



THE CENTURION SMOKEBOX

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

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Official Correspondence & Newsletter

If you read this and are not receiving mail from the CSME you should contact the secretary or editor to update your details. Please ensure we are notified of any change of email address and cell phone number. Those members without email can collect a copy of the newsletter on request from the clubhouse on track day. The news letters are also distributed via the official CSME Whatsapp group.

Next Club Meetings

The Committee Meeting is on Saturday, 17 August 2024, and club track day on Sunday, 18 August 2024.

Members are welcome any other time by arrangement with Swannie 064 520 8572. The gates are operational by cell phone for members. Members, please contact Norman Reyneke to be added to the gate motor list.

Chairman's Chatter

Busy every weekend, with steam out every weekend. Thanks to our regular drivers for the effort making every weekend special.

We welcomed a group of RSME members on the Saturday of the long weekend. We appreciate them coming, nice to have a whole bunch of visiting steam locos.

The raised track slowly coming along, with groundworks around our tunnel nearly completed, and every week another few meters of track courtesy of Alex's welding.

We started with the preparations for the September fair. Carel is improving the fencing around the 45mm track, and we also lasercut some track guides for the tunnel to shorten setup time. Please book the September fair dates and come and assist in any way possible.

This Club Saturday we have lots to do, any additional hands are always welcome, and there will always be time for a worsrol afterwards.

Leon

Secretary's Bit

Some additional safety signage has recently been added to the track side, just after the first tunnel on the approach to the crossing. **All drivers are reminded to pay specific attention to these signs and obey at all times.** Trains coming around the blind corner from the 3rd bridge have the right of way over the crossing.

Francois Hanekom is currently working on a Drivers' Safety document which will be shared in the coming weeks with all regular drivers for their comments.

We have two special birthdays this month:

Prof Rudi du Preez turned 83 and Oom Willem Nel turned 81. We wish them many more years of happiness and good health.

Norman

From the Editor

Thank you very much for all the contributions for this **FULL** edition of **THE CENTURION SMOKEBOX**.

An excellent workshop visit to Charles and Bonnie!

The TICH rebuilds by Marius and Paul, and increasing Saturday action at the club, plus "new" builders getting down to business, all makes for good content of the CSME newsletter.

If any one knows of a supplier or service an individual or business is supplying to be of interest to our hobby, please share with the community.

Our very successful **SELL / SWOP / WANTED** section saw the Green E-Lok from PE find a new home at CSME, with the new owner jumping right into building his own rolling stock plus new locos in the pipeline. Now that keeps the hobby alive!

If you have any parts, projects or running engines to sell, please send them through for placing in the **S/S/W** section.

Carel

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CSME 32-45mm Group
Centurion Mini Truckers



Model Engineering Fair 21 & 22 September 2024

Hobbies Crafts Food

Entrance: R30 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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This year, Heritage Day falls on the Tuesday, which makes it theoretically not a long weekend. We set out the activities for the various days over the period as follows:

Saturday, 21 September 2024 - Model Engineering Fair Day 1

Sunday, 22 September 2024 - Model Engineering Fair Day 2

Monday, 23 September 2024 - Members Only Day

Tuesday, 24 September 2024 - Heritage Day - "Normal Open Day to the Public"

We call on all members to plan their participation to make this year's ME Fair a successful and memorable event as per CSME tradition.

We also invite members of other model engineering societies to join us over this period. Camping is available and free for these members.

Campers are more than welcome to make it a long weekend as per normal CSME camp practice. Please give us an indication of your intent to camp in order to coordinate the areas and give every one opportunity to enjoy our excellent facility.

