



THE CENTURION SMOKEBOX

"Providing smoking news and steaming interests to members and friends"

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2024 SUBS: R500 FOR ORDINARY MEMBERS R250 FOR SENIOR MEMBERS AND STUDENTS

Official Correspondence & Newsletter

If you read this and 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 and cell phone number. Those members without email can collect a copy of the newsletter on request from the clubhouse on track day. The news letters are also distributed via the official CSME Whatsapp group.

Next Club Meetings

The committee meeting is on Saturday, 20 January 2024, and club track day 21 January 2024.

Members are welcome any other time by arrangement with Swannie 064 520 8572. The gates are operational by cell phone for members. Members, please contact Norman Reyneke to be added to the gate motor list.

Chairman's Chatter

The year kicked off well with a lot of drivers and passengers the first 2 Sundays of the new year. Good weather contributed to a near record attendance the first running Sunday of the year. Thanks to all our drivers and station masters. Our premises looks good after all the rains as well.

We managed to start working on the bridge again and transported the 2 beams into position. Weather and helping hands permitting, we hope to have it ready for the club Sunday.

We hope to see a few holiday workshop projects displayed on Club day. Let's bring a few items for the display table, it may just start a conversation that leads to someone to also enjoy our hobby.

Secretary's Bit

Here's hoping all members had a blessed and safe Festive Season. Yes we are in the new year already and that means it's time for Club subscriptions to be paid.

Subs amounts remain unchanged from 2023: Full members (Employed) R500.00, Retired and Junior Members: R250.00.

Please note that, the long track remains closed for running, for safety reasons, as the new bridge has not yet been completed and some track re-alignment needs to be done on the top return corner.

Our January birthdays: Marianne du Plessis, Charnelle Stander, Michael Eykelhof, Theunis Kotzé and Alan Lambert. We wish them all the best for another trip around the sun.

From the Editor

Welcome to 2024. May this be a very active and successful year for CSME and all our members.

Thank you very much for all the contributions for this edition of **THE CENTURION SMOKEBOX**.

This month, I include an advertisement of **SERVICES SUPPLIED**, all be it by me. We should start compiling a list of service supplied by model engineers to other model engineers in South Africa. If any other members or other society and club member does supply a service that would be of interest to other members, please feel free to contact me to add your details as well as a full page introduction in a future edition of the news letter.

Please continue to send any activities you see, or are busy with on your computer in planning, workshop in machining and assembling, or testing at the club. We need contributions every month as per usual.

If you have any material, tools, parts or projects for sale, please share and we will do our best to get parts used and projects revived or locos running again. Contributions to the **SELL / SWOP / WANTED** is what assist to keep the hobby alive, and might just convince a potential new model engineer to get going!

CSME Year End Function 2023



**CSME's
very own
Father
Christmas
with a colour
coded model
locomotive
slay!**



One of the two lambs on the spit to finish off a good year at the club!

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**Member of the Year
Leon Kamffer**



**Builder of the Year
Johnny Sharpe**



**Support person of the Year
Norman Reyneke**



**Rookie of the Year
Hudson Taylor**



**Outstanding Workmanship
for a Scale Model
Eddie Lloyd**

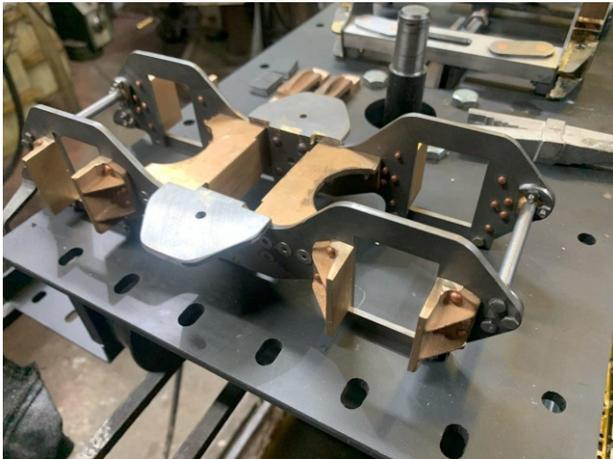


**Driver of the Year
Carel Janse van Rensburg**

Who's doing what?



Leon fabricating bogies for his SAR X20 water tanker.



Leon also busy with parts for a 5" Britannia build.



Who's doing what?



Stunning progression with Eddie Lloyds Aquilla boiler by Eddie and Rokko.



Who's doing what?

The journey of the two main beams for the new bridge at the top loop, from loading at the steam bay, making their way slowly around the track on the LK-7s to arriving on the bridge.



Who's doing what?



Off loading and getting the beams and support brackets in-place (with specialised tools!), aligning and welding.

As Neil commented, this bridge will handle a real size 15F with no issues!

Also seen around the club last month.



**Steam bay or steam pit?
Steam bay AND steam pit!**



I thought the Grinch was green!



**If anyone ask, these are
Springbok horns!**



**Guest appearance by the
CSME SPRINGBOK EXPRESS**

Sell / Swop / Wanted pages



Brass Photo Etch Service

I am supplying various brass parts and model railway items as per pictures shown. I mainly use photo etch techniques, as well as CNC machining, like the lenses of the lamps. Please feel free to contact me to discuss your requirements, whether existing designs or new designs and parts.

Items include all types name and number plates and badges, window frames, lamps, buckets, tool boxes, chequer and diamond plate sheets and parts.

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Sell / Swop / Wanted pages

Parts to build a bandsaw comprising frame , 2x aluminium wheel castings (360mm dia), a 300mm x 350mm machined table, parts for the blade adjustment, R1000.00.
Bennett Smith at 082 620 8202 or Ben@peewee.co.za

