



THE CENTURION SMOKEBOX

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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**
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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

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

Comment from our vice chairman - Public parks are closed except for training..... isn't that what we do train...ing?

Chairman's comments.

Another month of no public activities at the club. We are still maintaining the club and the premises is still secure. We managed to keep the club grounds clean and secure.

At the time of writing this we just moved to lockdown level 2 that allow social gatherings up to 50 people, with all sectors of the economy except certain specified activities allowed to operate while complying with the Covid regulations.

From the club's perspective we must restart our social and income generating activities, otherwise we may not survive at all.

In light of this we decided to allow party bookings, as well as limited running on Sundays, adhering to the guidelines limiting access to 50 people at a time, and requiring that the public follow general Covid requirements such as masks and social distancing as required by the Covid lockdown regulations. The premises are also available any time when arrangements is made with the caretaker for members and their families and guests to steam up. Please be aware that it may be difficult to accommodate groups if we already have public on the premise, so members are welcome to make use of the club on other available days, with no other members of the public present.

We will also restart with the storage construction and hope we can finish before the rainy season. Please arrange with any of the committee members, you are welcome to come and take care of specific tasks when no one else is around or in small groups to limit risk. We also have outstanding flood repairs as well, like our main compressor.

We trust that everyone is still safe and healthy. We understand that certain members may still be hesitant due to their personal circumstances to attend larger gatherings, but there is definitely opportunity for them to enjoy the track on closed days.

We had some news of members projects, please keep our editor informed so he can share with everyone.

Let us get the smell of steam oil, the sound of whistles and the whine of the electrics going.
Leon

Secretary's Bit



With all the uncertainty surrounding Covid-19 and what we may and may not do, I thought I should bring the following to members' notice:--- In terms of the regulations promulgated under the Disaster Management Act, public parks are closed to the public except for serious physical training. John O'Mahony succinctly pointed out that that was what we do: train ing. Unfortunately, this will not hold water.

We are situated on a public park and irrespective of what our activities may entail, we are not allowed to use the park. The committee has looked at all kinds of ways to accommodate our members, but this is the fact that we cannot get ignore. You will no doubt know that in the event of

transgressing the regulations, being caught, and finally paying a fine, you attract a criminal record. Worth it?

A personal note of thanks to members supporting the Covid Rescue Plea. Without your support we will not be able to carry on until, hopefully later this year, we can recommence activities. I advised that Nick Popich had his birthday last month but failed to mention that it was his 90th! Well done, Nick. This month will see Rudy du Preez, Daan du Plessis, Johan Maritz and Troy Bentley blowing out the candles on the birthday cake. Happy days, guys!

Pine Pienaar het onder my aandag gebring dat hy en sy familie 'n jongste seun op 30 Mei 2020 aan 'n onverwagse hartaanval verloor het. Ons simpatie gaan uit na hulle. Cornelius was 'n bekende sanger, onder andere wenner van die destydse program *Noot vir Noot* en het saam met ander kunstenaars soos Lance James opgetree.

Imogene. (Received by the editor prior to latest announcements)

Track and grounds

The track and grounds are being well maintained thanks to Swannie and his workers. The main water system pipe was repaired so now all areas of our premises can be watered, and the planting of Keiapple plants around the perimeter will be resumed. Those already planted are beginning to revive with the water. We have lost a few trees but are waiting for spring to show which are sleeping and those which have died.

Tuesday and Saturday Gangs

The Tuesday gang have been doing maintenance mainly on lawnmowers etc. and other odd jobs. There will be a start on Saturdays to get the new storage area work going again so contact Leon if you are able to assist.

Member's home progress

Leon's photos, assembling of the SAR Class 5 crossheads, and steam brake cylinders.



Funnies



**THE OLDER YOU GET,
THE MORE YOU REALIZE
THAT NO ONE HAS A CLUE
WHAT THEY'RE DOING.**