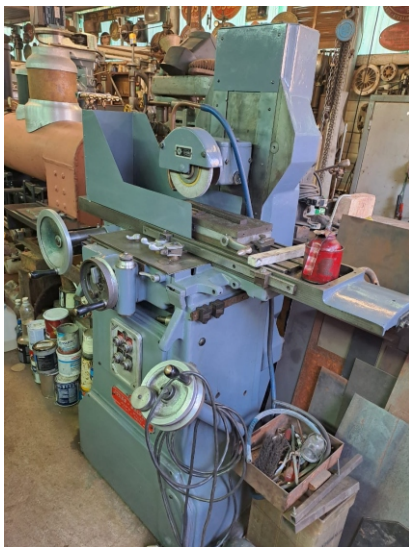
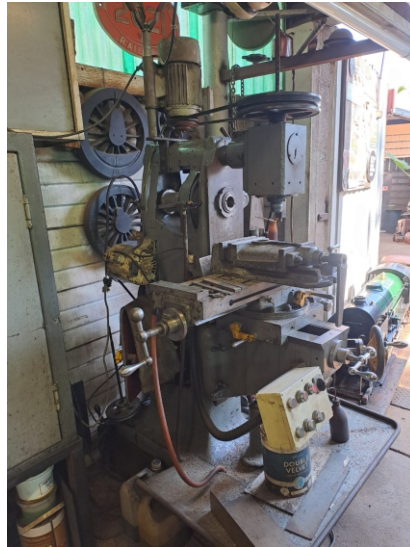
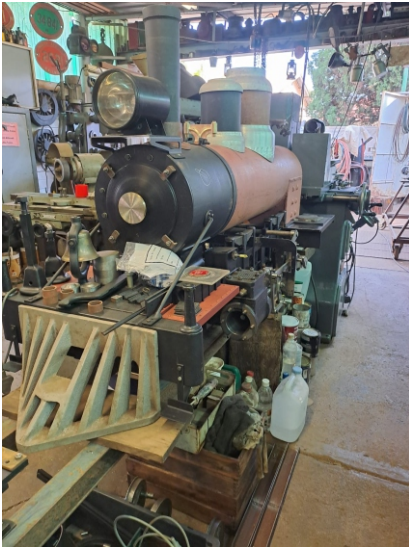
Any suggestions or proposals for activities, exhibitions and showcasing what we do, or other hobbies/clubs and crafts participation can be discussed with any of the committee members and/or directly with Carel Janse van Rensburg, 076 7749 221, the coordinator of the ME Fair 2024.

CSME Workshop visit, Charles & Bonnie

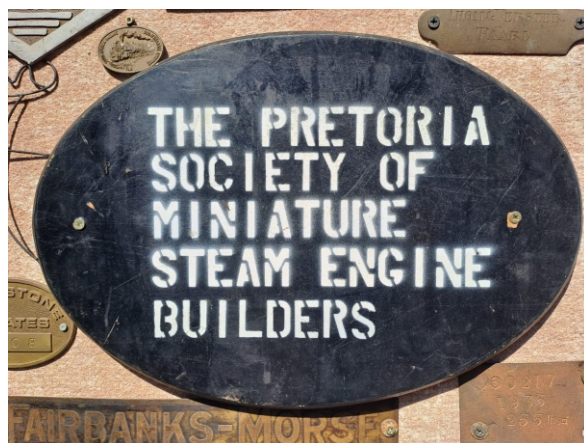
Thank you, Charles and Bonnie Viljoen, for hosting a memorable “Day at the Museum” workshop and home visit. Your generous hospitality made the event a huge success. We are thrilled to see such a strong turnout by CSME, RSME and CNC SA members.



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Always time for a braai.

Unforgettable, the only description for the experience to pass through Charles' set-up.

