



# THE CENTURION SMOKEBOX

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

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## CSME NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2019

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

**2020 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:

Bank: First National  
Branch: Centurion, code 26-15-50  
Account Name: Centurion Society of Model Engineers  
Account No: **62060752906**

Reference: **Your Full Name/ subs 2019 (or whatever the payment is for).**

**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> November 2019.

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

We will be running trains for the public on 15 and 22 December so please attend if possible and assist with duties those days.

## Forthcoming Events

December 16<sup>th</sup> will be our Christmas party so please note any floating trophies received by members last year should please be returned to the committee on November 17<sup>th</sup> track day. Parents with children that will receive a gift from Santa should bring the gifts along wrapped and labelled with the child's name and hand them in at the committee room by 11am on the 16<sup>th</sup> December at the latest. Santa will arrive at 12h00 and give out presents. Prizes will be awarded at 12h30 and braai fires lit at 13h00 Food arrangements are: Bring and braai, rolls and ice cream will be provided. Ladies are requested to provide a plate of salads for the salad table so please contact Imogene to coordinate who brings what. Please please inform Imogene of numbers of your party attending and numbers of children.

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It's **Cherry Festival** time! Pop by & see Sandstone's

# VINTAGE STEAM TRAINS

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**National live steam meet 2020 is to be hosted by Port Elizabeth Model Locomotive society in April.**

## **October Track day**

The weather was Hot and sunny, but the public attendance was poor due to the rugby match. We had a good turnout of steam locos, Leon's Shay, Alex's No 73, and Roko with Tannie. The red and green electric locos were also on duty and later in the day John brought out Trompie (Thomas) much to the delight of the children. The October Newsletter came out too early for John's feedback on the very successful Sept. fair. A big thank you to the team and leader John for all the hard work to make it successful.

## **Entrance gate control**

Only Paid up members will be given access control to the track site gates. Queries regarding entrance gate control and operation should be directed to Norman Reyneke (082-553-7344) email: [fangri@telkomsa.net](mailto:fangri@telkomsa.net)

## **Monday and Saturday gangs**

Saturday gang plan to cut down the traversers at the old steaming bays to the level of the new storage and adjust the height of the inner track connecting rail and curved rail from the steaming bays.

This is the first part of connecting the new storage to the steaming bays. Additional help will be appreciated on the Saturday before the track day so we can get all this done before the track day and have the access to the inner track ready for anyone planning to use the inner track on club day. - Leon

## **Members bits and pieces**

Nic Popich has been working on a generator to power a loco headlight.



## **The Secretary/ librarian's Tit bit**



I am missing the September issue of the *Model Engineers' Workshop*, last seen in the committee room. This issue has not even yet been added to the library's system! Should you know of its whereabouts please let me know.

The CSME has also received some bound *Model Engineer* volumes (some fairly old, from 1905) from Hilda Bond. Thank you, Hilda.

Our birthday calendar reveals the following birthdays: Leon Kamffer, Edward Lloyd and Roko Popich. Have fun days, guys!

Imogene Groothuijzen

## Commercials

Use this newsletter to advertise your for sale and wanted (wish list) items.

**If the editor is not informed as to the required duration of adverts, these will only be displayed for one month**

**Johan Maritz** has a Myford ML7 that he bought for spares. It is not complete and not in a great condition, he's willing to sell spares off it to whoever needs ML7 spares at a decent price. They can contact him on his email address. Thus, he can send photos of the specific part's condition. [johanm@nz.co.za](mailto:johanm@nz.co.za)

Johan also has a Stuart 7A vertical stationary engine that he would like to fit with reversing gear. If anyone has drawings for the reversing mechanism or if anyone could point him to a member that has one with reversing gear, he would appreciate it.

**Bruce Cooper** is the son of Harold Cooper. A few years ago, his Dad sold his 5" electric train to a person who his Dad believes was a member of Centurion Society of Model Engineers. He is an active steamer in New Zealand and would really like to buy back this locomotive into the family. I have attached photographs of the locomotive; any help would be greatly appreciated. [bruce.cooper@xtra.co.nz](mailto:bruce.cooper@xtra.co.nz)



## Fun Bits

# Rugby

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A collision sport of elegant violence where the ball is moved forward by throwing it backwards. Some say it is the best time a person can have with 14 other people and a hooker.



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