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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**
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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 Groothuizen 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.

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

Next Club Meetings

Next running day will be Sunday 19th January 2020.

Next committee meeting will be at the clubhouse on Saturday 18th January 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)

The National meet Will be held in Port Elizabeth in April

Thank you' s

- 1) Thank you to anyone who has donated funds for the repatriation of the club track site after the December floods, especially from overseas.
- 2) Thank you to anyone, club member, committee and especially non-members who so generously donated their valuable time to assist with the clean-up.

December Happenings.

The December Christmas party was held despite the floods, and the public still attended track open days in December. No details have been forwarded to the editor so belated news will be included next month.

Track Rolling Stock and grounds

In the absence of detailed reports because the committee and volunteers are busy with clean up a report on the grounds cannot be generated, but from the editors knowledge of the area the outer limits of the grounds will need much litter picking as a result of so much rubbish being washed from upstream. An idea of the enormity of the clean up job can be obtained from last months photo of bridge number two.

As per the Chairman's bit last month It is not just buildings and grounds needing to be cleared up. Our electric locos which were stored at a level above previous floods, were under water and the electrics and electronics were all submerged. All electrical equipment was under water including gate motors, so everything must be stripped cleaned and bearings replaced. Even the old Fergie tractor was under water.

Monday and Saturday Gangs

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

The Secretary/ librarian's Tit bit

By now it is old news that our premises were flooded during December. But I need to add my bit: the initial clean-up was done with only a few members and lots of outsider assistance. It took a tremendous effort, but we managed to have the premises in such a condition that a running day on Sunday, 15 December was possible! The computer in the committee room bit the dust (mud?). (You can see the water level on the side of the computer desk). Also, in the committee



room and library, we lost the bottom shelves of magazines and the plans in the wooded cupboard also got wet. I have not yet had a chance to assess damage, but thanks to Paul Fisher, most of those plans have been captured electronically. Some of our official records were either totally destroyed or require a lot of patience in drying them out. At the time of writing, not quite finished with that!

Last Sunday, 22nd December, was the first chance I had to go around the track. My heart just about broke! There is still such a lot of waste that need to be collected. Although members of the public were most sympathetic, I was almost ashamed to take them around the track and expect them to pay for the view! This is not casting any blame on anyone and I DO know the effort it has taken to restore the premises to the condition they are now in. BUT there is a lot more to do and I really appeal to members to put hand in glove, grab a bag and walk the track, please.

Videos: Unfortunately, all our videos have also taken a dive. Anyone wishing to see if they are still retrievable, please collect same from the library. If not, they will be tossed.

On a more positive note, one of our ex-members, Steve Savage, who immigrated to Canada 11 years ago, came to the rescue with a most generous financial contribution. Thank you! I also thank other members that have made financial contributions. "Elke bietjie help".

We have omitted to thank Johnny Heath for his donation of steam oil some time back. Apologies, Johnny. It is certainly most welcome, especially now after all the damage to the locos.

Michael Eykelhof and Pine Pienaar will be celebrating birthdays this month. Happy modelling!
Imogene Groothuijzen.



This locomotive is in regular steam hauling the passenger services on the Glenbrook Vintage Railway in New Zealand and was footplated on the return journey by the editor.



EX SAR locos seen at Parnell siding Auckland, any brassware left ?

Commercials

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If the editor is not informed as to when to delete adverts, these will be removed at the editor's discretion



FOR SALE: Atlas Compressor 100 litre, 3 HP belt drive motor. Immaculate condition R2000.
Contact Johan Swart 083 267 6597 or ericasw@mweb.co.za