

## **Eastleigh Model Railway Show**

40<sup>th</sup> Annual February Exhibition from the Solent Model Railway Group

## Press Release

The Solent Model Railway Group has been holding an annual exhibition each February since 1976; originally in the centre of Southampton and from 2002 in Eastleigh. Fleming Park has a large amount of on site and adjacent free car parking. It is also right next to the M3 motorway at junction 13 and close to junction 5 on the M27.

Set your SatNav to SO50 9NL.

For those who prefer to visit a model railway exhibition by train, there is a special free bus service operated by heritage vehicles from both Southampton Airport Parkway station (which serves main line trains and the airport) and Eastleigh station.

There will be more than 25 working layouts representing a wide variety of British, Continental European, and American prototypes. Among the skilled modellers will be several from other Curotrack clubs. Varied trade support enables visitors to buy models and materials while a café is on site where visitors can refresh themselves.

The following layouts are confirmed (please check our website for regular updates):

N/Nm Göttingen Süd Central Germany Epoch III 1950's

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N(1:160) Kayreuth DB - Nordrhein-Westfalen Epoch V 1990s/2000s

Niederfell German Epoch V

N(1:148) Minster Bottom Modern image, south of England

TT(1:100) Redford Junction BR (SR) 1960s

Thelby BR (ER) 1960s

H0n3 Saw Pit Creek Denver & Rio Grande late 1950s

H0mUntermuttenRhätische Bahn, 1989H0DobřísCzech Railways 2005-07

00 Cramdin Yard BR (SR) 2000

Pendavey Dries SR North Cornwall and clay dries

Summer Springs on the New Cut BR (ER) 1957 - 2014

Wedgewood BR (M) Poterries 1950/1960s

EM Clevedon Weston, Clevedon & Portishead Railway, 1936

Hookwood BR (SR) 1960s
P4 Elcot Road BR (NSE) 1988
Om La Briqueterie French brickworks
O Bristol Good Shed GWR 1850 - 1890
Chalworth BR (SR) early 60s
Figges Marsh BR 1960 to 1980

G Süd Harz Eisenbahn Harzer Schmalspur Bahn, 2014

Whilst the hall has disabled access but please note that the track height of the layouts varies from typically 76cm to 145cm.

As in previous years there will be a wide selection of European railway societies:

Benelux Railways Society European Railways Association German Railway Society

Italian Railway Society Scandinavian Railways Society

The Austrian Railways Group The SNCF Society

The societies will present demonstrations and dioramas connected with their favourite railways. Other societies include:

2mm Scale Association Promote & facilitate modelling at the scale of 2mm:1ft.
Railway Children Charity for homeless children around the world

The British 1:87 Scale Society Promotes British H0 modelling

The British 1.67 Scale Society 110 moderning

2015 is the **50th Anniversary** of the 3mm Society, and various events are being arranged around the country to celebrate that landmark. An area has been set aside at the exhibition for that celebration, and the layouts and models on show have been organised by the South Downs and Solent Group who usually meet on a monthly basis in the Portchester area. Also on display will be a an archive collection of every item made during the Triang TT3 era.

Ann Silby will be showing how to produce quality backscene as used on her Z gauge layouts: Looseley Warren, Silbeeke and Zweiburg. Keith Harcourt will be demonstrating the scenic techniques used on Gouttières and John Hooker will be showing how he builds card buildings. FREE advice from Oxford TRAINing- Michael Watts & Bernard Gudgin are very experienced teachers, with several decades of modelling experience. They are happy to share their experience with you, talking through your plans and how you might achieve them - and save money! **Book a 25 minute slot and receive help with planning your layout. Send the request to eurotrack.solentmrg@ntlworld.com**.

There will be wide trade support including:

Andy Lynch Second hand trader

Bye-Lines Second hand trader

Cheltenham Model Centre General purpose trader

Country Park Models ......Spare parts for RTR stock

Pendukemodels ......Suppliers of scenic materials and accessories

Winco.......Continental models

There will also be a bring and buy stand with 10% commission to the SMRG, if you wish to try to sell your surplus stock.

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eurotrack developed out of the twinning of first with AMHA of Le Havre in February 1986 and then ASMOCO of Aywaille, Liège in October 1986. In 1987 we became associated with RMC of Caen and following our EUROTRACK'88 exhibition, the association was formed. The early years of the Eurotrack

Association is given in February 1991 edition of the *Continental Modeller* and brought up to date in the September 2014 edition. Over the years there has been a few changes in the membership of the Association and the current status is given below:

United Kingdom Solent Model Railway Group'85 Southampton
France Association des Modélistes Havrais Amateurs Le Havre
Rail Miniature Caennais Caen

La Traction Coutançaise Coutances
Stéphanais Modèle Club Ferroviaire Saint Etienne du Rouvray

Belgium Modéligaume Virton Virton
Germany Modelleisenbahn-Club Aachen Aachen

Interessengemeinschaft Modellbahn Kaarst
Dopoavro Ferrovario Verona
BK 1951 Wein Modellbahngemeinschaft

Kaarst
Verona
Vienna

Netherlands Rijnmond Groep Module Baan Schiedam, Rotterdam

Hungary Baross Gábor Veszprém

There is regular contact between clubs and individuals from several other European clubs. The Curotrack Association holds an annual exhibition in one of the member countries and the next show is in Balatonfüred, Hungary during August 2015. At the exhibition a large modular layout is constructed using sections built to the FFMF (Fédération Française de Modélisme Ferroviaire) standard. The layout is typically 60 to 80 modules long, with standard modules being 122cm / 4ft. In Vienna, 2011 it was 155m long with trains averaging 7 to 8 actual km / day! Further information about the Curotrack Association can be found at <a href="http://www.eurotrack.org">http://www.eurotrack.org</a>