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Membership Fees for 2022 are unchanged from 2019/2021

2022 SUBS R400 FOR ORDINARY MEMBERS R200 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 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 2022 (or what payment is for).**

Note the account number change in red

Official correspondence and newsletter

If you 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 from the clubhouse on track day.

The committee and staff of CSME wish all readers a Happy Christmas & blessed New Year.

Next Club Meetings

This month the 18TH & 19TH of December we will be our member's weekend

Arrangements for the holiday period are: - 16th December is the club party, 19th December we are open to the public for the last time this year, then the premises are closed until we reopen on Sunday 9th January for public running again.

Chairman's comments.

Please remember to return floating trophies to the club before the 16th of December.

Another year passed in a blink, and we are again facing high Covid numbers. At this stage numbers are escalating to higher than the 3rd wave peak, so we can expect some tightening of restrictions.

Running days were well supported by the public, enticed by our regular drivers having a few locos out on most Sundays. Their efforts are definitely appreciated.

We also nearly finished raising the old storage when we had a sudden flood in early December. Water entered the buildings, and bogies from passenger trucks got wet as they were parked in the station awaiting the final tracks into the elevated storage. We look forward to the final completion. The tracks to the storage were covered in our signature stone walls and track concreting nearly complete.

Longer term the next flood protection needs to be our caretakers flat.

The 45mm associations had a few camping weekends, well enjoyed by them and the public. The mini truckers also expanded their area and were present regularly with quite an amazing array of vehicles, doing real sand loading and tipping. On the boat club front it is really disappointing that we have no water entering the ponds, resulting in poor support from their members.

We plan to have a yearend function on the 16th of December, will definitely decide on the way forward pending the Covid situation close to the date. We may have to postpone if the situation deteriorates and our members prefer not to attend.

Leon Kamffer



Tracks laid concreting to be done.

The track up to the elevated storage building is completed and now concreted. The retaining wall has been built and the steps from the main track level to the storage lines now have a rail for the oldies like me to descend safely. The elevated truck access to the old storage tunnels is progressing well, and the recent flood did not get into the old tunnels!



Excavating the drainpipe
The area between the clubhouse and station would not drain this why!



leaves roots etc. Taken from the drain!

Secretary's Bit



Subject to any changes in the Covid regulations, the CSME will host its year end function on 16 December 2021. All members are welcome! CSME will provide boerewors rolls with relishes as well as ice cream for dessert. Members are requested to please bring their own side dishes, drinks, cutlery, and crockery. **Please let me know if you intend to attend and how many persons in your party need to be catered for.**

Thanks,
Imogene.

Tuesday and Saturday Gangs

The Tuesday gang apart from the everyday maintenance, have still been working hard on repairs improvements and painting. Thanks to John O'Mahony painting is progressing well as weather permits.

Usual attention was required on the various petrol driven machines. Paraffin and coal stocks have been purchased at much higher costs than the last lot! The floods of this week have entailed much unplanned cleaning up, including drain unblocking, see photo above.

We have some trees in the nursery ready to plant so it seems now is the time to do it!

Dead trees around must be removed and cut up, but time has not permitted! we still need more volunteers on a Tuesday to assist with the list of jobs that never end as each week more are added! **If you are on pension, come and join the Tuesday gang.**

More flood photos



As usual the clubhouse and store were flooded, but library and committee rooms were dry.



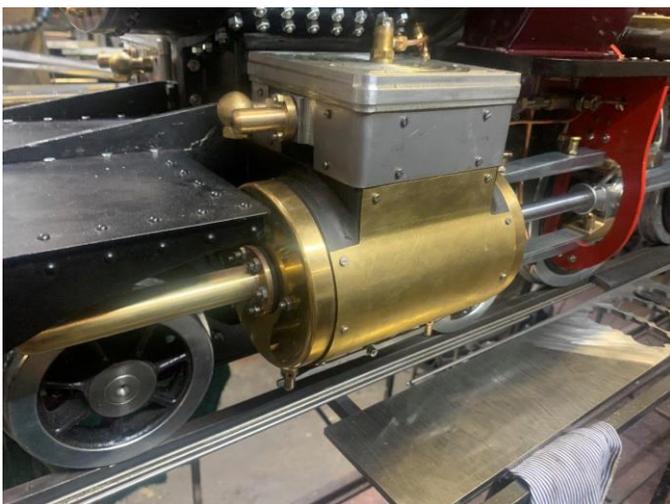
Both the boat club and trucker's areas were flooded



Very soggy ground!

Members Progress

It would seem that we only Have one member working toward another loco for the track, as no one else sends photos of what is going on in their workshops. Thanks, Leon, for supporting the newsletter with your photos. Very interesting following the progress of a fast and fine worker!



The Class 5 SAR loco is looking beautiful can't wait to see it perform! well done! Leon.

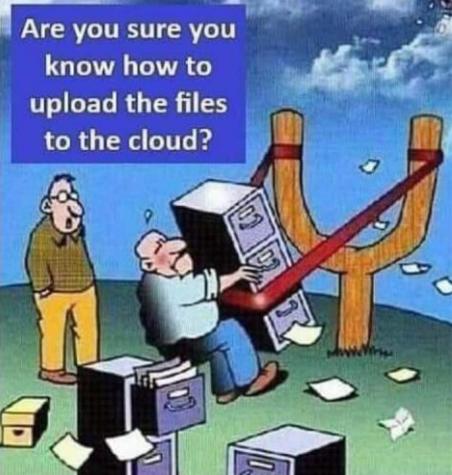
JOKE OF THE DAY-BUMPER STICKER ON A SENIOR'S CAR "I AM SPEEDING BECAUSE I HAVE TO GET THERE BEFORE I FORGET WHERE I AM GOING"

YESTERDAY, MY HUSBAND THOUGHT HE SAW A COCKROACH IN THE KITCHEN. HE SPRAYED EVERYTHING DOWN AND CLEANED THOROUGHLY. TODAY I AM PUTTING THE COCKROACH IN THE BATHROOM.



MINIONS WORDS OF WISDOM

DON'T WORRY ABOUT GETTING OLDER. YOU STILL GET TO DO STUPID THINGS, ONLY SLOWER.



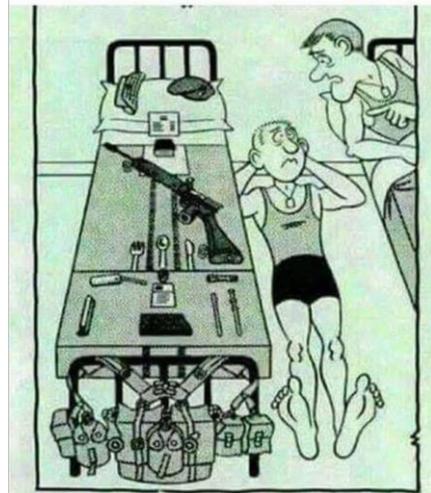
Only another old soldier will understand this 😊

MY GRANDAD WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR 25 DOWNED GERMAN PLANES IN WW2



STILL TO THIS DAY HE IS KNOWN AS THE WORST MECHANIC THE LUFTWAFFE EVER HAD

Where does all my Money go?? It's like, hocus pocus I'm brokus.



THE OLDER I GET, THE MORE I HAVE IN COMMON WITH COMPUTERS. WE BOTH START OUT WITH LOTS OF MEMORY AND DRIVE, THEN WE BECOME OUTDATED, CRASH UNEXPECTEDLY, AND EVENTUALLY HAVE TO HAVE OUR PARTS REPLACED!



"All I'm saying is that the difference between humans & animals is that animals would never allow the dumbest of the herd to lead them."

