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Membership Fees for 2020 are unchanged from 2019

2020 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 2020 (or what payment is for).**

Note the account number change in red

Official correspondence and newsletter

The editor and committee wish all readers a happy and prosperous New Year.

If you read a hard copy and are not receiving email from the CSME you should contact the secretary Imogene Groothuijzen or editor Jon Shaw 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.

Next Club Meetings

Next running day will be Sunday 16th February 2020.

Next committee meeting will be at the clubhouse on Saturday 15th February 2020

Forthcoming events to diarise

THE CSME AGM will be held at 14h00 Sunday 16th February 2020 in the CSME clubhouse

(please remember only members in good standing may vote)

Members are requested to pay their subs as early as possible.

**AGENDA FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
CENTURION SOCIETY OF MODEL ENGINEERS
HELD AT CLUBHOUSE ON 16 FEBRUARY 2020 AT 14H00**

1. WELCOME
2. APOLOGIES
3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
5. TREASURER'S REPORT
6. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE
7. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS
8. NEW MEMBERS
9. GENERAL
10. CLOSING

Thank you' s

A continuing Thank you to those persons still toiling with clean-up, repairs and repatriation. Also to the donor of storage tunnel roofing material.

The National meet Will be held in Port Elizabeth from
1st May to 3rd May 2020 see the information book separately in this email.

Changes to train rides.

In order to hopefully increase income after the flood disaster the committee have decided to run Sunday trains on the long track only and only R15 tickets will be sold.

Contact the secretary, Imogene if you can assist with any Sunday driving other than on a track day.

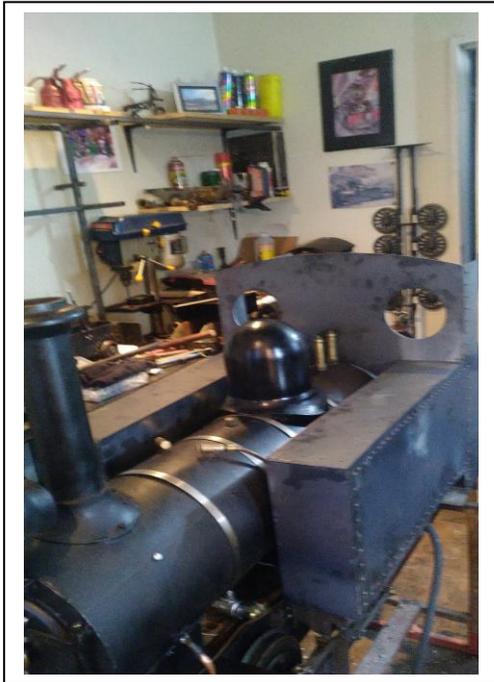
Track Rolling Stock and grounds

Progress on the storage building. We started to build the walls of the new raised storage and received a generous donation of material for the roof. Together with the unused steel from the bridge construction we have materials to construct the roof structures. **Roof construction will start on Saturday, so all help welcome.**

Monday and Saturday Gangs



No new tasks will be able to be undertaken until clean-up and repairs are completed.



Michael Eyckelhof has been hard at work on his Simplex.

The Secretary/ librarian's Tit bit



The AGM is upon us again. Please avail yourself of the opportunity to select committee members of your choice!

As with death and taxes, increases are bound to take its toll. The committee has decided to increase the entrance and train tickets to R15 per person over 2 years of age. To soften the blow the long track will be used.

Similarly, the party fees have been increased and we are hopeful that these increases will help to fill the coffers of the CSME.



In the meantime, the salvaging process is ongoing. All the plans stored in the cupboard in the library had been damaged. Photo shows the 'drying out' process.

Birthday wishes go to Carl Rosenstrauch, Michael Kidson, and Hannes Paling.

Imogene Groothuijzen

News from Kiwiland

Your roving editor visited MOTAT (museum of technology and transport) in Auckland and this kept all the family interested and occupied for most of the day. We started off by travelling from the car park to the main museum site by tram. The first thing I noticed was dual gauge track. This is because they have preserved trams from Wellington as well as other cities. The main track was 4' 8½" and wellington gauge was 4' due to narrow streets. The editor has more information and photos than can be published here.

Also, at MOTAT they have a large aircraft collection including Harvard, Spitfire and Sunderland. One of the smaller aircraft was a gyro copter. I had expected a good

motor car collection but only fire engines and the odd motor vehicle. The railway there was NZ standard 3'6" and the operating loco was an Avonside tank.



Commercials

Good day

Do you know of someone who would be willing and able to custom build a train to be used at a kids play park?

It needs to run, but it doesn't need to be on a track. We were looking at the same sort of train at Hyto Tyto. That one was restored by someone who does it for a hobby. So I thought that just maybe someone will know someone at your society that might be able to help us out? I'm open to any suggestions. What kind of budget are we talking about if it was to be built to run on tracks?

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