



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 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 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 20th & 21st of November we will be our member's weekend

Arrangements for the holiday period are: - 16th December is the club party, 19th December we are open to the public for the last time this year, then the premises are closed until we reopen on Sunday 9th January for public running again.

Obituary

Again, I must announce another of our brothers passing away. Peter Tempest's wife Ciska informed me that Peter passed on couple of weeks ago. Peter had relocated to George (if I remember correctly) a while ago. (Some of our older members will remember him as I do).

Chairman's comments.

We had a bumper of a November, with a steam locomotive every Sunday thanks to a team of hard-working drivers. We had good weather and a lot of support from the public.

We are currently diverting some of the extra income to overdue maintenance. We did lot of painting and even the swing bridge is again showing off with its unique shade of red. The Gangs are working hard to complete the first part of elevating the truck storage, and we also build the walls next to the track to the storage.

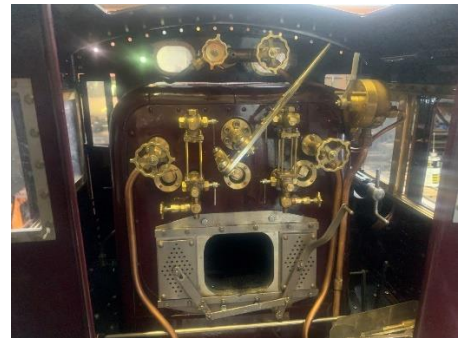
The premises looks good after the rains, and we look forward to more locomotive owners coming out to play. We also look forward to seeing what is happening in the workshops, please share info and photos with the editor for publishing.

We plan again our members party on the 16th of December with the final running day of the year on the 19th. Look forward to seeing everyone again. Please let the Secretary know if you plan to attend, we need to make sure we cater properly for everyone. We will share final arrangements in December.

Please remember to return floating trophies to the club before the 16th of December.

Update on 5 class

A few photos showing progress, amazing how much time goes into the final touches before it is ready for the track.



Leon also went to the Willem Prinsloo agricultural museum recently and sent photos.





Secretary's Bit

You know, with Covid *et al* being with us, it made me realise that we still have a lot to be thankful for. For instance, our club facilities. I am in the mood for reminiscing so....

The very original club was started way back in 1961. It was then called "Pretoria Live Steam Club/Pretoria Stoomtrekkrakklub". In March 1985 the then Verwoerdburg Town Council made a piece of land available for the building of a "proper" track and facilities. The Council undertook the erection of the buildings and all the major earthworks, including the creation of three lakes. It was up to the members to lay the required tracks. This commenced in April 1991 and was completed by January 1992. Eventually, the whole plot was coming together, and the club could announce its official opening of the site on 12 June 1993.

We now have three affiliated groups, the boat club, the G-scale enthusiasts, and the Centurion Mini Truckers on site. These groups all add to the general entertainment of the public and give those members a permanent site to play.

It is important to remember that the main function of the CSME is still to provide members with a safe and attractive area to run their trains. The business side has become a necessity to provide and maintain the facilities. More and more we find that the Municipal Council cannot fulfil their obligations and it is up to the society to do the necessary.

We have come a long way, guys! Keep it up!

Imogene Groothuijzen

Track and grounds.

The track up to the elevated storage building is completed but remains to be concreted. The retaining wall has been built and the steps from the main track level to the storage lines now have a rail for the oldies like me to descend safely. The elevated truck access to the old storage tunnels is progressing well. The recent rain will necessitate the increased use of lawnmowers and encourage growth of plants all around. Hopefully we can get the garden reinstated before the annual shut down.

There has been painting done around the site and buildings and hopefully we can complete before year end, thanks to certain committee and Tuesday gang members together with labourers.

We have some trees in the nursery ready to plant so it seems now is the time to do it!

Dead trees around must be removed and cut up, but we need more volunteers on a Tuesday to assist with the list of jobs that never end as each week more are added!



