

All Aboard 2024 Convention Deadlines

April 26 -28, 2024

Corban Estate Arts Centre, West Auckland



This special newsletter is a summary of all the convention deadlines we are aware of at this stage. All dates are in 2024.

March 31. The last day for the early bird convention registration fee of \$100. People who register after this date will need to pay the full fee of \$120.

April 12. The deadline for submitting online entry forms (and if possible supplementary information) for the NZAMRC model competition. Online entry forms submitted after April 12 will incur a late fee of \$10, this only applies to the forms and is to give the judges time to absorb the information. Peter Ross, chair of the NZAMRC contest committee, states: “My strong advice to anyone concerned about the fee, is get the form in by April 12. This is only the form, work can still continue on the entry(s) and even the supporting information, although of course it would be better to have that early as well.”

As stated above, this deadline is for the NZAMRC model competition only. There is no online entry form or early deadline for the Flatcar Load Challenge.

April 21. The last day for convention registration.

April 26, 1pm. The deadline for receiving the models for the NZAMRC model competition at the convention.

April 26, 9pm. The deadline for receiving the models for the Flatcar Load Challenge at the convention.

[Online entry form](#)

NZAMRC Model Competition



Who in their heart of hearts does not want to make the best models they can – the best locomotive, carriage, wagon, scene or whatever? But we're human and sometimes wanting is not enough, we need a focus, a deadline, and something bigger than ourselves to make the extra effort seem worth it. Entering the model competitions can provide that incentive – even more so with all the effort that has gone into preparations this time.

[Guidelines for Entrants](#)

Online entry form

The next best thing to being a mind reader – a quality that's very rare even among judges – is information gathered from the entry form. Like most online forms, you just scroll down, mostly ticking boxes, and it doesn't actually take long. No apologies, but there's something else too. Please try to include up to a couple of pages of supplementary information like prototype photos, plans or notes. You can upload these in any common format like jpg, pdf, tif, png, etc, or just bring paper copies along with your entry.



The origins of the competitions were scratch builds, and there's still a place for those. This bungalow built by Gordon Barr is a good example.

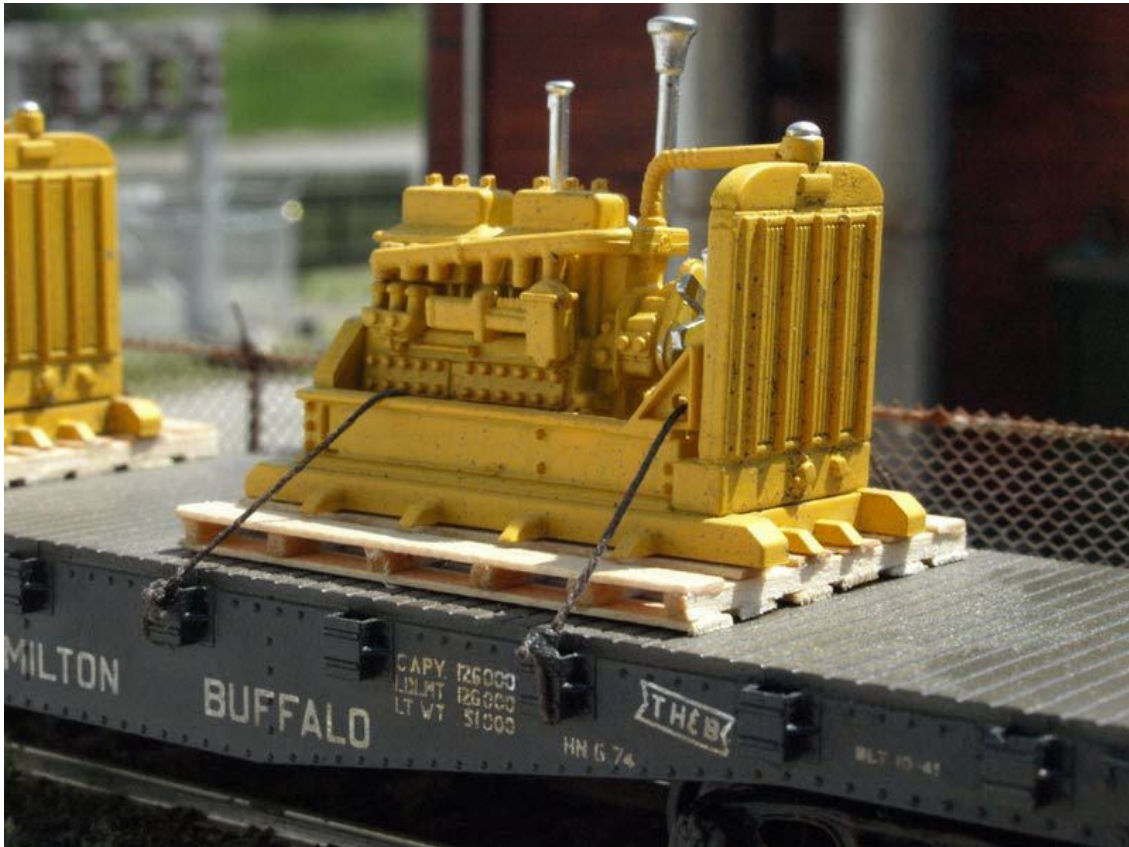
Like to be a judge?

This is also our first call for people to be judges. While not an easy task this is something of a privilege and a chance to really get close to a whole spectrum of the country's best models – and it should be possible to do most if not all of it without missing other programmed activities.

Judge's Guidelines

Peter Ross (petrosnz15@gmail.com), Chair NZAMRC Competition Committee

Flatcar Load Challenge



The Flatcar Load Challenge (FLC) is a modelling competition run by the local organising committee. The FLC is independent of the NZAMRC model competition and will be run under a different set of rules (the rules are given at the end of section of the newsletter). The Australasian Region of the National Model Railroaders Association is sponsoring the trophies for first, second and third place. The judging is by popular vote.

The FLC requires the modeler to make a load for a flatcar. We expect most modelers will take one of their flatcars and make the load. A modeler could make the flatcar as well as the load but there are no points for the flatcar - the load only will be judged.

There are no restrictions on the load except that it must be made from at least two parts. There is an almost limitless choice for loads. Possible loads include a small steam locomotive, a large diesel engine or turbine, large pipes, a small submarine or a bathyscaphe, wheel sets for freight cars, large blocks of marble, a boat, a large run or tanks, a small spacecraft, large tanks, large spools of cable, circuit equipment, covered vintage cars, lumber, and the hero in a movie chasing a villain.

1. Each entry for the challenge consists of a flatcar with a load. The flatcar must be operational but will not be judged. The load only will be judged.
2. The judging will be by popular vote.
3. An entry can be in any scale from T to 7/8".
4. A modeler can submit more than one entry.
5. A modeler can submit an entry on behalf of another modeler.
6. No documentation is to be supplied with the model.

7. The load on a flatcar must be made from more than one part. These parts need not be scratch built.



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