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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.

Wishing all our readers a blessed Easter tide from Jon & Christine Shaw

Next Club Meetings

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

Chairman's comments

The whole world is in turmoil with covid-19 virus and the impact on society. We are directly impacted by the governments drastic actions to contain the virus. We cancelled public Sundays in support and compliance to the prohibition of all gatherings with more than 100 people. Parties are also impacted, and we were dealing with requests to cancel and postpone.

This was all before the national lockdown announced on Tuesday the 23rd. We are closed completely till the end of the lockdown. Our primary objective will be to protect the health of all our members, workers and public. We will continue to monitor our security systems to safeguard our assets.

Our target customers are families with young children, and the train rides put people in close proximity and contact with each other. A lot of our members are in the high-risk category due to their age as well. We need to support all calls to protect the health of our public and members.

At this stage we do not know how long the virus will impact society, and when things will return to normal. It is paramount that we do all we can to assist to stop the spread. We also postponed the Mini fair, as we cannot arrange anything for certain till the situation is normal again. The Nationals the first weekend of May will also be impacted.

It obviously will have dire impact on the society's finances, as basically all our income is dependent on public attendance. We are in the same situation as a lot of small businesses that saw their income reduced to zero overnight.

We trust that every member will take the necessary steps to minimize the risk of infection and adhere to governments calls to reduce the spread of the virus.

Leon

March Track day

The weather was fine and sunny, and the public turned out in numbers to make our opening worthwhile despite any fears about the corona virus. Leon & Michael did sterling duty with the Garratt steam hauling passengers. There was no shortage of drivers for the electric locos and some of the older drivers were able to sit back and just enjoy the day.

Pietermaritzburg model stationary engines

Stock of the PMB engines, conversion kits, and boilers have been depleted after orders received at the September fair, woodworking show and since. A new waiting list will be started for those requiring items out of stock. Email jonsamshaw@gmail.com or john.o@telkomsa.net with your requirements. Unfortunately, prices will have to increase when new stocks are ordered and delivered in the new year. We will only be ordering kits after the virus pandemic is over.

Track and grounds

The track does not appear to have suffered in the flood but the grounds were covered in a layer of litter brought downstream by the flood water, but this has been virtually cleared by a voluntary team of litter pickers who filled a large quantity of rubbish bags now cleared by the council.

Many thanks to the litter pickers and the council for their participation.

Just prior to lockdown we managed to plant a few tree saplings and some more Keiapples.

Monday and Saturday Gangs

Monday and Saturday gangs have been busy with changes to the workshop area putting in false floors above the last flood level and progressing with the storage facilities for our rolling stock in addition to continuing with clean up. Loco storage progress above last flood level as below.



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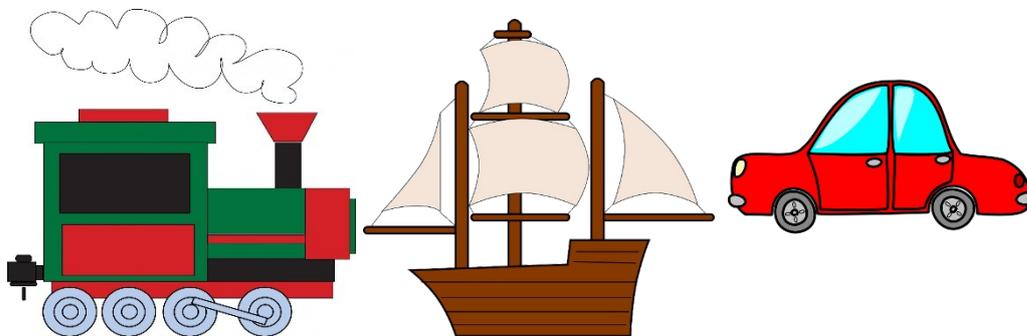
And there it is, and progress halted until we are allowed back on site again.

Secretary's Bit

Our plans for the Mini Fair for the weekend of 1-3 May 2020 also had to be cancelled. If we cannot find a suitable date for later this year, we will try again next year! The idea was to concentrate on "mini" i.e. any small model trains, trucks, cars, tractors, boats, motorbikes (like Dinky Toys for instance). This was not to be a mini September Fair as we were looking to create an event with its own character. However, due to circumstances we may have to include this event with the September Fair. Will keep you posted.

