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“Providing smoking news and steaming interests to members and friends”

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Membership Fees for 2019 were raised as per the 2018 AGM

2019 SUBS R400 FOR ORDINARY MEMBERS R200 FOR SENIORS & STUDENTS

Bank details for any payments to CSME.

For any payments please email details of payment to Ballot Marx at csmetrains@gmail.com or ballotmarx@gmail.com

Bank Details are as follows:

Bank: First National
Branch: Centurion, code 26-15-50
Account Name: Centurion Society of Model Engineers
Account No: **62060752906**

Reference: Your Full Name/ subs 2019 (or what payment is for).

Note the account number change in red

Official correspondence and newsletter

If you are not receiving mail from the CSME you should contact the secretary or editor to update your details. Please ensure we are notified of any change of email address. Those members without email can collect a copy of the newsletter from the clubhouse on track day.

The editor and committee wish everyone a blessed and safe Christmas.

Thank you from the editor to all who have contributed items for publication and to committee members for assisting in correcting and adding missing items!

Christmas Party

Our annual Christmas party will be held on Saturday 15th December commencing at 1pm (13h00) and will be catered by the club so no need to bring anything except your drinks! **Please note that the event is only open to members and immediate family of the CSME, CMBC and Yacht club. Extended family and guests are not invited.**

Please advise the Secretary of numbers attending by Monday 10th December.

Next Club Meetings

Next running day will be Sunday 16th December 2018.

Next committee meeting will be at the clubhouse on Saturday 15th December 2018

We will be open to the public on 23rd December so licenced volunteers to assist driving steam or electric locos will be needed to haul passengers. Please notify Ballot Marx ballotmarx@gmail.com

Forthcoming events to diarise

Our Christmas function will be catered by the club on 15 December at 13h00. Last running day will be 23rd December and we reopen on Sunday, 6 January 2019.

THE CSME AGM will be held in February 2019 date to be fixed.



DATES: 4 to 14 April 2019
INTERNATIONALLY ACCLAIMED
Interactive Heritage & Steam Festival
*Steam Trains, Vintage Cars & Aircraft
and so much more!*
Full details can be found at
www.starsofsandstone.com

Near Ficksburg: Eastern Free State SOUTH AFRICA
Fly in to S28 50' 36" E028 00' 18"

November Track Day.

The November track day was Hot & sunny day with steam by Alex on his #73 and Leon driving his Garratt. The new blue and the red electric locos were also on duty Driven mainly by Jon, Derek, Norman and James. We had a steady stream of visitors for rides with no queuing and trains being unloaded and loaded fairly quickly most of the day. Congratulations to James Leenders on being awarded his driving licence for the electric locos. As usual a great thank you to the ladies who again provided a much appreciated and well spread cake and tea table.

Pietermaritzburg model stationary engines

New stock of the PMB engines, conversion kits, and boilers have arrived but stocks are rapidly depleting after orders received at the woodworking show and since. Prices are: A & B engines R330.00 each, 2 cylinder conversion kits both A & B R110.00, type 1 & 2 boilers (now out of stock) R660.00 each. A new waiting list will be started for those requiring items out of stock. Email jonsamshaw@gmail.com or john.o@telkomsa.net with your requirements.

Track and grounds

The 3 trees have now been removed from the area adjacent to the compressor house, The area is still being excavated and one very stubborn tree stump has been giving us grief – we will not be beaten – resorted to keeping a fire going to burn it! As the rains will beat the permanent electric loco storage, if as previous years, temporary arrangements are being made to elevate one of the tunnel tracks above the expected flood line to house the 3 electric locos. The recent rain had woken the grass and softened the ground to ease the task of digging holes to plant the first lot of small Keiapple bushes but later hot weather has hardened the ground again and wilted some of the planted saplings. Planting of the keiapples is slow, Mondays only, due to staff pressure. Some of the other bushes that looked almost dead have now perked up. We have a couple of dead trees to be cut down and replaced as Monday gang time permits.

Monday and Saturday Gangs

The Monday gang have been working on the afore mentioned temporary electric loco storage, continuing with electric loco wiring and fitting of accessories and pruning of most of the trees on the premises. The trees have had the lower growth removed to encourage canopy growth and aid visibility across the site. The Blue electric loco is advancing rapidly and is in service although not totally complete yet. The vaaljapie looks less and less each Monday as bits are disappearing for refurbishment. Ballot seems to be enjoying the restoration.

2 inner tubes for the front wheels size 19" x 400 are still needed so if anyone has one or two that are still in a condition of holding air even if not new or patched we could use them.

The Saturday gang have been and will continue putting finishing touches to the electric locos – the finishing is always the longest bit!

