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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 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 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 or 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 14th October @ 12.30 at the clubhouse

Next running day will be Sunday 15th October 2017.

Next Committee meeting will be. Saturday 14th October 12h30 at the club committee room

Our **September hobbies fair** was a great success thanks to all involved John O'Mahony's report previously distributed says it all.

WWW @ Pietermaritzburg August 5TH & 6th

The editor tends his apologies for late reporting due to medical incapacity.

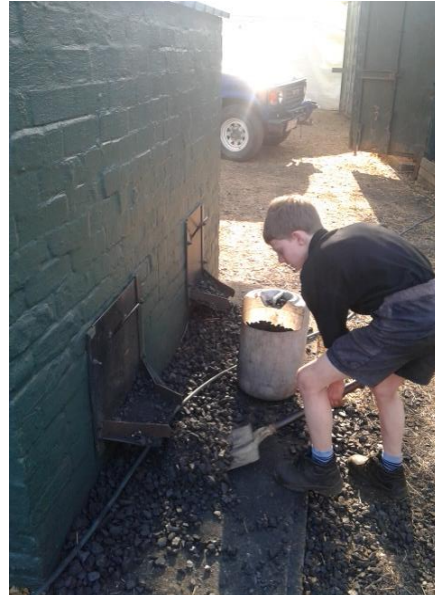
Leon Kamffer & David Gough left on the Thursday with Leon's Shay and the Shaw's Left on Friday morning to arrive at lunch time to find Loco's already in steam ready to play with. On arrival Hannes was already there with his new 36-280 diesel previously debuted at CSME.

The club members were busy with preparing the grounds for exhibitors to set up, so visitors were left to play to heart's content. It was refreshing to see so many of the Pietermaritzburg members rallying around to help over the weekend, more than the usual poor turnout one gets with many societies in general, well done PMES members! On arrival Dominic immediately made a bee-line for the Shay and was off on his own driving for an hour or two.

Congratulations to PMES for an excellent WWW as usual and for making visitors feel so welcome. It was particularly creditable that all the engines present were available for anyone to drive.



Dominic was on the loco and off on his own.



A local junior member keeping coal supplies going.



Andries' UVE2 originally built by Hannes



Steve Headland with his excellent Romulus

Photos were taken by Hannes Paling and Jon Shaw. See Hannes' other WWW photos on <https://www.flickr.com/photos/alfav8/36070770980/in/album-72157684760190083/>



PMES display area small engines and a host of model fire engines, PMB stationary engines, Locos, and a host of other items in the background. Photo by courtesy of Hannes Paling.

August Saturday Gang

Although I have had no official report I have heard that the day was quite successful in that there were more attendees and that the new running chassis for "Barry" was assembled as far as can be seen below.



Floating Trophies

Roko has requested that those members who won floating trophies 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

During the editors absence the retaining wall visible on the right after bridge 3 has been completed and much soil put around the sides of the track - all looking very good.

Saturday Gang & Monday Gang

Both gangs have continued with "Barry" construction culminating in progress to the stage of fitting the engine kindly donated by Hannes Paling on next Monday.

Last Monday we had the two remaining petrol locos No 7 and Dennis in the sick bay. No 7 was returned to service. Dennis had a broken chain and badly worn sprockets. These sprockets have been purchased and machined ready for fitting on 9th October so Dennis should be back in service then. Trompie continues to be somewhat of a headache but work is continuing on that.



Secretary/librarian's titbit

The arrangements for the September Fair, although quite hectic at times, have paid off and we had a wonderful weekend. I personally wish to extend a special Thank you to our ladies for whatever contributions they made – I am not mentioning names as I am sure they know who they are! As usual, it is the few willing ones that rise to the occasion every time.

I am a bit disappointed that our library is not utilized more. Makes you wonder if we need to spend thousands of Rands for new magazines for the few (very few!) members that read them? Help will also be required to sort through the books groaning on the bookshelves in the library at the moment – NONE of which are read by anyone. Any suggestions?

In our birthday corner for October, I have Chris Pretorius – happy birthday and happy days with the new loco!

Imogene Groothuizen

Pietermaritzburg model stationary engines

A few more have been ordered and we will announce what is available in a future newsletter.

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

Wanted Jon Shaw still 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.

jonsamshaw@gmail.com or phone 0123320814 cell 0724370710.

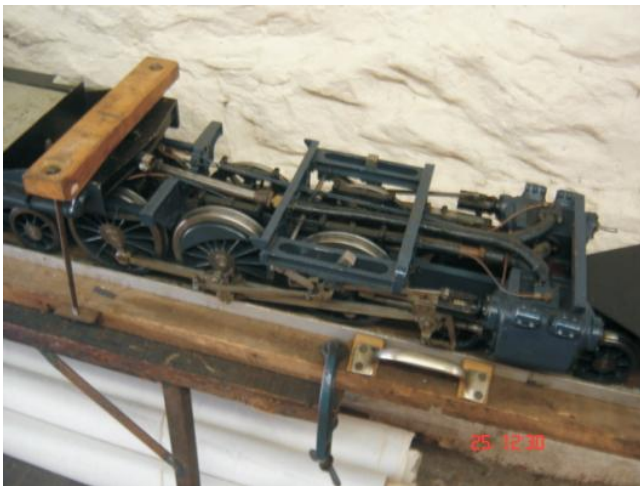
FOR SALE

When my father passed away in 1992 he was busy building a 3½" gauge scale model of A Class 15 Rhodesian Railways Garratt locomotive. It wasn't initially to come to me in his will but by a circuitous route it has landed up in my workshop.

I felt that I could complete it and run it in Port Elizabeth. This plan was all very well until I really gave it a lot of thought. The first problem is that my workshop is too small and does not afford me enough space so it has been decided to sell the locomotive. A further problem is that I do not have enough time left to me.

The boiler has a certificate issued by PEMLS but it has not yet steamed. It has run on compressed air very successfully. The state of build is about 75% completed. There is a full set of drawings, an erection trolley and a transport board. **The selling price is R50 000.**

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Ian Dewsbury is interested in the hobby and is contemplating constructing a loco, so he needs some means with which to proceed, so if you have a lathe for sale such as a Myford ML7 or similar in reasonable condition contact him at dewsburyian@gmail.com , alternatively if you can offer advice on which would be good Chinese lathes please contact him.

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 or 0825777813.

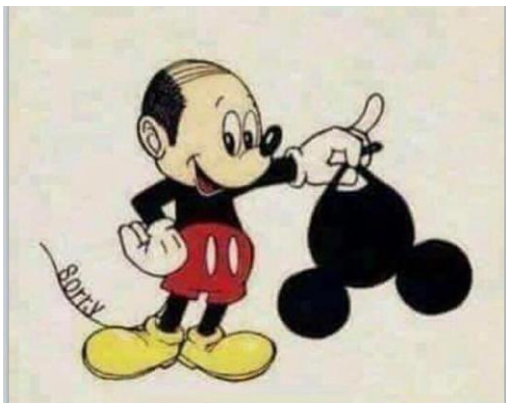
Joe Magill is a member of the Knysna Society of Model Engineers and has **FOR SALE** a 5-inch gauge kit for an L.N.E.R. 4-6-0 "Springbok" locomotive, drawings by Martin Evans, and although no mention is made of the castings, these are in superb condition, beautifully cast. However due mainly to a serious 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 jmjomaqill@gmail.com



Now the fun bits

What rhymes with hearts?!



Not many people know that Mickey Mouse is actually bald



THE DAY GARREY REALISED HE NEEDED A HEARING-TEST

