



THE CENTURION SMOKEBOX

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Membership Fees 2018 are unchanged

2018 SUBS R300 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 2018 (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.

Those members without email can collect a copy of the newsletter from the clubhouse on track day.

OBITUARY



Sadly I have to announce the passing of our dear friend Alan Pletschke who passed away peacefully in hospital early on the morning of 1st July 2018. He will be sadly missed by members of CSME and myself.

Alan was one of those people from whom we could all learn and was so willing to help others, especially myself with anything that he could. We spent many happy hours at each other's houses and workshops busy with locos and car maintenance etc. It was thanks to Alan and his perseverance with me that I ended up with a running Sweet Pea. Alan was one of those prolific builders, producing steam models ranging from small single cylinder stationary engines through 3½" through to 7¼" gauge locos, to a lorry and a dredging tractor. Alan was a long serving member of CSME and took his place on Committee and as a Chairman, was a leading light of the Monday gang and an honorary life member. If there was work to be done or something needed making he was there, a shining example to fellow members.



Alan's memorial will be at the clubhouse on Thursday 12th July 10am

Next Club Meetings

Next running day will be Sunday 15th July 2018.

Next committee meeting will be at the clubhouse on Saturday 14th July 12.30

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!!

Forthcoming events to diarise

Don't forget the annual WWW at Pietermaritzburg first weekend in August 4th & 5th.

National live steam meet this will be at Secunda Live Steamers on 27th & 28th October.



SECUNDA STEAMERS

National Steam Meet

Date: 27-28 October 2018

Place: Duck Pond

You're invited to our club at any weekends and holidays

Contact: Chairman Frans Pretorius 083 236 9578

Contact: Secretary Leonora Lacante 073 207 3658

R.S.V.P.: 30 September 2018

Hannes Paling visited Secunda recently and sent me this email. Attached is a link to Secunda Steamers, the first picture shows their site, from about a 1000 ft up (Secunda Duck Pond) with the railway surrounding the pond, then there are a number of pictures taken from my riding car, they are named from A to O, these were taken at certain spots or positions. Fast forward to the 19th picture which is the same as the first picture, zoom in and you will find the letters from A to O along the route of the track in yellow, these indicate where picture D or any other was taken so you can get a impression of what their facilities look like if a person has never been there. The track is 750 meter long and for 5" and 7 1/4", other pictures show the turn table and off loading ramp. <https://www.flickr.com/photos/alfav8/albums/72157669914684268>

	<p>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"</p>
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June Track Day.

Sunday with the weather bearable but a sharp wind occasionally was fairly well attended. Passenger hauling was again with our stalwarts Leon, Alex, Rocco and Michael. John also brought out Thomas for an airing. Once again the Ladies provided a table laden with goodies, and those members who did not attend really missed out. Thank you ladies once again.

Track and grounds

The track site is now in winter with the grass brown. The lakes were clean and again the Centurion boat club were able to operate on relatively nice clean water. The Keiapple nursery is thriving and there will be many plants to go out to start our perimeter thorn hedge. Plans are afoot to provide storage for the electric and large locos above recent flood levels.

Monday and Saturday Gangs

The Monday gang has been busy with electrical maintenance, new passenger control railings on the station, surveillance and alarm upgrades, metal work for the electric locos, plant nursery maintenance, and passenger car maintenance among other things.

The Saturday gang again advanced the electric locos with preparing bodywork, fitting electrical parts and insulators and manufacturing heavy duty battery and motor cables. Norman took the controllers home to make up the remote driver control boxes.

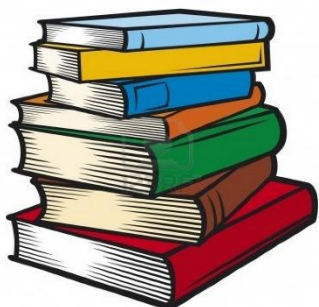
Electric locos



The battery frames built by the Monday gang was fitted to the locos after the few outstanding items on the bogies like chains were fitted. Batteries were delivered and with the help of a few eager gangers, most cabling are professionally crimped and sleeved, ready to be fitted. All the parts of the suspension were fitted as well. Bodywork are out for painting, so lots of assembly work can be done this Saturday.



Club Name Badges will be made available to members at a subsidized cost of R 20.00 per badge. Please refer to picture example. Members are requested to get their orders into the Secretary as soon as possible as the badges will be made in batches.



Secretary / Librarian's titbit

With three helpers, Michael Kidson, Eddie Lloyd and Jon Shaw we have made good progress in tidying the library. Obsolete books will be put out on a table in front of the library and members are welcome to help themselves. Sadly, the missing bound volume of Model Engineers has not yet been returned. Eddie Lloyd has sorted and catalogued the train building plans and it is anticipated that a list will be published with this newsletter or next one.

Happy birthday to Nick Popich and we hope to share many more!