Birthday wishes for April go to Francois Hanekom. Marius Human and Nick Carr.

Imogene Groothuijzen



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Obituary

I received this email from Renza Lourens 9/4/2020. MARTIN LOURENS passed away. He was admitted with a stroke on 31 Dec. in Alberton Union hospital, but eventually died on 14 March in the Milpark ICU of kidney failure and pneumonia while on life support machines for 4 weeks. He enjoyed your meetings and model trains so much although his hobby was the HO gauge model trains. Regards and I wish you each and every one a better end to the year of a virus upsetting our lives. I do believe that it is also preparing us to meet our heavenly father, when you name is called!! Renza Lourens 082 852 4099. Our condolences, Sympathy and Love go out to Renza, family and friends from us all.

To keep you busy during lockdown here is a project from fellow member Johan Maritz.



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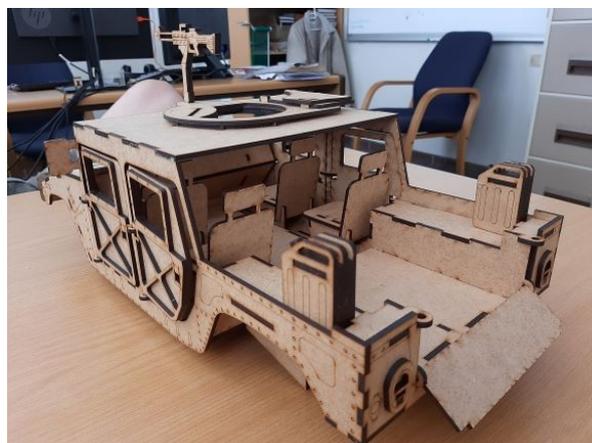
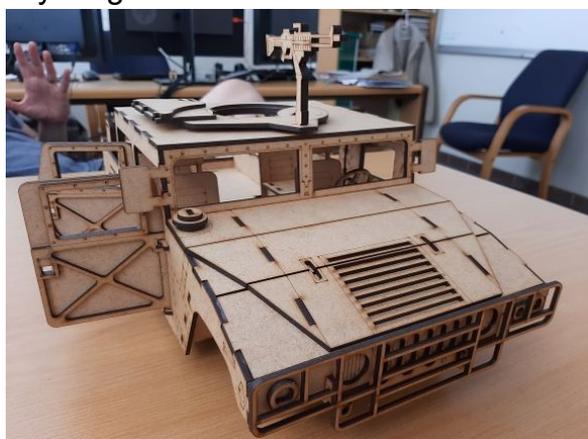


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A youngsters efforts with a laser cutter



Commercials

Hannes Paling still has the Roland DXY 990 A3 plotter and operation manual looking for a good home. Contact him on 013 697 0342 or japeng@mweb.co.za

Jon Shaw is looking for 3 pieces of flat bar, 50x20x220 long, 50x20x75 long, 50x20x150 long.

If anyone has some pieces for sale, please contact me on 0724370710 or jonsamshaw@gmail.com

Is anyone able to assist Jaco? he has a Zyto lathe like the Portass xl model. He's on the hunt for some technical information, can anyone please assist Him.

Jaco.Bloem@vanderlande.com

Hendrik Kassebohm hkrail@consultant.com

Being a retired German (Mech.) Engineer, and, of course, a big fan of railways for all of my life, I can finally find the time now to dedicate more time to my hobby, after years of travelling the globe from project to project (most of them having to do with railways, one of them GAUTRAIN, that once brought me to South African shores in 2007).

Currently I'm planning a (non-profit) project for a little school here in Boksburg, where my grandson is attending Grade 2 classes now.

Although I had originally planned to build a 5" or 7 1/4" gauge little shunter type (battery or gasoline powered) from scratch myself (which I technically could have done, given my skills), I had to abandon these plans nevertheless, as it would require too much

investment in expensive machinery, a vast array of additional tools, plus costly pre-manufacture (laser-cut & pre-machined metal parts) of numerous components. Not talking about the time to be spent on this.

Importing an affordable pre-machined kit (i.e. from UK or USA) has become prohibitively expensive in the meantime, too - with the prices soaring and the Rand in freefall at the moment against major foreign currencies, plus the enormous looming shipping costs (as these items are very heavy).

