

THE CENTURION SMOKEBOX



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

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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, 16 November 2024, and club track day on Sunday, 17 November 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

Despite the VERY cold weather on the Saturday of the Model Engineering Fair, Sunday was well attended. With most of the stalls staying for the Tuesday, it turned out to be a busy day as well.

Talking to people attending, we had a different visitor group attending, so it was well worth exposing our hobbies to a different public. We also saw the 45mm track out again, and quite a few beautiful works in progress.

Thanks to everyone that helped, also special thanks to Carel for organising it. It helped drawing a few quiet members out, look forward seeing all again.

With the hot weather we saw busy Sundays every weekend since then as well.

With the end of the year approaching fast, please book the long weekend of the 16th and Saturday of the 14th December for our year end function so long.

Leon

Secretary's Bit

Some drivers are still allowing children free reign on the trains, which is a very dangerous situation should one of them be seriously injured. Not to mention the implications for the club's Indemnity Insurance. Please gents, be vigilant at all times, especially at birthday parties on non-open days and of course on public open days. The later it gets in the day, the naughtier they become.

October saw the birthdays of Sam van Rensburg and Lukas Nel.

Our November birthdays: Leon Kamffer, Dirk Boshoff, Robbie Wait.

We wish them all the best.

It is very important for members to confirm attendance, plus numbers of family members with me for the year end function. We need to ensure that we prepare and cater for all.

Norman

From the Editor

.Thank you very much for all the contributions to this edition on **THE CENTURION SMOKE BOX**.

Please accept my apology for not publishing the October 2024 newsletter. My external hard drive (where my life was stored) was damaged two days before the September Fair and was in for a data recovery process. After 6 week in this process, the diagnoses this week is that the data is too corrupt to be recovered successfully. I now have two external hard drives, in addition to the computer storage, plus a cloud back-up. I wish this trauma to no one, and my message to every one: **DON'T FORGET TO BACK YOUR DATA** (even if you have two external hard drives, computer storage plus cloud back up!).

If you have any parts, projects, tools, material or running engines you would wish to sell, consider advertising in our **SELL/SWOP/WANTED** section.

Carel

CSME Year End Function



Program for the CSME year end weekend, 14 to 16 December 2024

The CSME year end function will be on Saturday, 14 December 2024.

Members may enjoy club facilities from early, camping as per tradition, family, specially young members and unlicensed members play with private and club locos.

Afternoon tee with cake table, with the year end speech by our chairman, and prize giving.

Father Christmas handing out presents to young and old.

Lamb on the spit late afternoon followed by an evening train run to late.

(members must confirmed attendance with Norman Reyneke)

Sunday 15 December 2024 will be open to the public, with Monday 16 December also open to the public and or last running day for the year.

Please bring your own cutlery, including plates as well as drinks.

