



Warley 2014 award winners

The 2014 Warley National Model Railway Exhibition took place at the NEC in Birmingham over the weekend of 22nd and 23rd November. Eighteen of the layouts on display represented overseas prototypes, and two of them won awards during the course of the weekend.

The CONTINENTAL MODELLER Cup for the 'favourite foreign layout' was awarded to *Gare du Chalon sur Saône*, an extensive N gauge layout built by Jean-Marc Monin which depicts a station in the Saône et Loire region of eastern France on the the main line between Paris and Marseilles in 1994/5.

The Mayor of Sandwell's Trophy was also awarded to a foreign outline layout this year, going to Bob Wright's American On30 *Fire Creek* (see CM November 2010). Set in 1932, it represents a run-down narrow gauge line built to supply mining and logging camps in the Sierra mountains. The Mayor of Sandwell is invited to select his favourite layout and present a trophy at the show because the Warley club premises are located in the borough of Sandwell and Dudley.

Our congratulations to both layout builders.

The next Warley show is scheduled to take place over the weekend of 28th and 29th November 2015 – note the move, one week later. www.thewarleyshow.co.uk



Above
The Mayor and Mayoress of Sandwell, Councillor Derek Rowley and his wife Glenis, presenting the Mayor of Sandwell's Trophy to Bob Wright.



Above
Pete Waterman has just presented the CONTINENTAL MODELLER Cup and plaque to Frédéric Laffay (centre) and Jean-Marc Monin (right).

Dutch structure kits from Markenburg in HO and N

Markenburg is a Dutch manufacturer of structure kits, laser-cut from high density recycled cardboard. The frets for parts are pre-coloured throughout in realistic tones, which means there are no untreated edges and no final painting is required. Parts exhibit crisp printed surface details, and the fit is said to be accurate to 0.1mm.

A range of structures is available for 1:87 (HO) and 1:160 (N), although other scales can be produced upon request.

Two kits from the range are illustrated here. The first is from the manufacturer's HO range ('Oranjelaan 19 - 25', ref.02ORL02) and depicts a row of four typical 1960s Dutch residences which are still commonly seen in the country.

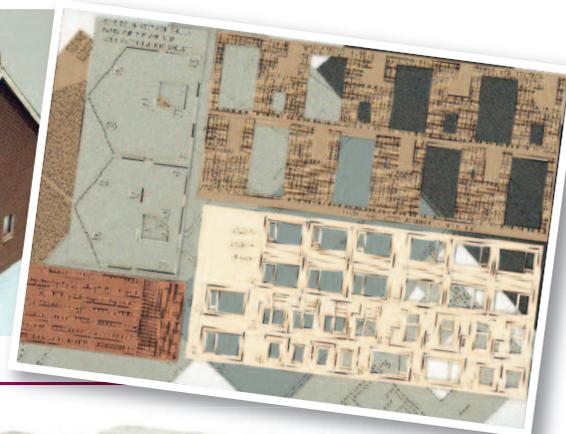
Measuring 284mm x 92mm x 95mm, the kit is priced at €94.49.

The other kit illustrated is for N ('Rodenbachstraat 2 - 4', ref.02RB504) and represents a pair of residences built in the distinctive Wildverband masonry style, common in Dutch villages, towns, and cities after 1955. Measuring 143mm x 87mm x 52mm, the kit costs €36.49.

Both structures are similar in appearance to houses found in other countries across Europe and so the range may have an appeal beyond those modelling Dutch prototypes.

For further details about the full Markenburg range of products, see the website:

www.markenburg.nl



Progress with Rapido Trains EMD FL9s in HO

The Canadian model railway manufacturer Rapido Trains has unveiled engineering samples for its forthcoming EMD FL9 models in HO. Featuring all-new tooling, these models represent a series of prototypes which played an important rôle in North American railroad history.

The dual-power locomotives, which could operate as either normal diesel-electric or as electric, collecting current from a third rail, were built between 1956 and 1960 for use on long-haul and commuter trains – including New Haven Railroad's services from New York City's Grand Central terminal. The straight electric capability was to meet requirements for restricting noise and exhaust pollution on the lines into the city.

The HO models are being offered either DCC ready (\$249.95) or with a factory-installed ESU LokSound DCC sound decoder (\$349.95).

Versions proposed include New Haven as built, New Haven as modernised, New Haven livery with Penn Central logo, Penn Central black, Penn Central blue & yellow, MTA silver & blue, Metro North red, blue & grey, and Amtrak 'platinum', in each case with a choice of numbers, plus undecorated.

Orders need to be placed by 20th February 2015, either through a dealer or direct.

Variants as rebuilt for the Connecticut Department of Transportation will follow in due course.



N gauge models of the EMD FL9 will also be produced; they are currently at the design stage, and tooling is set to commence soon.

More details about the models, together with information about advance ordering, can be found on the website,

where you can also register to receive a regular newsletter with updates on all products.

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