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

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### **Official correspondence and newsletter**

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## **Next Club Meetings**

This month the 20<sup>th</sup> of November 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 contact Norman Reyneke to be added to the gate motor list. 19<sup>th</sup> November will be committee meeting and 20<sup>th</sup> November will be our normal members track day.

## **Chairman's Chatter**

Well, we had the first floods of the season, with our premises under water the whole of last Sunday. Thanks to all the efforts and hard work over the last 2 years we could recover with minimal cleanup operations. Levels were low enough not to enter our station buildings. If we just could sell those hyacinth that the floods wash in. The raising of the caretakers flat is basically complete, with all our spare income this year invested in it. Now we can divert our spend to other club activities. We did the structure for the platform and stairs to the flat one Saturday with the help of the regular stalwarts. A personal not of thanks for the days hard work.

We still have not resolved our power issues. Latest is that our power should not have been cut, and that it will be restored, but nothing happened so far, and no one can get a proper response from the council. We hope to resolve it soon.

We are doing a bit of repairs to the drive train of Trompie, with new gears and drive shaft layout. We will definitely make a few stern fans very happy when it is running again.

The end of the year is close, and a few weeks and we close down for the Christmas holidays. We decided to have public running on Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> public holiday as well as on the final open Sunday on the 18<sup>th</sup>. The 17<sup>th</sup> is reserved for our club year end members running only.

Please come and join us for a day of model engineering , steaming and a braai.

## **Caretakers flat**



Men at work on the raised (above Centurion sea level) entrance area to the flat



## **Flood pictures**



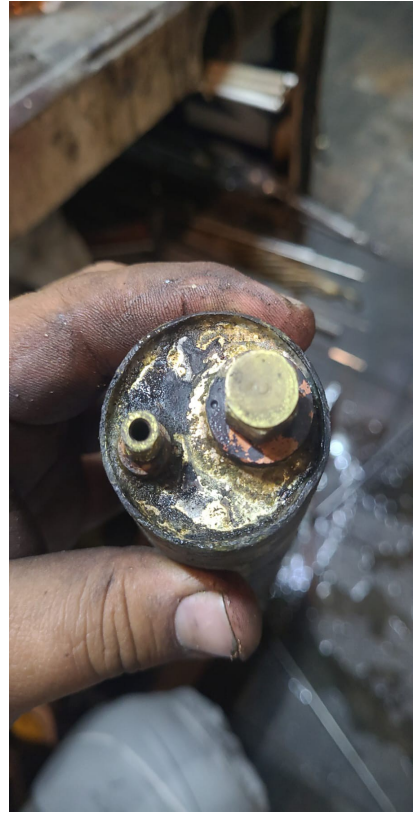
Surprisingly much less litter than normal floods



The steam bay in “clean” flood waters



## Who is doing what?



Michael Eykelhof working on his 7 ¼ inch MUFASA with new running boards, tender detail and lubricator tank



Carel Janse van Rensburg's parts for a EW tender bogie in Cape Gauge 1, 1:24 scale. These tenders were used on the SAR class 23 steam engines, and later on the 15F engines, for which these are destined.

# Funnies

## Who Is the Train-Driver?

*On a train, Smith, Botha and Viljoen are the guard, conductor and train-driver, but NOT respectively. Also aboard the train are three businessmen who have the same names: a Mr Smith, a Mr Botha and a Mr Viljoen.*

Upon investigation, you discover the following facts:

- 1) Mr Viljoen lives in Pretoria.
- 2) The conductor lives in Half-Way-House – which, as everyone knows, is exactly half way between Johannesburg and Pretoria.
- 3) Mr Botha earns exactly R551 000 per year.
- 4) The conductor's nearest neighbour, one of the passengers, earns exactly three times as much as the conductor does.
- 5) Smith beats the guard at snooker.
- 6) The passenger whose name is the same as the conductor lives in Johannesburg.

**Who is the train-driver?**

**(Answer next month.)**

Falling off a  
roof when  
you're a kid



Sneezing too hard  
when you're  
an adult

