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

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CSME NEWSLETTER JULY 2019

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Membership Fees for 2019 were raised as per the 2018 AGM

2019 SUBS, R400 FOR ORDINARY MEMBERS, R200 FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERS, 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 2019 (or what payment is for).**

Note the account number change in red

Official correspondence and newsletter

If you read a hard copy and are not receiving email from the CSME you should contact the secretary Imogene Groothuizen & editor Jon Shaw 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

Next running day will be Sunday 21st July 2019.

Next committee meeting will be at the clubhouse on Saturday 20th July 2019

The committee & members offer condolences to Eddie Lloyd on the sad loss of his father.

We also offer condolences to the family and friends of Rob Stieger

The Pietermaritzburg Model Engineering Society

Invites you to join them in Pietermaritzburg for the

2019 National Live Steam Meet

Which will be held on the first weekend, Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th August 2019.

All the normal fare will be available.

Contact: Alan Hill 072 3962592 or Martin Hampton 083 3883149

Relevant e-mail addresses are:

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We will at the same time be hosting our annual Hobbies Expo, 'Wings, Wheels and Whistles'.

The CSME will be hosting their 2019 Model Engineering Fair on 21st & 22nd Sept.

Volunteers are urgently needed please contact (082 809-3595) email: john.o@telkomsa.net

June Track day

We again had good weather not too cold, and passenger numbers were steady during the busier time of day. Steam was provided by Henk with the Veltbaan, Derick driving Leon's Garrett, Alex with No 73 and Michael driving the sawmill loco. The electric locos were out driven by several members. The Ladies as usual thankfully kept us in tea, coffee and the usual lekker goodies. The supply of these goodies are provided by the same few ladies each month, and it would be appreciated if some of the other attending members & wives could also bless us with sweet or savoury items as the tea and cake table is open to all members families.

Entrance gate control

Queries regarding entrance gate control and operation should be directed to Norman Reyneke (082-553-7344) email: fangrj@telkomsa.net

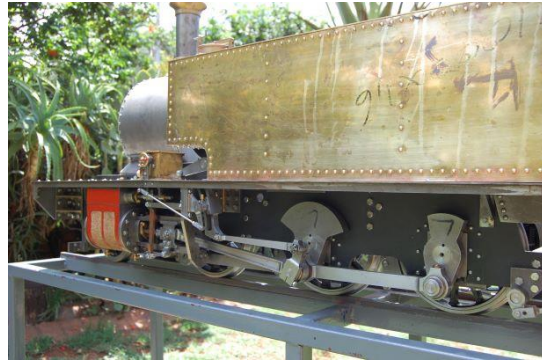
Have a look at <http://modelengineeringwebsite.com/> quite interesting.

Members Progress

The photos below on page 3 are of Eddie's Progress.

Eddie Lloyd is busy with Aquila 2-6-0 Narrow gauge tender-tank in 5" gauge.

Designed by Stephen Wessel. Construction commenced in 2010. All that remains to be done is the boiler, cleading, pipework and painting. The tender is complete. Well done Eddie we look forward to a successful maiden run!



Michael Eykelhof is also progressing well with his 7¼" simplex



Secretary/librarian's titbit



Two new members joined the club: Francois Hanekom and Nick Carr. You are very welcome!

Nick Popich will be celebrating his birthday on the 17th and we wish him many more years!

FOR THE LADIES!

The September Fair is fast approaching and this year we would like the club ladies to have their own table/stall. Anything you have made can be displayed, either just to show or to sell. If you are keen to participate, which I hope you are, please let me know so that we can make the necessary plans.

Imogene Groothuijzen

Centurion 32-45mm Update:

Until now, we just went down at the CSME 32-45mm Railway, digging up the soil with the help of the residential rabbits. Thankfully, that is complete, and we are in process of going up, building the bridge columns and the 13.5-meter station platform. Nothing much that is aesthetically pleasing now, but we are getting close to starting some railway detail.

Due to the lack of any interesting progress pictures i.e. holes in the ground, it is appropriate to give some detail on the concept of garden railways. One definition that is most applicable to the CSME setting, is that garden railways is where railway modelling is meeting railway engineering. Although there are many commercial variants available from manufacturers like LGB, Bachmann, USA Trains, Marklin, KM1, Aster, Accucraft etc., scratch building is not uncommon, and most matches engineering art!

There are several full time and part time builders in South Africa, utilizing processes from hand cutting, laser cutting, 3D printing, resin and metal castings to chemical milling (etching) and mechanical milling. There is an exciting drive underway to have several SAR-SAS locomotives and rolling stock available for our opening event during the September Engineering Fair.