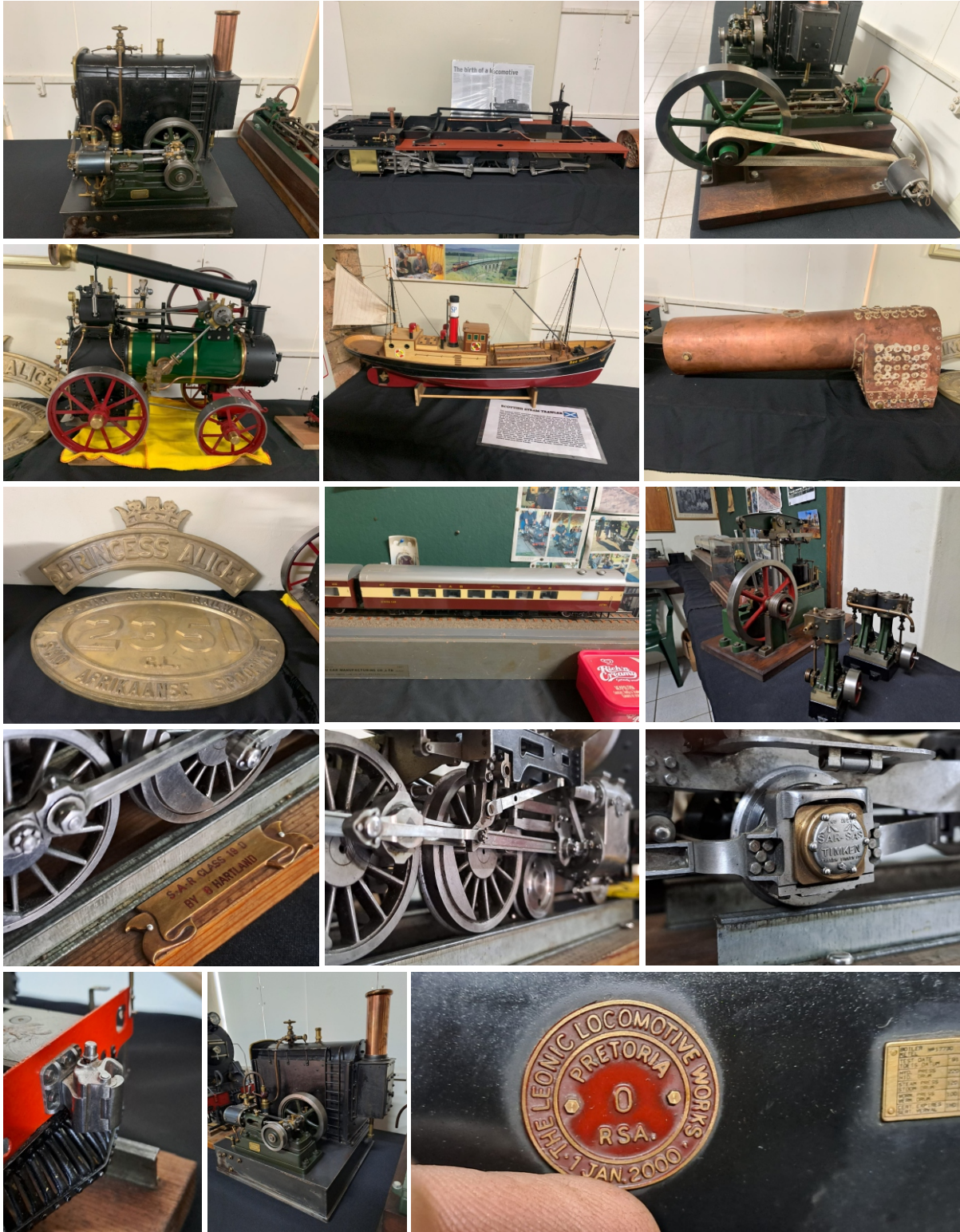
Coffee, tee and milk will be available as per usual.

See everyone at Meerpark Station

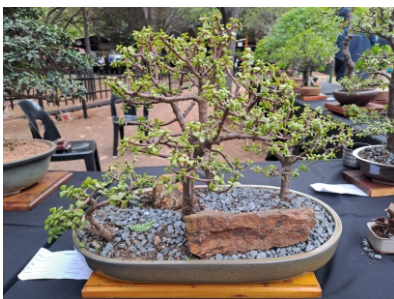


CSME Model Engineering Fair 2024

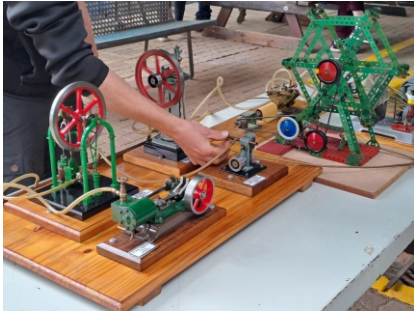
The September Model Engineering Fair 2024 was special this year, with heat waves the week before, mid winter weather during the event, and summer returning a week later. Despite the cold, we had excellent displays by members and non members with other hobbies and interests. Thank you very much to each and every one who showcased their work and collections. We turned the clubhouse into a clubhouse. This sparked a discussion during the October committee meeting, which turned into a project to construct lockable display cabinets for safe and secure long term displays of ME and interesting items in the clubhouse. Please feel free to participate in this project, suggestions and proposals are welcome.



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Cornie Malan, son of CSME Honorary Life Member de Leeuw Malan, visited during the ME FAIR from Natal, and donated this special framed picture of his father leaving MEERPARK station years ago.

Thank you very much Cornie!

Who's doing what?

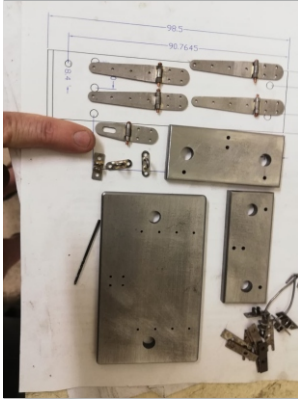
Leon busy with a master piece SAR/SAS X20 water tanker for his garratt.



