



THE CENTURION SMOKEBOX

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Official Correspondence & 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 and cell phone number. Those members without email can collect a copy of the newsletter on request from the clubhouse on track day. The news letters are also distributed via the official CSME Whatsapp group.

Next Club Meetings

This month the 17th of December will be committee meeting. 18th of December will be our normal track day. Members are welcome any other time by arrangement with Swannie 064 520 8572. The gates are operational by cellphone for members. Members, please contact Norman Reyneke to be added to the gate motor list.

Heads up for December:

Friday 16th public running, Saturday 17th Members day and Year end party,
Sunday 18th public running. Camping from 15 to 18 December 2022.
The new year opening will start with public running on 8th January 2023.

Chairman's Chatter

Time flies, we are at the end of another successful year for the CSME. We managed to surpass the pre Covid passenger numbers due to the hard work of our regular team of drivers and regular outings of the steam locos.

We completed the caretakers flat, and slowly building reserves. We now need to focus on the inner track again. We already had the one flood this season.

We still have not resolved the power issue with the City Council, in spite of assurances and a few visits to the customer center, they have not done anything to restore power. We will again engage, last resort is to make alternative arrangements like solar. The generator running costs is not a long term option.

We have our members final year end braai on Saturday the 17th. Please join us and come out and enjoy driving without public. We decided to open on the 16th and 18th for the public, as we will only open on the 8th of January again.

Thanks to everyone that made the club a wonderful place to be part of. A happy festive season and wonderful new year to all.

Secretary's Bit

All members are reminded that this Saturday, 17 December, is our end of year Christmas party. This year's event takes the form of a Bring & Braai and is open to all members and their immediate families. Fires will be provided by the club, ready to braai by 13h00. There will also be a Father Christmas for those that have smaller children or Grandchildren at 12h30.

Progress on the Raised track has slowed a little due to the work on the caretakers flat. However, we are now ready to lay the beams for the bridge and request all able-bodied gents to please report for duty early on Saturday 17 December to assist with this ground-breaking task.

On a lesser note, there are still some membership subs outstanding. We know times are tough. Rather than forfeiting your membership due to non-payment of subs, please discuss the issue with the committee. There are other ways in which members can be of assistance and in turn be assisted.

Our birthday friends for December: **Shawn Spaan, Neil Webb, Alan Green, Hanno den Boer, Linda Herbert & Neels Barnard.**

From the Editor

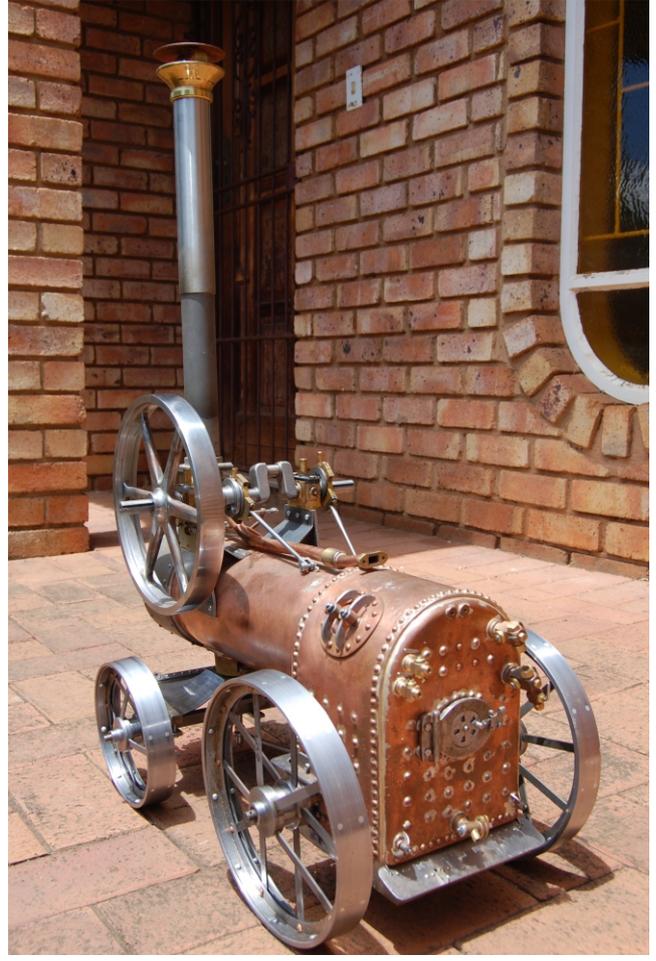
A request to all members to feel free to contribute content for the news letter. This could be in form of current or past builds, new acquisitions of models, parts, workshop tools or machines, or any new and interesting information or articles regarding this wonderful hobby and passion.

We can also place items for sale, like models, parts, tools, machines and materials. This can be added to the CSME Whatsapp group if a faster turn around time is required than the monthly news letter.

One suggestion is to add a monthly contribution each for the "affiliated" sections ie Centurion Mini Truckers and 32/45mm Garden Railway.

Please send any contributions and/or suggestions to Carel at 076 774 9221, carel@angohygiene.com

Who is doing what?

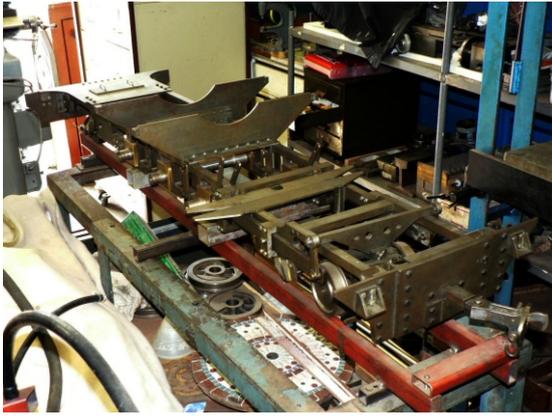


Stunning work by Eddie Lloyd on his Marshall Portable



CSME legendary club loco TROMPIE had a major overall, thanks to Francois and Hudson as main project Engineers!

Sell & Swop Section



Rob is selling a part build 5" gauge Mountaineer. Scaled up from 3/2" Don Young drawings. Frames and boiler supports done. Driving and coupled wheels machined. Axles and bronze axleboxes machined and fitted. Front and rear pony trucks finished and fitted. Compensating links finished and fitted. Cylinders and cylinder covers machined. Reversing lever and small cover plate. Buffers and coupling hooks finished and fitted. Full set of Don Young 3/2" gauge drawings. Werner Bick has all the details 082 414 1666.

Funnies

Who Is the Train-Driver from last months's news letter

Answer

The conductor, who lives halfway between Johannesburg and Pretoria, also lives near Mr _____, who earns three times as much as he does. Mr _____ can't be Mr Viljoen, as Mr Viljoen lives in Pretoria. He also can't be Mr Botha, as Mr Botha's R551 000 per year salary isn't exactly divisible by three. Therefore, the conductor's neighbour must be Mr Smith!

The passenger whose name is the same as the conductor's, lives in Johannesburg. He can't be Mr Viljoen, as Mr Viljoen lives in Pretoria. He can't be Mr Smith, as Mr Smith is a neighbour of the conductor who lives halfway between Johannesburg and Pretoria. Therefore, he must be Mr Botha! Therefore, the conductor's name is also Botha!

Smith beats the guard at snooker, so the guard must be Viljoen!

Therefore, the train-driver is Smith!!!

The Jokes on Us

