

MERG West of Scotland Area Group

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Meetings

Sunday 15th January 2017

Venue Shawlands Scout Hall, Glasgow, G41 4AE

January's morning sessions

The morning session will have two presentations, each running from 10.30 to 12.00.

A cloud over your layout?

You may have heard of "The Cloud", with domestic appliances, heating and the like being monitored and controlled remotely via the internet. Chic Thomson will show you simple and cheap hardware and software means of controlling / monitoring aspects of your layout from a browser, both locally, and from anywhere.

Layout options

Starting a new layout? Do you know your dog bone from your folded figure-of eight? When to use turntables, sector plates and traversers? Davy Dick looks at the options, benefits and drawbacks of different track layouts - from tiny 24" x 24" layouts to massive club layouts.

These sessions last all morning, so you have to choose which one you want to attend.

Since we have to pay extra to hire the hall for the morning, there will be an additional donation of £1 per attender, on top of the normal afternoon £3 donation. You might also want to bring along a packed lunch.

Afternoon sessions

The main Area Group meeting will run from 1pm to approx 5pm, depending upon the amount of questions and discussion. As an experiment, we will have a slightly longer tea break around 3pm. The afternoon session will have two presentations-

A Guide To Track Laying:

Keith Shovelin will cover the basic aspects of track laying including gauge/scale , types of track, methods of fixing track, techniques for improving loco adhesion, ballasting, weathering and more...

The Faller road system

John Bowman and Donald McDonald will cover the model car system designed to work alongside model railways. The self-powered vehicles (cars, trucks, buses) run automatically and can stop at traffic lights, railroad crossings and stations.

To meet fire regulations, members have to sign in on a table at the door. The sign-in sheet will also have a tick box indicating that the entry donation has been recorded.

Please let me know as soon as possible if you are able to attend the January meeting. Also, please let me know which morning session you want to attend.

Email me if you are interested. Use the [MERG Area Group Contact form](#)

MERG Members may email or PM [via the Forum](#)

Davy Dick

WoSAG Leader

Exhibitions with a West of Scotland MERG stand in 2017

Kilmarnock MRC 4/5 Feb Volunteer Rooms, Parterre, Irvine KA12 0BA

Model Rail Scotland 25 to 27 Feb SECC, Exhibition Way, Glasgow G3 8YW

Kyle MRC 20/21 May Auchenharvie Academy, Low Street, Stevenston, KA20 3JW

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