



# THE CENTURION SMOKEBOX

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

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### Membership Fees for 2021 are unchanged from 2019/20

**2021 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  
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Reference: **Your Full Name/ subs 2021 (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

This month the 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> of September we will be our member's weekend followed by an open weekend for members and public 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> a scaled down version of the customary September Fair. The G scale members will put on a display running over the 3 days.

## Chairman's comments.

The Covid lockdown has been adjusted allowing 500 people at an outdoor gathering, just in time for the long weekend of the 24<sup>th</sup> September. We did not arrange a September fair, as it will attract more visitors than allowed, but we plan to open for the public from Friday to Sunday.

**We need the support of members to assist with driving and crowd control.** We look forward to hosting the public again.

Visitor attendance picked up on running days after the easing of lockdown at the beginning of the month. This allowed us to improve our financial situation, finishing off the container move with a roof. We are also working full steam on the raising of the old storage tunnel tracks. It is the last portion of our flood mitigation plans, and we hope to complete it before the next heavy rains and flooding.

## Secretary's Bit

MEMBERS ONLY!

Club day in August was a dismal affair weather wise resulting in poor attendance from the public. But it turned out to be a real members' club day – I counted 15 members attending. They in any event had a fun day. Birthdays for September are, Norman Reyneke, Carel Janse van Rensburg and Ballot Marx. Happy birthday! Imogene Groothuijzen

## Social media feedback

Wow! Centurion Society of model trains blew my mind. Such an awesome place to visit especially when you have a small kid. Not only do they have train rides with the most amazing gentlemen that drive the trains, but they also have a little kiosk, space for parties, ducks, rabbits, and jungle gyms. My daughters and I had such a magnificent time riding the train called 'Trompie' we had to go for another train ride on 'Dennis'. From what I could tell these trains are all based on Thomas and friends. They have several different trains, and we will definitely be going back soon to ride the other trains as well. We definitely made time to buy some duck feed at the kiosk to go feed the ducks. My toddlers enjoyed every second of it and seemed the ducks were rather pleased as well. What was also really impressive was that this place is well maintained and in great shape. I am definitely planning on having a party there for one of my daughters. I will recommend anyone to visit and support this amazing place. We had such a great time.

A pat on the back for all employees and members involved ----- Thankyou. ED.

## Track and grounds.

The track is in good order being set in concrete and the grounds are looking very dry and thirsty. We may have lost a few trees due to lack of rain and grass fires but as trees start to bud, we will see what we have and have not lost. The area in front of the old tunnels is a mess now during track raising work. Our Keiapple barrier may now have a few gaps if the smaller plants do not recover from the fire, but we shall soon see which ones survive.

## Tuesday and Saturday Gangs

Work is continuing to provide shelving in the containers, and the gap between the containers has been secured by palisade fencing. Overhead ironwork has been erected and roofing over the two containers and the space in between has been completed. A hand guillotine donated to CSME has been stripped and cleaned, and re-assembled, set up, and after blade sharpening by Leon even cuts paper well! Just the painting remains.

Links between the DZ trucks have been fitted and secured to the rear coupling of each truck, so hunting for links should be a thing of the past!



**Containers & lawnmower storage**



**Work on the old carriage storage to raise the tracks above historic flood levels**

## Member's progress



It seems that only two members are busy with locos according to lack of feedback so this month we have Leon's update on his rapid progress of the SAR class 5 loco. Looks like we will be having a maiden run in the not-too-distant future from our fast worker!

## Some of our regular revenue earning stalwarts



## For Sale

**Bill Trotter** has a Myford Lathe, as detailed below, which he must sell and is hoping this may be of some interest to one of our members. He has sent the same message to the PMB and Durban Model Engineers as well.

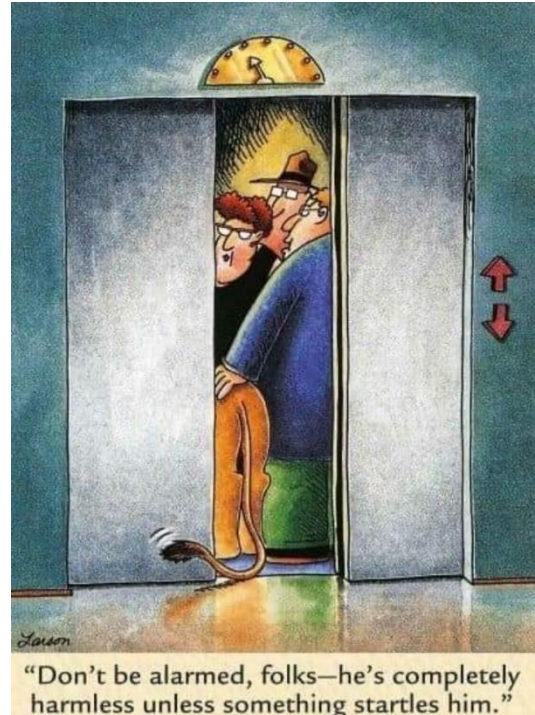
**Myford ML7** on metal stand and including following accessories: -

3 Jaw self-centring chuck with key, 4 jaw independent chuck with key, Face Plate, Catch plate Traveling Steady, Fixed Steady, Set of Change gears, four-way tool post, Single tool clamp, Dividing head with two dividing plates. **Asking price R12000.** Above can be viewed by appointment in Durban - Phone him on 031 2614342 or 0834401509.

## Funnies



DON'T WORRY ABOUT WHAT THE TEACHER SAYS. SHE'S BEEN IN KINDERGARTEN FOR 15 YEARS."



"Don't be alarmed, folks—he's completely harmless unless something startles him."

## **When you take kids for a walk:**

