



# THE CENTURION SMOKEBOX

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

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## CSME NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2017

### COMMITTEE

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### Membership Fees 2017

**2017 SUBS R300 FOR ORDINARY MEMBERS  
R200 FOR SENIORS & STUDENTS**

AGM have fixed the fees at the same level until end of 2018

Subs are now due for review at 2018 AGM for 2019.

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 2017 (or what payment is for).**

**Note the account number change in red**

Members are reminded that to obtain a CSME boiler certificate, the builder must consult our boiler inspector prior to commencing any work. This is to ensure the envisaged boiler is of an acceptable design and to ensure the boiler is built to current regulations and to plan the interim stages at which inspection is required. Our inspector is Leon Kamffer. CSME have now adopted the Pietermaritzburg boiler code which will be published on the member's page of the website. **ALL members are requested to ensure that CSME have copies of the boiler certificates for all their locos. Copies can be scanned and sent by email to [jonsamshaw@gmail.com](mailto:jonsamshaw@gmail.com) or [imogenegroothuizen@gmail.com](mailto:imogenegroothuizen@gmail.com) or alternatively, bring your certificate to either Jon Shaw or Imogene Groothuizen on club day to be copied or scanned. We then have a record should there be any insurance or Health & safety queries.**

According to our constitution those in arrears of subs for 2017 as at 1st May 2017 have automatically and voluntarily terminated their membership, and should contact the committee if they require being re-instated.

**If you are intending to drive a loco on our track you must either have subs paid up to date as at the time of driving, or be a bona fide paid up member of another model engineering society to be covered by our public liability insurance.**

### 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.

### Next Club Meetings

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November - see Leon's piece below

Next running day will be Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

Next Committee meeting *may* be. Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November

### Christmas Party.

The club Christmas party will be held on **Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> December**. Bring your own meat and the club will provide the salads, pap/sous, bread rolls, ice cream and fires.

#### Roko's Piece.

Hi Gang, I have been able to get a few tools as sponsors for our party , we will include them with our trophies and thank you gifts.

Saturday 16 December CLOSED TO PUBLIC, only open to members, family and friends of members ( to make up numbers for father Christmas , not like last year only 3 children) people must respond how many will come so Liz can buy sweets and juice for children.

12h00 ; father Christmas, 13h00 ; club prize giving, 14h00; club braai , bring own meat and drinks, will the ladies please bring one salad each to be shared with members, CHEERS ROKO

### Personnel news

Louw Myburgh who has been seriously ill in hospital is making a recovery and we all wish him well. He is now out of hospital and is at home to recover and gain strength.

In the meantime Imogene Groothuijzen is keeping a duty roster for party and Sunday train driving so please contact her if you are a paid up member with a train driving licence to assist with driving duties.

It is with sad regret that I have to inform you of the passing of **Sam Murray** during October after a very long illness following a stroke. He was one of the few very dedicated members who put a lot into the club, especially during the early days of Meer Park. He served on the committee and was treasurer for a long period, he never stinted at his duties of driving and passenger hauling

### Floating Trophies

Roko has requested that those members who won floating trophies last year please return them to him by November open day latest.

### SA-CNC

At the time of going to press no information has been received of SA CNC club meetings.

### Track and grounds

After all the welcome rain earlier the grounds were looking nice and green although a bit soggy. However later due to the scorching days since, the outer grounds now look a bit dry.

As the safety of the children is paramount, no cars will be allowed to enter the gate on the eastern side for parking on that side of the grounds on Sundays including track days. Drop-off shall be allowed until 8h30, and then the gate will be locked. Similarly, no bikes, motorbikes, quads etc will be allowed to be driven on the premises when members of the public are present. The committee is sorry about the inconvenience but the safety of the children must take priority. The boat club has also agreed and will park in the fenced-off area next door (sailing club area) as may CSME members.

### Monday Gang

Dennis has had the worn sprockets and all the chains replaced so it is now back in service. Thanks to Leon for machining the sprocket ready for today.

Barry now has the required pulleys and belt purchased and the brake operating column made by Leon has been delivered, but as all effort was focussed on finishing Dennis so that we had at least 2 petrol locos in service, Barry was left aside. John O' has 3d printed 2 plastic parts for Trompie and work continues on that.

Barry continues and the chassis was taken for a run. The Monday gang seems happy with performance so work continues to finish the odd items remaining. The final effort on the electrics should be completed on 13<sup>th</sup> Nov so hopefully it will run on track day.

Dennis' horn has been fixed, and "Yellow peril" or "Buttercup" was investigated for poor starting and no compression. The fault found was poor seating on the exhaust valve so that was ground in, and the compression returned and starting much easier.



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Going for first test run.

### **Pietermaritzburg model stationary engines**

A few more are now available on track day. Contact Jon Shaw if you wish to purchase either kits or conversion kits. The prices are inclusive of courier delivery charges.