The Story of two Tiches from 1954

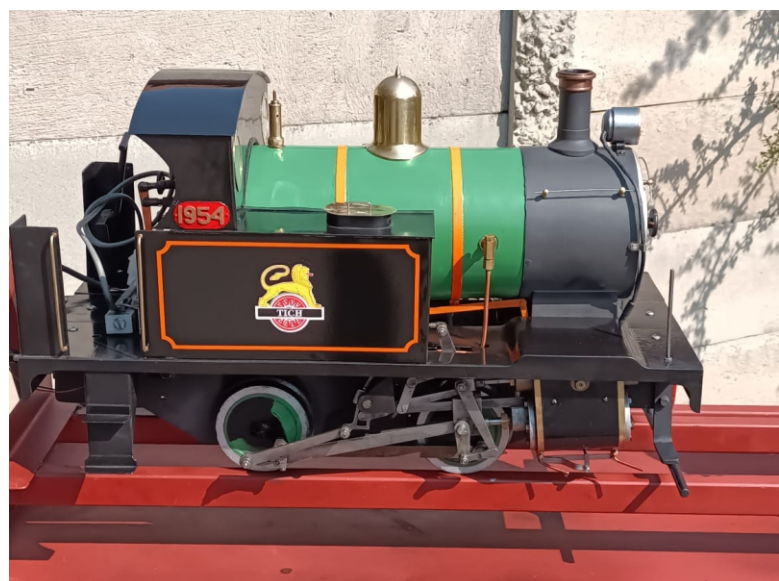
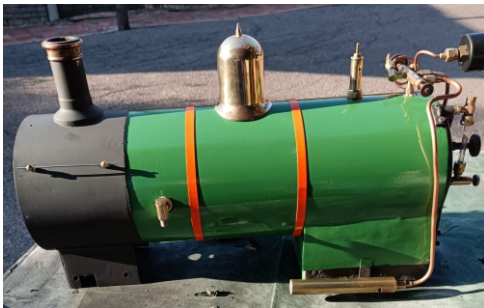
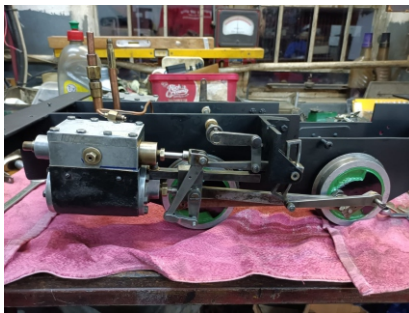
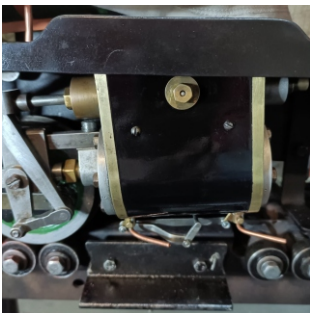


Marius and Marlene Human together with Paul Burnett are regulars who treat everyone with their live steam action on the inner track. Marlene's father, Robbie Robertson was one of the forces in the early years of CSME, specially during the establishment of the clubs infrastructure on the current location.

Marius and Paul recently completed a rebuild of Tich number two, originally built by Robbie and had a very successful run on the inner track at CSME.



The Story of two Tiches from 1954



Raised Track

The tunnel is being beautifully integrated into the existing landscape.



32/45mm Track



New track beds for the GAUTRAIN bridges, Akkadiskop tunnel and the Fountains Valley Bridge. This is a Leon Kamffer design and a great improvement for setting up and aligning of 45mm track.



Seen around the CSME track

Invasion of the Lawleys, and other stunning models from the other side of the Jukskei river. 3x generation Nicholls, Mario Patini, Shane Maitland and Steve Headland enjoying a Saturday steam-up and braai at CSME.



Seen around the CSME track



Geoff Bailie with his dad's stunning models, in mint condition are regulars on Saturdays around the track.



Simon van der Molen and son recently took ownership of the very impressive and well built E-Lok and support carts by Leon Cloete from PEMLS.

Who's doing what?



Frames for the additional solar panels done.



Andre testing TERESA's new riding car. This is the steam version of the standard club riding cars.



The author's first Zinc plating; Leon's X20 water tanker wheels in 7 1/4 inch.



Who's doing what?

Simon van der Molen, inspired by his acquisition of the Green E Lok, building some goods rolling stock in 5 inch. First up, a SAR guards van:

