MAGNORAILOZ NEWS ISSUE #2

MOZ NEWSLETTER

An update on the Magnorail System by MagnorailOz

Hi and welcome to the MagnorailOz Newsletter and update for old customers, new customers and newsletter subscribers.



This is the first issue where we have used our customer database and subscription lists, so if you do not want to continue receiving our occasional Newsletter please click <u>here</u> to opt out.





STARTER KITS

Three <u>Starter Sets</u> with different motor speed options and contents



BICYCLES

Over <u>12 bicycles</u> ready-to-run to choose from with more coming



ACCESSORIES

All you need to extend and improve your Magnorail layout YouTube



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Magnorail is building a worldwide base of users who are using the system in all manner of ways not foreseen by Loek Bronkhorst, the inventor of the system!

A full record of the history can be downloaded from our website.

PRODUCT UPDATES

Magnorail is owned by Thierry and Fabienne who also have their own hobby shop named Maketis in France. At right they are pictured with Clyde outside their home when he visited last year. They now have a huge shop catering for all hobby needs.

Thierry and Fabienne are committed to expanding the Magnorail System accessories and have introduced five new 3D printed cyclists this year with more on the way. The introduction of a Magnorail Power Controller has enabled us to sell a ready to go system for those buyers that do not have existing transformers and controllers. There are two options of a European Plug or USA plug. MagnorailOz now have available an adaptor for Australia and NewZealand, otherwise please use a travellers adaptor to suit your local plugs. The controllers are electronically adjusted for use with 100-240v with a 12v output. The connections can be wired in to your layout but the handset can be unplugged for convenience.



















Pictured Left, Factory worker MZC10, Policeman with cap and cape MZC09, Postman MZC08, New Male MZC01-2, New Female MZC02-2

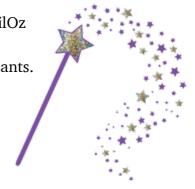
Magnorail have also upgraded the Medium and Fast motors. The motors now come prewired and with better torque than before allowing more units on a track.

Regrettably you need to upgrade both units if you intend to add an extra motor to an old layout, as the motors are synced to work in parallel and the old and new do not compatibly sync which will cause damage to the chain.

MAGNORAIL MAGICIANS

In acknowledging the creative side of our customers worldwide, MagnorailOz instigated its Hall of Fame, otherwise known as the Magnorail Magicians. Check out the web page **here**. A certificate is awarded to successful applicants.

We have divided the Magicians in to 2 classes. The *Master Magnorail Magician* being the top rank for those modellers that have used the Magnorail System to magically create a unique and original, highly technical and/or fine scaled scene, on a layout or diorama that captures peoples imagination and leaves them wondering how it all works!



The other category is that of *1st Class Magnorail Magician*. This rank is for those modellers who have used the Magnorail System to enhance their layout or used it in an unusual way that holds people in awe as bicycles, boats or vehicles magically move around their layout.

Applications to be recognised as a *Magnorail Magician* are able to be <u>downloaded</u> from our web site and are open to all Magnorail users, not just MagnorailOz customers!

COVID-19

The word *pandemic* used to describe severe unhealthy times in the late 1800's and early 1900's, regrettably is now applicable to 2020. Here in Australia we seemed to have slowed the pandemic right down by what may be seen as severe but necessary measures. MagnorailOz is based in the State of Victoria at the southern end of Australia. We suffered a second wave when overseas travellers in quarantine were not properly monitored and kept secure, resulting in casual security workers being the catalyst for the spreading of the second wave into the general community and the aged care system where it ran rampant. Luckily we are located in a small regional town that only had 1 case months ago. Along with other regional towns we seem to have eradicated it from our areas by everyone wearing face masks when outside and correct social distancing. In the metropolitan area there was an 8pm curfew (now lifted) plus reduced community contact with most groups of over 5 people banned and a 5km radius travel ban. A hard (especially for food outlets) but effective response. Some states are now covid free by closing their borders to non-residents but hopefully things are trending the right way for us.

Of course this means our train clubs have not been active for over 6 months and exhibitions were cancelled across the country. BUT, you can't keep a good modeller down! Those of us retailers who have an online presence have reported strong internet sales from across the world. People have been spending more time researching products and prices and watching YouTube and FaceBook posts. They also have the extra time at home to work on their projects.

We would like to thank those of you who have supported MagnorailOz during these times.

EMAIL SERVICE

Please know that we are happy to reply to email queries and we also enjoy learning about your successes with the Magnorail system. It does not matter whether you are a MagnorailOz customer or not. Send your emails to magnorailoz@gmail.com and start a conversation

The Magnorail team is small and in mosts cases an owner-run small businesses. There is no big corporation behind it, just hard working self employed people promoting a unique and exciting

product with 90% of the Magnorail System produced in Europe and only the motors coming from Asia.

We try to keep the FAQ page on the website current, so always look there first in case your problem has already been previously solved.

NEW MODEL MAGAZINE

We came across a new on-line magazine called Rail Modeller Australia which may be of interest to you. The first three issues are available for free

download or you can have a hardcopy posted to you, both local and international.

MagnorailOz have an article in issue #3 plus we are supporting Robyn and her editorial team with advertising.

Check their website out here

Hopefully we will have an article in issue #4, describing the construction of our Caldera layout - Crater Lake which has four Magnorail tracks and an HOe train line around the front perimeter.





YES WE CAN!

We are continually amazed at how people have adapted the Magnorail System to their needs. Recently Gaetano Vella, (now our latest 1st Class Magnorail Magician - see here) wanted to get bikes moving on his layout. The only problem is that his bikes were from the LEMAX range of Christmas Villages which are about 1:43 scale, so it was something new to Magnorail.

Via email, with lots of photos and videos, we worked out solutions which finally saw two adults and three children glide around his Lemax Snow Village on their bicycles. Obviously they are not pedalling as the HO Scale pedalling cyclists are unique to Magnorail but the system was still effective in bringing further movement to an already active scene.

Gaetano is planning to have skiers come down the slope at the rear of the layout in his next Magnorail installation. Can Magnorail move larger scale items - YES WE CAN!



YES WE CAN! (Part2)

At the March 2020 Sandown exhibition (We think it was the last model train exhibition in Australia before Covid-19 shut everything down), MagnorailOz exhibited a mini LEGO layout using the Magnorail System to move LEGO vehicles and animals around a loop. It was done as a proof of concept using a slider starter set with an extra motor.

IT WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!

The fact that we could move "vintage" LEGO and more modern LEGO pieces around on LEGO baseboards proved to be a hit with the LEGO fraternity.

We had planned to do a larger layout for the January 2021 LEGO BRICKVENTION exhibition in Melbourne Victoria to introduce Magnorail to the larger LEGO fraternity but Covid-19 has stopped that, however they have just announced a *VIRTUAL EXHIBITION* which we may now display at.

We are doing a lot of R&D on how to attach magnets directly to the pieces as they are a lot heavier than HO scale and the sliders are difficult to attach as there is a lot of clearance between the chassis and baseboards in some cases while in others there is minimal clearance.

So more on this subject as we progress but take a look at our **YouTube** video on the LEGO project











So, if you are someone who likes to think outside the box and would like someone to chat with about what might seem a pie-in-the-sky use for the Magnorail system, drop us a line at magnorailoz@gmail.com and let us discuss it together.

ABOUT MAGNORAILOZ

MagnorailOz is the registered business name of C.O.Humphries & Associates selling the Magnorail System and other accessories for the hobbyist.



Clyde, a business consultant by profession, is now semi retired having worked in many fields of endeavour, from finance, not for profit organisations, local government, retail and several of his own businesses enterprises.

Clyde claims he is not a master modeller but is a thinker and creative concept person who can visualise concepts and projects clearly. He sees the Magnorail System as a major new step in the model hobby field.