



# THE CENTURION SMOKEBOX

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

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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](mailto:csmetrains@gmail.com) or [ballotmarx@gmail.com](mailto: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

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.

## **Next Club Meetings**

**Due to the corona virus CSME Have closed all activities until further notice.**

**PIETERMARITSBURG WINGS WHEELS AND WHISTLES IN AUGUST IS CANCELLED  
CSME SEPTEMBER FAIR HAS BEEN CANCELLED**

## **Obituary**

Sadly, I inform you of the recent sad passing of Carl Rosenstrauch. The editor, committee, and members offer their condolences to his wife Isabel and family.

Carl was one of the true members of the society who unstintingly gave of his time and effort to the society, serving as chairman for a while and as a committee member for a number of years.

He will be sorely missed by us all and particularly by the Monday Gang where he did his stint faithfully each week also imparting his advice and experience. For his part as a faithful and hardworking member for the society he was awarded honorary membership. – Jon Shaw

There is no earthly reason to continue hammering away on how the Covid-19 has influenced all of our lives. However, in this particular instance it has hit home closer than is comfortable. We lost Carl Rosenstrauch, our dear friend and club member, loyal Monday Ganger and previous Chairman to what at this writing, are still unknown causes. Due to the lockdown regulations and in my case mostly old age and health issues, and hence my inability to continue work at the track, I sadly sort of by and large lost contact within the Monday Gang.

Pre-pandemic, working Mondays will be remembered with fondness. I do not recall Carl ever being in a bad mood. He was always helpful and offered worthwhile advice on the work at hand. He liked his little beer at lunchtime and me being a teetotaler, he took it upon himself to supply me with a Coke diligently every Monday. Thanks Carl! – Alex Groothuizen

## **Chairman's comments.**

It is over 3 months since the initial lockdown due to Covid-19. Gauteng has become the province with the most cases and cases are still increasing. There is no indication when this will turn around, and the club can resume public activities.

A few members, caretaker and employees keep the premises clean and well maintained. Grass is cut to limit the possibility of fires in the winter period. We are also collecting paving bricks so we can pave a few more areas.

We look forward to further easing of regulations, where we can at least allow limited members at our facility, but we will have to wait for the situation to improve. A lot of our members are in the high-risk categories.

The CNC club had another meeting with Zoom, and a lot of members participated, even from overseas. While we cannot meet at the club, let us use technology and share what we are doing in our workshops and keep our hobby alive.

## **Secretary's Bit**

It was with great sadness that I heard of Carl Rosenstrauch's passing. I did my first stint as secretary when Carl was chairman. I will always remember him as being courteous and friendly. He was very familiar with our Constitution and House Rules and could be depended on to give an honest opinion. He was highly principled and did not shy away from expressing his thoughts which were to the point and highly prized. Perhaps not everyone agreed, but we are all entitled to our own opinions. Carl, you will be missed!

On a lighter note, the birthday calendar shows that only Nick Popich will be celebrating his birthday during July. Many more, Nick! - Imogene

## **Track and grounds**

The track and grounds have been maintained in good condition by Swannie and crew and he has been running the electric locos occasionally. We thank them for their dedication and work during this exceedingly difficult time. See photos below.





## **Tuesday and Saturday Gangs**

The Monday gang have now changed to Tuesdays for essential maintenance of maintenance machinery and grounds.



