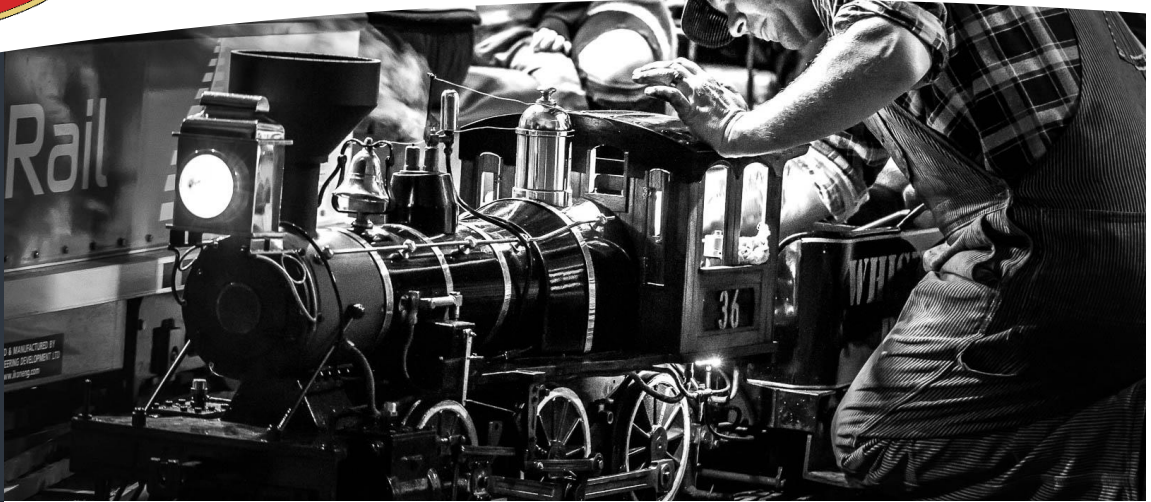




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THE COUNTDOWN

Apologies for the delay this month in getting the Steam N' Steel 2020 convention newsletter circulated, it's been a busy month for us getting many of the finer details sorted now and we're happy to share some of them.

Most notably is the update for those attendees wishing to camp on-site at the 2020 convention in self-contained vehicles. Unfortunately, we have not been able to cater for this and will not be able to host these attendees on-site during the convention. However, we are glad to offer a fantastic second option for those coming via campervan at the Classics Museum at Railside Place in Hamilton. Many more details on this important update are featured on pages 2 to 3.

We've also had an update from David Giles about the post-convention ramble he is organising. The trip to Mana Ariki has unfortunately been cancelled due to the trustees wishing for us not to run on the track. Scale Tools & Railway Fittings from Australia is also booked in to visit us at Steam N' Steel 2020 with a wide range of fantastic scale tools and fittings to view and purchase at the convention.

And wrapping up Septembers newsletter is an update on the security throughout the event and the working bees taking place to bring our facilities up to scratch for 2020.

Kind Regards, Corban Fray

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IMPORTANT ON-SITE CAMPING UPDATE FOR ATTENDEES

From the 'Self-Contained Camping Guide' document

An update on Self-Contained Vehicles at Steam N' Steel 2020

For all of the registered attendees and those interested in registering who wish to stay on-site in a self-contained vehicle, unfortunately this is no longer permitted. We advised on registration forms that camping on-site was pending council approval and unfortunately, we cannot have self-contained vehicles on-site for this purpose.

However, we are fortunate enough to offer these attendees a sensible second choice for camping near the Steam N' Steel 2020 convention.

The Classics Museum Hamilton

The Classics Museum Hamilton hosts an extensive collection of over 100 classic cars, unique memorabilia and a range of vintage goodies from early New Zealand, and it's one of Hamilton's best attractions.

They're also home to the Jukebox Diner, a 1950s themed diner with a 13-metre-tall 50s replica Wurlitzer Jukebox entrance. The diner serves cooked breakfasts, burgers, shakes and much more all whilst including some of the top rock and roll stars from Abba to Elvis throughout the diner.

The alternative option for self-contained vehicles

The Classics Museum has a large area of land off of Railside Place in Hamilton. They offer free parking for registered self-contained vehicles to stay overnight, and this has proven a fantastic option for Steam N' Steel 2020 attendees. Located just 5 minutes' drive or 20 minutes' walk from the Hamilton Model Engineers, this is a convenient site for attendees to stay overnight without driving across town every day.

