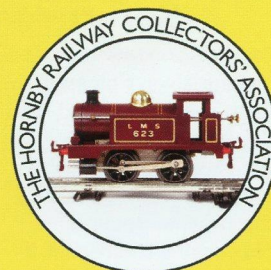


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A photo feature

Each year, the Club des Amis de Meccano (CAM) holds an international exhibition somewhere in France, an exhibition which is among the largest available to Meccano enthusiasts. This took place in May at La Ferté-Macé in Lower Normandy.

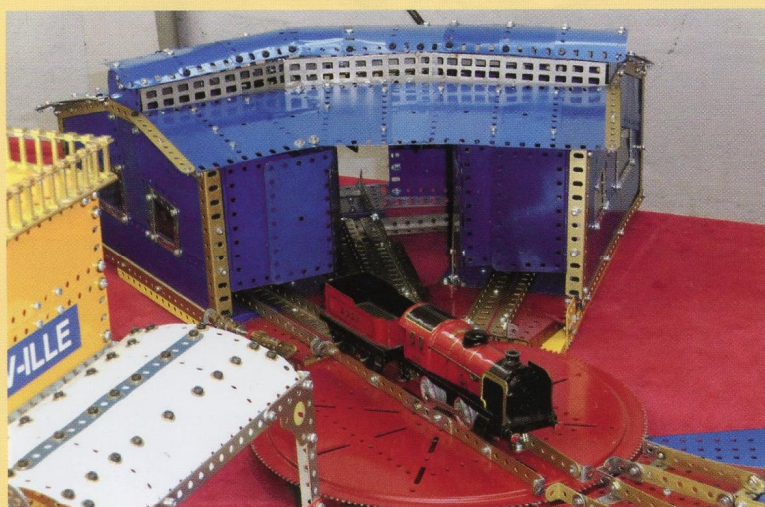
Several members of CAM are also members of the Cercle Ferroviophile Européen (CFE), a group of toy train enthusiasts who this year celebrate 30 years since their foundation. An invitation from the CAM saw a greater than usual presence of railway based interest at the exhibition, as seen here.

Photos courtesy of Francis Deshayes and the CAM. Our thanks to the CFE for the use of these illustrations.



Above, another of several examples of O gauge on display, this time a more conventional display, but apparently with automatic control features based on Meccano. Presented by Jean Boibergue.

Below: rather an expensive way of creating a turntable, by using a Meccano part 167 Geared Roller Bearing. But well justified to make such an attractive depot!



Above, part of a fine Meccano O gauge layout by Jean-Pierre Guibert. Note particularly the splendid lattice girder bridge, very much based on the Meccano product, while the station is clearly based on the 1932 French No. 2 version. The island platform canopy has decorative edges which seem to be created by cutting a Meccano plate along the line of holes.

