



North London Society of Model Engineers

welcomes you to participate in

LittleLEC 2011

at their Tyttenhanger Track Site, Colney Heath, Hertfordshire
11th and 12th June 2011

Founded in 1944, North London SME has as its principal objectives the promotion and encouragement of model engineering and its related pastimes. Members of the Society have access to an unusually wide range of activities that include locomotives and railways in various scales and gauges. Slot cars, stationary steam, agricultural and road steam, boats and ship models are also catered for. The Society is pleased to include video enthusiasts and a number of juniors among its membership. For administrative convenience, the various interests are grouped into sections but every member has access to all Society activities. A monthly newsletter is published.

A permanent headquarters is maintained in Finchley, North London where the Society houses its library and meeting room as well as permanent layouts for slot cars, O, OO and North American HO railways. Members with interests in video, marine, locomotive and workshop topics also meet here on a regular basis.



A busy Sunday afternoon at the station for the Society's raised track.

Raised and ground level railways, garden railways, and a boating lake are accommodated at the Society's site at Colney Heath, Hertfordshire which also has ample space for running agricultural and road vehicles.

Members interested in the construction and operation of miniature working steam or electric locomotives comprise the locomotive section which is currently the largest group within the Society. Locomotives in 5 and 3½in. gauges are run on an elevated track some half mile in length. A shorter raised track, known affectionately as the *Cuckoo Line*, accommodates 5, 3½ and 2½in. gauges



Mike Foreman of North London SME at the regulator of his 3½in. gauge Rob Roy was a competitor in the first LittleLEC held at the Stoke Park track of Guildford MES.

competition. A dynamometer car will not be used. Results will be determined by calculation from track constants and the total weight hauled during the run. More information about the competition is available on the LittleLEC website www.littlelec.co.uk

Entry forms are available from Mike Chrisp acting on behalf of North London SME as LittleLEC Event Co-ordinator. Requests for entry

while 7¼ and 5in. gauge trains run on an extensive ground level railway. Work is currently in hand to develop and augment on-site facilities.

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Conceived by Peter Langridge of Guildford MES and first run in 2008 at Guildford's Stoke Park track, LittleLEC is scheduled to take place this year on Saturday and Sunday 11th and 12th June. A light-hearted competition, it is restricted to locomotives of 5in. and 3½in. gauges with a dry weight of no more than 50lb. Sand will not be used and competitors will be discouraged from leaning on their locomotives to improve adhesion! Competitors are encouraged to use their own driving trucks but lightweight, free running trucks are available if required. Coal, oil and water will be supplied for the

forms should be made either by email to littlelec@nismeco.uk (preferred) or by post to 23 Bunkers Lane, Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire HP3 8AX - please mark the envelope 'LittleLEC' and enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Returned, completed entry applications will be acknowledged (preferably by email) and held until Wednesday 1st June, the deadline for final receipt



Passenger hauling with 7¼in. gauge trains on the ground level railway. The miniature signal box is newly constructed and the shorter raised Cuckoo Line track on the left separates the railways from the Society's boating lake.

of applications. A maximum of 18 entries will be accepted. In the event that more than 18 entries are received, a draw will be held during the evening of 1st June and applicants notified accordingly.

LittleLEC is a two-day event during which each competitor has two runs, each of 20 minutes duration. On both Saturday and Sunday the first scheduled run will start at 9.00am. Results will be declared and presentations made on Sunday afternoon.

All competitors will receive a Certificate recording their run. A £50 cash First prize together with a one year subscription to *Model Engineer* magazine and a £25 cash Second prize have been



The garden railway is popular both with members and visitors. The Society's main elevated track of some half mile length can be glimpsed between the gauge 1 layout and the fencing with the station behind.

generously donated by MyHobbyStore Ltd. publishers of *Model Engineer* magazine. The Third placed competitor will receive a £20 Warco Token generously donated by Roger Warren. An additional award may be made at the discretion of North London SME.

The winner will also be awarded the *Small Locomotive Challenge Trophy* to be retained for one year and returned for the next event. This Trophy was kindly donated by Station Road Steam whose interest and support is appreciated and acknowledged.

Light refreshments and lunch will be available on both days of the event.

The location of the site is shown on the North London SME website www.nlsme.co.uk Its OS grid reference is TL 197 057 and for satnav users the post code for adjoining properties at Park Corner is AL4 0NJ. Please note that the Society has no on-site facilities for overnight camping or caravans. Limited on-site car parking is available.



Steam and sail on the boating lake.





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An Efficiency Competition for 3½in. and 5in. gauge
miniature steam locomotives of no more than 50lb. dry weight

Saturday & Sunday 11 & 12 June 2011

Hosted by

North London Society of Model Engineers

at their Tyttenhanger Track Site, Colney Heath, Hertfordshire AL4 0NJ

Sponsored by MyHobbyStore Ltd, Warco Ltd and North London SME

NLSME Organiser: Mike Chrisp

APPLICATION FOR ENTRY

Your name:

Your address:

Your post code:

Your telephone number(s):

Your e-mail address:

Club or Society to which you belong:

Locomotive and gauge:

Locomotive dry weight (including tender if used):

Please give a brief description / history of the locomotive and any specific details particular to it:

Please indicate your preference for running Saturday or Sunday, early or late in the day. Please note, however, we cannot guarantee to oblige your preference:

Please state if you require the use of a North London SME driving trolley:

Signed:

Please sign and return this completed form to:

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