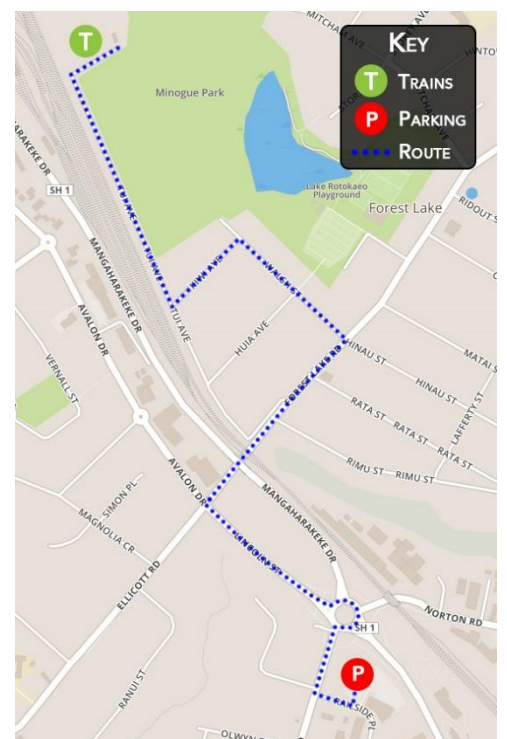
The map outlines the recommended driving route for larger self-contained vehicles, from the Hamilton Model Engineers site to the Classics Museum parking lot.

Information Required to stay at the Classics Museum

The parking lot is privately owned by the Classics Museum, so a list of important rules is listed below directly from the museum management that all attendees must abide by.

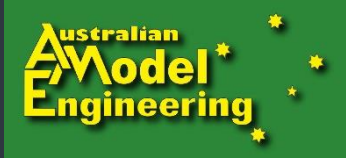
We have contacted management and asked for Steam N' Steel 2020 attendees to be permitted to stay for up to six consecutive nights on their site to which they have agreed. To be exempt from the three-night consecutive stay rule and extend that to six, we require the vehicle registration and NZS5465:2001 self-contained vehicle certification information. This will ensure management does not approach you to vacate the site after three consecutive nights.

Below is a list of important rules that apply to all individuals staying at this site.



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The following rules apply to this site:

- This is private property and you are guests. **Please be respectful of the land and considerate of other users**
- Camping is restricted to **self-contained vehicles only**
- Self-contained vehicles **must clearly display** NZS5465:2001 certification
- Camping is restricted to designated carparks within a particular area only
- Camping at this site is restricted to a maximum of three consecutive nights with a maximum of six nights in any four-week period – should you require to extend this period, please contact management to discuss options – phone: 07 957 2230
 - This rule **does not** apply to registered attendees of Steam N' Steel 2020. Vehicle Registration information and NZS5465:2001 self-contained vehicle certification information must be provided to the Steam N' Steel 2020 committee before your stay to be exempt from this rule.
- Park in a legal manner in formed parking areas, without obstructing footpaths or access ways
- No fires, alcohol or tents
- Clothing must be worn at all times
- All dog droppings must be collected and disposed of (see dump site options below)
- Please take **ALL** waste with you. This can be disposed of at the following facilities:
 - Hamilton Public Dump Station - Tui Avenue, Forest Lake
 - Hamilton City Holiday Park - 14 Ruakura Road, Claudelands, Hamilton
 - Ngaruawahia Dump Station – Lower Waikato Esplanade, Ngaruawahia
- Management reserves the right to ask campers to leave should there be any complaints from neighbours or fellow campers
- Management also reserves the right to ask campers to vacate the site when the Museum or Diner have an event that requires the use of the land

Failure to follow these rules may result in being asked to vacate the site. The Hamilton Model Engineers are not responsible for attendee's behavior at the Classics Museum, nor any disciplinary action by the Classic Museum should these rules not be followed.

Please note: There are **no facilities provided** at the Classics Museum carpark, hence the need for a fully self-contained vehicle.

Are there any other options?

Yes, there is. Hamilton has a range of other sites to park self-contained vehicles, but all are either much more costly or further away from the Hamilton Model Engineers track. Notably, a paid camping park is the Hamilton City Holiday Park located in Hamilton East, 10-15 minutes' drive from the track. A Google search or a visit to the 'New Zealand Motor Caravan Association' website may bring up more results for locations in Hamilton that may suit you better.

Need to get in touch?

If you are interested in staying at the Classics Museum and wish to forward your vehicle and self-contained certification information to us, please do so **ASAP** to 2020@hme.co.nz or with your registration if you have not registered already. If these arrangements do not work for you or you have further queries, please do get in touch at 2020@hme.co.nz

CONVENTION RAMBLE UPDATE

Last month we received word from David Giles, the organiser of the Steam N' Steel 2020 Convention Ramble that the Mana Ariki Railway trustees have declined permission for the ramble to visit their track north of Taumaranui in January 2020. This is a very disappointing position taken by the Marae Trustees, considering the money and effort put into maintaining their facilities over the past year.

None the less, the show must go on! The backup plan will not take place instead, which is to travel to Taupo and visit the Huka Falls, Wairakei Geothermal Power Station, Aratiatia Rapids on the Waikato River and more.