Tuesday and Saturday Gangs

The Tuesday gang apart from the everyday maintenance is have been working hard on painting procuring consumables, paint coal etc. 6 new sites for brick braai places have been marked out, fencing erected by the truckers, east gate cabling fixed, new signage erected and new saplings set out in the nursery as well as above mentioned jobs. Come and look round the site to see what was done, and if you are available join us for camaraderie as well as work! And the newly painted swing bridge!



The SA CNC group

The SA-CNC have a yearend visit to Jan Hugo's factory. Jan Hugo Precision Engineering manufactures high precision components which includes the medical, aeronautical and defence industries <http://www.jhprecision.co.za/>

After the factory visit, they depart to Prof Rudy's home where they will view the second completed Meso Milling Machine and later enjoy a braai lunch and socializing.

Factory visit:

- When: Saturday 4 December 2021, 10:00 - 12:30
- Where: Jan Hugo Precision Engineering <http://www.jhprecision.co.za/> 1022 Kruger Avenue, Lyttelton Manor, Centurion
- Parking: Available on the premise, please arrive in time :-)

Bring & braai:

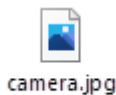
- When: Saturday 4 December 2021, 12:45 – late
- Where: 546 Verdi Street, Constantia Park, Pretoria
- Bring with: Own lunch, cutlery & drinks. And a camping chair.
- Braai fire will be provided.

Regards,
Derek

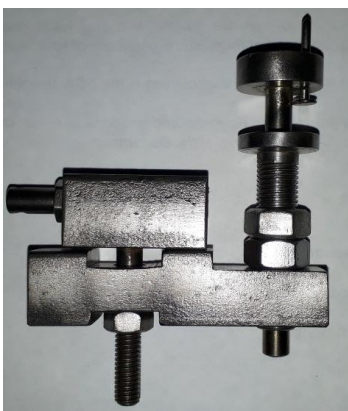
James Lourens owns an antique British camera (open photograph above) which is missing a brass nut on the front aspect.

Assuming that the Centurion Society of Model Engineers typically manufactures lots of parts for model steam trains I am hoping that someone from the society might be able to fabricate a replacement brass nut for my camera.

If anybody from the society is able and willing to assist me, he/she can contact me via WhatsApp at the following number:
0713710963



James Lourens
Pretoria



does anybody know what this is? I don't!

For Sale

5" Gauge Steam Loco

Nigel Gresley

with a ride on passenger coach

R85 000.00

or an acceptable offer

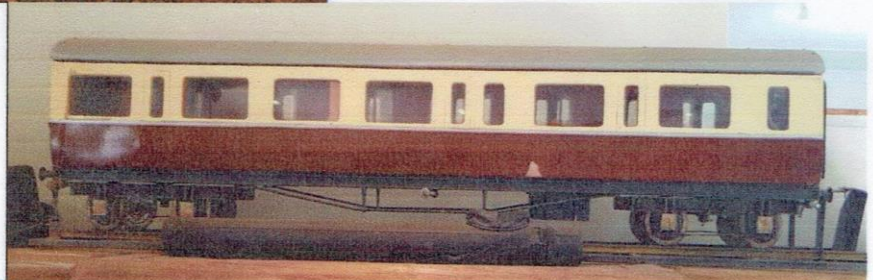


Contact George

@083 268 5675

For further information
and pictures

This train is in 100%
operational condition
and skillfully
manufactured



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changes his fb
status from
'single' to 'in a
relationship'...he
should actually
say..
"Under new
Management"**



Hope I get a willing buyer for my
latest canvas...oil on canvas 800
x1200..entitled..JHB BY NIGHT'..

**SO A NEIGHBOR
KNOCKED ON MY
FRONT DOOR AT 3AM...
3AM!!!
LUCKILY I WAS
ALREADY UP PLAYING
THE BAG PIPES.**



SOCIAL DISTANCE SERVICE DOGS



AVAILABLE WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

I'm no wildlife expert, but I think
this monkey might be drunk.