Thus, I'm checking whether there is someone in South Africa, who would like to give his locomotive into good, caring hands.

For the children's project a simple two or three axle design would do (i.e. "shunter type" or similar, Gasoline engine or Battery-powered, 5/8" or 7 1/4" gauge)

If such a used loco has some minor issues (i.e. a worn-out gasoline engine, or defective electric motors, problems with the electronic speed controller or similar) I wouldn't mind, **if the price is right.**

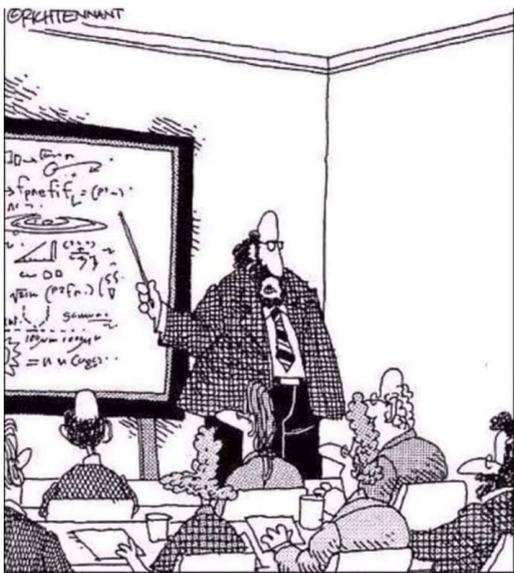
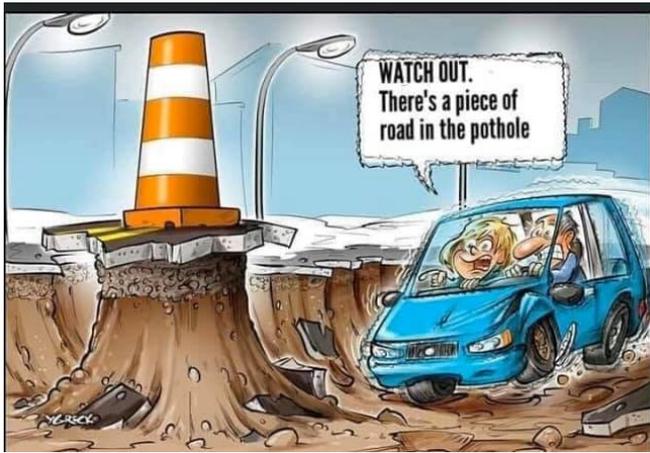
I can fix a lot of things in my little home workshop and am able to source new spare gasoline engines and electronic components (the latter from China) at relatively low costs.

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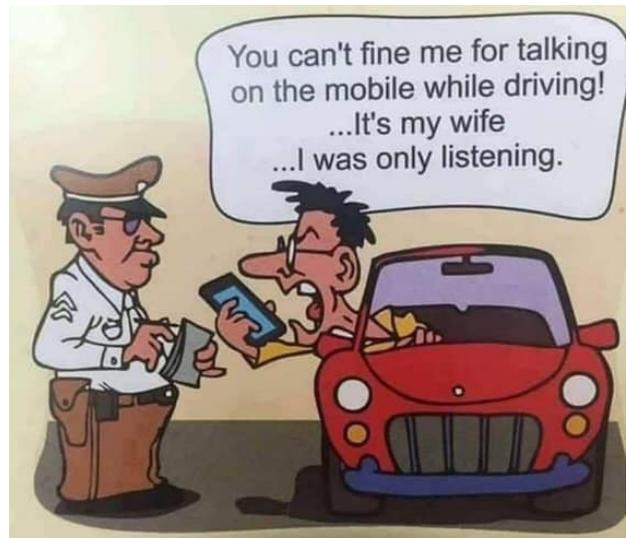
Extract from DSME newsletter. Hello, I am sending on info on various loco b & p I saw at Colin Healey's. They are a SIMPLEX derivative outside frames and boiler, MONA chassis with almost complete boiler and a host of other items, cylinders, wheels etc. The seller's details are included. Asking price R10k neg. gnortonkzn@gmail.com



Funnies



"Along with 'Antimatter,' and 'Dark Matter,' we've recently discovered the existence of 'Doesn't Matter,' which appears to have no effect on the universe whatsoever."



Valid Reason 😁