Imogene Groothuizen

Catalogue of drawings in CSME library

Compiled by Edward Lloyd

July 2018

1. Charlatan: 0-6-0 electric locomotive
2. NSWGR 73 class diesel hydraulic locomotive
3. Burrell traction engine 6NHP 4 ½" scale
4. SAR Class 16DA 4-6-2 works drawings
5. Picture of King Class
6. Sweet Pea 0-4-0 5" gauge steam locomotive
7. Avonside 0-4-0 5" motion arrangement
8. Allchin traction engine 1 ½" scale
9. Imperial Military Railways S class drawing 213
10. Springbok 4-6-0 5" gauge steam locomotive
11. Britannia 4-6-2 BR class 70 000 3 ½" gauge
12. SAR class GMA/M 4-8-2+ 2-8-4 boiler works drawings
13. Stuart Turner vertical boiler
14. Tich 0-4-0 5" gauge steam locomotive
15. CGR 4-4-0 engine and tender general arrangement
16. Simplex 0-6-0 5" gauge steam locomotive
17. Stuart Turner boiler feed pump
18. SAR class S1 0-8-0 works drawings
19. SAR class 15F 4-8-2 general arrangement
20. SAR class S1 0-8-0 general arrangement
21. 1A boiler
22. Diesel outline chain driven general arrangement
23. Honda GX160 diesel outline locomotive
24. Passenger truck 5" Reeves
25. Airbrake valve- Alex Kock design
26. SAR class GMA/M 4-8-2+ 2-8-4 general arrangement
27. SAR class 15F 4-8-2 tender bogie
28. NGR Hendrie D index of works drawings
29. Ship engines-various triple expansion general arrangement
30. SAR publicity painting of diesel passenger train
31. Burrell traction engine 4 ½ "scale boiler and accessories
32. Burrell traction engine 6NHP 3" scale cylinder drawing
33. Garratt unknown 2-6-2+2-6-2 engine unit general arrangement
34. SAR class 16E 4-6-2 general arrangement
35. CGR class 7A index to drawings

36. CSME badge for flag
37. SAR class 16DA 4-6-2 general arrangement, engine and tender
38. SAR Modified Fairlie 2-6-2+2-6-2 general arrangement
39. SAR class NGG11 2-6-0+0-6-2 general arrangement
40. Stuart Turner triple expansion engine
41. Stuart Turner twin cylinder launch engine
42. SAR class 36 diesel electric
43. Stuart Turner No 8 mill engine
44. Steam turbo electric generator
45. Unknown steam locomotive 4-8-0 general arrangement

Pietermaritzburg model stationary engines

There are still Pietermaritzburg kits available for sale both A and B models as well as twin cylinder conversion kits for both models. Kits at R311.55 conversion kits at R103.85

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

Still Wanted Jon Shaw needs a workshop manual for a 2005 Opel Corsa 1.7DTI Bakkie to either buy or loan for a few days. Haynes manual number 5577 is the nearest to my requirement unless you have genuine Opel documentation.

Brian Simpson of PE has 2 x SAR 25 cylinders and 2 x 19D cylinders both in 3 ½" gauge if anyone is possibly interested. Both cast iron. These castings look good. Any offers?????? He can be contacted at 041 3656678 or 082 7104503 or Email simlang@telkomsa.net

Michael Eykelhof has 4 passenger couches for sale in 5 " gauge R1000.00 each contact him Michael Eykelhof [michaelsteam321@gmail.com] or 076 376 2611

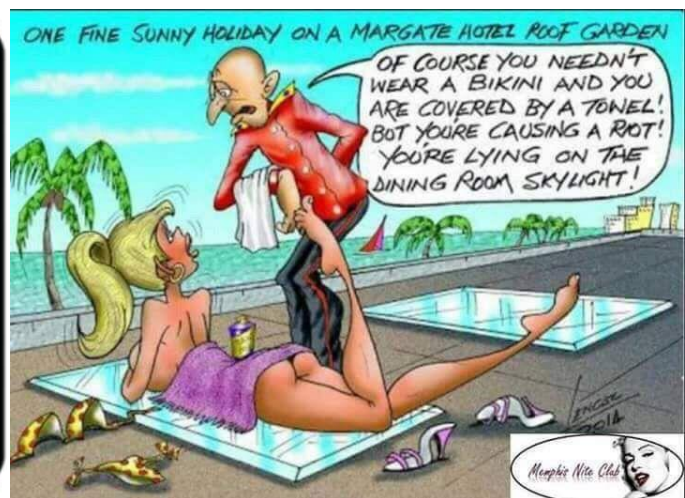
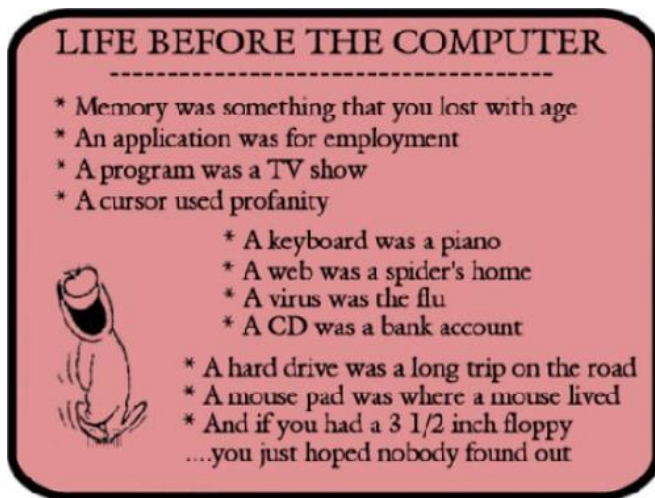


Heidi Olding 083 512 5157 heidolding@yahoo.com has for sale her late father-in-laws unfinished scale model locomotive and is looking for a buyer to finish it Heidi lives in Kensington Johannesburg. Please contact her for more details and appointment to view.



Ivan Wortley ivanwortley@gmail.com 076 564 7386 would like to own a live steam loco in the near future. Do you perhaps know of any locos for sale or someone that can help him build one?

Now the fun bits



A friend hosted a dinner party for family far and wide and everyone was encouraged to bring all their children as well. All during the sit-down dinner one four year-old girl stared at the uncle sitting across from her. The girl could hardly eat her food for staring.

The uncle checked his tie, felt his face for food, patted his hair in place but nothing stopped her from staring at him. He tried his best to just ignore her but finally it was too much for him. He finally asked her "Why are you staring at me?" Everyone at the table had noticed her behaviour and the table went quiet for her response. The little girl said "I just want to see how you drink like a fish."

