

A Gauge O Guild Virtual Show – 31 October 2020



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There has been a lot of interest in having a 'virtual' O gauge show especially because the Covid-19 restrictions have resulted in many exhibitions being cancelled. This is currently in the planning stages and further information will be available soon but we intend the pilot to be a relatively small virtual show which is easy to navigate. This does not replace any of our other usual events.

We plan for a navigation page to be set up on the Gauge O Guild website and this page will provide hyperlinks to layouts, demonstrations, traders, technical session, Guild products and there will also be a modelling competition. Plans are still tentative but expect:

- About 10–12 layouts displayed via YouTube video or a live tour using tools like Zoom. The latter means that visitors can join a live event at a specific time which will be available on the day in the form of a timetable.
- 10–12 demonstrations, pre-recorded or live.
- Traders with photographs and information about new products, and links to traders' websites. Traders may make a pre-recorded video telling people about some of their products or do a product launch on the day.
- The modelling competition will be run by the Technical Committee using the same categories and criteria used for Guildex. Photographs of the models will be collated on Flickr and then on the day of the show there will be a link to the competition entries so that you can look at the photographs and vote on line. The Technical Committee will also be providing some video demonstrations and live trouble shooting sessions.
- A link to Guild products on line and opportunities for visitors to discuss Guild membership, publications, etc.
- The day will be free of charge and will be open to members and non-members. It will run all day but will be available to access for two weeks after the event. Presenters of 'live' sessions will be asked to record what they do so that it can be played on the website for others to see after the event. This means it will be accessible to overseas visitors who are on a different time zone and to others who are just not available on 31 October.

We will get feedback at the end of the event to see what worked well and what can be improved and we hope that a virtual exhibition may become an added extra to our portfolio of Guild events.

Updated information as it becomes available will be posted on the Guild web site.

In order to manage expectations, we reiterate that this first virtual show will be kept relatively small so that it is easy to navigate and so that we can test the concept. The show managers will therefore work together and will have to be selective about what is included in the pilot.

- ***Put Saturday 31 October in your diary***
- ***Watch the Gauge O Guild website for updates***

Virtual Competition

The Virtual Show on 31 October 2020 includes a Virtual Modelling Competition, which is open to all. Entries will be viewable in a Flickr Album via a link on the Virtual Show Technical Area. Winners will be chosen by public vote, via the number of 'Faves' for each entry. Categories are the same as for the Guildex competition:

- A - Locomotives
- B - Rolling Stock
- C - Scenery
- D - Modern Image

To enter:

1. Send up to 4 pictures (JPEG only) of your model AS EMAIL ATTACHMENTS in a single email to nickdunhill@talktalk.net,
2. Write a brief description of your model (150 words maximum) in Microsoft Word and attach it to the above email.

To vote for your favourite in each category just click the Fave star in its entry description (you will need a Flickr account to vote). Faves will be counted and the winner in each category announced at 4 pm at the Virtual Show. The winner in each category will receive a trophy by post.

Entry is open now and will close on 24 October 2020. Models entered into this Virtual Competition will also be eligible for entry into the competition in Guildex 2021.

The Events Team