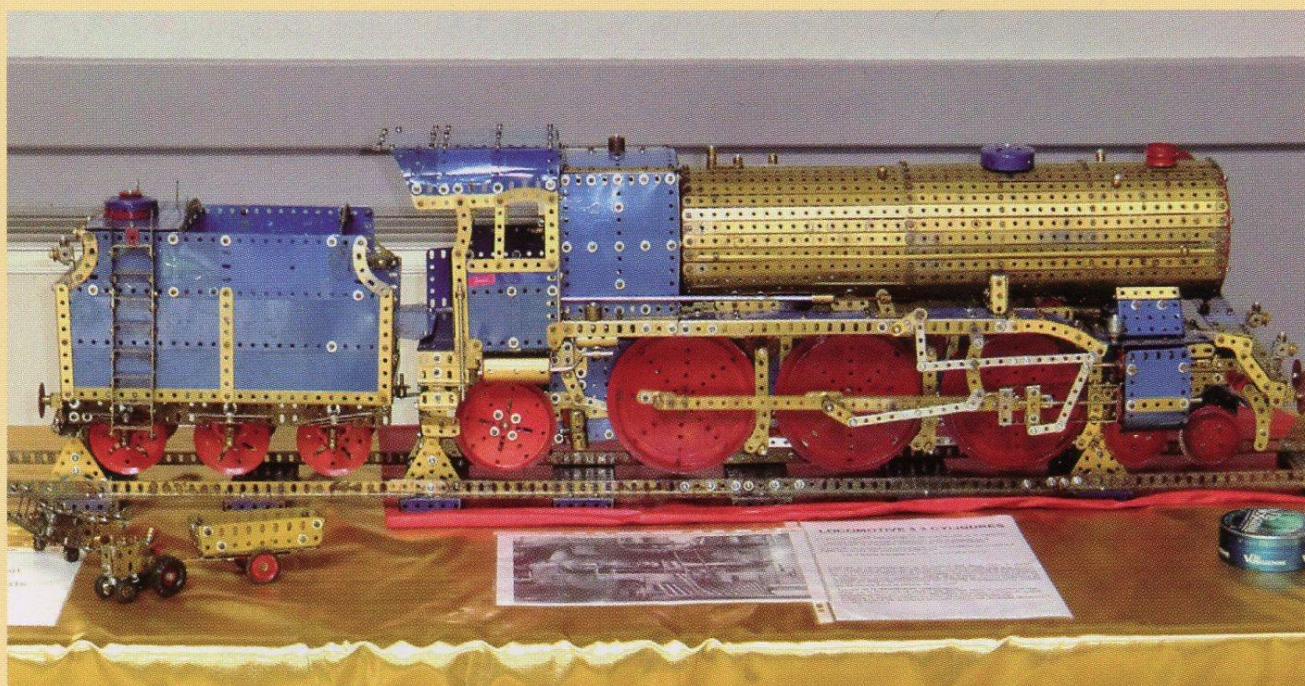
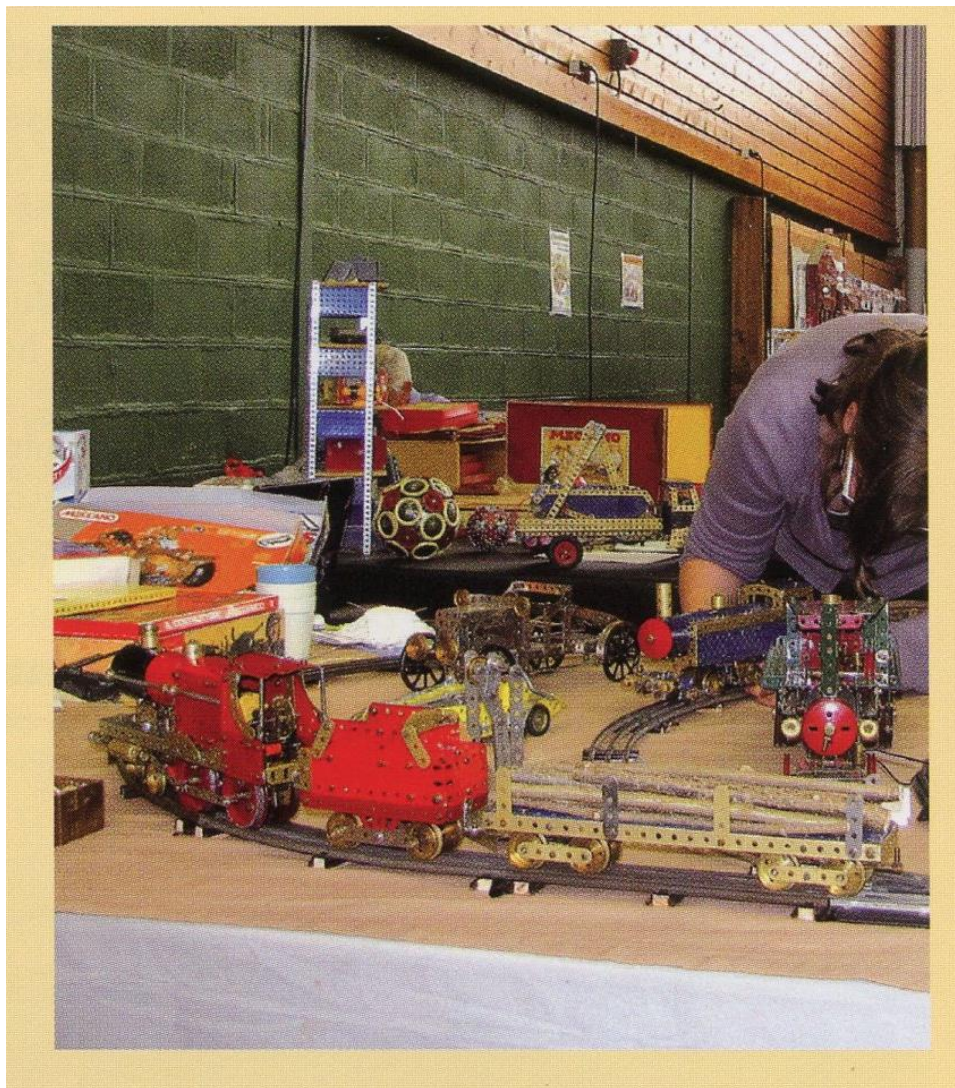
In the foreground, a fine autorail built in the style of the LR "Micheline", and behind it a model of the Madagascar "Micheline", isolated on a Meccano viaduct.

Our cover photo shows more O gauge, this time on Hornby rails, with a fine array of Meccano-based goods wagons, also BBM and PO locos re-engineered from their Hachette originals.

Single-car and two-car Bugatti-style autorails have also been created in Hornby style, and the gold tank loco in the foreground is simply a splendid Meccano model.

The large station was created by Jean Max Estève, the CFE Secretary, whom some may recall from his former shop on the rue Jaques-Callot in Paris many years ago.





Above, a classic Meccano Pacific looking attractive in French Meccano colours.

Right: more Meccano for O gauge rails, by Frédéric Roger.

CAM: club-amis-meccano.net

CFE: www.trainjouet.com