For the updated copy of the post0-convention ramble, please visit the www.hme.co.nz website and under Steam N' Steel 2020, the latest copy of the convention ramble can be found there.

SCALE TOOLS & RAILWAY FITTINGS TO VISIT AT 2020

A range of scale railway tools and fittings are making their way to the Steam N' Steel 2020 convention. 'Scale Tools and Railway Fittings' from Australia is looking forward to visiting New Zealand for the convention, and will be bringing a range of scale tools and fittings with him for display and sale.

Below are some photos from their Facebook page of the shovels, fittings and other features made by them, some of which will be making their way to Steam N' Steel 2020. If you are interested in seeing a wider range of his creations or want to get in touch to ask him to bring something over for you, check out his Facebook Page and other contact information below.

On his Facebook Page, he said "Excited news, the hotel is booked Scale Tools is heading to New Zealand for the convention so feel free to message me for pre-orders to ensure I bring enough or have your required handle length. Look forward to meeting all our New Zealand Modelers."

We look forward to seeing his scale tools and fittings in person this January 2020.

Contact Information:

Website: www.scaletoolsandrailwayfittings.net/

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ON-SITE SECURITY UPDATE

With the number (and value!) of models visiting the Steam N' Steel 2020 convention, it will not be possible for everything to be stored under covered lock and key. So, to ensure everyone's equipment remains safe overnight, security guards will be present on-site for the duration of the convention, including during the Convention Dinner.

Two Security Guards will be on-site for Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday night of the convention from 10pm to 7am. By 7am, Hamilton Model Engineers members will be on-site to handover from security and open the venue for another day.

One Security Guard will be present on Wednesday and Monday nights for the smaller amount of rolling stock that may be left outside during this time, from 9pm – 7am. Again, Hamilton Model Engineers members will be on-site to handover from security.

Storage under lock and key inside the covered container and workshop will be extremely limited and on a first in first-served basis. A tarpaulin or form of cover for your locomotive is advised in case of any unlikely wet weather in case you cannot park your locomotive inside.

We will provide more updates on security and storage in the near future, but this will allow attendees to plan their locomotives and rolling stock for the time being. If you have any further queries, please get in touch at 2020@hme.co.nz



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WORKING BEE UPDATE

As per usual, a lot has been happening around the site to get our track more 'up to scratch' for the Steam N' Steel 2020 convention. Before we discuss these working bees, a big thanks must go to those involved in getting stuck in with track work, wheelbarrows of ballast, painting and everything in between, it would not be possible without them.

Track work is in full swing over the past couple of months, with major works now starting on the addition of a loop at the steaming bays for building trains and the transformation of various sidings into loops just outside of the station. Keith Betts and kids moved ballast to it's new location ready for the trackbed to be dug for the loop outside the steaming bays.

A large portion of dirt has been removed between the station and our tunnels to make room for extending our current sidings off of the inside track, into multiple loops accessible by both the Inside and Outside tracks. This will enable us to store longer trains easier than before, a much-needed addition for the convention.

Keith Betts has been working tremendously hard on the Frankton Signal Box and bringing it back to an accessible and presentable state. The staircase is in place and he is now working on refurbishing the window sashes. He has given up on trying to repair them as of how mismatched they are and he made the call to make a whole new sash as the photos detail. Glass will be replaced with perspex sheet in these new sashes meaning we can remove the eye-sore chicken net currently covering the glass.

Painting of the Inside Track Trestle bridge has also started thanks to Keith. Similar to the footbridge, a water-based brown/red stain is being applied which makes the appearance much tidier than the previous 'moss green'.

Many small jobs have been completed around the site as well, from clearing out the ballast pit ready for a fresh delivery of ballast, to clearing trees around the track. A big thanks goes to everyone getting involved in this process, as it wouldn't have been possible any other way. We're looking forward to continuing work going forward and presenting the new additions at Steam N' Steel 2020. Enjoy some photos of the latest progress from around the track.



A new point installed on the branch line to the steaming bays, ready for the additional loop.



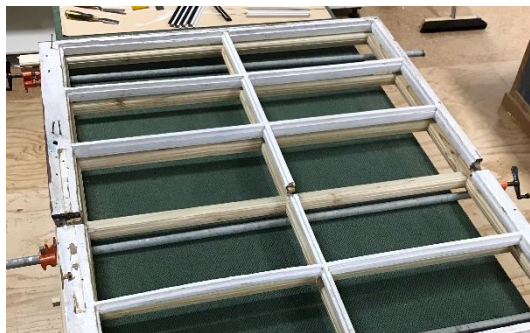
A layer of ballast added to some new track on the climb towards the back of the Outside Track.



The first layer of paint going over the repaired trestle bridge. Looks great!



The first section of dirt dug out in preparation for laying new track.



The old window sash sat atop the new one for size.



All pieces of the new sash ready to go together like a lifesize set of lego!

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