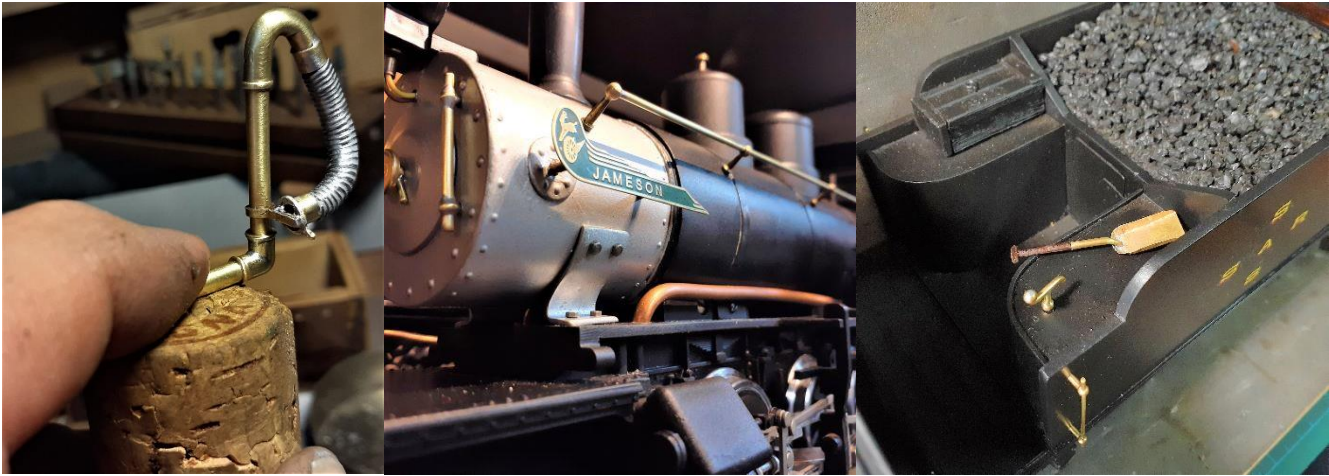
New drainage in the unloading area

## **Member's home progress**

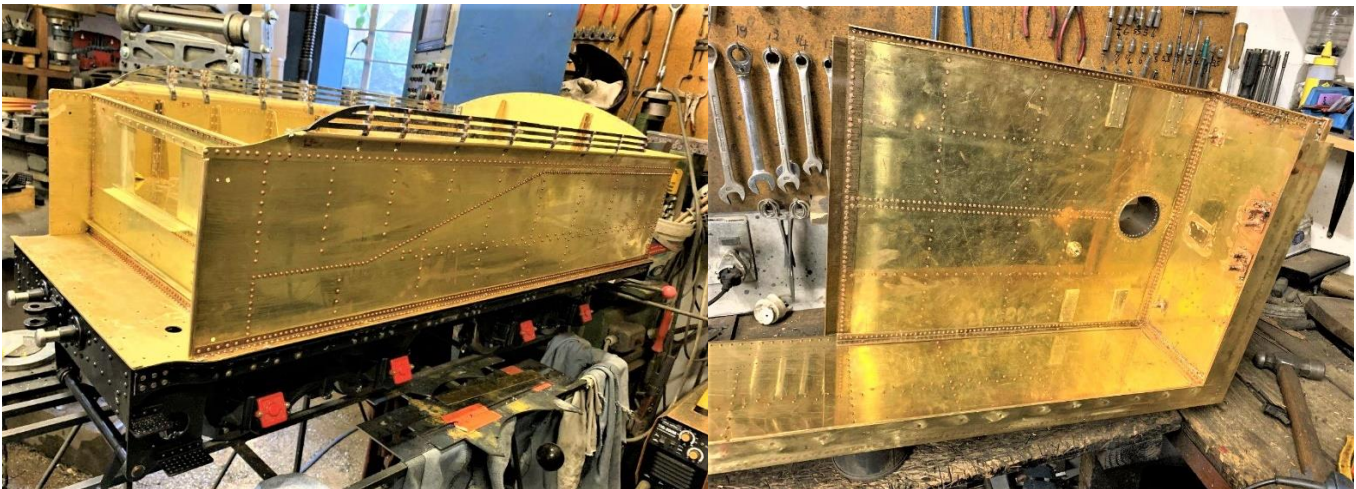


Progress on the Popich American switcher





**Carel Has been working as well on G scale items**



**Leon's 5 class tender.**

### **Commercials**

Hannes Paling has a Stuart Turner 5A vertical steam engine casting set, nothing machined or made with drawing. The castings weigh about 15 Kilo's.

Anybody interested can send him a mail or whatsapp. [japeng@mweb.co.za](mailto:japeng@mweb.co.za) 0832307762

CNC Router for sale. Extra heavy and Solid Structure, Bed Size: 1100mmx2300mm.

Z height: 300mm, Spindle: New 4.5kW - 0-18000rpm water-cooled spindle.

Computer with Mach3 control software. Nema 34 Stepper motors with Ball screws.

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