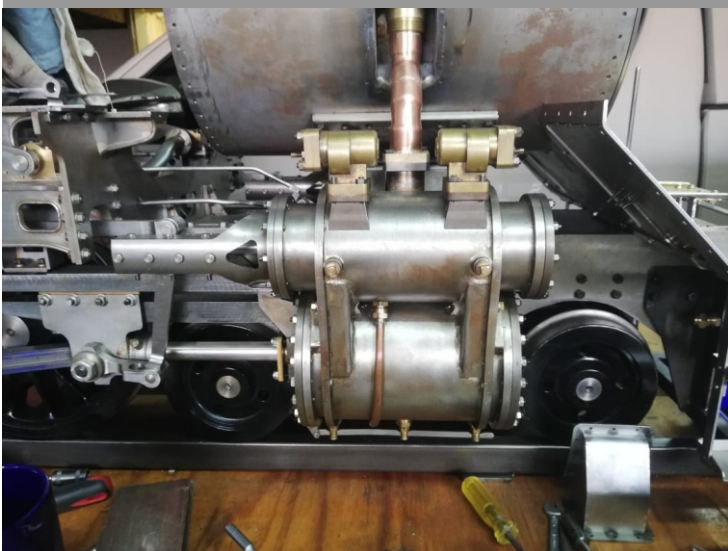
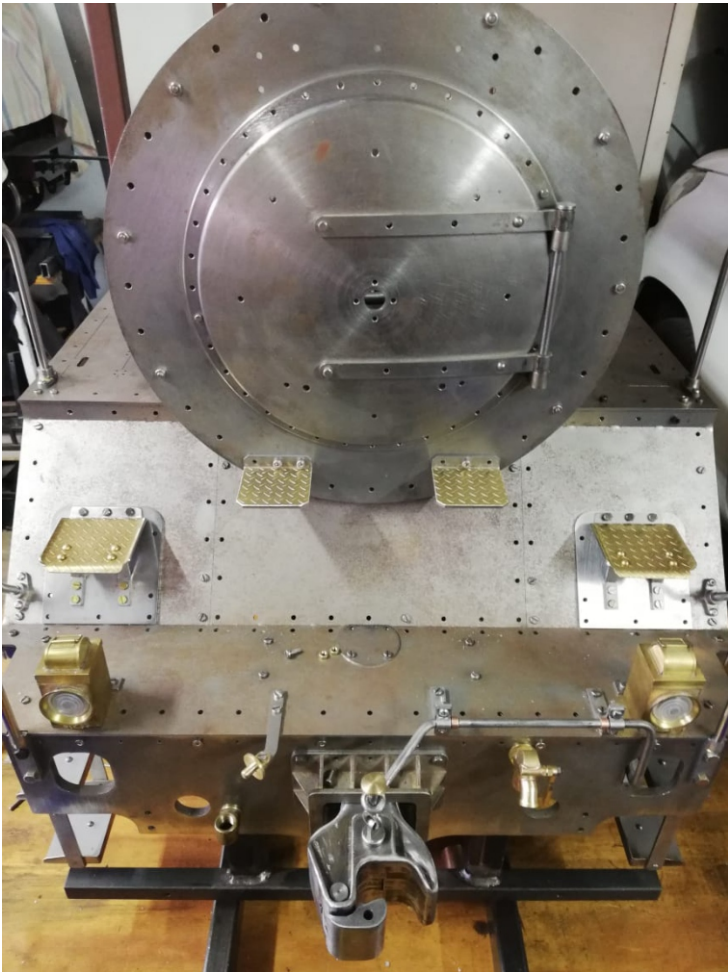
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Johnny 'Jigs' Sharpe with more jewellery for his 7 1/4 inch 19D build:



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The author with some lost wax castings in brass. Live steam plumbing fittings in HO to Cape Gauge 1, 3 1/2 inch to 7 1/4 inch. Axle boxes, Axle box covers and other fittings.



CSME Members out and about



Neil and myself busy with Live Steam Propaganda at the Noord Transvaal Modeltrein Klub Swop meet event at the Voortrekker Monument.



Andre driving Leon's 16DA at RSME.



Michael with a great initiative at Waverley, Johannesburg, driving live steam at events with portable track.

