



Scalefour Society Press Release

Scaleforum 2010 welcomes more visitors

"I visited Scaleforum on Saturday; It was the first Scalefour event since joining the Society.

The advance ticket saved me a long wait on arrival, and I thoroughly enjoyed myself."

So said one visitor after the Scalefour Society had another successful weekend at its annual exhibition at Leatherhead, Surrey.

Attendance by members and visitors was up on the figures for the 2009, showing a trend that can only continue in 2011 when the venue's refurbishment is complete, and modernised halls are at the Society's disposal. This promises to be an even larger and better attraction than was possible in 2010, when the finished areas showed the potential to come. Many visitors commented on the light and airy atmosphere from the refurbishment.

Numerous finescale traders that attended the show reported excellent sales. Several new products that were available for the first time at Scaleforum had actually sold out by the close of the show on Saturday evening, including new jigs for Continuous Springy Beam suspension from High Level Kits, and a new LNWR Bloomer locomotive kit from London Road Models.

Scaleforum is primarily a showcase for superb modelling, although there are also a couple of competitions that are held. The MRJ Chalice, selected and awarded by Wild Swan Publications, went to Portchullin by Mark Tatlow making it the second time that this layout has won at Scaleforum. The visitors to the exhibition voted for the York Trophy layout on both days, and it was on Sunday afternoon that the votes were counted and the winner declared to be Horsley Bank by Stephen Howe. This compact layout, of only eight square feet, was so packed with character and high quality modelling that there was a constant crowd around it throughout the show.

A welcome return to the competitions in 2010 was the Deputy Chairman's Cup, now in its original form as an award for technical innovation. This was made to Bill Bedford for his pinpoint bearing carriers for attaching spring wires to pinpoint bearing cups. This simple and innovative idea enormously simplified the production of sprung suspension and has made it the viable alternative to compensated chassis for rolling stock.

As usual, a full retrospective showing all of the layouts that entertained and inspired over the Scaleforum weekend will shortly be available on the Society's website. This can be found at www.scalefour.org

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