



# THE CENTURION SMOKEBOX

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

## Centurion Society of Model Engineers

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**2024 SUBS: R500 FOR ORDINARY MEMBERS R250 FOR SENIOR MEMBERS AND STUDENTS**

## **Official Correspondence & Newsletter**

If you read this and 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 and cell phone number. Those members without email can collect a copy of the newsletter on request from the clubhouse on track day. The news letters are also distributed via the official CSME Whatsapp group.

### **Next Club Meetings**

The Committee Meeting is on Saturday, 18 May 2024, and club track day on Sunday, 19 May 2024.

Members are welcome any other time by arrangement with Swannie 064 520 8572. The gates are operational by cell phone for members. Members, please contact Norman Reyneke to be added to the gate motor list.

### **Chairman's Chatter**

Another busy month for us, good weather, lots of public and regular steam.

Quite a few members joined Pietermaritzburg society for their open weekend the first weekend of May. Magnificent weather, a beautiful club, an excellent track, and incredible hospitality from our fellow model engineers. Lots of steaming and even a breakdown could not stop anything. Watch out for the photos later in the newsletter. Definitely a very successful event, and thanks to Pietermaritzburg for inviting and hosting us.

We started building the track for the raised track, and did 2 track sections during the Saturday work party. In the mean time the Tuesday gang cut slabs, and continued work on the tunnel. We plan to work again Saturday, please join us if you can.

Leon

## Secretary's Bit

**Some members Subs for 2024 remain unpaid: Full members (Employed) R500.00, Retired and Junior Members: R250.00.**

All Drivers are reminded, that the public ride our trains to enjoy the ride and get an opportunity to view our beautiful park and the many birds and little animals that abound. It is not a race to see how fast you can get them around the track so that you can pull as many passengers as possible. Speeds need to be reduced in general! This will make the whole experience much safer and avoid unnecessary derailments.

Our May birthdays: René Bosch, Zuhann Henning and Derick Louw. We wish them all the best for another trip around the sun.

Norman

## From the Editor

Thank you very much for all the contributions for this edition of **THE CENTURION SMOKEBOX**.

We have more **REPORTS BACK FROM TRAVELLING MEMBERS** with members visiting BSME and PMES. ME is alive and well in the RSA!

We are starting organising the **ME FAIR 2024**, with details in the following pages.

If you have any material, tools, parts or projects for sale, please share and we will do our best to get parts used and projects revived or locos running again.

Contributions to the **SELL / SWOP / WANTED** is what assist to keep the hobby alive, and might just convince a potential new model engineer to get going! A great buy this month, well worth considering!

Carel

# Centurion Society of Model Engineers



CSME 32-45mm Group  
Centurion Mini Truckers



## Model Engineering Fair 21 & 22 September 2024

### Hobbies Crafts Food

Entrance: R30 per person 9:00 - 16:00

(includes one free ride on the mini trains per entrance ticket, R15 per additional ride)

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It is time to prepare for our yearly Model Engineering Fair.

This year, Heritage Day falls on the Tuesday, which makes it theoretically not a long weekend. We set out the activities for the various days over the period as follows:

**Saturday, 21 September 2024 - Model Engineering Fair Day 1**

**Sunday, 22 September 2024 - Model Engineering Fair Day 2**

**Monday, 23 September 2024 - Members Only Day**

**Tuesday, 24 September 2024 - Heritage Day - "Normal Open Day to the Public"**

We call on all members to plan their participation to make this year's ME Fair a successful and memorable event as per CSME tradition.

We also invite members of other model engineering societies to join us over this period. Camping is available and free for these members.

Campers are more than welcome to make it a long weekend as per normal CSME camp practice. Please give us an indication of your intent to camp in order to coordinate the areas and give every one opportunity to enjoy our excellent facility.

Any suggestions or proposals for activities, exhibitions and showcasing what we do, or other hobbies/clubs and crafts participation can be discussed with any of the committee members and/or directly with Carel Janse van Rensburg, 076 7749 221, the coordinator of the ME Fair 2024.



## Report Back from Travelling Members

The last couple of months was very busy all over South Africa, Model Engineering related. Very successful events were hosted by the Bloemfontein Society of Model Engineers as well as the Pietermaritzburg Model Engineering Society, with members from other Societies and Clubs joining the events. Here follows pictures telling the story of an active Model Engineering Community in the RSA:



Oom Willem en Michael tydens hulle besoek aan BSME.



Altyd goed om n vol trein stasie te sien!



## Report Back from Travelling Members



A busy PMES steam bay.





## Report Back from Travelling Members



Now that is how a steam meet station should look like!





## Report Back from Travelling Members



Out on the track.



Breakdown train after a crosshead pin fell out.

Coffee break.





## CSME Raized Track



Inner track builders doing what the do,  
building the inner track.

This feature is turning out to be a gem of  
model engineering.





# Centurion Mini Truckers

The Centurion Mini Truckers continue to amaze visitors with their stunning set-up and RC models. The working sand plant, built by them, is operating with various hoppers, conveyor belts and Trommel Screen. A great future at CSME.





## Who's doing what?

### Wig-Wag Engine

Drawings & Build Notes  
Ade Swash 2019

Revision 4.1  
January 2021



Michael scratch building a  
Wig-Wag Engine.



Eddie Lloyd's boiler almost complete just the  
foundation ring, it was a real challenge.  
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## Sell / Swop / Wanted pages

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R35,000.00

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