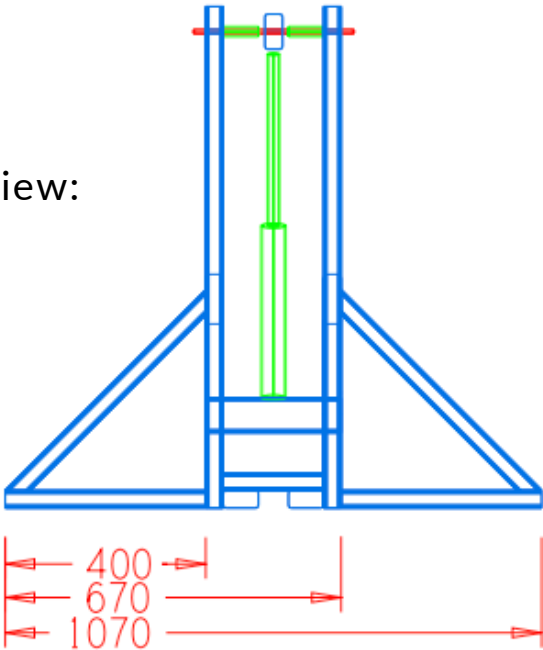
Les Moore Challenge

Top View:



Side View and Measurements:

Front View:



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Convention Timetable

Below is a timetable for the days of our convention to help give everyone an idea of how we hope it to run.

**Please note this may be subject to change*

	Wednesday 8th	Thursday 9th	Friday 10th	Saturday 11th	Sunday 12th	Monday 13th
7:00 AM		Site Open to Attendees	Site Open to Attendees	Site Open to Attendees	Site Open to Attendees	Site Open to Attendees
8:00 AM				Drivers briefing	Drivers briefing	
9:00 AM				MEANZ Meeting	Auditors Meeting	Drivers briefing
10:00 AM	Site Open to Attendees	Club fun day				
11:00 AM						
12:00 PM			Drivers briefing			
1:00 PM			OFFICIAL OPENING			
2:00 PM	Track open for • Unloading • Signing In • Free running/ fun day	Les Moore Challenge				
3:00 PM						
4:00 PM						
5:00 PM		BBQ Dinner	BBQ Dinner during night run	Convention Dinner	BBQ Dinner	BBQ Dinner
6:00 PM					Members and attendees only night run	
7:00 PM						
8:00 PM	Site Closed	Site Closed				Site Closed
9:00 PM						
10:00 PM						
11:00 PM			Site Closed	Site Closed		

Site Open/ Closed	MEANZ Meeting	Auditors Meeting	Drivers Briefing
Members/ Attendees Only	Public Running	Official Opening	Convention Dinner

IMPORTANT LOCATIONS:

MEANZ Meeting - will be held at the distinction hotel just a few minutes away from the club

Auditors Meeting - To be held in the signal box onsite

Convention Dinner - Distinction Hotel

Daily BBQ dinner - Will be held onsite around the club house

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Post Convention Ramble

Mana Ariki

Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th

The Mana Ariki Railway club is inviting travellers who have attended the convention in Hamilton to an afternoon run around the 3000 metre railway at the Mana Ariki Railway Located at 450 Ongarue Back Road, Taumarunui. A Koha is welcome at the Marae for helping with the running costs and coal. Breakfast will be provided by the Mana Ariki Railway Club for loco owners and drivers in the VIP quarters at \$5.00 per person per day. Dinner in town either at the local Thai , fast food shop or the RSA.

TUESDAY 14th January:

Enjoy running your loco on this 3000-metre-long mountain railway track for a few hours without any public.

Accommodation is available for loco owners and a helper on site. Other accommodation is available in Town. Dinner will be in town, at your own cost.

WEDNESDAY 15th January:

The Public are invited for train rides today. The Mana Ariki Railway will be open from 10am until 3pm. We have invited the town people for train rides. Lunch can be purchased at the canteen on site. Accommodation for loco drivers and helper on site. Motels in town.

THURSDAY 16th January: This will be a travel day to your own accommodation. Dinner will be at your own cost.

RICHARD TAYLORS

Friday 17th and Saturday 18th January:

Run your trains at Richard Taylor's Private Railway and Sculpture Park. You will really enjoy running your trains here. Take lunch. Fresh Choice supermarket Greytown have great lunches. A donation towards the running cost and coal at Taylors is welcome. Please be aware of dry conditions at these country tracks- safety first so **Spark arrestors are required.**

SUNDAY 19th January

Head for home, End of post convention ramble.

If you are interested in visiting either or both of these tracks, please register your interest with contact details to:

Lynne Giles
021959106
ikon@xtra.co.nz

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Brett Setford from Scale tools and Railway Fittings Australia is heading over the ditch to attend Steam n Steel 2025.

If you have been wanting a specific shovel or tool the head along to @scaletoolsandrailwayfittings on Facebook and he may be able to bring it with him in January.



Assorted shovel sizes



Small long blade shovels the suit many 5" gauge locomotives. Blade is 30mm at its widest and 75mm long and 210mm total length



5 piece tool set. With the choice to add in the cute little keyring and bottle opener.

Comes in a hand made box, Your choice of felt colour with an etched Lid to top it all off.



All the little essentials you could need in one neat box

Contact Brett over on Facebook:

Scale tools and railway fittings if you would like something brought over from Australia. Lets help him fill his suitcase

