



THE CENTURION SMOKEBOX

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

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Membership Fees 2017

2017 SUBS

**R300 FOR ORDINARY MEMBERS
R200 FOR SENIORS & STUDENTS**

Bank details for any payments to CSME.

For any payments please email details of payment to Mike at
csome.09@iburst.co.za

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 2017.

Note the account number change in red

Members are reminded that to obtain a CSME boiler certificate, the builder must consult our boiler inspector prior to commencing any work. This is to ensure the envisaged boiler is of an acceptable design and to ensure the boiler is built to current regulations and to plan the interim stages at which inspection is required. Our inspector is Leon Kamffer.

CSME have now adopted the Pietermaritzburg boiler code which will be published on the member's page of the website. **ALL members are requested to ensure that CSME have copies of the boiler certificates for all their locos.** Copies can be scanned and sent by email to jonsamshaw@gmail.com or lloyd@telkomsa.net or alternatively either bring your certificate to Jon Shaw or Rudy du Preez on club day to be copied or scanned. We then have a record should there be any insurance or Health & safety queries.

AGM have fixed the fees at the same level until end of 2017
Subs are now due for review at 2017 AGM for 2018.

According to our constitution those in arrears of subs for 2016 as at 1st May 2016 have automatically and voluntarily terminated their membership, and should contact the committee if they require being re-instated.

If you are intending to drive a loco on our track you must either have subs paid up to date as at the time of driving, or be a bona fide paid up member of another model engineering society to be covered by our public liability insurance.

Official correspondence and newsletter

If you are not receiving mail from the CSME you should contact the secretary or editor to update your details.
Those members without email can collect a copy of the newsletter from the clubhouse on track day.

The editor and committee wish all members, family and friends a Blessed & wonderful Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year. May you Travel safely and return to us unharmed.

Important Notices

1. The last public running day for this year is Sunday 11th December and we reopen to the Public on Sunday 8th January 2017. Closed to the public on 16th December.
2. The club Christmas party will be on Friday 16th December 2016 and members are welcome to come and steam up from early morning. Closed to the public.
3. The AGM will be on 19th February 2017 at 14h00 in the clubhouse. This notice is in accordance with the constitution.(relevant extract below)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING : held once annually as soon as is expedient after the end of each financial year at any time after the first day of January, but not later than the thirty-first day of March of the same year.
Notice to members - fourteen (14) days, in writing, stating date, time and place.

Christmas lights festival at Jacaranda children's home

This is a fantastic display put on every year to raise funds to keep the home open, and Troy Bentley and his team will be putting on a fantastic laser light show on the 14th and 15th December. The "liggerfees" runs the whole month so go to <http://jakarandaliggerfees.co.za/calendar/> for the information for the whole month's program. This fantastic show is for all ages and is well worth a visit so please support this very worthwhile charity.

CSME Christmas party

All Members of CSME and CMBC are invited to attend the Christmas party on the 16th December. Arrive early steam up and have fun. No public will be permitted. Bring your own meat and drinks. Members are requested to bring a bowl of salad to go on the table to share. CSME will provide the rolls and ice creams. Braai fires will be lit at lunch time.

The following items are for sale at the kiosk

- 1 Steam cylinder oil Engen Gencyl 460 available in 2L @ R120, 1L, 500mL and 250mL sizes are while stocks last. Smaller quantity prices Pro rata. Pack sizes will not be replaced until entire stock is sold.
- 2 CSME coffee mugs
- 3 CSME hats
- 4 2016 national badges both cloth and metal.
- 5 Charcoal in 5Kg bags and firelighters.

Monday Gang & Saturday Gang

Monday gang have been doing smaller jobs that have arisen and have not started any new larger projects due to the proximity of the annual closure.

Immediately after the shutdown, the Monday and Saturday Gangs are planning to start on 12th December to work on the irregularities of the new track. We will be commencing with the piece immediately after the new bridge then the lakeside loop to sort out and rectify a few nasties. We are expecting to have work for volunteers every day until Christmas if necessary, so if you can put in some time over this period it will be much appreciated. It is hoped that enough volunteers will be on leave in the area to assist in this project. The leaders of this project will be Ballot Marx and Leon Kamffer, so contact them soon for more information and to volunteer.

Centurion Society Track Standards.

Please note the Centurion track standards have been published on the member page of our website.

LOOKING FORWARD INTO 2016 & 2017 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The 2017 National model live steam meet will be at Western Province live steamers in the early part of the year, could be March or April – date yet to be confirmed by them.

The CSME are contemplating an event again over the 2017 September 23rd 24th 25th weekend. Watch this space for camping weekends in 2017.

Next Stars of Sandstone will take place from 30th March to 9th April 2017.

RSME club activities over the festive season are outlined below. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CLUB FACILITIES WILL BE CLOSED FROM 19th TO 31st DECEMBER.

Further information can be obtained from Cathy Ackerman at 011 674 3465.

Friday 16th public holiday This will be an open day for the public and members are welcome to run their models as per a normal club day.

Saturday 17th A Bring – and- Braai will be held for all members who would like to attend. Bring your own meat. A mixed salad and bread rolls will be available for club members. This will not be advertised to the public but any members of the public who see cars parked at the club and decide to visit for rides will not be turned away.

Sunday 18th This will be the usual 3rd Sunday open to the public. Members may enjoy their usual bring-and-braai activities.

Sunday 1st January 2017 Will be the usual 1st Sunday operations with the facilities open to the public.

Colin Retief Secretary

Commercials

Use this newsletter to advertise your for sale and wanted (wish list) items.

If the editor is not informed as to when to delete adverts, these will be removed at the editor's discretion

Jon Shaw is looking for a workshop manual for a 2005 Opel Corsa 1.7DTI Bakkie to either buy or loan for a few days. Email jonsamshaw@gmail.com or phone 0123320814 cell 0724370710

If you are interested in building a 7.25 Fairlie complex contact Jon Shaw who has access to drawings and some parts donated from the estate of the late John Gundry which can be viewed by appointment. A cash offer to the committee will be considered.



Arthur Culpan has these castings for sale, the loco is unknown, having seen these they could be 3½" or a small 5" and they look like they were originally sourced from the UK. Arthur is open to offers.

If you are interested phone him on 082 897 0249 or 011 452 2512 or fax 011 452 5946.

Ian Dewsbury is interested in the hobby and is contemplating constructing a loco, so he needs some means with which to proceed, so if you have a lathe for sale such as a Myford ML7 or similar in reasonable condition contact him at dewsburyian@gmail.com, alternatively if you can offer advice on which would be good Chinese lathes please contact him.

Next Club Meetings

Next running day will be Sunday 15th January 2017.

Committee meeting. Contact Rudy du Preez.

Christmas party Friday 16th December 2016