Model A & B are R311.55 each and the conversion kits are R130.85 each.

### **Leon's piece -Saturday activities for 18 november**

After request from a few members a Maritzburg engine workday is arranged for the Saturday 18 November. If you need help with a part, need to remake a part, need some tooling like reamers, or just want to get a good start or even come and see how it's done please come along. Other small engine owners or general onlookers are welcome as well.

Larger machines with digital readouts may just be what your project needs. The time is from 09:00 to 16:00, with a wors to braai over lunch. Just bring your own drinks and camping chair.

**Venue** - Leon Kamffer, 64 Aspen Crescent. Please confirm before to assist with planning [lkamffer@mweb.co.za](mailto:lkamffer@mweb.co.za) or 08257777813.

### **Saturday Gang**

The Saturday gang spent time on doing some of the final touches on Barry, and also started in earnest to paint and assemble parts for the club electric locos. Other parts will arrive soon. The general idea is to design and cut parts that require general skills such as painting, welding, drilling and assembling. The machining is mostly done. The club Saturdays are all occupied till year end, so either another day or two will be used, as well as a day or two during December.

Leon, the Shaws, David G. and a few others turned up to do some odd jobs but the main focus was now on the electric locos. A fine start was made on the 21/10/2017. Much of the parts in the laser cut frames were separated into parts for painting and assembly.



With a lot of grinding a vast amount of bits emerged.



As a result Mr boltnut at work assembling bits.

## **Secretary/librarian's titbit**

You will have noticed that the Christmas event has been arranged. Could I please, as in the past, depend on the ladies to prepare some salads, please contact me and let me know what you can contribute.



Antoinette will make the pap and I will contribute the 'sous'. Kindly let me know if you are able to assist.

In our birthday corner for November, I have Leon Kamffer, Edward Lloyd and Roko Popich – happy birthday and lots of success with current/old/new projects!

Imogene Groothuijzen

## **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**

Hugh (Bill) Williams is looking for a small milling machine to make components for his models. Contact him by email [bill2hugh@gmail.com](mailto:bill2hugh@gmail.com) or Cell 0823380360.

### **Wheels required**

A modeller needs a pattern or castings for 160mm wheels for a 5" gauge British loco. If someone has a pattern to borrow or wheels to sell please contact Leon Kamffer on [lkamffer@mweb.co.za](mailto:lkamffer@mweb.co.za) or 0825777813.

**Joe Magill** is a member of the Knysna Society of Model Engineers and has **FOR SALE** a 5-inch gauge kit for an L.N.E.R. 4-6-0 "Springbok" locomotive, drawings by Martin Evans, and although no mention is made of the castings, these are in superb condition, beautifully cast. However due mainly to a serious decline in my health I feel I shall never now be able to continue work on the project. The tender chassis is complete with wheels and motion. But the locomotive is as yet untouched. This consists of a full set of drawings, 12 in number, also the steelwork for the locomotive mainframes. All the castings are complete. The only thing missing is the material for the boiler, firebox and smoke box although the drawings for these components are included.

I will be asking around R10, 000 for the components in my possession and I have included some photographs to illustrate the quality of castings. Contact Joe [jmjomagill@gmail.com](mailto:jmjomagill@gmail.com)  
See previous newsletters for photos.



[[dorianne.perkins@gmail.com](mailto:dorianne.perkins@gmail.com)] has this

diesel loco and riding car for sale.  
R10,000.00 neg.

Dag, ek het 'n Diesel loko en wa te koop. Die Diesel het 'n nuwe 5.5 perdekrug Honda enjin in. As iemand dalk belangstel kan ek foto's en video's stuur. Ek is van Pta. Die trein kan enige tyd getoets of besigtig word. Dankie Dorianne 0849194245

## Now the fun bits

### PEARLS OF WISDOM (Please note some of the dates!)

**We never learn from history!!**

Power will intoxicate the best hearts, as wine the strongest heads. No man is wise enough nor good enough to be trusted with unlimited power.

**Colton**

In my many years, I have come to a conclusion that one useless man is a shame, two is a law firm and three or more is a government.

**John Adams**

If you don't read the newspaper, you are uninformed, if you do read the newspaper you are misinformed.

**Mark Twain**

Suppose you were an idiot. And suppose you were a member of the government. But then I repeat myself.

**Mark Twain**

I contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle.

**Winston Churchill**

A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul.

**George Bernard Shaw**



An elderly man is stopped by the police around 2 a.m. and is asked where he is going at this time of night.

The man replies, "I am on my way to a lecture about alcohol abuse and the effects it has on the human body, as well as smoking and staying out late."

The officer then asks, "Really? Who is giving that lecture at this time of night?"

The man replies, "That would be my wife."