



# THE CENTURION SMOKEBOX

*“Providing smoking news and steaming interests to members and friends”*

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## CSME NEWSLETTER JUNE 2022

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**Note the new caretaker on site phone number**

**Membership Fees for 2022 are unchanged from 2019**

**2022 SUBS R450 FOR ORDINARY MEMBERS R225 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](mailto:csmetrains@gmail.com) or [ballotmarx@gmail.com](mailto:ballotmarx@gmail.com)

Bank Details are as follows:

Bank: First National  
Branch: Centurion, code 26-15-50  
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Payment Reference: **Your Full Name/ subs 2022 (or what payment is for).**

### Official correspondence and 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. Those members without email can collect a copy of the newsletter on request from the clubhouse on track day.

## Next Club Meetings

The Saturday and Sunday of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday weekend of the month will again resume as the member's days and that Sunday also being steam Sunday for the public. **This month the 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> of June will be the member's weekend. 16<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> open to public, 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> Members, and guests only. 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> are an opportunity for unlicensed persons to drive the locos.** Members are welcome any other time by arrangement with Swannie 064 520 8572. The gates are again operational for members by cellphone, members contact Norman Reyneke to be added to the gate motor list.

## Obituary

From the grapevine the sad news came that Charles Wright of the Bloemfontein Society recently passed away CSME and members offer condolences to family and friends.

## Future Planning

The following dates have been reserved specifically for member days at the track site. These are public holiday weekends. Please diarise these and attend as we do not plan to open to the public (except the Sundays), just members, family, and guests, **so please support us to make the reservations worthwhile. June 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> inclusive, August 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> inclusive, September 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>.** These dates will be an opportunity for children to drive if accompanied by a licenced member. Some members will camp on site June 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> so arrange with the caretaker if you also wish to camp.

## Chairman's Chatter

Apart from a few days with colder weather public attendance was good during May. We had had a steam loco or 2 out every Sunday.

We approached the City Council for plans to raise the caretakers flat and were requested to follow the full building plan route which will definitely take a while.

Good news is that we started with the raised track, and plan to have the first few meters done so that we can confirm our designs. Extra help will always be welcome, and we can book a few Saturday work parties to speed things up.

The old steaming bay area in front of the storage has been completed, and allover small improvements to our grounds take place.

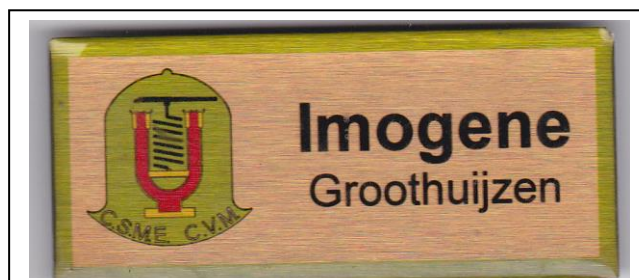
We plan a members long weekend from the 16<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> of June, with public running on the 16<sup>th</sup> and the Sunday. Friday and Saturday are reserved for members, family, and guests only. Weather permitting, we can have an early braai on the Saturday. Please come and enjoy the weekend. An ideal opportunity to try out one of the steam locos, and for non-licensed persons to get a bit of driving practice.

## Secretary's bit

If you receive this in time, please support our member's day on Saturday, 16 June. This will be a "bring en braai" event. New members are encouraged to make use of this opportunity to get instruction/experience to enable them to add their weight to the drivers' log.

The birthday calendar looks like this: Hudson Taylor, Alex Groothuijzen, Jon Shaw, Andre Janse v Rensburg and Ian Brink. For those you already have had the birthdays, I hope it was a happy day, and best of wishes to the others!

A note to all new members to please collect your name badges from me.





### **CSME Member's Whatsapp Group:**

The need was identified by the CSME Committee for a new and more effective communication means for matters relating to the CSME. In addition to the official e-mail distribution list, we would like to test the CSME Members Whatsapp group as a way of communicating information regarding the CSME activities and official business. The group will be a “broadcast only” group, meaning group members will only be able to receive messages. The committee will ensure that messages will be CSME related only and to the point. This is needed to save data and unnecessary clutter on members' phones. If any detail or additional info and communications are required regarding a post, please feel free to contact any of the committee members via direct message on whatsapp. This includes if members have information regarding the club and club members, that they would like to share with fellow club members. If any members are not added to the group yet, please whatsapp your details to **Carel Janse van Rensburg at 0767749221**, and he will add you to the group. Feedback and suggestions are always welcome.

### **Track and grounds**



Ground raised for container



paved steaming bay



Start of raised track showing track supports.



Raised track route around the lower dam

From the above photos can be seen a lot of work going on for improvements. Next month should show quite a lot of progress on these projects.

### **Who is doing what?**

Send the editor some news and photos of progress in your workshops for the July issue.



## **Tuesday and Saturday Gangs**

The repairing and raising of the flood damaged campers power outlet box Has been done ready for June 16<sup>th</sup>. Maintenance of CSME assets is first priority each session. Then a lot of work is done by the faithful few on the various improvements taking place.

Security flood lights have been installed in places, and much work is being done on our security arrangements after the theft of movement detectors.

Progress is being made on the raised track with the Tuesday gang making and welding up the track supports as can be seen from the above photos.

Due to all the other work time has not yet been found to give attention to tree trimming and clearing around the keiapple bushes or planting of new keiapples and trees.

## **For sale & Wanted**

**Ben smith** @ [ben@thesmithfamily.co.za](mailto:ben@thesmithfamily.co.za) has for sale a Clayton steam lorry chassis and a whole lot of made parts, also a frame and parts for a Fowler 0 4 0 steam locomotive. There is also a frame and aluminium wheels for a bandsaw. No price quoted.

**Hannes Paling** @ [japeng@mweb.co.za](mailto:japeng@mweb.co.za) has the following for sale.

Small shaper, V block for mounting on face plate, 3 & 4 jaw chucks for Myford, "Tos" 125mm self centering 4 jaw, back plate mounting, "Tos" 125mm 3 jaw, back plate mounting.

**Kevin Mey, 0822234581** has parts suitable for a 3½" gauge locomotive, willing to swap for a car battery.



Brian Mitchell of RSME is planning to sell some of his late father's locomotives. Contact Brian for further information. See photos below.

Hi Hannes,

As promised, please find attached photographs of the 4 off Model Steam Locomotives that Bill built, that are for sale, as briefly described below.

- **SAR J-Class 4-6-4T** - 3 ½" gauge in great condition. This Model was only steamed to working pressure a couple of times.
- **Avonside 0-4-2T** - 5" gauge in great condition. This Model was only steamed to working pressure a couple of times.
- **Decauville 0-6-2T** - 5" gauge in fair condition. Paintwork needs some attention. This Model was used extensively during Sunday t days at RSME, and fun runs around the backyard of Bill's back garden in Randburg.
- **Barclay 0-4-2T** – 5" gauge in good condition. This Model was only steamed to working pressure a couple of times.

There is a possibility that I may look at selling all or some of the Models to an overseas buyer/s, however it would be a lot simpler to sell locally.

If you know of anyone who maybe keen on buying these Models, please provide me with their details.

Alternatively, please forward this email to anyone who maybe keen. (Further information/photographs will be supplied on request)

Appreciate your valued assistance.

Thanks, and Regards

Brian Mitchell 082 926 7800.



Avonside

Barclay

Decauville



SAR "J" class