



Scalefour Society Press Release

A Scalefour North welcome to all

"My first visit today and will not be the last!!

An excellent display of fine, inspirational modelling and rather good trade support too, what impressed me most was the friendliness of everyone!"

The words of a non-member visitor to the Scalefour Society's annual exhibition in West Yorkshire, Scalefour North. This was held at Wakefield College over the weekend of 17-18 April 2010.

The friendly welcome was also being extended by the Society's Membership Secretary, Danny Cockling, who saw more than double the number of new members joining the Scalefour Society compared with the 2009 show.

Attendance levels were broadly similar to previous years, despite the competition outside from blazing sunshine.

The quality of the layouts on display was seen by visitors as uniformly good. Indeed, all seven layouts received a share of the voting for the Walton Evans Trophy, with the winning layout finally being Dartley by Pete and Jeff Day. This fine model of the Great Western Railway in the 1920s obviously even won over the hearts of modellers from the northern parts of the UK.

In the separate demonstrations room, the mastery of John Brighton at chassis building was on display, with a constant throng of visitors to his workbench to discuss ideas and to learn from the knowledge that he willingly shared. Many people went away with the conviction that producing a smoothly running kit chassis was much easier than they had believed previously.

Also attracting much interest was the demonstration layout of Jim Smith-Wright – his famous "plank". This shows how true-scale prototypical modelling of contemporary Overhead Line Equipment is possible. Jim's superb craftsmanship showed that the many different variations of equipment used by British Rail can be reproduced with breathtaking fidelity.

Jim has produced many of the components required himself, and together with him the Scalefour Society is looking to put some of them into production to make them available to a wider group of modellers. The recent announcement of more Ready To Run electric prototype models from major manufacturers has spurred questions about the finescale modelling of OHLE, where there are few options currently available.

Finally, it is also now possible to confirm that next year's Scalefour North will be held over the weekend of April 9th and 10th 2011 at the same venue, Wakefield College. The Scalefour Society looks forward to welcoming visitors and members alike to another excellent show.

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