The methods of propulsion are as diverse as the various scales available on the 32-45mm gauges. Electrical motors are either driving via 18 -22 volts systems, ranging from basic analogue to more complicated Digital Command Control systems. The latter allows for very realistic operation, and includes full synchronized sound, pulse smoking and motion animation. Several trains run on on-board battery systems, while others utilize actual steam boilers. The steam locos can be gas-, spirit-, fuel tablet- or coal fired.

We are looking forward to hosting these models and many other interesting ones on the largest 32-45mm railway in Africa.

The CSME 32-45mm project has received amazing support via financial and construction-material contributions, including train donations. We are looking forward to what we believe will be a very positive contribution to the Centurion Society of Model Engineers. For any information and details regarding this project, please feel free to contact Carel Janse van Rensburg at 076 7749 221, or carel@angohygiene.com.

POPULAR LIVE STEAM GARDEN RAILWAY SCALES AND GAUGES



Pietermaritzburg model stationary engines

We have in stock Model A & model B engine kits and the twin cylinder conversion kits for both models. We are also ordering 2 of each boiler kits (vertical & horizontal) so, if you require any of these, contact jonsamshaw@gmail.com or john.o@telkomsa.net as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

On the 9th August there will be a sheep braai for members only, you must advise Imogene (082 484 4237) email: imogenegroothuijzen@gmail.com if you will be attending.

Commercials

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

If the editor is not informed as to the required duration of adverts, these will only be displayed for one month

I am a member at the Port Elizabeth Model Locomotive Society and am looking for a steam locomotive to purchase, or pointers to a South African web site. Any 5" gauge locomotive will be considered. Importing is out of the question, so I must hunt locally. Any help in this regard will be much appreciated. Many thanks, Mark Viviers 078 4586473



For sale by Jon Shaw R400 O.N.C.O 0724370710.

Johan Maritz has a Myford ML7 that he bought for spares. It is not complete and not in a great condition, he's willing to sell spares off it to whoever needs ML7 spares at a decent price. They can contact him on his email address. Thus, he can send photos of the specific part's condition. johanm@nz.co.za

Hannes Paling has a few surplus items standing in his way, a small Emco vertical mill, 150 mm Vertex rotary table, some boxed tap and die sets, Rockwell Delta table drill, Emco dividing/rotary table. If someone is interested, they can send me an email. japeng@mweb.co.za

David Eastman is selling a 14" Alexander shaper for R4500.00. Please contact him direct on 083 263 6705 or davideastman55@gmail.com



Fun bits

Facts of the Day Today 02/07 in 1698 the first steam engine was patented.

Picked up a hitch-hiker. Seemed like a nice guy.

After a few miles, he asked me if I wasn't afraid that he might be a serial killer?

I told him that the odds of two serial killers being in the same car were extremely unlikely

Sometimes the thing that is holding you back...



...is all in your head.

ANTHEM LIGHTS



A tribute To Locomotive Drivers

You were a special breed of men. You loved your jobs, and your steam engines became a part of you. You polished the brass and greased and oiled, day in and day out.

There was a loyalty towards the SAR & H that is no longer found today.

Through this loyalty you were bound together as a family from pointsboy, shunters, cleaners, fitters, boilermakers, firemen, drivers and loco foremen.

The life of a steam locomotive driver was a hard life and as a son of one of these men I recall some of the memories of my father and I believe many a child of a steam locomotive driver will recall the same.

I never really knew my dad, because you worked all hours. The salaries were small and you had to work as much overtime as possible to keep us in food and clothing.

You could never attend any school functions because of your work. Where others enjoyed a meal around the table your place was often empty. You lived out of a scoff tin for most of your life,

but you never complained. More often you were cold and wet but the wheels had to keep turning.

Although you wore overalls and many looked down on you, I was proud of you because you were my father and you worked very hard.

You loved to read good books, you loved good music from Bach to Billy Vaughn. You enjoyed a good movie, and swimming was your favourite pastime.

I remember how I was made to read English poetry and how I hated it; but today looking back I thank you because it was all part of God's plan.

I never really understood or appreciated you, but today realize you wanted us to have more than you had as a child, you put down a firm foundation that is unshakable. I thank you for that. I salute all those men who belonged to your generation, who toiled and laboured on the steel tracks of the SAR & H to bring progress to this country.

Son of a Railwayman

Doug Lees