

THE CENTURION SMOKEBOX

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

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CSME NEWSLETTER

March 2016

COMMITTEE

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Vice – John O’Mahoney

Treasurer – Mike Venter

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Membership Fees 2016

2016 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 csoe.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 2014.

Note the account number change in red

AGM have fixed the fees at the same level until end of 2017

Subs are now due for review at 2017 AGM for 2018.

15 members renewed their subs on January track day.

According to our constitution those in arrears of subs for 2015 as at 1st May 2015 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.

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.**

40 members +Boat club and CNC club have renewed their membership to date

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.

Monday Gang

The Monday gang are back in full force, half of the team feverishly continuing with construction of bridge parts, the others, doing all manner of jobs – fixing points after the last running day, fetching supplies and adding expansion joints to the track after the recent heat wave took its toll. Dennis appeared for a short while on the track last club day. But soon he had to retire with a broken drive chain. Ballot fixed that problem with new chains and Bill & Jon sorted the wiring out so next open day we should be “a for away”. Meanwhile Barry is suffering from worn out flanges and needs to be re-tired (retired?). Another job for the Monday gang!



The centre section is almost complete and the guys doing the steelwork discuss the next move.



How we got it up there



mounted and ready for next pieces



Dennis a friend for Trompie

Saturday Gang

The Saturday gang have a lot to do prior to the national so please support Leon Kamffer in his sterling efforts each Saturday prior to the Sunday track day. The next Saturday gang will be on **19th March 2016** People planning to come can call Leon Kamffer on 0825777813 to confirm their intentions.

Thanks

Thank you to the retiring committee for your work in steering the CSME during the past year and all your hard work behind the scenes not normally visible to members. We also wish the new committee well in their task for the ensuing year.

Thank you Bill Williams for yet again giving your time and materials to produce a loco face for Dennis. This will be fitted as Dennis goes for overhaul. "Dennis is a friend for Trompie." See above right.

Thanks Nic Popich for loaning your file of club history to be scanned for club digital records.

Wanted by the Editor

I am trying to find our newsletters prior to 2002 and a few odd ones since. If you have kept any on file please make them available to me to scan and return to you. I will take great care of them while I have them. I also need bits and pieces to publish – workshop or engineering tips helpful to others or anything of interest to the hobby that can make the newsletter interesting to members. I need to give you what you want to read.

Thanks Nick for your loan of documents. If anyone else can help, please do so.

LOOKING FORWARD INTO 2016 & 2017 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

CSME camping weekend 18th to 21st March 2016 inclusive

Pietermaritzburg 6th & 7th August annual “wings wheels and whistles”

National live steam meet 2016- CSME will host this event 24th & 25th September.

Next Stars of Sandstone is scheduled for 2017

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

Iain Headland has a Springbok in pieces for sale. 99% of it is there but needs a new boiler due to the existing one being soft soldered and collapsing. I have about 95% of the copper Inc tubes, flanged plates copper sheet for rolling the boiler and firebox. It needs a bit of work on some very minor items. The copper alone is worth R11 000.00. Drawings are A3 and I have copies of all the construction articles

I am asking R15 000.00 for the lot. **The best way to contact me is via email.** headlandian@gmail.com

Thanks. Iain Headland CSME Member, Ex President JLSC

The Monday and Saturday gangs are appealing for any spare tools you might have lying around. Mainly hand tools like pliers, spanners, hex keys, and a solid lockable metal toolbox etc. But any tools donated will be put to god use.

The committee has decided to dispose of the Prema 14” shaper in the workshop that was donated to us. We are open to offers in excess of the scrap metal value. As far as is known the shaper is complete except for a motor and machine vise. The buyer is responsible for the loading and transport of the machine.

If you are interested in building a 7.25 simplex or fairly 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 and cash offer to the committee will be considered.

Jon Shaw has some 6 digit miniature counters new old stock in original packing. Supplied with removable plastic panel bezel new value over R200 selling at R50 each neg. Ideal for kilometres travelled with a suitable interface. Email for data sheet. jonsamshaw@gmail.com

Next Club Meetings

Saturday work party 19th March 2016

Next running day will be Sunday 20st March 2016. Committee meeting. Contact Rudy du Preez.



FLYING SCOTSMAN

THE NATION'S FAVOURITE LOCOMOTIVE



70
feet long


tender carried

9 tons of coal


97
tonnes in weight


5000 gallons of water


£7,944
first cost to build


1922
first built at Doncaster Works & designed by Nigel Gresley


2 world records


711 km non-stop journey


1929
Co-starred in the film 'The Flying Scotsman'


100 mph top speed


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The restored **Flying Scotsman** made its inaugural passenger journey from King's Cross Station, London to York on Thursday, 25 February 2016 after more than a decade off the tracks. Restoration cost £ 4,2 million Restored for the: National Railway Museum at York Originally built by: London and North Eastern Railway (LNER).