

MERG Virtual Area Group

The Virtual Area Group uses a Zoom video call to meet every Tuesday for an hour or more.

Meeting Schedule

Date	Event	Description	Location	Link
20:00 03-May	Monthly Virtual AG meeting		Online Zoom Meeting	
20:00 07-Jun	Monthly Virtual AG meeting		Online Zoom Meeting	

The times vary to try and make the calls work for different time zones. We regularly welcome members from: -

- Australia
- Canada
- Iceland
- Ireland
- UK
- USA.

Calls are recorded and made available to all members through MERG TV; presentation materials are also available.

Area Group Coordinator

Allan Geekie - you can contact Allan using the [MERG Area Group contact form](#)

Meeting Topics

In April 2020 we carried out a poll of VAG members and the following topics were identified as the most popular: -

- How kits work - a series of calls, each discussing the how one particular kit works - now scheduled
- Types and use of baseboard connectors - covered in Demystifying Components -Wires and Connectors
- Oscilloscopes and logic analysers for hobbyists - being planned as a two part course.
- Using the FCU - a multi part course is being considered including the use of the FCU to configure individual 2nd generation modules.
- Testing boards (use of various pieces of test equipment and the way to go about it) - A Test Gear Buyers Guide is already scheduled; other calls to be added.
- Neater Methods of under board wiring

- Best practice for wiring different bus types
- Layout control buses
- CBUS wiring strategy on a large club O gauge layout - scheduled
- CANPAN wiring
- Servo and Servo Mounts
- Building CANVOUT
- Prusa 3D Printer
- 3D scanners
- Photogrammetry - generating 3D models from multiple photographs
- CBUS Beginners Kit.

Members can suggest topics at any time using the member email system.

Members can access more information [here](#).

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