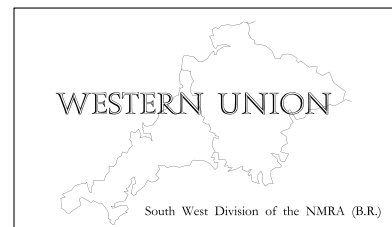


# NMRA Western Union Newsletter No2



Hello to all NMRA members in Devon and Cornwall.

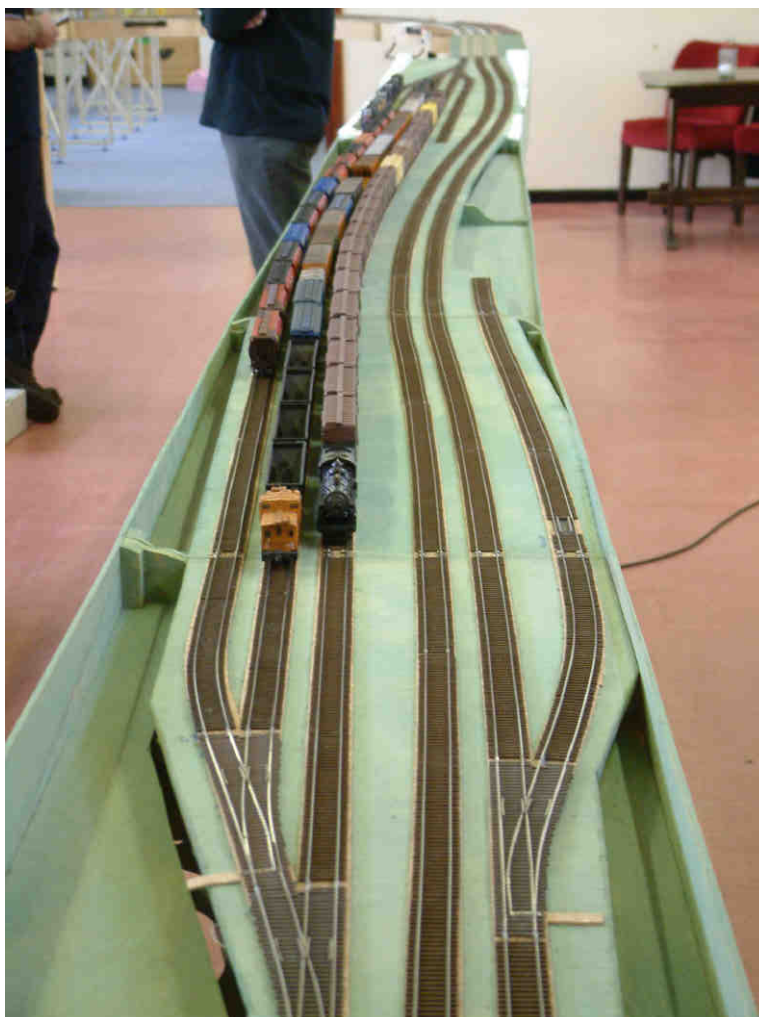
First off I have a correction to our meetings, I missed out the July meeting and gave the wrong date for June. Please see the revised dates at the end of this newsletter.

We have been having a better attendance since Christmas, with an average of about nine members. There are usually seven or more running on the HO layout during the day. We run a complete mixture of stock, from Brian's sound equipped transition era stock to modern SD90MAC diesels. All eras are welcome.

Joining our HO modular layout at each meeting is now an N gauge modular layout. Built by Neil, the layout is currently approx 16 feet long. If any of you N gauge modellers out there feel like adding to the layout I'm sure Neil would be pleased to give out the specifications. This layout is also using DCC, but we can run one line on DC.

The HO layout's new yard built by Steve now has all the track laid, allowing us to store three 18 to 20 foot trains off the mainlines. With my modules loop and the main lines we can have at least six long trains on the layout at a time, making it much easier for members to have a run with their stock.

The new yard and corners now have DCC



The new yard built by  
Steve

controlled switches and uncouplers, and hopefully my modules will soon follow. All code 100 switches have now had their clearances reduced to help running finer scale wheels (Pecos switches are too coarse for RP25).

