



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**
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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

This month the 14th & 15th of August we will resume our member's weekend and we request all attending to strictly observe covid rules. The gates are operational by cellphone. The Tuesday maintenance gang are working as normal and welcome any retired (or not) members to join us if you are able.

Note

Some members are not getting newsletters because they are on telkomsa.net and the files are being rejected because they are too large, if you are not receiving newsletters and anybody shows you this newsletter, please open a Gmail address and let me know, and we can bypass Telkom.

Note from RSME

Just to confirm that we are hosting the planned mini steam meet for members of the Gauteng clubs on Friday 3 September and Saturday 4 September.

This meet is closed to the public. Any passenger hauling will be informal for attendees only.

Night-time running appears to be illegal currently.

We will advise of any other attendance restrictions if the Lockdown Regulations on gatherings still limit us to 100 persons inside the fenced area. (These would be restricting attendees to immediate family only).

This is an informal gathering, and we will only provide tea/coffee and braai fires.

Participants are asked to do their own catering and bring their own steam oil.

Our standard Safety Rules apply.

Steam meet attendees are welcome to run at our normal Club Day on Sunday 5 September. This is open to the public and we run passenger hauling.

Chairman's comments

Lockdown restrictions have eased, so we started to open and run parties adhering to the Covid regulations. Thanks to our regular drivers that hauled steam as well.

The container move is complete, and the area paved. A job well done by our Tuesday gang during the last 2 months.

Hopefully the Covid wave will stay under control, and we are allowed more members of the public soon. We decided to open for a few of the public holidays to have more opportunity for public running as numbers are limited. We may also be able to arrange a long weekend and some activities during September.

We still look forward to hearing more of what happened in members workshops and hope to see a few surprises appearing after each lockdown.

We will start the Saturday work before running day again, as we still must finish raising the tracks in the old storages for carriage storage. Most of our equipment now has storage above the highest flood line.

Track and grounds.

Those attending this weekend will see that the tall weed and grass problem between CSME and the river has been solved by a fire, but some of the Kei apples may not survive the heat generated, so we will have to wait and see. When the mature Kei apples are dropping fruit, we will have to propagate some replacement seedlings.



The fire between CSME and the river



Fire chief Darleen doing sterling service

The surround of the storage containers that were moved to higher ground has been paved and the containers are being fitted out with heavy duty shelving.

The containers have been spaced apart to allow for the intervening distance to be enclosed to provide closed parking for our lawnmower collection etc.

We thank Swannie and the drivers for their dedication in keeping us running up to the latest lockdown despite some cold spells and reduced numbers of passengers.

Tuesday and Saturday Gangs

This Saturday the Saturday gang resumes so see you gang members there!

Lizzie is Francois Hanekom' s baby and is given TLC every week. This Tuesday was no exception, a good thorough cleanout from fire grate to chimney top was done apart from the usual repair and adjustment. A new set of laser cut wagon links supplied by Leon was cut apart, cleaned, and painted. The damaged coupling and link between two DZ wagons damaged during derailment was repaired. Much measuring, cutting, and welding was done to make large supports for wide heavy-duty shelves in one of the containers.

Member's progress

Back to the Nic Popich workshop for some more American switcher fittings photos.



Funnies

