



**MIDLANDS
MODEL
ENGINEERING
EXHIBITION**

**PRESS INFORMATION
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Date: 18th June 2008

THE MIDLANDS MODEL ENGINEERING EXHIBITION

THE Show for Model Engineers

Friday 17th – Tuesday 21st October 2008

With more clubs participating and more models on display a visit to this year's Midlands Model Engineering Exhibition is **not to be missed.**

As visitors pass through the new entrance at the Warwickshire Exhibition Centre they will first be greeted by some superb large scale models – our **Debutante Display**. John Wilkes 10¼ gauge East African Railways metre gauge 31 class 2-8-4 locomotive will be part of the centrepiece display supported by two further 10¼ models. A SR King Arthur class locomotive and a flying banana! A flying banana is, as most people know, the nickname given to the early GWR Railcars – the forerunners of today's DMU's.

To celebrate the 200th anniversary of Trethivick's "**Catch Me Who Can**" becoming, in 1808 the first locomotive of any sort to haul paying passengers, we will have a 5" model actually working on fifteen foot diameter track. Trevithick was a brilliant engineer and this model was built especially to celebrate the Anniversary.

Over forty clubs will this year be showing member's work ranging from small stationary and IC engines, workshop equipment, right through to large locomotives and steam road vehicles. **Young Engineers** will also be displaying their achievements with Warwickshire College engineering students and the Echills Wood Railway Junior section present.

Outside the exhibition hall **nearly 40 model steam road vehicles** of all types and scales will be in steam whilst nearby the Coventry Society's **5" gauge track** will be in operation. Alongside the 5" gauge will be a **7 ¼ gauge formation** with a breakdown train in attendance which will be demonstrating recovering derailed locomotives and rolling stock. The outside activities will be added to on certain days by the **UK Tank Club** who will be operating their large scale miniature tanks which are of metal construction.

This year's all important **lecture programme** includes not only our popular presenters such as Keith Hale and Malcolm High talking about silver soldering and laser cutting but new features including presentations on **CNC machining – a first at a major exhibition**. In addition Arc Euro Trade and Artsoft will sponsor the CNC demonstration area where you can try it for yourself. Visitors will also be able to talk with the **experts in the workshop** who this year will be joined by Coventry MES members. The workshop will be sponsored by Chester UK.

As ever the exhibition is fully supported by the trade with nearly **50 specialist suppliers** taking part. Every conceivable item needed is likely to be on offer from a 6ba bolt to complete models.

Modellers are invited to enter their work in the sixteen competition and display classes and an entry form is available on line at www.modelengineeringexhibition.co.uk Entry is free and categories include all manner of models including locomotives, rolling stock, stationary and IC engines reflecting the variety featured in the exhibition as a whole. Prizes are awarded where appropriate and modellers not wishing to enter the competition can display their models in the display classes whether completed or under construction.



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2008 LECTURE PROGRAMME

Friday 17th October

	Lecture	Presented By
11.00am	Injectors	Derek Brown
12.00pm	Safety Valve Development	Gordon Smith
1.00pm	How to Run CNC Machines	Brian Barker
2.00pm	Laser Cutting and what it can do for Model Engineers	Malcolm High
3.00pm	High Speed and Flash Steam in Model Boats	Phil Abbott

Saturday 18th October

	Lecture	Presented By
11.00am	An Introduction to CNC	John Stevenson
12.00pm	Locomotive Design using CAD	Derek Brown
1.00pm	CNC Software and Tooling	Brian Barker
2.00pm	Painting Bongo	Chris Vine
3.00pm	A Guide to Successful Silver Soldering	Keith Hale

Sunday 19th October

	Lecture	Presented By
11.00am	CNC! What's wrong with cranking the handles on my ML7 and Dore-Westbury?	John Prentice
12.00pm	Safety Valve Development	Gordon Smith
1.00pm	Painting Bongo	Chris Vine
2.00pm	Taking designs from 2D sketches through to fully machined components	Tony McKenzie
3.00pm	CNC! What's wrong with cranking the handles on my ML7 and Dore-Westbury?	John Prentice

Monday 20th October

	Lecture	Presented By
11.00am	An Introduction to CNC	John Stevenson
12.00pm	High Speed and Flash Steam in Model Boats	Phil Abbott
1.00pm	CNC Software and Tooling	Brian Barker
2.00pm	Laser Cutting and what it can do for Model Engineers	Malcolm High
3.00pm	How to transfer designs into CNC projects	Tony McKenzie

Tuesday 21st October

	Lecture	Presented By
11.00am	An Introduction to CNC	John Stevenson
12.00pm	How to Run CNC Machines	Brian Barker
1.00pm	A Guide to Successful Silver Soldering	Keith Hale
2.00pm	PRESENTATION OF AWARDS	

EDITORS INFORMATION

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Dates:	Friday 17 th – Tuesday 21 st October 2008		
Venue:	Warwickshire Exhibition Centre, Nr Leamington Spa On the junction of the A425/B4455 SAT NAV CV31 1XN		
Opening Times:	10am – 5pm daily	closes at 4pm on the final day.	
Admission Prices:		<i>Advance</i>	<i>Advance</i>
		<i>Discount</i>	<i>Full Price/On the Door</i>
	Adult	£8.00	£9.00
	Senior Citizen	£7.00	£8.00
	Child (7-16 inc)	£4.00	£5.00
	Family	£20.00	£23.00

Reduced price advance tickets are available until 26th September. Please call 01926 614101 or see www.modelengineeringexhibition.co.uk

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2009 London Model Engineering Exhibition

Great Hall, Alexandra Palace, London

16th – 18th January 2009