

MERG South Hampshire Area Group



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Some examples of our activities:

Presentations to the group & electronic assembly using the Southampton MRS club facilities.



Software development and device programming & attending exhibitions supporting MERG.



How do I contact the Area Group



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Who are the leaders of the group?



Chris Barker - Leader
Stuart Burgess - Deputy Leader

Would you like to join today?

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

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How do you meet?

Whilst restrictions are in place, we are using Zoom video calls.

We meet at the Southampton Model Railway Society (SMRS) clubroom. Meeting Venue: Unit 1b, Kemps Quay, Quayside Road, Southampton, SO18 1BZ.

Evening meetings took place on the 2nd Thursday of each month starting at 7:30pm (clubroom should be open at 7:00pm).

Workshop days normally take place on the 3rd Saturday of each month, unless we are representing MERG at an exhibition, starting at 10:00am (clubroom is usually open by 09:45am).



The club room is well equipped with several work benches, which are available on a first come first served basis, an open area with a 50" screen that can be used for presentations and discussions, plus catering and toilet facilities.

It is situated on the first floor of an industrial unit. Access is by stairs but unfortunately there is no lift.

The meetings are flexible: You can build, test and fault find your electronic modules. Chris can assist you in developing your soldering skills. We can program the PICs used in MERG designs and have some basic test facilities for CBUS modules and DCC loco decoders and accessories. Presentations are welcome, and advice, guidance, tea, coffee and biscuits are always available.

We are currently rebuilding an 009 exhibition layout to enhance its operational capabilities and possibly add some animations.

The layout is being controlled by MERG CBUS and DCC modules. It will be controlled

using route selection from a single control panel and one or two CANCEBs will be used for loco control.



And the Next Meeting?

Date	Event	Description	Location	Link
19:30 16-May	19:30 BST South Hants AG Zoom Call		Online Zoom Meeting	
09:30 18-May	09:30 BST South Hants Saturday Workshop		Southampton Model Railway Society clubroom	
19:30 23-May	19:30 BST South Hants AG Zoom Call		Online Zoom Meeting	
19:30 30-May	19:30 BST South Hants AG Zoom Call		Online Zoom Meeting	
19:30 06-Jun	19:30 BST South Hants AG Zoom Call		Online Zoom Meeting	
19:30 13-Jun	19:30 BST South Hants AG Zoom Call		Online Zoom Meeting	
19:30 13-Jun	19:30 BST South Hants AG Merg Live Meet.		Southampton Model Railway Society clubroom	
10:00 15-Jun	Southampton Model Railway Society Open Day		Kemps Quay	
19:30 20-Jun	19:30 BST South Hants AG Zoom Call		Online Zoom Meeting	
09:30 22-Jun	09:30 BST South Hants Saturday Workshop		Southampton Model Railway Society clubroom	

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