Three old modules have now returned with a new owner increasing the length of the layout, but note we still have space and more modules would be welcomed, if anyone is interested. If we have too many we will just alternate them. The mainlines are currently about

The N gauge modular layout

1.2 scale miles long, giving a reasonable run, even for long trains.

The meeting is open from about 9am to 5pm. The layouts are normally up and running by 11am. We normally have a run to the local pasty shop for lunch, but feel free to bring your own food, also the bar is open until about 2pm.

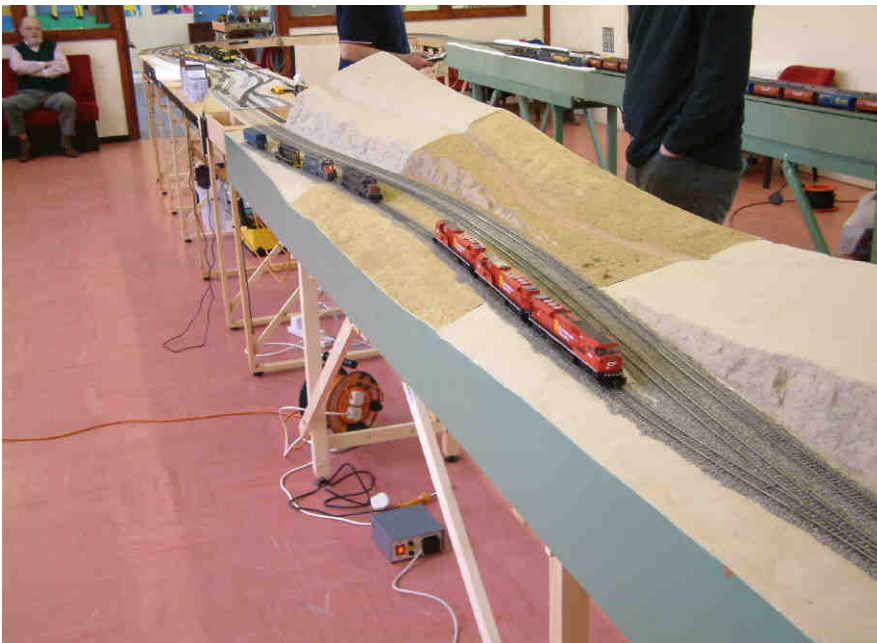
We have changed attendance fees slightly, it is still normally £4, but there is no charge for your first visit, so you can try us out for nothing! Also we are charging under 16's £2.

If you are interested in joining the modular group please contact me for the specs. We basically conform to the British Region Modular standards, except we have less restrictions on size, we still have a module length in 4' multiples and standard ends, but in between it is up to the builder. For instance my boards are 3' or 2' long, Steve's are under 2' wide

and curved. We also don't have a standard rail size. We have code 100, 83 and 75 in use. If you are considering a junction and branchline we would consider that so long as a standard module is used at the junction. Other corners could be built, although they would have to fit the existing geometry (the nominal inner track radius is 42.5 inches), or replace all four.

Other layouts sometimes attend, and if you have one you would like to bring please contact me to ensure there is space.

For those who bring boards for the HO modular layout. If you cannot bring your boards can you please let me know with as much notice as possible so we can work out what others need to bring.



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### Directions to Hilltop:

**If traveling from Tavistock** take the turn off after the Crownhill flyover, go through the shops, keep in the lefthand lane over the flyover, taking the left which turns you back towards Tavistock. Keep left off the main road:-

**If traveling from the A38** turn off at the junction for Tavistock and follow the Tavistock route around the roundabout. Take the left immediately after passing under the next flyover:-

Take the right lane onto the roundabout, take the second exit onto Budshead Road. At the next roundabout turn right on to Tamerton Foliot Road, follow this road down to Tamerton Foliot up into the village on Fore Street. Go straight across all the mini roundabouts, when you reach the top of the hill follow the road to the left, then turn right into Linton Close. The community centre is right in front of you on the left side of the road. We use the large room immediately left after entering the building.

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### Meetings for 2004 are:

June 19,  
July 17,  
September 18,  
October 16,  
November 20,  
December 4.

Costs - £4 per person  
£2 under 16's

