



JAPANESE RAILWAY SOCIETY

NIHON TETSUDŌ TOMO NO KAI

A BRIEF HISTORY

The JRS was formed in 1991 to promote interest in all aspects of Japanese transportation and modelling. It is an international organisation with a world-wide membership of approximately 220 distributed around 14 countries, but with members predominately in the UK, USA, Germany, Holland and Japan.

THE SOCIETY JOURNAL

Your membership will bring a quarterly journal, the '*BULLET-IN*'. This has recently been increased in size and now has approximately 48 A5 pages packed with information, including colour photographs, reviews, news and a host of other information. '*BULLET-IN*' has many highly knowledgeable contributors some are professional Japanese railway workers who are able to give a first hand insight, others are Society members who may have specialist knowledge or have been able to visit Japan and are therefore able to share their experiences. In addition to prototype articles, modelling interests and features are included.

BUS SUPPLEMENT

A four-page supplement to '*BULLET-IN*' covering Japanese buses, with photos in colour and B&W, is also available as an option for an additional £3.00 per year.

OTHER PROTOTYPE INFORMATION

The Society also offers quality videos from members own work on present Japanese rail subjects and a selection of printed matter in English and Japanese on current and historical items. These items are available to purchase from the society's supplies officer and are usually listed in '*BULLET-IN*'.

Where specific Japanese items are requested we are sometimes able to assist with direct purchase from Japan.

MODELS

The Society does not normally market models, Tomix and Microace are available from Japan Model Railways in Germany (a company independently run by the local JRS co-ordinator). Kato Japanese models are available from MG Sharp Models of Sheffield. This list of suppliers is not complete.

We can sometimes assist members obtain specific items directly from Japan if these dealers are unable to obtain them.

MODELLING ACTIVITIES

Several London based members hold informal get-togethers, Dutch and German members have formed their own J-Module modelling group and several UK members have layouts on the Exhibition Circuit.

AGM

The AGM is normally held in London in the spring, and for the last few years has been held at clubrooms of The Model Railway Club (4 Calshot Street, London).

RAIL TOURS

For the more adventurous, we also arrange or help arrange rail tours to Japan. Tour organiser Anthony Robins has organised several rail tours, the first was in 1994 and he is about to run the Sept 2009 tour, with another likely in spring 2010. Anthony is supported by several other JRS members (many also resident in Japan).

COULD YOU HELP?

We welcome any input you may wish to make, whether writing an article for 'BULLET-IN' or providing help and information for other members.

WANT TO JOIN?

If you would like to join the Japanese Railway Society please complete the appropriate application form and return to the Society's membership secretary.

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