

THE CENTURION SMOKEBOX

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



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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
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 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.**

60 members inc Boat, yacht & 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.

Next Club Meetings

Next running day will be Sunday 16th October 2016. Committee meeting. Contact Rudy du Preez.

2016 Nationals Feedback

Hi to all members of the club.

On Sunday I decided to take my wife and grandchildren along to your open day. What a surprise we had. My wife was overawed by the steam engines and the quality of build on them.

My 2 granddaughters, aged 7 and 4, were overawed by the workings of the steam trains. Did I have a lot of questions to answer. Fortunately I grew up with steam engines on the North Coast of KZN and my family had a couple of full size traction engines on the farm, so I was able to answer. They really enjoyed the train rides. All they wanted was more but time was against us.

That glint in my wife's eye about building my own had to be corrected quickly. My HO scale is more than enough at the moment.

Thank you for a really great day and congratulations to all your members, not only for availing themselves and their loco's, but for the professional way that you ran your show and the friendliness of your members.

Well done. **Jimmy Mattushek**

Thank you to you and the rest of the team involved in the construction, organising and running of a fantastic national weekend. It was a great success and lots of fun. The extension is a blast. Kind regards, **Paul**

I thoroughly enjoyed the event, have not seen as many passengers lining up for rides as on Sunday, the event was a huge success in my opinion. I would also like to thank You, Leon and the members of the various gangs (Saturday, Monday etc) for your tremendous efforts put in to complete the various projects in time, much appreciated by me and many others. It makes one proud to be a member of the club, well done. Kind regards **Hannes**

Hannes Paling's fotos of the event <https://www.flickr.com/photos/alfav8/albums/72157674472816335>

Of our +/-60 members less than half registered, and possibly only about a third if that had any part in assisting before or at the event.

If anybody has or knows who has photos or video of the event please contact me so that I may get a copy and archive them for club records.

Thanks

Our thanks to all those in the 2016 National sub-committee, committee, Monday gang, Saturday gang and Ladies who sold tickets, provided cakes and did other vital support work, for all the hard work and many hours put in. Thanks also to members, visitors and public attending to make this event the best and most successful national meet yet.

Two newcomers on the scene at the national



REO by ALEX GROOTHUIJZEN



OOMPIE'S WIFE TANNIE BY NICK POPICH

Congratulations to both of you

Some of Hannes' 2016 national photos



The Monday Gang



A trio of "Oompies" by the Popich's



City of Bloemfontein steaming up



Excellent ship model at the Boat Club



RSME 5" Lawley NG goods train



NGG16 built by Neville Thompson

Monday Gang

The Monday Gang became an all week gang prior to the national fetching, carrying, painting, sign making, lighting, and all the other myriad of jobs to ensure the success of the national meet. Post national all of us were pretty tired and although I did not attend for the following two Mondays stalwarts turned up for more punishment!

Saturday Gang

Saturday gang has been suspended until the need again arises. - Did I hear a sigh of relief!

ALBERT-FALLS RAILWAY

Ha! The laugh is on the editor. My apologies for inserting this piece without reading it properly, I misread 2011 for 2016. So please don't go there expecting the event to be on in 2016. It just shows you have to be very careful with the internet.

The Pietermaritzburg Model Engineering Society simple steam engine

All the engines we had were sold out before the national. For those who missed out and still wish to acquire one of these please contact Jon Shaw jonsamshaw@gmail.com quickly so that a list of requirements can be made and a future order shipped up before production ceases for a different model. Unfortunately we are expecting a possible cost increase. Those who asked me at the national please ask again by email.

LOOKING FORWARD INTO 2016 & 2017 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Next national steam meet 2017 at Western Province LS to be confirmed.

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

EXCITING STEAM WEEKENDS

DAY VISITORS ON STEAM WEEKENDS ONLY

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R300 per person,
R150 per child (under 12 years)
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FORTHCOMING STEAM WEEKENDS

6 August • 24 September • 17 to 19 November 2016

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

Rob Thomson has for sale a 3½" gauge "MAISIE" (Great Northern 4-4-2) designed by LBSC. This well known locomotive is complete and has been steamed. It is a well made model but at present very dirty. The boiler was tested by Leon De Lange some twenty years ago. Price R12,000.00 negotiable. Contact Rob on **012 361 1707**.

If you are interested in building a 7.25 Fairlie complex contact Jon Shaw jonsamshaw@gmail.com 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.