Secretary/librarian's titbit



The year has gone, again! I wish to thank the ladies for keeping all and sundry filled up with cakes and treats during the year. I must also extend my thanks to Michael Kidson, Eddie Lloyd, Jon Shaw and Paul Fisher for their assistance in making the library more efficient and attractive. Thanks guys!

Hoping that you will enjoy the year end function and a big thank you to those responsible for arranging a night off for the ladies!

Happy birthdays go to: Paul Fisher, Geoff Bailey and Stephan du Preez.

Wishing you the very best for 2019....

Imogene Groothuijzen

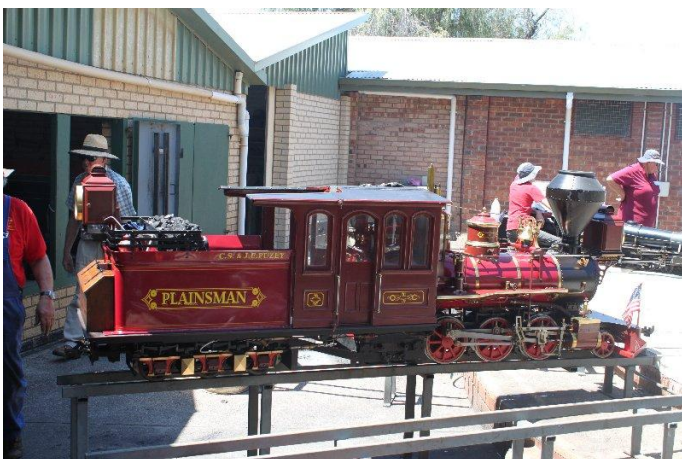
More news from Australia, By Willem Buys

15th Sand groper's weekend.

9th Western Australian Miniature Traction Engine Rally

The weekend of 10 and 11 November 2018 Elna and I set off to Bunbury from Perth with Australind rail to join the South West Model Engineers Association for the 2018 Sandgroper's Gathering. This was held at Forrest Park, Bunbury.

We were welcomed with open arms by all club members. They have an eclectic mix of steam and diesel electric locos, see photos below. There was also a collection of scale traction engines and implements. We would like to thank Jeff and Mary Clifton as well as George for their hospitality. We particularly enjoyed the unique dinner in the steam shed. We arrived as strangers left as friends. It is well worth a visit whenever you are in WA.
Willem Buys November 2018. Many thanks Willem! - editor



Commercials

Use this newsletter to advertise your for sale and wanted (wish list) items.
If the editor is not informed as to when to delete adverts, these will be removed at the editor's discretion

The club require a flat screen TV to replace the old CRT TV which is no longer working, and a flat screen monitor for the library computer so if you are disposing of either we can use them!!

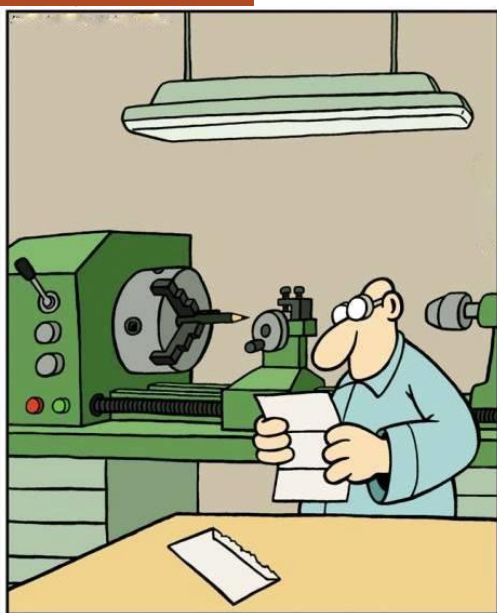
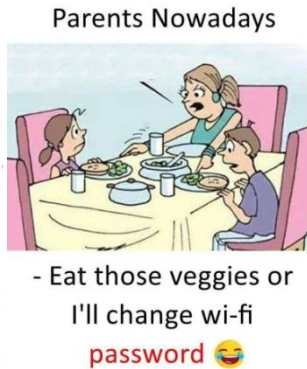
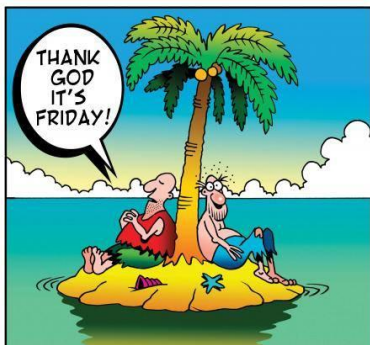
The two welders below are surplus to club requirements, so if you wish to make an offer on one or both please approach a committee member.



Welder only not including trolley



Welder with trolley and accessories



The Internal Revenue Service regrets to inform you of the denial of your deduction for a \$13,982.29 pencil sharpener.

