



# THE CENTURION SMOKEBOX

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

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### Membership Fees for 2019 were raised as per the 2018 AGM

**2019 SUBS, R400 FOR ORDINARY MEMBERS, R200 FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERS, 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:

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**Note the account number change in red**

### Official correspondence and newsletter

If you read a hard copy and are not receiving email from the CSME you should contact the secretary Imogene Groothuijzen & editor Jon Shaw 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.

## Next Club Meetings

Next running day will be Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

Next committee meeting will be at the clubhouse on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2019

## Forthcoming events to diarise



The poster for the 'Stars of Sandstone 2019' event features a vibrant illustration of a steam train chugging through a landscape filled with vintage cars, biplanes, and people. The text on the poster includes the dates, the event's international acclaim, and the website for more details.

**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"

## National Live Steam Meet 2019

This will be held at Pietermaritzburg and be concurrent with their WWW held over the first weekend in August.

## February Track day

February track day was well supported with Drivers as well as a good number of public that kept the trains running all day. Steam was again provided by the Garratt driven by Michael, Alex with No 73, and Roko with Oompie. Hannes arrived with his 36-class diesel which was popular especially with the authentic sound effects! The electrics were out and driven by Norman & Jon (and others during the AGM) and ran most of the day assisting with the passenger load. The inner track was also used by Carel with his Hunslet.

The AGM was poorly supported by members with us just making a quorum with 14 out of 70 attending.

The day was spoiled by two of our members having their vehicles vandalised by criminals who just drove in the gate adjacent to the steaming bay, parked, broke into one vehicle and removed the dash board causing much damage and damaging the locks on the other vehicle. Apparently, the offenders were seen by several people who did not twig that a crime was being committed.

**All members are requested to be more vigilant, to close the gate as soon as they have entered the premises, to keep a look out for any persons who should not be entering that gate and to either request the persons to leave or notify a committee member immediately.**

## Track and grounds

The new high-level loco storage area adjacent to the compressor house is progressing well, re-inforcing was laid and the concrete pad was installed by piping concrete through an overhead piping system from the street.

The extended track has been temporarily closed for a while as we have dug a much larger & lower culvert underneath the far end of the horseshoe adjacent to the existing culvert to allow floods greater exit area. The track has been suspended in mid-



air supported by the generous use of reinforcement in the concrete. A steel structure has been fabricated from steel in our stock to form a new bridge to support and carry the track over the culvert. We are hoping the project will be completed for March Track Day.

The recent rain has eased the task of digging holes to plant the Keiapple bushes. This is progressing well and by the March track day the bushes should be planted around the track up to the far side of bridge number two apart from a couple of gaps to be completed when other works are finished. If the rain continues nicely plants put out should recover the shock easily and really start to move. We have removed a dead tree and a couple more must be cut down and replaced. Others will be trimmed as Monday gang time permits. The council have no funds to cut grass, so plants can easily be lost in the long Grass. We are now taking steps to cut our own grass as and when required, and this has necessitated a larger grass cutting machine.

### **Monday and Saturday Gangs**

The gangs have been working on electric loco wiring and fitting of accessories. Maintenance and repair of bush cutter, chainsaw, and large mowing machine was undertaken. The vaaljapie looks less and less each Monday as bits are disappearing for refurbishment. The Dynamo is now overhauled and in storage. The regulator box is next but is rusted beyond repair so an electronic circuit will have to be grafted into the original box.

*Two inner tubes for the front wheels size 19" x 400 are still needed so if anyone has one or two that are still in a condition of holding air even if not new or even patched, we could use them.*

The Monday gang have been working on the bridge over the new culvert and hoping for it to be finished for March track day.

The trees concealing the view of the uphill traffic to the horseshoe have been and will continue to be trimmed and undergrowth cut. The Saturday gang have been and will continue putting finishing touches to the electric locos. Laser cut parts for DZ bogies arrived and have been trimmed so new riding cars are being started.

## Pietermaritzburg model stationary engines

There is no news yet of when boiler kits will be available but watch this space!

### Secretary/librarian's titbit



I am still trying to capture all the donated magazines. Should you wish to take out a magazine that has not yet been captured, please ask and I will do so on the spot.

The previous committee was elected again for 2019 and we look forward to another rewarding year.

The birthday calander shows the following: Deon Zeelie, Martin Roediger, Willie Fourie, John O'Mahony. Many happy returns guys!

Imogene Groothuijzen.

Kevin Mey sent this photo of Nick's 3½" 16DA with Leon's 5" 16 Class. Thanks Kevin.



### A new topic for this month. - Workshop activity.

Michael Eykelhof has sent me Photos of the progress of his project a 7¼" Simplex. Is Michael the only one building or is he the only one to publicise his progress?

Ok guys lets have more members giving reports on their progress!



Michael hopes to have this loco ready to passanger haul before winter.

Looks like no messing about with this one, welldone Michael !

## 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**

**Kevin Mey** [warthog478@gmail.com](mailto:warthog478@gmail.com) 0822234581 requires 3/32 o/d copper pipe 250 mm long.

**Michael Eykelhof** is looking for a 5" or 7¼" Mechanical lubricator 072 1074988

The two welders shown last month are still available and surplus to club requirements, so if you wish to make an offer on one or both please approach a committee member. If no one is interested they will be broken for scrap metal.

**As you Slide Down the Banister of Life In 2019 -- Remember:**

- 1. Jim Baker and Jimmy Swaggert have written an impressive new book. It's called ...'Ministers do more than lay people'.*
- 2. Transvestite: A guy who likes to eat, drink and be Mary.*
- 3. the difference between the Pope and your boss is, the Pope only expects you to kiss his ring.*
- 4. My mind works like lightning, one brilliant flash, and it is gone.*
- 5. The only time the world beats a path to your door is if You're in the bathroom.*
- 6. I hate sex in the movies. Tried it once. The seat folded up, the drink spilled and that ice, well, it really chilled the mood.*
- 7. It used to be only death and taxes. Now, of course, there's shipping and handling, too.*
- 8. A husband is someone who, after taking the trash out, gives the impression that he just cleaned the whole house.*
- 9. My next house will have no kitchen: just vending machines and a large trash can.*
- 10. Definition of a teenager? God's punishment...for enjoying sex.*

***And as you slide down that Banister of Life you should pray that all the splinters are pointed the other way...***