



# THE CENTURION SMOKEBOX

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

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### Membership Fees 2018 are unchanged

**2018 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 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

Account Name: Centurion Society of Model Engineers

Account No: **62060752906**

Reference: **Your Full Name/ subs 2018 (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.

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 15<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

Next committee meeting will be at the clubhouse on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July 12.30

The club require a flat screen TV to replace the old CRT TV which is no longer working, and a flat screen monitor for the library computer so if you are disposing of either we can use them!!

## Forthcoming events to diarise

Don't forget the annual WWW at Pietermaritzburg first weekend in August 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>.

**National live steam meet** this year is expected to be at **Secunda Live Steamers** in **October**.

Hannes Paling visited Secunda recently and sent me this email.

Attached is a link to Secunda Steamers, the first picture shows their site, from about a 1000 ft up( Secunda Duck Pond ) with the railway surrounding the pond, then there are a number of pictures taken from my riding car, they are named from A to O, these were taken at certain spots or positions. Fast forward to the 19th picture which is the same as the first picture, zoom in and you will find the letters from A to O along the route of the track in yellow, these indicate where picture D or any other was taken so you can get a impression of what their facilities look like if a person has never been there. The track is 750 meter long and for 5" and 7 1/4", other pictures show the turn table and off loading ramp. <https://www.flickr.com/photos/alfav8/albums/72157669914684268>



**INTERNATIONAL**  
*Stars of Sandstone 2019*

**DATES: 4 to 14 April 2019**  
**INTERNATIONALLY ACCLAIMED**  
**Interactive Heritage & Steam Festival**  
*Steam Trains, Vintage Cars & Aircraft*  
*and so much more!*

**Full details can be found at**  
**[www.starsofsandstone.com](http://www.starsofsandstone.com)**

Near Ficksburg: Eastern Free State SOUTH AFRICA  
Fly in to S28 50' 36" E028 00' 18"

## June Track Day.

## Track and grounds

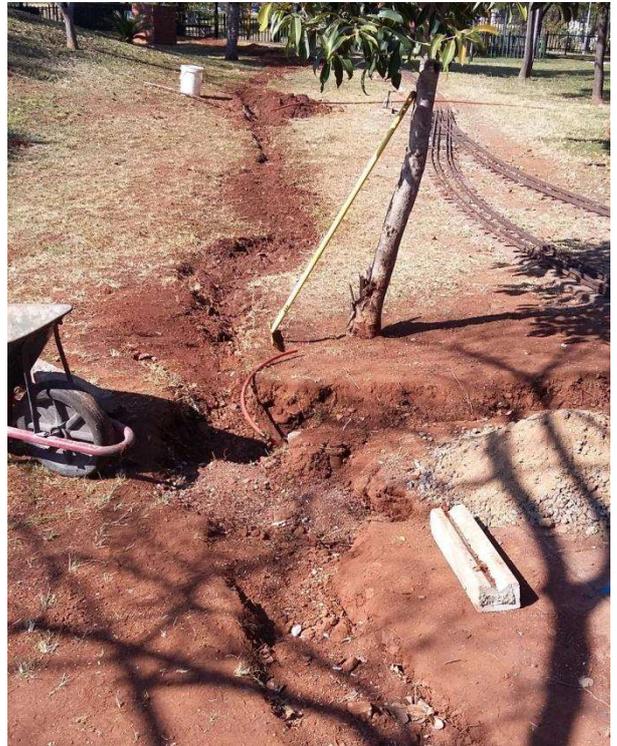
The track site is now going into winter slowdown but the grounds were still looking good and green at present. The main feed pipe to the lakes has again been unblocked and what a difference to the water, the slime surface has gone and the Centurion boat club were able to operate on relatively nice clean water in comparison to the late conditions.

The installation of cable and control panel for a submersible pump to aerate the water is now complete and tested according to the Occupational Health & Safety Act 1993 with a COC. CSME contributed to the cable cost but boat club did the installation.

## Electric locos

## Monday and Saturday Gangs

11/06/2018 the editor appeared on site for the first time in a month and found the Monday gang busy extending the barriers between platforms 1 & 2. Then power cable recently installed and commissioned had been decommissioned and partially removed by some affirmative shoppers! Apart from the cable, in the process the water pipe extension to the boat club was also dug up and damaged.



Club Name Badges will be made available to members at a subsidized cost of R 20.00 per badge. Please refer to picture example. Members are requested to get their orders into the Secretary as soon as possible as the badges will be made in batches.

## Pietermaritzburg model stationary engines

There are still Pietermaritzburg kits available for sale both A and B models as well as twin cylinder conversion kits for both models.

Jon Shaw has had some wood bases made for his engines by Christopher Pletschke, So if you want some as well email Jon for information and prices.

## Secretary / Librarian's titbit

## Remember?

### 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**

**Still Wanted Jon Shaw** needs a workshop manual for a 2005 Opel Corsa 1.7DTI Bakkie to either buy or loan for a few days. Haynes manual number 5577 is the nearest to my requirement unless you have genuine Opel documentation.

**Brian Simpson** of PE has some cast iron castings for a Sweet Pea that he will not use in the foreseeable future as he is currently building an OOMPIE and has several other projects in mind for the future. He would be glad to pass them onto someone else. The approximate U. K. prices are as follows from the Blackgates catalogue; Conversion @ R 1.00 = GBP 16.00

2 cast iron cylinders c/w 4 CI cylinder covers. Plus C.I. steam chest. GBP 540.00

4 cast iron wheels. GBP 100.00

1 Cast iron smoke box door. GBP 37.00

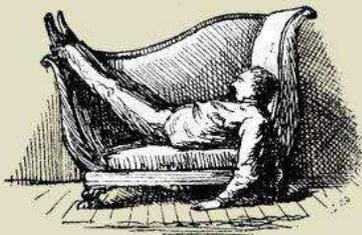
**Total GBP 677.00** X 16 = R 10832.00

If anybody would like offer R 5000.00 (onco) we can negotiate. I can be contacted at 041 3656678 or 082 7104503 or Email [simlang@telkomsa.net](mailto:simlang@telkomsa.net)

These are in P.E. postage to buyers cost. Post net possibly R200.00 for two parcels. I also have 2 x SAR 25 cylinders and 2 x 19D cylinders both in 3 1/2" gauge if anyone is possibly interested. Both cast iron. These castings look good. Any offers??????

### Now the fun bits

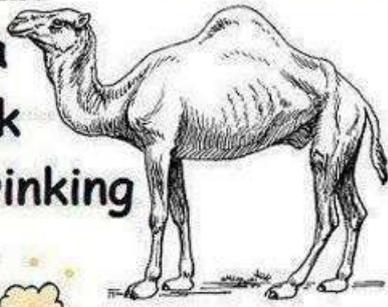
**Ladies, if a man says  
he will fix it, he will.**



**There is no need to  
remind him every  
6 months about it.**

**TO BE  
OLD AND WISE  
YOU MUST FIRST BE  
YOUNG AND STUPID**

A camel can  
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