

BRITISH REGION CONVENTION 2026

FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER – SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER

CLINICS SCHEDULE

Friday 23 October

**8.00pm Martin Shrubsole: Controlling Somesay Island (Garden) Railway
1983 to date**

Somesay Island Railway (1:24 scale on 32mm gauge track) was always developed as a line that visitors ran rather than just observed. For 20 years, on six Bank Holidays, the layout was opened for visitors to operate, and to raise money for Marie Curie Cancer care.

In the course of one visit a newcomer would be introduced to the operating rules and would play an active part in running a timetable. This clinic traces how the track-layout evolved to accommodate up to 30 participants, and considers the rules and "aides memoires" that kept them on the right lines. Over time many brought friends and "other generations".

Examples of all working documents and track-plans will be available at the clinic.

9.00pm Paul Hobbs: Belt Lines and Terminal Railroads

Beltlines and Terminal Railroads are a particular form of railway, usually urban, serving a location for the mutual benefit of owning railroads.

Sometimes they are owned by a municipality. We will discuss examples, large and small, and suggest modelling possibilities.

Saturday 24 October

10.00am Mick Moignard MMR®: DCC – High Momentum Operation

DCC control has progressed a long way since its early beginnings. Now, rather than just another way to control our models, it offers for real prototypical operation of the trains with sound and inertia, replicating hundreds of tones of steel and wood in our few grams of plastic and mazac. This clinic will discuss why High Momentum Operation is so captivating, and then go on to show how you can set up the most popular sound decoders to make it all happen.

11.00am = Gordy Robinson MMR®: Modeling With The Masters ®

1.00pm Building Pocket Modules (N Scale)

This is a 2-hour hands-on session and there is a charge of £10 per person per module for the materials. This session must be booked in advance >> [Register for Gordy's Clinic](#) << Each participant will have the opportunity to complete a power feed and either a curved or straight single module, complete with scenery. Beginner level. The pocket modules will be compatible with the Kato Mini Diorama modules.

1.30pm Ray Persing MMR®: 3D Printing

Everything you wanted to know about getting started with resin-based 3D printing, from choosing a printer to finishing the model and getting it on your layout.

2.30pm Alan Sewell: "Everything But The Shadow"

A review of the rail transport of logs, lumber and forest products as the basis of a model railroad.

Forest products are an important source of traffic on North America's railroads and represent a source of interest to modellers. This includes hauling logs and lumber but also the requirements of the pulp and paper industry and the short line railroads that serve these. Geographically the industry is located over much of North America but the Pacific North West, the Southern States and parts of the North East predominate.

Alan has built his H0 layout based on the industry in the Pacific North West using typical operations and equipment found in the industry from the mid-1950's. The clinic will be illustrated with photos from Alan's visits and his collection looking at those operations he has modelled and others which may inspire something new

Sunday 25 October

10.00am Jonathan Small MMR®: Postcard from Chattanooga

Jonathan will take us on a journey through the events during (and outside) the recent National Convention in Chattanooga TN

11.00am Ray Persing MMR®: Achievement Program Update - Modules

Ray will update us on the new category that has been added for builders of modules – how it will be applied.