



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 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 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.

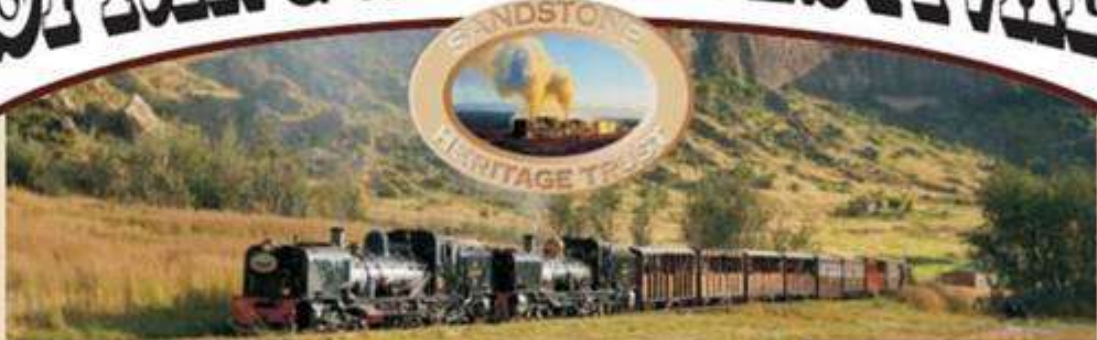
Those members without email can collect a copy of the newsletter from the clubhouse on track day.

Next Club Meetings

The Saturday and Sunday of the 3rd Sunday weekend of the month will again resume as the member's days and that Sunday also being steam Sunday for the public. This month the 17th & 18th of October will be the member's weekend. Members are welcome any other time by arrangement with Swannie 012 643 0750, 071 619 1644. The gates are again operational by cellphone.

Just North of Ficksburg — join us for a 4-day

SPRING STEAM FESTIVAL



Enjoy an unforgettable day with us in the Eastern Free State, see vintage cars & trucks and ride on the Sandstone Heritage Trust's world famous private 2ft Narrow Gauge Vintage Steam Railway.



This wide variety of working South African Heritage lies in the foothills of the Maluti Mountains ... visit us to experience the unique Free State country hospitality.



STEAM TRAIN RIDES
on our Narrow Gauge Railway
daily from 10am



MORE TO SEE: Walking Tours of the farm complex,
see the vast collections of old engines and farm equipment
— or even take a slow Ox Wagon ride — so much on offer!

Wide open
spaces!
Picnic Area!
Refreshments
available

19 to 22 November 2020

Entrance Fee: R200 pp, R125 per child under age 12
* train rides included (from 10am) *

COVID-19 REGULATION COMPLIANT EVENT
MASKS, DISTANCING & RESTRICTED NUMBERS WILL BE IN EFFECT

On the R26 between Fouriesburg & Ficksburg — Read more: www.sandstone-estates.com

ENQUIRIES: Call 051 933 2235 or 071 658 6970

Obituary

Ben Van Rooyen passed away on 13th October. Ben was always in attendance at the track site whenever it was open helping with whatever had to be done. He took on one of the less popular jobs of gatekeeper, being at the gate to welcome the public and take their entrance fees. His was the first cheery and smiling face they met on entry for the day. Ben was always on hand for driving at parties and whenever needed and was always busy with

whatever needed doing. Rest in peace Ben and thank you for your support of the Society. We will all miss you.

Chairman's comments.

Secretary's Bit



Oktober is die mooiste, mooiste maandbut the rain (?) is coming. So, Leon and co have been working nonstop to try and finish the new storage facility. Let us hope it will be done in time.

Sunday attendance and party bookings are slowly picking up, but we are not out of the woods yet. For instance, our labourers are not working full time yet. Therefore, if you can at all spare the money, contributions to the Covid rescue fund will be highly appreciated. A big thank you for members that have

supported the CSME in these difficult times.

I have only Bruce Murray celebrating a birthday this month. Many happy returns.

Imogene Groothuijzen.

Track and grounds

The track and grounds are still being well maintained thanks to Swannie and his workers. The main water system pipe was repaired so now all areas of our premises can be watered, and the planting of Keiapple plants around the perimeter is finished. Those already planted are beginning to revive with the water. We have lost a few trees so now we can see which are sleeping and those which have died and consider replacement. Trees from our nursery that are large enough to survive have been placed around the grounds for planting.

Tuesday and Saturday Gangs

I have been rather remiss in that I have not acknowledged **Francois Hanekom** joining the Tuesday gang some while ago, my apologies Francois, thank you for giving your time and expertise to join us. Welcome.

The Tuesday gang have been doing maintenance mainly on lawnmowers etc. and other odd jobs. The large compressor Has been reinstalled and on a yet higher pedestal. There has been a start on Saturdays again to get the new storage area work going again. Work has started on track construction from the new storage building toward the station. Leon would appreciate any assistance offered in connection with the new storage and trackwork. Contact him 082-577-7813



Lift stanchions now in place in the new storage.



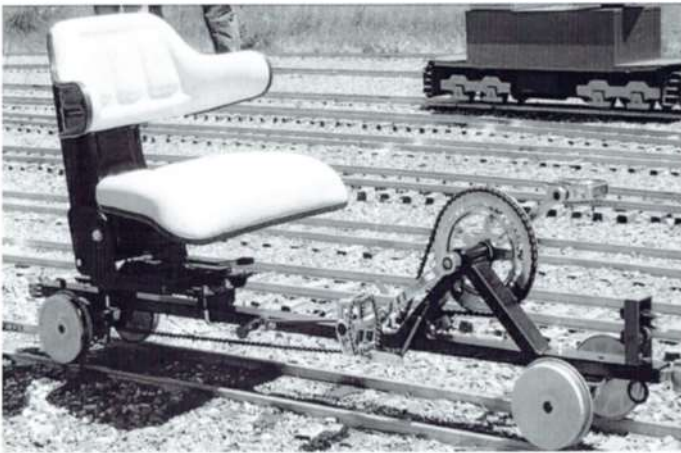
Campers washing up sink redone.

Member's home progress



Hannes Paling has been busy with construction of his new project – class 18E electric loco.

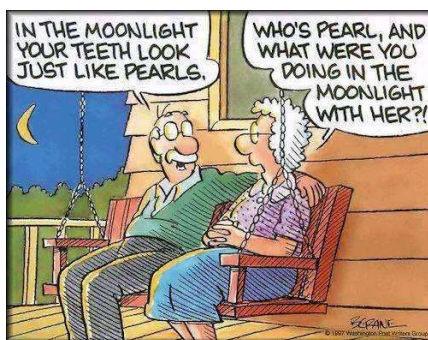
Funnies



New loco for after covid weight rehabilitation.



Street golf



Shock is when you come across your wife's high school report card comments:

..."Very obedient & soft spoken student"...

The secret of enjoying
a good wine:

1. Open the bottle to allow it to
breathe.



2. If it does not look like it's breathing
give it mouth-to-mouth.

**IN WINE
THERE IS WISDOM,
IN BEER
THERE IS FREEDOM,
IN WATER
THERE IS BACTERIA.**