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## **CSME NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2022**

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### **Official correspondence and newsletter**

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## Next Club Meetings

This month the 18<sup>th</sup> of September will be our normal track day followed by our September Fair on the 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>. We will be running for the public on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> and Saturday and Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> therefore we will need assistance from members and especially those sleeping members we do not often see on site. 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. 17<sup>th</sup> September will be committee meeting and 18<sup>th</sup> September will be our normal members track day.

## Future Planning

September 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>. members wishing to camp on site Please arrange with Swannie beforehand

## Raised track progress



Raised track bridge pillar



raised track progress

## Chairman's Chatter

We had an excellent month in August, with good attendance from the public. We had steam running every Sunday as well. We are managing to fund the building alterations and work on the inner track from operating income. The club long weekend was really enjoyable, but not as well supported as we wished.

We nearly completed the building work on the caretakers flat, but ran out of bricks, amazing that no bricks were available, and we had to wait to obtain the little we still needed.

We also made progress on the raised track foundations for the bridge, and the 45mm Gauge area saw some paving and drainage work.

The Tuesday gang focused on a lot of small improvements and maintenance.

We are planning a fair again on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> public holiday weekend with Carel taking the lead organising the event. Please come and support with exhibitions, station and driving duty.

A club is just the sum of its members inputs, please come and support the club days

## Secretary's bit

Our esteemed Secretary, Imogene Groothuijzen resigned the position at the last Committee Meeting. **Norman Reyneke** has stepped into the breach until at least the next AGM.

A note to all new members to please collect your name badges from Norman.





## **Tuesday and Saturday Gangs**

The repairing of the flood damaged caretakers flat is still in progress. Maintenance and repair of locos and rolling stock continued. A new body was made and put on the groundsman's cart. Flood damage repair and maintenance of the wood table sets for the station.

Progress on the raised track can be seen from the above photos, with the supports manufactured on Tuesdays being planted and concreted in. The above photo right shows ground being removed ready for supports and the left photo shows how many of the supports have been planted already. Progress is speeding up so the support posts will not be that long before they are ready for the track support bed.

Tree trimming and clearing around the keiapple bushes and planting of new keiapples and trees have dropped on the priority list, and will only resume when major works are completed.



Progress on the flat



drain laying from G scale area

## **Who is doing what?**



Leon Kamffer's firebox plate & grate for Teresa



Eddy Lloyds flywheel for portable engine



Johnny Sharpe's 7.25 beautiful Shay



Michael Eykelhof in steam





Lukas Nel using inner track



Firebox view of Bagnall "Teresa"



Front end views of Bagnall "Teresa"



Leon is a fast worker also neat and accurate!



Tiny work from Carel van Rensburg for his G scale locomotives

## For sale and wanted

**Lukas Nel** ( [lukasnel@gmail.com](mailto:lukasnel@gmail.com) 0810130808) is looking for any castings or parts for a 5" gauge simplex his grandson wants to build.

**Jon Shaw** ( [jonsamshaw@gmail.com](mailto:jonsamshaw@gmail.com) ) has +/- 30 transformers 240v – 7.5V 1A, + 16V 3A open to an offer for any quantity up to what I have left at the time.



## Funnies

# LAUGH OF THE MONTH

### Yes, doctor

It was a stifling hot day and a man fainted in the middle of a busy intersection. Traffic quickly piled up in all directions while a woman rushed to help him. As she knelt down to loosen his collar, a man emerged from the crowd, pushed her aside, and said, "It's all right dear, I've done a course in first aid."

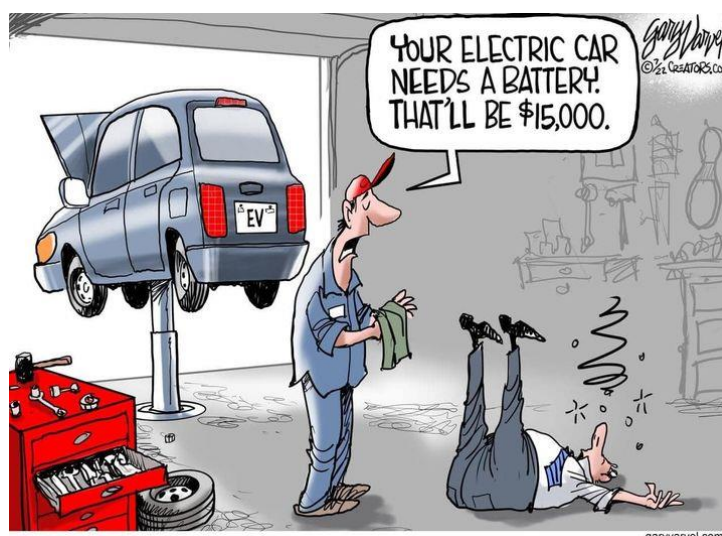
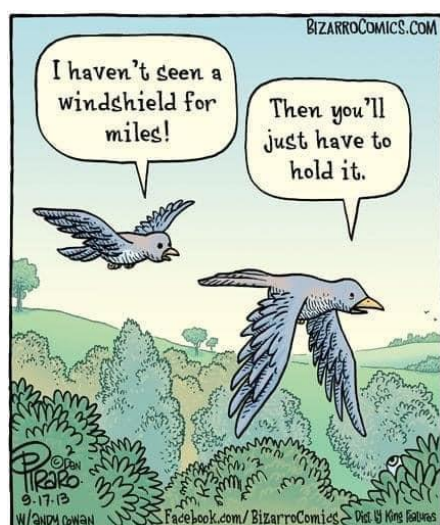
The woman stood up and watched as he took the man's pulse and prepared to do CPR. At this point she tapped him on the shoulder and said, "When you get to the part about calling a doctor, I'm already here."

### Young hotshot

A young businessman started his own firm and had just rented a beautiful office and furnished it with antiques. Sitting there, he saw a man come into the outer office. Wishing to appear the hotshot, he picked up the phone and started to pretend he had a big deal working.

He threw huge figures around and made giant commitments. Finally he hung up and asked the visitor, "Can I help you?"

"Yeah, I've come to activate your phone lines."



A big thanks to those who assisted by contributing! – ED.



# Centurion Society of Model Engineers



CSME 32-45mm Group  
Centurion Model Boat Club  
Centurion Mini Truckers



*September Fair*  
**24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Model Engineering  
Exhibition**

**Hobby & Crafts Stalls**

**Entrance: R25 per person 9:00 - 16:00**  
(includes one free ride on the mini trains per entrance ticket, R15 per additional ride)

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