********** Replace SOMESIG with the name of your SIG. Replace NN with the SIG number **********

MERG CBUS USER Interest Group

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CBUS User Group Members Page

What are the Aims of the SIG?

This Interest Group has been created for discussion among those members using CBUS to control their model railways in whole or in part.

How do I contact the CBUS user Group

Please indicate CBUS User Group in your message

Contact MERG

NN is the SIG number

Would you like to join today?

********** Update area group name. **********

Not a member? then

Join MERG Here

and sign up to this Special Interest Group. If you are already a member

Join the CBUS USER GROUP

Select **CBUS user SIG** from the drop down list in **Other SIGs** and press the **Subscribe to SIG** button.

How do you meet?

********** Provide meeting details **********

The group meets online using Zoom and members may join the meetings from around the globe.

********** Replace NN with the number of your area group. Update the contact form title. NN by default gives all events in the specified range. Leave the S in place, so you have Sxx. **********

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Date	Event	Description	Location	Link

How do Video Calls Work?

To join in you may need to add a headset with microphone and optionally a camera to your device, if they are not built in. You will receive a link which will get you into the meeting, automatically installing Zoom on your device if necessary.

Calls are scheduled and topics announced in advance.

Zoom provides thumbnails of each video participant and any shared presentations or desktops. The call host facilitates the meeting/questions/discussion. Zoom has developed a lot during Covid and I can't describe all the features here.

Usually everyone mutes their microphone to avoid a lot of noise from phones, clocks chiming, family activity etc. To speak you can just press the spacebar to (after a slight pause) temporarily unmute.

You can select among several icons to, for example raise a hand, clap, agree, vote etc. Useful for questioning.

You can also type “chat” either with everyone or with a selected participant. This is quite a good way to have a one-to-one conversation without involving/annoying everyone else. It can also be used to distribute weblinks etc although there are many other ways to “share” (with permission) screens, documents, open apps, whiteboard and so on.

If you would like to try out Zoom, then there is a test meeting service where you are the only participant and you can experiment with the various options available.

Test Zoom

This link is available to anybody, not just members of the virtual area group.

********** Replace link appropriate link to SIG members page **********

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